

Comet's Home Games Moved To VMI

Pres. Gaines Denies Resignation Rumors

Tale Springs Up In Roanoke, Va.

Nearly Knocked Me Off My Feet—Gaines

Dr. Francis P. Gaines scotched rumors this week that he is planning to resign soon from his position as president of Washington and Lee.

"I do not plan to leave Lexington for a long time," the 57-year-old educator said emphatically.

He went on to explain that "unusual circumstances or events may take place that will change my position. But right now I can see no basis to any rumor that I plan to resign in the near future."

The tale sprung up in Roanoke last week. The newspapers there hurried a reporter to Lexington. It was to him that Dr. Gaines gave his official reply.

First appearance of the story in Lexington was made last Spring when the tale originally popped up. On that occasion it was quickly denied.

In an exclusive interview with a Ring-tum Phi reporter, Dr. Gaines said that the rumor "nearly knocked me off my feet."

The Roanoke newspaperman who first dug up the story and asked Dr. Gaines about it (a former W&L journalism student), said the rumor was "all over Roanoke."

To make the story even more striking, the rumor went that Dr. Gaines was leaving W&L "to take another position at a fabulous salary." Dr. Gaines chuckled as he related the ridiculous tale.

Dr. Gaines has been president of Washington and Lee for 19 years.

As president of this small, independent school trying to raise \$3,000,000 during the past two years, Dr. Gaines has had an exhausting engagement and speaking schedule that has carried all over the southern and northeastern United States. Although the campaign netted only \$1,700,000, Dr. Gaines said he was particularly grateful for the amount of endowment presented to finance permanent scholarships.

Thirty-seven new "Third Century Scholarships" have been added to the grant-in-aid program, ranging up to \$3,500 in value. Twenty-eight of the scholarships have been awarded to freshmen who would otherwise be unable to attend W-L.

Commenting on plans for new buildings for W&L, Dr. Gaines said that, at the present time, building plans will have to wait.

We don't feel that we should start any construction work now while costs are at their peak," he stated. "We just wouldn't be getting our full dollar values."

Nearly 5000 Spectators Will be Seated In VMI's Remodeled Riding Hall

Washington and Lee's Blue Comets will be playing their home games at the other end of Lexington, and to much larger audiences when present arrangements between the University and VMI become final, it was learned today.

The plan calls for both the W&L and VMI basketball aggregations to play home games in the VMI Riding Hall.

The hall will be completely remodeled to provide between 3,500 and 5,000 seats, a tremendous increase over the inadequate seating arrangement in Doremus Gymnasium, traditional home of the Comets.

Awaiting only the drawing up of an official agreement between the two institutions, V. M. I. plans to spend from 8 to 10 thousand dollars in putting down a playing floor and installing the spectator seats. Spokesmen for the Institute indicated that the project would be complete in approximately six weeks, in ample time for the Comets' games after the Christmas holidays.

In commenting on the plan, Capt'n Dick Smith pointed out the possibility of double header games in the future. "Both our schedule and VMI's have already been arranged this year, but it would certainly be attractive in years to come to provide for two or three double headers each season.

"If the schedules do conflict this year, then we'll put in double headers in those cases," he said. A further provision of the tentative arrangement would allow VMI the use of Wilson Field for its home games during the football season in place of the present stadium at the Institute.

Capt'n Dick indicated that final arrangements had not been made concerning the future hardwood schedules of the two schools or the problem of admitting students of both schools to double header.

Students are now admitted to their own home game free but are required to pay admission to games of the other institution. Under the new system, with both teams using the same court for double headers, some additional arrangement will probably have to be made, he pointed out. The W&L Athletic Director suggested the possibility of charging a small admission to both W&L and VMI students at the double header affairs.

Capt'n Dick added that he expected the plan to be officially approved within the next few days, and that work on the Riding Hall would begin immediately thereafter.



Washington and Lee's Singing Troubadours—1949 Edition

Audience Participation Is Feature of Vesper Service

Many old favorites will be featured when the Washington and Lee Glee Club makes its Christmas appearance at Lee Chapel on Sunday December 11 at 5 p. m.

The Club, which has achieved great prominence among similar organizations in the state, will be led by Benno Foreman, substituting for Director Caleb Cushing, who will be unable to attend the Chapel Service.

According to Foreman, the program will consist of "The First Noel," "The Holly and the Ivy," two Bach Chorales, "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming," "Angles From the Realms of Glory," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," and many other perennial Christmas choral favorites.

A portion of the program will also be provided for the audience to join in with the Glee Club in

singing Christmas Carols.

"A cordial invitation is extended to the entire student body and the general public as well to come and participate in the Yuletide spirit with the Glee Club," spokesman Foreman said.

The traditional Candlelight Service, at which the Washington and Lee Glee Club will make its second Christmas appearance, will be held later this month at the Robert E. Lee Memorial Church.

Famous Art Exhibit Will Be Installed In Library Monday

An exhibit of modern sculpture from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, which has aroused broad interest in state art circles, will be installed in McCormick Library Monday.

Students of VMI and Washington and Lee and townspeople will have an opportunity to view the exhibit before Christmas holidays. Prof. Marion Junkin, chairman of the fine arts department at Washington and Lee, who arranged the local showing, says that it will remain in Lexington through the vacation season. The public is invited to see the 29 works included in the show.

Hours at which the exhibit may be seen in the library are 8:15 a. m. to 10:30 p. m. During the Christmas holidays, the library will be open only in the mornings, except by appointment.

Interviewed Students Offer Suggestions For Solving Perplexing Problem of Buying And Selling Used Books

The buying and selling of used textbooks seems to be, at the beginning of each semester, a distinct problem that should call for a solution, according to the statements of most students who were interviewed recently. Following is a summary of the various opinions expressed and also a consolidated plan calling for reform.

It is illogical, say many, that the Co-op or some representative of a book firm should buy up the second-hand books for penurious prices and then resell them to needy students for several times their purchasing price. On the other hand, most students are cognizant of the various problems that have been deciding the policy of the Supply Store, and they realize the uncertainty and risk involved

in procuring these volumes far in advance. However, several have specifically suggested that the teaching staff decide much earlier in the school year exactly what books it intends to use. After all, they reason, it is not a decision to be made on short notice, but it can be made far in advance.

But those are chiefly negative points. Some thoughtful scholars have also evolved a number of plans, the most important of which are included here. First of all, it has been suggested that the Co-op itself buy back at higher prices than paid out now all the books which will be used next year and that have little or no mutilation. This would be in accordance with the wishes of the language department that looks with disdain upon the number of interlinear editions of language books circulating now. The remainder of the students would simply have to attempt to sell their own books by their own methods.

Secondly, and seemingly a more encompassing plan, is the idea advanced that there should be a central agency set up to handle both ends of second-hand book buying and selling. However, other W&L men argue that because of uncertainty still existing and the probable lack of sufficient backing, it would appear somewhat risky in that form. But this method has apparently been in effect in many schools throughout the country. It would seem more feasible if this student organization would endeavor to sell books for the students but would not take the risk themselves of buying it. Instead it would be merely used as a medium of exchange.

Another possibility advocated

by students involves the division of books into three classes (A, B, and C) with each class having a standard price set. This would cover both the buying and selling of the various texts.

It must not be forgotten that many fraternities at present acquire all the books that their members are finished with, and then they loan them out to needy students who apply for them. That could also be expanded to include a pool of all fraternities, but its shortcomings would be apparent in the first-come, first-served policy and the subsequent carelessness involved.

But yet through this maelstrom of diversified opinions, it is possible to consolidate a plan that may be generally agreeable and may embody a segment of all the suggestions.

1. There would be a central agency, a Used Book Committee, that would be in charge of setting up the policy and putting the plan into operation.

2. This agency would stem from either one of three organizations:
A. The IFC
B. The Executive Committee
C. The Co-op bookstore itself, if it is interested in maintaining its business.

3. This agency could appoint a committee or person who would handle the books either directly or through a hired student, who would receive a commission regulated by the committee.

4. Books would be received through either one of three methods, depending largely on the organization in charge:

A. A central depository (the Student Union, possibly).
B. Through the fraternities.
C. Through the bookstore.

Seniors Ask For Single President

The Senior Class will hold its second meeting for the purpose of attaining greater class unity at 7:30 p. m. in Washington Chapel on Thursday, December 15.

Speaking for the University Party, Ed Rushton announced that his group would offer a plan in accordance with Dean Leyburn's suggestions to the class. Dean Leyburn expressed his belief that the Senior Class could gain unity by electing only one president for the Academic, Commerce, and Science schools instead of the present system of electing a president from each.

The compromise plan to be offered by the University Party is to elect one president from the three schools and to have a vice-president from each. That way, according to Rushton, the class would become a more compact group and still not throw too much responsibility off on the president.



W&L JOURNALISM STUDENTS see how a newspaper works at the World News plant in Roanoke last Monday. Standing left to right watching the linotype operator at work are Alan Ladd, Al Hartley, Dave Merrill, Howard Davis, Bill Shiers, Bob Pittman, Henry Stern, Ed Robbins, Jerry Holen, Roy Grimley, Don Jeffreys and Dick Jones. —Photo courtesy The Roanoke-World Corp.

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Letters To and From The Editors:

About A Field Hockey Game

The Varsity Field Hockey Team
 Sweet Briar College
 Sweet Briar, Virginia

Dear Women Field Hockey Players:

Casting about for something with which to liven up the local scenery, which invariably becomes deadened at this season of the year, we have hit upon a delightful idea.

The sport of Field Hockey has long been one of the honored and traditional pastimes of the vigorous youth of this institution. We have played it for countless generations. In snow or broiling sun our fighting teams have valiantly upheld the name of Washington and Lee upon the hallowed Field Hockey Fields of the world. But time has brought a sad change. We have become so proficient in the art of maneuvering the pellet betwixt our opponents goal that we find now ourselves without suitable opposition.

Our manhood is wasting away. We become senile . . . pusillanimous, yet.

We are, therefore, faced with the only solution. We are ready to step out of our class to face the Big Time. We challenge you to a game.

Our team boasts of such as Bill Todd, the pinball artist; Stick Harris, the jawbreaker; Harvey Dodd, an indestructible man; Jerry Jack, the Wild Bull of The Pampas; Senator John McWhorter, mean as they come; Bouncing Billy Brotherton, an ex-politician who won't be stopped; Ed Rush-ton, a hunk of man; Thomas Tongue, the man who runs like an ape; Lucius Johnson, a sheer brute; and Hack Heyward, a sadistic killer.

Who has your team got?

Should you dare to risk your reputation in a game with such choice players as we have, the proceeds of the contest will go to The Student War Memorial Scholarship Fund, a worthy cause indeed.

We await eagerly your decision, and leave to your discretion the date and time of the game. The full facilities of this institution are at your disposal, and we suggest Lexington as the cite for the contest for obvious financial reasons.

As soon as your answer has been received, our athletes will resume their training. We shall appreciate as early reply as it is getting cold over here.

Sincerely,

THE EDITORS,

(For the Washington and Lee Field Hockey Squad)

For A Smoother Varsity Show

December 7, 1949

Editor
 The Ring-tum Phi

Dear Sir:

Perhaps it is a bit too early for this sort of thing, but it has occurred to me that plans for another Varsity Show, if there is to be another one this year, should begin as soon as possible.

Last year's show seems to have been an immense hit as far as everyone I have talked to was concerned, but John McKelway (and I would like to nominate him now as producer of the next Varsity Show) could give the students an even more polished production if the thing was organized earlier this year.

Yours for a slightly smoother Varsity Show.

A DISAPPOINTED ACTOR.

Letters to The Editor are welcome at all times. However, because of space limitations, letters should be as brief as possible and those under four hundred words will be given preference. Signature of the writer must accompany all letters, but names will be withheld on request.

From The Sidelines . . .

1950 Basketball Season Cockeyed So Is W&L Tackle's 'Grid Oddity'

By LETHBRIDGE AND LAUPHEIMER
 "A Few Rebounds"

With the exception of the numerous bowl games, the 1949 collegiate football season came to a thrilling finish Saturday in Dallas, as mighty Notre Dame squeezed by a mediocre Southern Methodist outfit. And immediately ardent sport fans turned their attention to basketball which was already in high gear. San Francisco University's ball club had been picked by various sportswriters as the class of the nation. Last year, this team was chosen to participate in the Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden, and they completely dominated the whole event. To top it off, not one man was lost through graduation. Nevertheless, this very same club opened this season with a 43-38 defeat at the hands of unknown San Jose State. It appears that the 49-50 basketball year will run true to form. . .

The Blue Comets, by their win over Wake Forest, issued a warning to all Southern Conference teams, that they are a team that must be watched. It's too bad we couldn't work North Carolina into our schedule during their recent visits to V. P. I. and Richmond. This definitely would be the year that the Generals would whip the

Tar Heels. Hats off to Con Davis, who is doing a grand job with some truly outstanding material. . .

Did you know that: Jim Line of Kentucky scored 37 points in their opener, and that he played only three quarters of this game? . . . Mike Boyda is right behind the great Bob Wakefield as the outstanding punter in the National Football League? Bill Chipley also snagged another pass last Sunday for a T.D. (touchdown)?

Notes at Random: If you didn't see Hart and Sitko in person or on television, you will have a chance on Saturday, as they will appear on an all-star college squad against the Charlotte (N. C.) Clippers at Charlotte. . . .

Probably the most exciting bowl game, if the arrangements are ever worked out, will be the Press Bowl in San Francisco, and the two teams will be Baylor and unbeaten College of the Pacific. Prediction: Eddie LeBaron will really have a day for himself.

In this season, when football awards are given out like common colds, Washington and Lee was also the recipient of one. Bob Smith's "illegal" tackle of Ed Bessell, Virginia end, was given the "Grid Oddity of the Year."

Movie Review . . .

Critics Reveal The Inside Story Of Shirley Temple's Divorce Suit

By McKELWAY AND SIBLEY

The last time we seriously wrote about a movie was almost two weeks ago when we said that "Everybody Does It" was fair entertainment which didn't quite make the grade as a real good comedy.

Since that time there has been a weird mixture of gunplay, tears, singing and dancing, passion, melodrama, and what-have-you.

Only one picture stands out—"Roseanna McCoy." Sam Goldwyn's attempt to make West Virginia attractive.

Sam Goldwyn assembled the best-chosen cast to play here this fall for this picture. He should have worked Hedda Hopper in there some way, tho.

Miss Hopper, whose children call her Mother, should know a kid star when she sees one. But she went a little overboard on Joan Evans, whose career promises to parallel that of Joan Leslie, who started out as a hill-billy girl in "Sergeant York," lived for ten years on publicity, then dropped out of things.

Those far-away shots of the mountains didn't look like anything we'd ever seen in West Virginia. Ralph Keightly, our West Virginia adviser, also said he didn't believe the western part of his

state was that rugged.

Nor did he think Joan Evans should have said, "I'll bring destruction to you, Johnnie."

But the show was nevertheless a graphic account of an interesting bit of Americana.

Shirley Temple has been hitting the headlines recently. It seems her husband, John Agar, brought his girl friend into Shirley's bedroom several times one week and tried to get Shirley to go out on a party with them. They were drunk, Shirley was pregnant, and she didn't want to go, so sued for divorce.

We have an idea that what drove John to drink was seeing his wife in the "Story of Seabiscuit," which played here in town the early part of this week.

What transformed Shirley from a very talented child star into a complete ham remains a mystery.

Featuring the corniest love making of all time, "Seabiscuit" deserves only a slight tinkle on our movie gong.

"Song of Surrender" wasn't much itself, but there was a good side-show going on at the two o'clock show Tuesday afternoon, featuring John McWhorter, Scotty Haislip, and other first-afternooners, which kept us there until almost 3:15, when we were forced to walk out with most of the other patrons.

If he's got Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire, and Irving Berlin music, a producer has nothing to worry about. Since these stars are tops in their own particular field, a producer can cut down on his budget, and throw almost anybody else into the picture. The calibre of Fred Astaire's partner seldom matters much, because its hard for an audience to look at anything but Mr. Astaire. Crosby has the same screen stealing knack.

So, Holiday Inn presented these two gentlemen at their best. A thoroughly enjoyable picture, worthy to be re-released.

workable one, but to be so it must by necessity have the support of every man who is able to purchase his share in it. Unfortunately, an increasing number of men each year take a negative approach and are content to let the burden rest upon the group that actively supports.

tion of Campus Tax Funds. The committee feels that shares in the proceeds from Campus tax should take an active part in sponsoring and contributing to its success. A recipient group that sponsors programs for the student body should publicize the act in presenting its program that it is a Campus Tax event. In this way the students are constantly reminded of the things to which a subscription entitles them.

The committee wishes to bring to the attention of the organizations that some student opinion has been heard pointed to the fact

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Inter-Fraternity Council Approves Committee Report Of Proposals On Campus Tax, Publications Problems

Note: The following is the report of a committee appointed by President Bernie Talley of the Inter-Fraternity Council to investigate Campus Tax and Publications problems. This report was approved by the I. F. C. at its meeting on December 5 at which time it was decided that copies be sent to all interested groups and that its contents be published in the Ring-tum Phi for the Student Body. The committee was composed of Sam White, Chairman; Barney Bernard, Dave Kerr, Bill Wallis and Fred Moffat, representing the Fraternity Managers Association.

Text of the Report

After much consideration of the facts brought forth by investigations of the committee, the following report is submitted. What follows is hoped to serve as a springboard from which certain action may be taken that will tend to insure greater success to organizations deriving benefit from the Campus Tax. The committee feels that successful operation is directly connected with student interest and their financial support. Indeed the very existence of certain activities depends upon student support. The growing tendency away from Campus Tax, coupled with the continued high costs and the still rising costs in some activities, has caused the situation to be what it is today. It is the hope of the committee that the following recommendations may help to relieve or overcome the situation. The committee wishes it understood that it does not take issue with anyone as to omissions or commissions that may be inferred or implied by what follows. Composed as it is of students, it wishes only that better conditions may be fostered for those students who are actively interested as well as for those who are not but should be actively interested.

Recommendations

I. To the Publication Board:
 (a) More advance planning in determining policy, keeping in mind financial conditions of the times, successes and failures of the past.

(b) That, as to budgets, organizations making up the Board base their budgets more on income that actually will be realized and not on what is hoped for . . . that the publication be planned according to the money available, thereby assuring operations within their budgets and the avoidance of any planned. The committee wishes to losses on any publication not so note here that just such a policy is being pursued by the present Calyx staff.

(c) That the Conditional Salary Rule, as outlined in the Student

Body Constitution, be strictly enforced. It is felt that this will insure greater care on the part of the editors and business managers in their planning and budgeting.

(d) That the contracts for each publication be handled by the editors and business staff of the particular publication.

(e) That the Board require and maintain more adequate records. This will make available accurate information with which budgeting and planning may be more successfully carried on in subsequent years.

(f) That only the \$2500.00 be maintained in the Student Body Publication Fund, and that all in excess of that amount be made available to supplement funds allocated to the organizations. As profit on operations initially financed by students, the students should realize benefits therefrom.

II. To the Executive Committee:
 (a) A more systematic and enthusiastic approach to Campus Tax sales and publicity.

That a campaign be begun in the spring, and possible continued through the summer by means of individual letters, whereby the students will be constantly reminded of Campus Tax, its purpose, its advantages, and with the financial problems existing on the campus.

(b) That the Executive Committee exercises greater control over the conduct of the sale of Campus Tax subscriptions at the beginning of each school year. The committee feels that this was not done this year and that the presentation of Campus Tax was at times rather loose and somewhat uncoordinated.

(c) That special attention be given toward the solicitations from transfer students who, unlike the entering freshmen, are not at all times acquainted with facts surrounding Campus Tax. Noteworthy here is the fact that this year the sales in the Law School were smaller than in preceding years, and it is in this group that there is the largest number of transfers.

III. To the Members of the Fraternities:

The committee feels that these men should be acquainted with facts surrounding Campus Tax and the Publications' financial problems, since it is this group, for the most part, that actively support the organizations on the campus, financially and otherwise. This year the price of each subscription has been divided thusly:

Calyx\$7.05
 Ring-tum Phi 1.35

Southern Collegian	.....	.90
Christian Council	.....	.75
Student Body Exp. Fund.	.....	.40
Troubadours	.....	1.00
Glee Club	.....	.25
Executive Committee	.....	.25
Debate Council	.....	.05

As is brought out by the above figures, the campus publications received better than three fourths of each subscription. It naturally follows that it is this group that suffers most from the decreasing sales of Campus Tax. The committee feels that the publications center largely around the fraternities and other organizations on the campus with memberships for the latter being drawn from the former, and in some groups entirely so. Within this group, however, there seems to be a growing tendency away from Campus Tax while each man in the group continues to derive the benefits and enjoyments afforded by the publications, not at his own expense, but at the expense of someone else who did subscribe and pay for his right of enjoyment. The committee need not have to remind the students that the success of any operation on the campus undertaken for the benefit of the students must have their financial support if it is to succeed.

It was the purpose of the Campus Tax Plan to assure the students of broader activities and better publications at a lower cost. The plan has proven itself as a

The Washington and Lee Corps de Ballet



W&L's world famed Corps de Ballet goes through its paces during the half-time at Saturday's Corn Bowl Classic here. Equipped with the traditional basin plungers and falsies, the Corps slaughtered some of the better known ballet routines. Since their performance they have received frantic appeals from some of New York's better theatres, and are expected to appear at Sammy's Bowery Follies during the Christmas Holidays.

Comets Face Fort Meade Five Here Tonight

All- Univ. Mat Tourney Starts Monday

Grappler's Club Sponsors Event To Furnish Depth For Matmen

Next Monday will herald in the all-University Wrestling Tournament of 1949, and Washington and Lee students will get a glimpse of the men who will man the Blue mat squad in the defense of the Southern Conference Crown for the second straight year.

Jim Connelly, President of the sponsoring Grappler's Club, acted as spokesman for mat coach Obey Day when he stated that the meet will be as good a chance for interested freshmen and upperclassmen to gain greater wrestling prowess as will arise on the campus throughout the entire winter season.

There will be 121, 128, 136, 145, 155, 165, 175, 190, and heavy-weight classes featured in the tourney and all weight classes will enter the preliminary rounds on the 12th. Medals will be given to the first place and runner up grapplers in each division.

A trophy for the most points gained in the tournament will be awarded to the house monopolizing the best wrestlers at the close of the final rounds on Wednesday. Each house will get two points for each entry, three points for a decision, four for a fall, and five for each winner of a weight division.

Coach Day, realizing that a wrestler cannot participate in each match throughout the entire season and still remain in top flight condition, is looking for the much needed depth that will carry his charges through a tough, grinding 12 meet schedule. He will also be on the lookout for the not to be forgotten freshmen who will sweat through six meets this winter and man the certain vacancies which will arise in the varsity lineup next year.

Tickets to the final meets on Wednesday, the 14th, may be purchased at the door of Doremus Gymnasium or on the campus. This year as in the past, the tournament will promise some of the best wrestling performances outside of the Southern Conference Tournament.

Tankmen Hold Intrasquad Meet; Freshmen Star

With their first meet, against Randolph-Macon, about a month away the W&L tankmen put on an impressive intra-team exhibition Wednesday. The Blue slipped past the Whites by a splash, 29 to 28.

Headed by the varsity captain Ed Rushton, the Blues took first places in the 300 medley relay, the 50 yard. freestyle, 100 yd. freestyle and the 150 backstroke. A team composed of Rushton, Mills, and McDonald went the medley distance in 3:05.8.

McCain Takes 50

Chuck McCain took the 50 yd. event in 24.6 while Mick McDonald was clocked at 53.1 in winning the 100. Frost and Smith finished this race in a deadheat for second. Rushton churned through the 150 backstroke in 1:51.0.

DeVolpi Shines

For the Whites a pair of promising freshmen showed good form. Alex DeVolpi built up one of the largest margins of the afternoon to win the 200 yd. breaststroke at a 2:40.6 clip and Reid defeated Larry Gubelli in 2:33.4 in the 220 yd. freestyle. Then Reid teamed up with three more freshmen; Goodman, Rawlings, and Smith; to defeat McDonald, Earl, McCain, and Frost in the 440 yd. freestyle raley. This last race was close all the way, the winning time being 3:47.0.

In the diving event it was Gardner and Gallivan for the Blues versus Rawlings and Stevenson of the Whites, the score wasn't taken here.



Receiving their awards from Bill Stoghill, campus Chesterfield representative, for outstanding performances on the field of honor in the recent Corn Bowl mayhem are, in the usual order, Jim Kidd and Buck Boswell, the game's cockiest players, and Bill Clements and Hunter Lane, the Bowl's outstanding players.

Handlan, Trammel at Forward Posts In Sophomore Studded Lineup

Fresh from an upset victory over Wake Forest and a game but losing fight to the Conference champion Wolfpack of North Carolina State, the Blue Comets will make their opening on the Doremus boards tonight. The Second Army soldiers of Fort Meade provide the opposition.

Coach Con Davis, new guide for Washington and Lee's

Meade-Men Boast Impressive Record

Second Army's basketball team, which will be in Lexington, this weekend for games with Washington and Lee University and Virginia Military Institute, has won 14 of the 15 games played thus far.

The Soldiers rolled up 13 consecutive wins before dropping their first game to the Wheeling, W. Va., Blues, of the All-American Professional League, by a 95 to 55 score.

Second Army left on its current road trip with 11 victories in the record book. Ten of these were over independent teams in the Baltimore area while the 11th came at the expense of Geneva College, of Beaver Falls, Pa.

In the first game on the road, Second Army took a 61 to 41 decision over the Cumberland, Md., Dukes, another All-American League entry, then followed with a 100 to 46 win over the Monessen, Pa., All Stars.

After losing to Wheeling, the Soldiers hit the comeback trail Tuesday night by defeating Meyers' Pumps, of Ashland, Ohio, 26 to 68.

Second Army in its first 15 games has rolled up a total of 1,114 points for an average of 74 points per game while its opponents have tallied a total of 605, or an average of 40 points a contest.

Five of Second Army's players have scored over a hundred points and one is nearing the 200 mark. This quintet has scored a total of 680 points thus outscoring the opposition by 75 points.

Heading this band of high scor-

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court fortunes is optimistic over the oncoming battle. He has good cause to be. Thirteen players were used in the two previous encounters, showing the unusual depth of the squad. The Generals will be definite favorites when the two teams take the floor.

Four sophomores and one senior will likely compose the starting quintet for the Comets. Still experimenting with different combinations at the outset of the cage campaign, Coach Davis has a tentative line up of Jay Handlan and Tal Trammel at the forward posts, Dave Hedge at center, and Joe Auer and Chuck Grove at the guards.

Bob Goldsmith, one of the state's high scorers during the past two campaigns, started the last two games at center, but was handicapped by lack of adequate glasses. Goldsmith is getting a pair of contact lenses, and may be able to play in the coming contest.

Auer is the only senior in the starting lineup. Although Handlan held the scoring honors, it was Auer's last minute surge that beat Wake Forest. Many W&L students will remember the same type of play that defeated Roanoke College on the home floor last year.

The opening with the soldiers will mark the second time in as many seasons that the army quint has been on the W&L floor. Last year W&L won, 73-48.

Handlan, all-state forward in his first year in collegt basketball,

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GENERALIZING

By Hunter Lane, Jr. '50 Grid Slate Released; Sconce Scorns Scales

This might be called a smorgas-borg column because of the variety of its content, though the only Swedish flavor it contains must be found in the helpful comments of that admiral-in chief of the W&L galleys which went into its compilation. This transition period in the sporting year offers such a variety of athletic activity within Doremus Gymnasium that deciding which team to make a few profound observation on is a real problem. This dilemma has resulted in the following conglomeration of facts, with a little fiction thrown in for spice... Although the General's 1950 grid schedule has not been officially announced, reliable source has it that it will include a tenth game with an undisclosed opponent and will see Georgia Tech replaced by Tennessee (at Knoxville) and George Washington by the University of Louisville (at Louisville). The Furman, and

Virginia games will definitely be played on Wilson Field, with a possibility of the V. P. I. game being moved here (this is pure rumor)... We noted with satisfaction that Chuck Holt and Talbot Trammel were both placed on the Delaware all-opponents team... In thrashing the Demon Deacons of Wake Forest 61-54, the Blue Comets employed a new combination in the line-up whose effectiveness is indicated by the score. Coach Davis moved Hedge into the keyhole slot which has been occupied so productively by Bouncing Bob Goldsmith for the past two years and left Handlan and Trammel in the forward spots, Auer and Pierson at guards. We doubt whether a basketballer of Goldy's talents will be left to adorn the bench for very long, but it's certainly comforting to know that there is sufficient abundance of

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32 Footballers Receive Monograms; Soccer, Cross-Country Stars Honored

Varsity monograms to 32 football players, 14 soccer squad members and five cross country men have been awarded by the Washington and Lee committee on athletics.

Football monogram winners are: Gene Bennett, Hinton, W. Va.; Gil Bocetti, McKeesport, Pa.; Jim Carpenter, Johnson City, N. Y.; Jim Combs, Penns Grove, N. J.; Robert Conard, Huntington, W. Va.; Jack Crawford, Kingsport, Tenn.; Frank Davidson, Lexington; Jim Fahey, Cumberland, Md.; Don Fergusson, Richmond; Fred George, New Kensington, Pa.; Paul Giordanni, Vandergrift, Pa.; Bob Goldsmith, Beckley, W. Va.; Larry Hall, Beckley, W. Va.; Dave Hedge, Jeffersonville, Ind.; Charlie Holt, Massillon, O.; Jerry Jack, Martinsburg, W. Va.; John Kay, Charleston, W. Va.; Jack Kernecklian, Richmond; Ray Leister, Arlington; Vic Marler, Eddystone, Pa.; Henry Mastriann, Massillon, Ohio; Joe McCutcheon, Charleston, W. Va.; Walt Michaels, Swoyerville, Pa.; Herb Miller, Petersburg; Mike Radulovic, McKeesport, Pa.; Dick Schaub, Elms Grove, W. Va.; Bob Smith, Conneaut, Ohio; Charles Smith, Beckley, W. Va.; Jim Stark, Mt. Hope, W. Va.; Roland Thompson, Arlington; Talbot Trammel, Miami, Fla.; Dave Waters, Huntington, W. Va.; and Delaney Way, manger, Orlando, Fla.

Soccer lettermen: James Trundle, Ashton, Md.; Peter Muhlenberg, Wyomissing, Pa.; Dave Croyder, Cragmoor, N. Y.; Bruce Parkinson, Pelham, N. Y.; Robert Van Buren, Plainfield, N. J.; Dan Woolridge, Lakewood, Ohio; Russell

Thomas, Darien, Conn.; William Bolen, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Richard Rosenfield, Brookline, Mass.; Julian Gillespie, Washington; Horace Dietrich, Baltimore, Md.; Kenneth Rockwell, Asheville, N. C.; John Greene, Atlanta, Ga.; Richard Pizitz, Birmingham; and Prewitt Nelson, manager, Baton Rouge, La.

Cross country lettermen: Gordon Iler, Vincennes, Ind.; George Leavitt, Rye, N. Y.; Ted Van Leer, Glen Ridge, N. J.; Echols Hansberger, Charleston, W. Va.; Yates Trotter, Monticello, Ark.; and Francis Hare, manager, Carrysbrook, Virginia.

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material this year to permit Coach Davis to jiggle his players around without decreasing the team's efficiency. The Comets play their first Conference home game against George Washington on December 19... From the lean and hungry looks which are currently masking the gaunt faces of Coach Obie Day's deflating matmen, it is obvious that the opening match is drawing nigh. From here on in, the self-imposed hunger strike is on; they will begin to exist on rations which would make the late Mahatma Gandhi seem something of a glutton. A pitiable example is Joe Seance, the "king of sweat," who every year has more trouble making weight than Johnny Weismuller. During the off-season, Joe indulges his prodigious appetite to such an extent that he resembles a diminutive Sidney Greenstreet when he reports for practice. The greater part of this wretched flab is absorbed in the practice-mat, but the last stubborn pounds must be removed the hard way; i.e., by giving up food and drink, and skipping rope in the steam-filled shower room. At last report Joe had peeled off twenty pounds and had about ten to go. "Don't cry, Joe."... We were shocked by the placards around town announcing V.M.I.'s forthcoming "Blood Bowl." We certainly hope its for a good cause. (rumor has it that Gerry (Cecil B.) Stephens is demanding royalties.)

Fort Meade's Record

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ers in Cpl. Bill Chaff, former University of West Virginia player, who has dumped in 180 points in 15 games. He is followed by Pvt. Al Campbell, ex-Kentucky court

ace, who has 156 points to his credit. Next comes Pvt. Art Edinger, former pro star from Wisconsin, who has tallied 125 points. Edinger has turned in the highest number of points in any one game his 26 against Meyers' Pump. The fourth highest scorer is Pvt. Erick Magnusson, an Indiana semi-pro product, who has scored 108 points, and the fifth man to go over the 100 mark is Pvt. Andy Skvoretz, ex-Lafayette College court captain, who has tallied 101 points.

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Committee Report
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that some of the recipient groups have not been as active as others in giving the student something for his money. It is not the wish of the committee to point out in particular which organizations this opinion has been directed, for it is our belief that each organization knows of what its activity has consisted. We wish to point out, how-

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ever, that each organization sharing in Campus Tax proceeds is an important part of that plan, and that if the plan is to succeed, each part must live up to the purpose of the plan and contribute to its success.

Comets Face Meade
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showed in the two openers that he has lost none of the skill that netted him 370 points last season.

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You'd hardly associate carbon monoxide with anti-freeze. But at temperatures from 300 to 450°C. and under pressures of 1500 to 15,000 pounds per square inch, carbon monoxide and hydrogen unite to form methanol—a colorless liquid from which is made "Zerone" anti-rust anti-freeze for automobiles. From methanol and carbon monoxide as raw materials, ethylene glycol for "Zerex" anti-freeze is produced.



A. H. Emery, Jr., M.S. Ch.E., M.I.T. '49 and M. J. Roedel, Ph.D. Org., Michigan '40 inspecting a high-pressure batch reactor taken from the shaker tube assembly after a run to make 3,5,5-trimethylhexanol.

and high-pressure chemical techniques have been highly developed, carbon monoxide has become a keystone of industrial synthesis.

Scientists have found that under the proper conditions of high pressure and temperature, carbon monoxide, in combination with other substances, can be converted to a variety of useful products. These or their derivatives range from an acid used in tanning hides to the sparkling plastics in milady's boudoir.

Plastics and Anti-Freeze
Methanol is used also to make a large number of compounds such as formaldehyde and methyl methacrylate. The former goes into urea-phenol-formaldehyde plastics for light fixtures, radio cabinets, hardware, utensils, and electrical equipment. The latter is the basic material for "Lucite" acrylic resin with its many uses.



R. L. Stearns, B.S. Ch.E., Yale '49 and H. Peterson, B.S. Ch.E., Northeastern Univ. '42 checking a multi-stage carbon monoxide compressor used in semi-works operations.

The reaction of methanol with carbon monoxide leads to acetic acid, which is a well-known industrial chemical. By the same synthesis but substituting ethanol for methanol, propionic acid is obtained. From it come the "Mycoban" sodium and calcium propionates that retard mold and rope in bakery products.

Synthesis in the Future
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A. J. Hill, Jr., Ph.D. Org., Yale '44 and F. F. Holub, Ph.D. Org., Duke '49 carrying out an experiment on a new method for purifying carbon monoxide. The large furnace in this apparatus operates at 1200°C.

pressures. However, the possibilities have by no means been exhausted. Just recently, for example, chemists have been learning how to use carbon monoxide in "up-grading" certain petroleum hydrocarbons to give interesting alcohols. One of these, 3,5,5-trimethylhexanol, is prepared from diisobutylene by reaction with carbon monoxide and hydrogen.

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