

# ODK Will Stage Football Rally Friday Night

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### Newcomers Chosen In Troubadour Play

Laird Shull Steals Leading Role;  
Faulkner, Alnutt To Support

Veterans and newcomers will share the leading roles in the new Troubadour production of "The Play's the Thing," director Ken Moxley announced today. Laird Shull, a first-year man, will probably take the leading role, supported by Dolly Burks as the feminine lead, and Jim Faulkner, Johnny Alnutt, and Ernest Woodward II, although Moxley declared that at present this cast was tentative, and might be changed.

Shull will take the part of Sandor Turai, middle-aged playwright, who carries the action of the play largely. It is Turai who has the inspirations which bring the curtain down on a more or less happy ending.

Dolly Burks portrays the only girl in the play, a prima donna with the company for which Turai and his collaborator, Manky, write plays. Miss Burks was starred last year in the productions of "Criminal at Large" and "Squaring the Circle." The part of Iona Szabo is a considerable change from the ingenues which have flittered across the Troubadours' stage in the past, and Moxley said the Troubadours were very fortunate in having such a capable actress to handle this part.

Ernest Woodward II will play Manky, collaborator with Turai on his many plays. Manky is a warm-hearted pessimist, who fears the worst, gets it, and then is sorry.

Woodward was also in the cast of "Squaring the Circle" last year.

Two veterans of long standing in the dramatic ranks are Jim Faulkner and John Alnutt, both of whom played leading roles in plays here their freshman year, and who both took part in summer stock companies this summer. Faulkner portrays Almaday, the oily villain of the piece, and is said by his enemies to be perfect in the part. He is the rival of Albert Adam, played by Alnutt, for the affections of the beautiful Iona. During the season last year, Alnutt and Faulkner both played leading roles in two plays.

Two newcomers to the ranks are Maurice Bostwick and Fred Farrar. Bostwick will play the part of Mell, social secretary and generally harassed. One of the best comedy and character parts fell to Farrar, who walked away with the tryout last night to earn the part of Dornit-schek, butler par excellence. Although he is a junior now, Moxley considers Farrar one of his best prospects.

"The Play's the Thing" was adapted from the Hungarian of Ferenc Molnar by P. G. Wodehouse, and is said to be one of the most successful farces by that gifted writer. Besides directing the play, Ken Moxley will design the sets, as he has done for the last three years.

### Lauck in New York; Attends Exposition, Convention on Trip

C. Harold Lauck, head of the W&L Journalism laboratory, left last Friday to visit the Graphic Arts Exposition which is being held in the Grand Central palace, New York city, this week. While at the exposition, Lauck will also attend the annual convention of Printing House Craftsmen.

Last Saturday Lauck presided over a meeting of the officers of the National Graphic Arts Education guild, in which organization he holds the position of president.

Mr. Lauck is also expected to be present at a meeting of the Typographers at the luncheon Wednesday afternoon. The Typographers include all persons interested in fine printing and an invitation to their annual luncheon is greatly respected in the printing world in regard to the fine art of printing.

### Glee Club Applications Must Be Handed In Immediately to Varner

Due to the great enthusiasm which has greeted the Glee club organization this year, Director John G. Varner warned all students that no application will be considered for membership in the club unless it is handed in immediately.

Over 115 have been enrolled in the singing organization and definite plans have not yet been announced as to rehearsals. It is expected that group rehearsals will take place later on in the week and specific groups will have special rehearsals during the earlier part of the week.

Actual work of the Glee club will not get thoroughly underway until the organization of the club has been smoothed out.

The Washington and Lee Executive Committee will meet tonight at 7:30 in the Executive Committee room of the Student Union.

### Meet Planned To Stir Up School Spirit

Stephenson Asks  
All W&L Students  
To Be Present

Omicron Delta Kappa will stage a big rally for the 1939 football team Friday night in the gym, to help the students give their team a big sendoff before their first game of the season.

Steve Stephenson, president of ODK, said today that this was planned "to give the boys on the squad the kind of encouragement that they need and deserve, and to rebuild the spirit that has been and should continue to be at Washington and Lee." He emphasized the fact that this would be an affair for the entire student body, and that it is hoped that all W&L men would attend.

"This year ODK hopes to pep up this indefinable thing that we call school spirit," the leadership society head said. "We hope to have a real cheering section, one that we can be proud of. To do this, however, we need the support of all the students."

The rally will be the first of several steps in this direction, it was explained. The general plan, according to Stephenson, will be to build up this spirit among the fraternities and the non-fraternity units. Tonight members of ODK will go to all the fraternity houses and explain the plan in detail to the smaller groups of students.

The rally will be held in the gym at 7:30 Friday night, and the Seawee game is set for Saturday afternoon. This year the seats in front of the gymnasium are not reserved for freshmen, but are open to all. It will be first come, first served, for all seats.

Stephenson concluded, in discussing the plan, "This year prospects are not very good, and we may be in for a hard season. Therefore, it is more important than ever to show our team that we are behind them, win or draw. We want a mob in that gym on Friday night."

### W&L, VPI Delegates To Meet in Discussion

To examine ways of getting Washington and Lee and Virginia Polytechnic institute students to Lynchburg for the W&L-VPI football class October 28, Cecil Taylor and Ernest Woodward will represent the Washington and Lee student body in a three-way meeting with the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce.

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### Donahue, Ozzie Nelson Signed By Buxton For Opening Dances

Leader Fixes  
Dance Prices

Tickets to Cost \$6.00  
In Advance Drive

Billy Buxton announced today that the prices for the Opening dance set would be six dollars for the entire set, if subscribed in advance, as set by the dance board meeting last night. Individual tickets will total eight dollars for the set.

The sophomore prom on Friday night will cost three dollars at the door, the same as the Cotillion club ball the next evening. Tickets for the dance will be two dollars, individually.

The ticket drive will start Wednesday, Buxton stated. All fraternities and dormitories will be canvassed so that tickets may easily be available.

The sophomore prom will be the opening dance Friday night, October 13, with Bob Lawrence leading the sophomore figure. The prom will run from ten until two.

Billy Buxton, president of the Cotillion club, will lead the Cotillion club figure Saturday night. The dance Saturday afternoon, at which Ozzie Nelson will play, is also sponsored by the Cotillion club and will run from four to six, while the ball that evening will be from nine to twelve.

Buxton urged all students to subscribe early to back the dance board in its choice of orchestras. The Cotillion club seeks the cooperation of the student body in following the precedent set down in the last few years of fine bands for all dance sets.

Attempting to waylay any misunderstanding, Buxton also wished to announce that the freshmen of the neighboring schools might not be able to attend the opening dance set, but that sophomores and upperclassmen could be present.

There will be a meeting of all persons interested in the editorial staff of the Southern Collegian Wednesday evening at 8:30 in the Student Union building, Editor Francis Sugrue announced today.

### Desha Speaks To Pre-Meds; 15 Men Present

Group Members  
Will Lead Forum  
At Each Meeting

Dr. L. J. Desha was the principal speaker at the reorganization meeting of Societas Praemedia last Thursday night. Fifteen men were present at the meeting, at which time plans were formulated for the coming year.

Meetings will be held the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. The club will attempt to have some outstanding speaker every other month. These speakers will be chosen from among the deans of the various surrounding medical schools and heads of hospitals in the larger towns of Virginia.

The main portion of the work this year will be a week-by-week study of the most important medical discoveries and their application to everyday medicine.

At each meeting two members of the society will lead a discussion on some subject that will be announced to the public two weeks in advance.

Dr. Reid White, medical director at W&L, will attend every meeting and will supplement the reports of the members of the society and also answer any questions in the informal discussion that will follow every meeting.

Dr. L. J. Desha will advise the society on any chemical point

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AL DONAHUE

### 70 Attend First Meeting; Hear Jackson, Overton Address Forensic Union

The Forensic union held its opening meeting last night in the Student Union with approximately 70 old and new men present.

Professor George S. Jackson was the principal speaker, explaining just how the union worked and what its purposes were. Short talks were also made by Speaker Allen Overton and William Burner.

Speaker Overton appointed Burner as head of the government for the next meeting. The question for debate is, "Resolved: that the United States Congress should change the present neutrality law."

The head of the opposition will be Ben Kramer.

### Camera Group To Meet Soon

Fleming in Charge  
Of New Darkroom

The first meeting of the Camera club's third season will be held Friday night at 7:30 in the Journalism lecture room, president Jack Peacock announced today. All men interested in any of the various phases of photographic work are invited to attend.

At the meeting plans for the forthcoming year will be discussed and a report made on the work to date. Peacock announced that the darkroom had been completely refinished and repainted with white paint, an innovation said to be the most modern style in darkroom. It is expected, he said, that a new minicam enlarger will be purchased as soon as possible. The old enlarger, bought last year, has been changed in the reshuffling of the equipment. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the business meeting.

Tom Fleming will be in charge of the darkroom this year, and will give instruction from time to time to persons who are interested in this part of the club's activities.

Officers of the Camera club for the 1939-40 season are: Jack Peacock, president; Wally Reynolds, vice-president; Gary Suppiger, secretary and treasurer; Tom Fleming, laboratory manager; and O. W. Reigel, faculty adviser.

### NEW COLUMNIST

Today marks the advent of a new columnist on The Ring-tum Phi staff. Charley Midelburg with this issue takes over the duties of "Campus Comment," of illustrious fame in some quarters.

Charley steps into the tradition of Jimmy Fishel, the great Tim Landvoigt, Tom Moses and a good many others, and others. We are glad to welcome him.

All men accepted for further trials on the editorial staff of The Ring-tum Phi will meet in The Ring-tum Phi office in the Student Union Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m. This applies to men on both the news and sports staffs as announced on the office bulletin board.

### 'Top-Hat Rhythm,' Sweet Swing, Harriet Hilliard Feature Set

Continuing last year's policy of excellent dance bands for W&L dance sets, Billy Buxton, president of the Cotillion club, announced today that Al Donahue and Ozzie Nelson will play for the Opening dance set October 13 and 14. Al Donahue and his orchestra will play for the sophomore prom Friday night, while Ozzie Nelson and Harriet Hilliard will be on hand for the tea dance Saturday afternoon and the Cotillion club ball that night. Buxton stated that the two bands were signed early this week and that he was fortunate enough to obtain them just as both were on their fall tours.

Al Donahue has just completed his sixth engagement at the Rainbow room, Rockefeller center, New York city. His organization includes Phil Brito, vocalist, and Charlie Carroll, the "Mickey Mouse of the Drums." His type of music is best typified in his theme: "Low Down Rhythm in a Top-Hat." Between his successful engagements, Al has found time to write several songs, among them: "Don't Cross Your Fingers, Cross Your Heart" and "Do You Wanna Jump, Children?"

Ozzie Nelson and his wife, Harriet Hilliard have just arrived from the Pacific coast where they were starred in the San Francisco World's Fair for the latter part of the summer. Besides Ozzie Nelson and Harriet Hilliard on the vocals, Ozzie introduces a new songstress, charming Rosanne Stevens.

Noted for his distinguished style of featuring his bass saxophone, Ozzie and Harriet held the title of "Young America's Favorites" for several seasons. Famous for his "sweet swing," Ozzie will form a contrast to Al Donahue's more "solid" offerings.

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### Five New Professors Added to Teaching Staff

Five men have been added to the faculty staffs of as many Washington and Lee departments for the 1939-40 session.

The new professors are Dr. Charles D. Starr, of the chemistry department; William W. Pusey, III, professor of German; Theodore Allyn Smedley, assistant professor of law, and Almand R. Coleman, of the School of Commerce. Also added to the University staff was Richard H. Shoemaker, who is cataloguer for the library.

Mr. Pusey, who fills the language department vacancy, left by the retirement last spring of Dr. T. J. Farrar, graduated from Haverford college with highest honors and a B. S. degree in 1932. He received his master's degree from Harvard the following year, and in 1934 went to Germany to attend the University of Bonn as an exchange student. Mr. Pusey was assistant in the German department at Columbia university during the 1936-37 session, and served as an instructor at the same institution the following two years.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Mr. Pusey is the author of a book entitled "L. S. Murcier's Influence on German Literature in the 18th Century." The book was published last summer by the Columbia university press. Mr. Pusey is also the author of two scholarly articles, one of which was published abroad.

Dr. Starr, who will handle laboratory work in the chemistry department, is a graduate of Grinnell college, from which he received his A. B. degree in 1935. He received his Ph. D. from Johns Hopkins university last year, and is a

member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Psi honorary science society, and Phi Lambda Upsilon chemical society.

Mr. Smedley, who in addition to teaching law will serve as librarian for the Law school, graduated from Illinois college with an A. B. degree in 1935. He graduated from the Law school of Northwestern university in 1938, and was admitted to the bar of the state of Illinois during the past year. He taught at the University of Wyoming law school during the 1938-39 session, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Order of Coif, honorary law society. He was case editor of the Illinois Law Review while at Northwestern, and will assist in the publication of the Washington and Lee review, which will make its first appearance this fall.

Mr. Coleman, of the accounting department, graduated from Washington and Lee with an A. B. degree in 1926 and stayed on to get his B. S. the following year. He was assistant to the school treasurer in 1926-27 and 1927-28, and worked for the Rockbridge National bank in the summer of 1928. He went into public accounting in Richmond later that year, and in the spring of 1929 returned to his alma mater to do substitute teaching in accounting. He passed the C. P. A. examination that year, and four years later went to the Harvard business school, from which he received his M. B. A. degree. Mr. Coleman went with the Farm Credit administration in Washington in 1934, and a year later accepted an assistant cashier's position with the State-

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### 'Old Blue', Once Inn, Now Grid Home

By WALT DOWNIE

"Hot diet with small beer—2 shillings . . . cold diet with no beer,—1 shilling, 6 pence." This is the menu by which the weary, way-worn stagecoach passenger, an overnight guest at the "Old Blue" hotel and bar might have been confronted on a cold, wintry evening some 150 years ago in the town of Lexington, Virginia.

For, according to old-timers in Lexington, the "Old Blue," which today houses Washington and Lee's "middle-of-the-road" football team, was in days gone by a favorite stopping place for Indian scouts, Revolutionary soldiers, traveling salesmen, Fuller brush men, etc., on their journeys through the picturesque Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

Tradition has it that in the basement of the building was located a tap-room, more commonly known today perhaps as a "beer-parlor," which was the first such establishment in the whole valley. The Staunton and Goshen Stages had the Old Blue Tavern as their rest station, and it was here that the passengers on the packet-boats from Lynchburg made connection with the northbound stages. The stage coach sheds and corrals, it is said, were directly across the road from the tavern, on the spot where the famous "Esso Station" now stands. This, of course, was a

good while ago, and naturally nobody here at the present time remembers much about the situation. One self-styled historian even went so far as to state that the edifice in question was built in 1790, however, confidentially, this sounds just a little bit far-fetched. . . . But then, who knows?

Anyway, the fact remains that the "Old Blue" is old, and somewhat dilapidated. However, much has been done during the past couple of months to make it livable for the football boys and for Coach and Mrs. Jack Henneier, who are there to keep an eye on the boys. The basement floor, which was the bar-room and kitchen, is being made into a recreation room, and will contain ping-pong tables, etc., for the amusement of the athletes. It is rumored also that a crew of carpenters will soon start work on the job of enlarging the doors of the entire building, as several of the "amateur" football players have been experiencing a little difficulty in getting through them.

The old hotel contained 17 rooms and two baths, it appears, in the period before the Civil War. In the lobby there still hangs on the wall a shrunken, flea-bitten, mangy-looking antelope head, which was possibly killed by Daniel Boone (class of 1799), and presented by this now famous man to his alma mater. The "Old Blue" was located on

the "Plank Road," so called because it was constructed of planks in order to eliminate the possibility of bogging down in the sticky Shenandoah Valley mud.

Let's look at what Henry Wiley's book, "Lexington in Old Virginia," has to say about the place. . . . For the comfort and care of travelers many taverns, inns, and ordinaries existed along the way (the Plank Road). Some of them very famous. One such was the Old Blue, formerly known as Cliee's Place, and widely known for its comfortable and generous hospitality." The book also quotes tavern rates in effect in this section around the close of the eighteenth century, some of which were given at the beginning of this dissertation. "Stablage and hay or fodder (24 hours)—2 shillings . . . lodging with feather bed and clean sheet—1 shilling . . . lodging with chaff bed and clean sheet—6 pence . . . corn per gallon—1 shilling, 3 pence." (Was this grain or liquid, we wonder.)

Well, the "Old Blue" has come a long way since those hay and fodder days. It was finally bought by the University and was used for many years as a dormitory, "East Dorm." It remained vacant last year, after having served as a boarding house for many years. Then, when W&L's obviously changed athletic policy made it

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## THE SUCCESS OF ASSIMILATION DEPENDS ON UPPERCLASSMEN

In accordance with the principles set down by assimilation committees of other years and attempting to the best of their ability to aid in furthering the noted traditions of Washington and Lee, the freshman assimilation committee voted strict adherence to all the campus rules for the class of 1943.

All well and good. But rules and laws are merely stupid phrases unless there is some power to enforce them. That power lies with you upperclassmen! This does not necessarily mean that all sophomores should stride down the colonnades cracking a black snake whip, nor does it mean that busy seniors should turn smilingly away from a triumphant frosh sporting his woolen result of athletic prowess. Use your best judgment in retarding the careless freshman who might seek to disregard our traditions.

But, if a successful freshman assimilation program is expected to work out, then the entire student body must cooperate. Be interested in the freshmen. Explain to them why we wish them to stay off the grass, why we feel that it is necessary to speak to all students and why it is advisable to conduct themselves as Washington and Lee gentlemen at all times. That is the important job for the upperclassmen!

We know that you all are proud of our traditions. We realize that the majority of students always strive to uphold the best ideals set down by Robert E. Lee. We merely ask your cooperation now to aid the freshman assimilation committee in carrying out their job to the best interests of all the student body.

## OPENING DANCES CONTINUE LAST YEAR'S POLICY

With the announcement of Al Donahue and Ozzie Nelson and their organizations as the dance bands for the Opening set, Cotillion club President Bill Buxton has taken another step in the improvement of the "Little Two" among Washington and Lee's four major dance sets.

Starting last year, Buxton's predecessor as Cotillion club head, Steve Stephenson, inaugurated the policy by putting on one of the best Opening and Spring sets the school had yet seen. The idea of increasing the importance of these sets drew the spontaneous and wholehearted approval of the entire student body, and with this happy effect in mind Buxton has carried on with even more gusto.

More money has been spent for these two bands than has ever been laid out on an Opening set before in an effort to make it the best ever. We feel it should be known that Buxton has worked with this aim before him, because it is this type of dance set that everyone wants to see at W&L.

## THE FORUM

### Let's Combine Words With Action

Words wafted into thin air mean little, but words allied with action constitute a potent force. We can continue to fill this page with words until we are blue in the face, and the total results of the words will be nothing. But if we can ally our words with the action of the student body, we feel that we can accomplish much.

Before one starts cleaning someone else's house, first he should clean his own, and that is the reason we are proposing to hit the Crimson-White and the other student publications with a thorough sweep

before we dust off any of our other pure campus organizations.

We propose to do that if we can obtain the support of the student body. In an editorial that appeared in this section last week, we pointed out that a great deal of money that should be put into practical use in this paper and the other student publications is either badly directed in its use or entirely wasted.

For several years, at least as long as we have been on the campus, there has been a general howl from the students of the University for improvements in the Crimson-White

In general, what we are proposing is an amendment or amendments to the student constitution that will take the personal financial profits in the form of bonuses out of the pockets of the student editorial and business executives and place those profits back into the publications themselves.

We feel sure that those financial returns, if put back into the student publications, will result in enough improvements to prove well worth the time the student body will spend in putting its collective name and vote on the proposed changes.

If the student body is interested enough in changing the present set-ups of the publications, we hope that it will show some signs of interest to us, so that we may feel justified in moving ahead with the hope and motive of making the student newspaper, magazine and yearbook, publications that will meet with the approval of our entire student body—with the inevitable exception of a small group that would like to continue using them in the year to come as sources of monetary benefit and as the shops where student political rewards are passed out.

We intend to leave this paper, the yearbook and the student magazine in such a position that, after this year, they will be above the ties and fetters placed upon them by profiteers and student politicians.

We intend to leave a concrete foundation for the Crimson-White, and the other student publications that should result in a student newspaper, yearbook and magazine that will be second to none in the country representing schools of corresponding size to this University.

We can intend to do a great many things, but we can't accomplish them unless the student body is interested enough to help us.

In reminding you again that the student publications belong to the students and not to the persons who run them, we want to point out an article in the student constitution.

Article XII reads as follows: "An amendment to this constitution may be proposed by a vote of two-thirds of the Executive Committee, or by a petition signed by twenty per cent of the bonafide students of the University. After being published in the college newspapers and otherwise made public for two weeks, the proposed amendment must be referred to the student body by the Executive Committee for its ratification or rejection.

"(A) When an amendment receives a majority vote of the students voting thereon, it shall become a part of the constitution, provided, however, that no action is valid except participated in by at least a majority of the students."

Now, if we will draft and submit for your approval an amendment to the student constitution that will result in great improvements in the campus publications, will you support it? — **The Crimson-White of University of Alabama.**

### Predominance of Women Causes Boys to Fail in School

Why do twice as many boys as girls fail in the lower grades when we know there is little sex difference in educability? Dr. Walter Anderson, professor of education at Northwestern, thinks he has the answer. Says the Doctor, "I believe that the boys' failures are at least partially due to the over-predominance of women in the schools." He explains that women put a premium on conformity and docility—qualities in which girls excel. In the second place, he argues that the average child has little contact with men, even with the father, who is usually home between office closing to bed-time. "Since the home can't furnish a male influence, the schools should. There is no real basis for the idea that men can't teach small children successfully."—**The Goldenrod.**

## PERSONAL OPINIONS

Fall is back again—a few leaves have floated to the ground here and there along the campus. They are only the advance guard of the most colorful season of the year here in Lexington and over most of the world.

When I say most of the world, I say it with the indifference that has governed us college students ever since the current European War dawned with sudden violence upon an already overburdened civilization. Since the doors of the University creaked open for the beginning of the one hundred ninety-first school session of Washington and Lee, this question has been going its own indifferent way around the campus: What effect can this war have upon us, the students of W&L?

### Who'd Think There's a War Going On Across the Water?

It is indeed difficult to believe that across the relatively narrow expanse of the Atlantic Ocean, people, real honest - to - goodness men and women, are locked in that death struggle of which we have heard so much in our history expeditions. It is difficult to believe that in our lifetime we may become once more involved in a World War that threatens to take away our daily bread—and what's more, our lives. Even now, with the facts written plainly for us in our newspapers and by our radios, we hesitate even to venture to think that such an event can be taking place right now. How many times have we spoken to some fellow student about how remote the European conflict seems from our doors? But that's only natural—what do we care as long as it doesn't affect us?

The gist of the matter is merely that the war does affect us in more ways than we can imagine. It hurts, we know, but let's face facts: In the first place, our trade is largely dependent on what happens in Europe, and you don't have to take elementary economics to realize that. Second, the system of government of England and France is greatly similar to our own and represents practically the last stand of democracy upon the face of this earth. Third, once England is defeated, Canada will be defeated, too; and when Canada once becomes a German possession, the United States through the Monroe Doctrine and ordinary common sense will be directly involved.

I'm not trying to promote any political measure, such as the defeat or passage of the President's neutrality proposal. I just want to face facts. One very fine fact to face is that unless the United States can show its teeth to Germany and mean it, Germany will take advantage of the U. S. and lambast us in every way possible. General Pershing gave very good indication of the need for teeth in the neutrality program of the United States when he suggested that the army and navy be brought up to full peace-time strength. An illustration near to home of what teeth mean in any program can be seen in the simple motto of the Boy Scouts of America, a democratic organization if there ever was one, "Be Prepared."

### We Need a United Front In Our Own Foreign Policy

Everyone seems to assume that the coming of the war to the United States is but an eventuality depending on the length of the struggle. So, let's be realistic for a change. We've painted lots of pretty pictures, but particularly these pictures about a better world and the common man have been brightened up in the past four or five years. Well, those thoughts are splendid, but they just won't come around to being until the people can be made to forego a few other things. It's the same way in this situation—we need realism. What kind of impression of strength can we give to an European nation when we squabble over minor point in our foreign policy? It's fine to be criticized over domestic events, but we should present a united front to a foreign nation—and more than ever we need this today. When we get that through our thick skulls, we should continue to face events by building up our defense forces to strong proportions. I hope, and most other people hope, that there will be no occasion for the U. S. A. to use its defenses and resources; but there's no need to fail to appreciate realities.

All this merely serves to build up a program which will soon be forthcoming here in Lexington. The government plans to train college students as flyers and mechanics for the reserve air force. If we look at it no other way than this, we can in the usual fatalistic manner that when the war comes, we will at least start off above the rank of private and won't have to submit to the apparent indecency of being drilled by VMI cadets.

AL FLEISHMAN.

## CAMPUS COMMENT...

By CHARLES MIDELEBURG

### Where's the Ring?...

The advent of the great number of benedicts on our campus has stirred up a considerable amount of comment among the student body. Among those who joined the procession this summer were Steve Stephenson, Jack Warner, and Bill Burner. One stops to wonder if the turmoil taking place across the ocean could possibly have had any influence upon the decisions of our newly-weds. If marriage would be possible to keep one out of the draft if and when this country decides to join the useless conflict, then it is quite likely that many others of the students might be struck by the idea of matrimony in the near future. Nevertheless, this column pauses to wish the best of luck to our courageous couples.

### Mum's the Word...

One of the best comebacks of the year is attributed to the nimble wit of Fred Francis, one of last year's senior lawyers. It seems that Fred journeyed far from his Kentucky home in order to pay a visit to Sam MacCorkle, his former party playmate. In the course of his journey Fred picked up quite a bit of dust and when he finally reached his destination, he was sorely in need of either a bath or the use of a deodorant. MacCorkle diplomatically suggested the latter course. After performing this slight duty, Fred then turned to Sam and said: "Sam, I hope you are not going to use any deodorant because I will never know where you are if you do."

### Enter—Bowling...

The newly-opened bowling alleys have taken the students by storm. The alleys are filled every afternoon and every night by many of the sports-loving students. These bowling alleys have long been needed in the thriving community of Lexington and the reaction to them has been very pleasing to the proprietors of the alleys. This column would like to make the suggestion that bowling be added to the intramural schedule of activities. The intramural board made a wise move when it adopted ping-pong as one of the intramural sports. It should be possible for the board to reach an agreement with the operators of the alleys for reduced rates for student bowlers.

### Wilder Is Available...

Hank Wilder, one of the Castle glamour boys, has found a use for his station wagon. He is now operating a taxi service for the Keydets between Lexington and Sweet Briar. Upon request he will also convey the boys to Lynchburg. Hank is the Korn Kernel King of Virginia and on his Saturday afternoon holiday he officiates high school football games. All in all, it is fairly evident that Wilder is a very industrious young gentleman.

### This Political Game...

The political season is now getting under way. The best evidence of this is the sight of Sid Lewis, "Sahib" of the PEP house, rushing around in a mad attempt to garner votes for president of the Senior Class. His rivals for the position will probably be Mack Wing, Frank Nichols and Jack Jones. Brent Farber, Dodo Baldwin, and Terry Blanford will likely be the candidates for the two Executive Committee jobs. Czar Taylor has announced his intention of dropping all political aspirations and connections. Porky Dickinson, former head of the Interfraternity council, has also announced his retirement from active political work. This leaves only Al Snyder of the big boys to carry on the ticklish work of fixing.

### Here and There...

The DU house was blessed with a jam session by a few novices over the week-end. Steve's Diner was well filled with students returning from amorous journeys and the unfortunate who were incapable of leaving Lexington Saturday night. One of our lawyers was gracious enough to give a farewell party for departing Esten Cooke, one of Lexington's most charming debutantes. George Melville and Jimmy Hernandez were sighted at the Fair battling for the attentions of Bessie, the Carnival beauty. Congratulations to Billy Buxton in his selection of two top notch bands for Openings. Both Nelson and Donahue are considered among the best bands in the country. It is a strange sight to see Bull Kadis working at Steve's Diner. So far, his duties have consisted mainly of testing the food. Captain Dick Boisseau was bitten by a snake at football camp. However, the snake died. Clumping Ed Trice, alleged sports writer and aspirant for the General quintet, is frequently seen working out at the gym. No doubt he is practicing for his between half exhibitions. Leo Reinartz, captain of the basketball team, had to make a hurried trip home Monday morning. He will probably have his appendix removed while in Middletown. Bill Nutt, one of the Phi Kap frosh, plays the piano in a manner reminiscent of the old-time saloon player. Jim Funk, Bob Neal, and Pete Hoffman of the freshman class are licensed airplane pilots. Bob White, Beta party boy alumnus, has finally succeeded in leaving Lexington after an extended vacation from his newspaper position in Mexico, Missouri. Howard Shepard has set up a broadcasting station at the Green Finger. The Fox Paw is now the proud possessor of two cocker spaniels and more are expected soon. Aubrey Houser has finally succeeded in corraling Charley Hughes for a roommate in his palatial garage apartment and has dropped the idea of pitching a pup tent in the front room. Jim Clarke and his true love, Belle Smith, made the social columns in the Washington newspapers. Latest rumor floating around the campus is that another Big Clique will be formed this year. It is too early for confirmation. Latest flash from "somewhere in Scotland"—Bill Buchanan says: quote, "It's true what they say about scotch, unquote. Can it be true that Bud Farber, Sid "Does everybody here like me?" Lewis, and Don Buck will run "again?" Felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Bud Royer who are still at the "holding hands" stage. ain't it grand! Ed Blair looks pretty grim with spring so far away. The Editor didn't write this column. If you have any comment, keep it to yourself.

## Washington and Lee University THE CALENDAR 1939-1940

Monday, September 25—Saturday, October 21

- Monday, September 25
  - 5:00 P.M. University Band Practice—Troubadour Theatre
- Tuesday, September 26
  - 7:30 P.M. International Relations Club—The Student Union
  - Speakers: Dr. Gaines and Dr. Bean
- Thursday, September 28
  - 7:30 P.M. Freshman meeting—Lee Chapel
- Friday, September 29
  - 3:45 P.M. Freshman Football Washington and Lee vs. S. M. A.
  - 7:30 P.M. Football Rally—Doremus Gymnasium
- Saturday, September 30
  - 3:00 P.M. Varsity Football Washington and Lee vs. Sewanee
- Sunday, October 1
  - 9:30 A.M. All-School Golf Tournament—Lexington Golf Course
- Monday, October 2
  - 3:45 P.M. Faculty meeting
  - 7:30 P.M. Senior and Freshman Class elections
- Friday, October 6
  - 3:45 P.M. Freshman Football Washington and Lee vs. Virginia
- Saturday, October 7
  - 2:30 P.M. Varsity Football Washington and Lee vs. Richmond
- Thursday, October 12
  - Meeting of Trustees
- Monday, October 16
  - Seniors file applications for degrees

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Washington and Lee's 1939 coaching staff looking over statistics on this year's Blue gridders. From left to right: Coaches Riley Smith, "Tex" Tilson, Bill Ellis, and Jack Hennemier. (Photo by Ames)

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September 26, 1939

Page Three

## Frosh Meet First Test Friday Against Staunton

The highly-touted Washington and Lee freshman football team will put their much discussed talents on exhibition for the first time this Friday when they play host to the invading Staunton Military academy gridders on Wilson field. The opening kickoff is slated for 3:45. Very little can be determined about the comparative strength of the two outfits, because Friday will be the first 1939 outing for both of them. On paper, however, the Brigadiers will be represented by one of their most powerful teams in years in an attempt to remove the stigma of a 7-0 licking hung on them by the SMA combine last year. The little Generals made thirteen first downs to Staunton's one over in the cadets' ballwick last year but a last quarter pass was good for a score and the ball game.

The eleven that takes the field for Washington and Lee Friday will not be putting on an aerial show or attempting to dazzle the opposition with reverses or any sleight-of-hand tricks. Instead, Coach Tex Tilson promises to show a team well drilled in the fundamentals of football, and which will resort to straight power plays and an orthodox game. Realizing the lack of time the frosh have had to get ready, the wisdom of his judgment is evident.

Just who the first eleven will be is still very much of a problem, and will not be decided until Friday. The ends will be chosen from Parker, Davies, East, and York, but

so far none has the upper hand.

The tackle positions are expected to find Rulevich and Aylor, a pair of all-state men from Connecticut and Tennessee, respectively. But Pirrog and Hubbard, who scale well over 400 pounds between them, are able to see plenty of action. Four hustling guards are struggling virtually to a deadlock for a starting role. So far, the situation finds Mollett and Gray, two more all-state performers with a slight edge. Their position is far from secure, however, as they are meeting a determined challenge from Szeley, an all New Jersey guard last year, and Fabian, another all-stater from Connecticut.

The center position will probably find Scilman, who played a lot of ball for Fishburne Military school last year, holding forth. He has shown up in practice consistently, and should make a fine college ball player. He is meeting plenty of competition from Ted Pearson, from Adelphi High in Brooklyn.

With a wealth of backs to choose from, the probability is that Coach

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## FOLLOWING THE BIG BLUE

By ED TRICE

Coach Tilson was harkening back to his playing days when footballers were a huskier lot both above and below the neck. The guard playing next in the line to Tex was having a hard time remembering signals. On a certain play in which he was supposed to pull out for interference purposes and Tex to cover his hole, the guard always remained in his spot and the two repeatedly collided. After several such repetitions Tilson began to weary of the process.

"Listen," he said, "next time you're supposed to pull out, I'll yell 'X' to remind you." In a couple of minutes that signal was called again. "X!" yelled Tex; the ball was snapped, the backfield raced around end; and Tilson crashed into his own man again. "What happened that time?" he demanded, getting off the ground. "Jeez!" answered the other, "I forgot you yelled 'X'."

The Social Set . . .

Dan Justice shooting the bull with one of the "These Glamour Girl" out at the Rockbridge fair. . . . Wrestler Herb Van Voast innocently leading an RMWC blond into a strip tease show. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jake Warner, in the process of setting up house keeping, combing Main street stores. . . . Junie Bishop, a cuddly-looking Macon beauty, a pair of crutches and a plaster cast. . . . Rol Camm taking another seven-day week-end (note to Campus Comment—follow this boy for news and get your public back). . . . Ed Trice missing another deadline.

General Pick-ups . . .

Sluggo Sugrue working twice as hard as anybody else on Wilson field. It's going to be hard to keep him out of a starting assignment. . . . That freshman end imploring his back to "Throw it at that safety man and I'll catch it!" . . . Add freshman all-state basketball stars—Cal East of Tpi??? and Larry Galloway of Maryland. . . .

X-country team expected to be hot this year with Mike Crocker, George and Bill Murray, Cliff Muller, Bill Jennings, Jim McConnell, and Frank Martin back. . . . Co-captains Will Washburn and Peck Robertson of the net team battling sophs Jack Mallory and Dick Spindle for the entry into the Sulphur Springs doubles tournament where the best college teams in this part of the country will be represented.

Intramural Pick-ups . . .

This corner, which doesn't do such an infallible job of predicting, will still lay two nickels against every one that says the Delts are headed to annex the I-M cup a fourth consecutive time, will put one nickel against every two that say the KA's don't get it and will bet even money that Peck Robertson is high point man. Get your money out while the bankroll lasts. Among frosh touch-footballers slated for heavy duty: Earl Alverson, KA; Leo Signaigo, PIKA; Ben Nichols, Sigma Nu; Jeff Hudson, SAE; Bob Peckham and Leo Harnden, DTD.

## Tilson Plans Rough Workouts In Preparation For Sewanee

Brown, Blanding Justice, Pinck Probable Backfield

By BUD LEVY

Washington and Lee's gridders dug their cleats into Wilson field soil yesterday afternoon and opened a three-day series of hard scrimmages in preparation for their season's opener with Sewanee Saturday afternoon.

Head Coach Tex Tilson was scheduled to put his charges through another tough session this afternoon, and has billed a third for tomorrow. The Generals will return to lighter work Thursday and Friday, and on Saturday will lift the curtain on a tough, nine-game campaign.

Tilson and his staff of assistants weren't exactly hysterical with happiness as they talked things over in the locker room after yesterday's workout, but a little of the gloom which was so prevalent when the squad returned from camp at Nimrod hall a couple of weeks ago seems to have been replaced with a ray of hope. Tilson, at least, expressed himself as a little more pleased with the general outlook. Backfield Coach Riley Smith, however, was inclined to be a bit more on the pessimistic side.

The head coach has yet to decide who will be in the Generals' lineup when the opening whistle blows Saturday afternoon, but he indicated that he may open with the men who teamed up with Captain Dick Boisseau in yesterday's scrimmage against the heavy freshman team. If such is the case, Howard Dobbins and Courtney Wadlington, a back last year, will start at the end positions. Boisseau and Kelly Litteral, both veterans, are likely starters at the tackle posts, while Jim Lindsey and Steve Hanasik will probably open on either side of Center Jack Mangan, another veteran.

The Generals' starting backfield will probably be composed of Sophomore Pres Brown, Bob

### The 1939 Schedule

- Sept. 30—University of the South (Sewanee) at Lexington.
- \*Oct. 7—University of Richmond at Lexington.
- Oct. 14—Southwestern University at Memphis, Tenn.
- Oct. 21—West Virginia University at Charleston, W. Va.
- \*Oct. 28—Virginia Tech (VPI) at Lynchburg, Va.
- Nov. 4—Washington University at St. Louis, Mo.
- Nov. 10—University of Virginia (Homecoming) at Lexington.
- \*Nov. 18—William and Mary at Williamsburg, Va.
- \*Thanksgiving—U. of Maryland at Baltimore, Md.
- \*Denotes Conference games.

### Frosh Prospects For Tennis Team Appear Promising

Although little is known at present about Washington and Lee's freshman tennis squad, it appears that the Blue and White will have some good netmen on the job in the spring.

Bill Harrelson, a hard-hitting mid-westerner, is apparently one of the brightest prospects for the '43 racquet team. Harrelson has been playing a lot of tennis lately, and has been looking fine. Ralph Taggart is another freshman who has been doing some heads-up playing of late.

Perhaps the most enthusiastic of the lot is John Cook, a burly two hundred pounder from Evanston, Illinois. Cook has been out on the courts practically every day, and has been taking on such notables as Bill Washburn, varsity tennis star.



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### W&L Opponents Look Impressive In Opening Frays

Washington and Lee will have a tough road to travel in state football circles this fall. That is, if their scheduled opponents continue playing at the pace they opened with last Saturday.

Richmond's Spiders, whom the Generals meet here October 6, looked impressive in swamping an usually stubborn Newport News Apprentice school. The Spiders played their regulars only two periods in piling up a 37-0 score. Despite the moaning of Richmond coaches over the loss of Andy Fronczak, a first line tackle, the Richmonders will be hard to handle this year.

VPI also looked impressive in trouncing Randolph-Macon 26-0. The Gobblers are boasting a heavy, experienced team, well augmented with good sophomore material. The Blue meets the Techmen in Lynchburg October 28.

Virginia, the team rated number one in the state this year by scribes and coaches alike, lived up to all advance expectations by downing the best Hampden-Sydney team to come out of Death Valley in quite a number of years. The score was 26-0. All-state Jim Gillette and a

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### Former Army And Navy Man Now Athletic Trainer At W & L

A man who's been around a bit—that's Bevie Lee Boyd, Washington and Lee's new athletic trainer.

After nearly two decades of "seeing the world" with the United States army and navy, Boyd came to Lexington recently and is now settling down as tape-and-gauze artist for Tex Tilson's footballers. He's not exactly new at that game, though. He was assistant to the doctor at the United States Naval academy for ten years, and, as such, had a lot to do with keeping Annapolis athletes in shape.

Boyd's aforementioned travels started when he was a lad of seventeen. At that age he left his native Gadsden, Alabama, to answer Uncle Sam's plea for World War soldiers.

The war over, Boyd joined the United States Navy and served considerable time as a member of that organization's hospital corps. In 1926 he was assigned to the staff

of the Naval academy and, between periodic jaunts to miscellaneous parts of the world aboard Naval vessels, made his headquarters in "Misery Hall" at Annapolis. During his ten-year term at the academy, Boyd took time off to make service trips on the U. S. hospital ship "Mercy" and the airplane carrier, U. S. S. Lexington.

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Desha Speaks to Pre-Med

Continued from page one which may arise, as will Dr. R. W. Dickey in physics and Dr. W. D. Hoyt in biology.

Dr. Hoyt and Herb Friedman, president of the society, are at present working out a program of research work that will be carried on by the members.

The society should be of especial interest to freshmen and sophomores not only because they will gain valuable information regarding putting to use the elementary facts learned in their pre-med work, but in addition they will learn what is the best way to gain admission into medical school and what life is like in these schools.

No pre-med man can be taken into the society unless he is doing outstanding work in biology, physics, or chemistry and keeping a good average in his other subjects. In addition to this, his name will have to be passed on by the society members themselves, and then by the Washington and Lee pre-medical board, composed of Dr. Tucker, Dr. White, Dr. Desha, Dr. Hoyt, and Dr. Dickey.

The first public meeting of the society will be held the second Thursday in October. The topic to be discussed will be posted at an early date.

Lucky Freshmen Go to Mary Baldwin For Friday Dance

Dates for house parties, for openings, and for other week-ends were secured by enterprising freshmen who were fortunate enough to make the Christian council's "Mary Baldwin team" last Friday night.

Another expedition for Staunton is scheduled for next Friday. Harry Philpott, director of religious activities, stated. However, the quota of 35 has been filled, so that freshmen who have not signed up will be unable to go.

The students and Christian council at Mary Baldwin are sponsoring the two Friday night dances for W&L freshmen. Arrangements were made hereby the Christian council.

According to Philpott, there was a ratio of two girls to one boy in order that every freshman would be sure to meet the "cream of the crop."

There will be a meeting of the Calyx editorial staff Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Student Union building. Ed Brown, editor of the Calyx, announced today. All men who are interested in working on the annual, whether new men or old, are requested to attend.

All students interested in trying out for assistant debate manager are asked to see Bill Burner as soon as possible.

Sports

W&L Ready for Sewanee

Continued from page three Blanding, Dan Justice and Dick Pinck.

One reason for the increased hope which Tilson seems to possess is the improvement in the ranks of reserve material. Sims Trueheart and Henry Baker, for instance, are giving such good accounts of themselves as ends that either may break into the starting line-up. Francis Sugrue, veteran letterman, is giving Litteral a good battle for one of the opening tackle assignments, and Tyke Bryan and Jack Gillespie are both providing plenty of competition for Guards Lindsey and Hanisak.

Charlie Didier, Bob Pinck, Ronnie Thompson, Joe Baugher, Bud Kadis, and Bob Gary are all doing good work in the backfield and any one of them may find himself with the starting assignment by the time Saturday rolls around.

Passing, especially pass protection, was stressed in yesterday's scrimmage against the yearlings, and Tilson expressed himself as pleased with the improvement shown in the aerial department.

As things shape up now, only Junie Bishop, veteran fullback, will be on the shelf when the Generals take the field for Saturday's opener. Bishop, who snapped his ankle at Nimrod Hall, is the only varsity man suffering from an injury of major calibre so, barring mishaps in the final few days' practice sessions, the team will be physically fit for its initial test.

Frosh Prepare for SMA

Continued from page three Tilson will run them in two separate units, as one is just as good as another. One combination will probably be composed of Socha, at fullback, Ligon and Raaen at the halves, and little Tommy Moncrief, an all-state man from Richmond, calling the signals. The other outfit will find McKenna at fullback. Wheter and Ciesla at the halves, and Pierrapato at quarterback. Neither of these combinations is definite, though, and is subject to change before Friday.

All in all, the little Generals' line will probably average around 200 pounds. With such men as Rulevich, Hubbard, and Aylor all in there at the same time, the average will probably go up to 205. The ball carriers will probably average 185. The current freshman team is, no doubt, one of the heaviest in the history of the school.

"Old Blue" Is AA House

Continued from page one necessary to have a larger "AA House," the "Old Blue," which has served for many years more than was its duty to serve, was reopened.

But during the period that the building was deserted by the students, it was not forsaken by a group of squirrels that have lived in the roof for several years, according to observers. So, in reality, the "Old Blue" has never been really deserted.

Five New Men on Faculty

Continued from page one Planters Bank and Trust company in his native Richmond.

While at Washington and Lee, Mr. Coleman established a school record in the javelin throw and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

Mr. Shoemaker, new library cataloger, received his A. B. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1935 and his B. S. from Columbia in 1938. He was cataloger at the Temple university library, and later was made head of a WPA recataloging project at the Mercantile library, in Philadelphia. He plans to work for his master's degree while at Washington and Lee.

VPI Game Discussed

Continued from page one Commerce and representatives of VPI on Thursday afternoon.

Dedication of Lynchburg's new super-stadium will be the highlight of the gridiron battle, and delegates of the two schools participating will meet with the Hilly City Chamber to discuss transportation, seating, ticket prices and other problems.

Taylor, W&L student body president, and Woodward, editor of The Ring-tum Phi, will lunch with the Chamber Thursday afternoon.

Gaines, Bean to Speak At First IRC Meeting

At 7:30 tonight in the Student Union, the International Relations club will hold its first official meeting of the school year, Charlie Hobson, president of the organization, announced yesterday.

"Dr. Gaines and Dr. Bean will make a few remarks on the European situation," stated Hobson. He urged everyone interested in becoming a member of the club to be present.

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Love interest is provided by Nancy Kelly and Richard Greene, and Stanley ends up by becoming a missionary himself. The Fair has left town, you know. . . .

GOLDEN BOY

At the State on Thursday and Friday comes another Kid Galahad—except the Kid's got another name. This time he's Golden Boy and is in the person of one William Holden, one of those periodic discoveries made by the movie boys. The story is about a boy who studied to be a concert violinist, but upon a tangle with fate, he

forsakes the violin for the prize ring. He does all right for a while in the ring, but under the influence of Barbara Stanwyck, as usual, gives it up and goes back to his bow and fiddle.

Adolphe Menjou helps things out a bit as he usually does in the role of the blustering fight manager.

Clifford Odets' play on the Broadway stage was a hit—the picture is supposed to be better. I said supposed.

DODGE CITY

Wednesday brings "Dodge City" back to the Lyric. It's a re-screening of the adventure epic of the West when men were men and women ran things.

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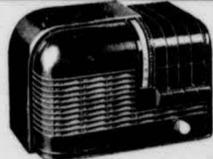
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