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## The Greatest American

Death has claimed the greatest American of our time, stilling a mighty voice in the cause of human freedom.

In his indomitable courage in the expression of his convictions, which were never altered by narrow partisanship or political expediency, Wendell Willkie stands as a great liberal, bold, not of frustration, cynicism, or prejudice; in his passionate devotion to freedom for men of all races and creeds; in his deep faith in America and its progress; and in his broad-visioned internationalism, Wendell L. Willkie had no equal in American public life.

In many respects, Wendell Willkie was a tragic figure.

We might consider him the victim of a tragic paradox of the American political system—that a man of vision, of keen intellect, of noble stature as a statesman should be sacrificed on the altar of petty politics between government and private enterprises which made America great; nor with the Southern Bourbons, among the foremost in the forces of reaction.

We believe that the tragedy of Willkie lies more, however, in another basic defect of American politics—that there was no political party spiritually big enough for him.

Surely Wendell Willkie could find no comfort in the so-called Democratic party. He could never have been at home among the New Dealers, stirring up class against class and race against race, cynical, irresponsible, scornful of the "outmoded" processes of representative government and private enterprises which made America great; nor with the Southern Bourbons, among the foremost in the forces of reaction.

The Republican party was 30 years behind his greatest statesman, and consequently repudiated him. There was no spiritual harvest for Willkie in this party, stand-pat and obstruction, no hope for progress among men who look back.

Progress is the heart of the Willkie philosophy. Wendell Willkie wanted to carry America forward—forward to a broader political and economic democracy, to responsible representative government, to greater productivity and opportunity, forward to its place in the One World which he envisioned. Does not America cry out to a party to carry Willkie's philosophy? Can we not establish a genuinely progressive movement in this nation, without attracting the cynics, crackpots, bleeding-heart liberals, agitators, and revolutionaries who have attached themselves to the New Deal and stagnation?

It is not enough for us who believed in Wendell Willkie as the leader of American progressivism to mourn the loss of his courageous and constructive statesman and to eulogize his tremendous fortitude and rugged honesty. Dead before his prime, he has left us a challenge: to carry high the banners of his cause of progress in America. If we do not accept that challenge, we shall not fail Wendell Willkie alone; we shall fail America.

The spirit of this shining character in the Great American Drama, whose role though brief was magnificent, must live on in the ultimate realization of the ideals for which he fought.

## Should Closed Night Be Opened?

Several years ago, coeds asked for one night a week during which there was to be no dating, meetings could be held, a sense of unity among members of the Woman's College fostered.

Now, however, coeds seem to see more of each other than ever. We hesitate to say that this is because of the war; whatever the reason, the "sense of unity" is present, seems to need no further developing.

More than ever, and possibly for the same reason, more out-of-town dates, always cause for breaking of closed night by individuals, seem to appear on Monday nights.

WSGA, sorority meetings, and monthly class meetings manage to use up most of every Monday night. These meetings are all compulsory. Coeds obviously cannot be on a date and at a meeting on the same night; excuses from these meetings would have to be obtained in any case. For this reason, the "closed night" rule will probably not affect attendance at these meetings to any great extent.

In addition, almost fifty per cent of the Woman's College student body is independent, and will not be forced to remain in the dormitories merely because other coeds are attending sorority meetings.

Next Monday night, a call meeting of the WSGA at 6:45 will determine the fate of future Monday nights. Since the practical purpose of closed night is to be met, are no longer obvious, the granting of many permissions will be avoided, fairness will be shown to independents, and abolition of what seems to us a preparatory school rule will be the result should coeds vote away their closed night.—H. Y. K.

## Out of the Masthead

AS WENDELL WILLKIE lay dying last week, President Roosevelt's hand-picked Throbberton, Harry Truman, was holding the fort in a public address. "A statesman is only a dead politician," I heard him say.

It seems bitterly ironic, in a time when so desperately high quality of statesmanship is required, that the nation should have lost the leadership of Wendell Willkie and yet have as a candidate for a high public office one of the most mediocre politicians who may soon see the light of day.

It is the Student Government that has been the high point in the high position in the land, the one office above all where statesmanship is the prime necessity.

We fervently hope that Fortune will never thus smile on this man "who never wants to be a statesman" and who, but for a business failure in the depression of 1921, would still be operating a zinc store in Kansas City. For that matter, he would seem to be far more at home there than he ever would be in the White House.

WE MAY BE OPEN to criticism on the grounds that our editorial page has been too much with national matters and not enough with campus problems. Our answer is (1) There are few campus problems now which we consider worthy of our jurisdiction to discuss. We refuse to wage our campaign to be in the carillon and root-for-the night campaign; though a civil war old line, and not a very good one; we have no desire to publish sensational exposes on the number of rats in Eppworth; we are tired of jumping on DOS and other slandering groups.

Only one thing might have been said to the general public, with an engineer, a best man or anybody else who happens to be throwing a dance. The night of the V-12er in blues no longer indicates one of the brethren about to join the ranks of the dead departed. . . .

After six semesters, we have finally achieved the ideal of a student-run paper. Now if only we can talk the powers-that-be out of those restrictive formations. . . .

Hundred of sailors and marines are leaving this city of ignoble ease at the end of the semester. The Duke is well. But as the administration is as bad as anybody to see these boys leaving. After all, if you don't graduate them, they can hardly be blamed. And if you don't have alumni, how can you build a new program to support a football team after the war? . . .

For those who prefer to see rather than hear Duke play football, the White squad will tear up the turf and make Henry in the stadium tomorrow.

Twelve coeds, finding themselves as broke as the rest of the student body, are now resorting to cooing labor this week but found after a while that the student body had earned only 1616 per pigtail. . . .

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## Letters to the Chronicle

To the Editor: I have just read your interesting article, "Duke Spirit at Large," of the September 29 issue. The response, in a return, upon the attitude of the pre-war Duke undergraduate. As the thought represented because clear, these occurred to me a problem that no doubt confronts many at Duke in the Navy program.

All of us, as you know, did not begin our college career at Duke. In my particular case there are two other colleges that might claim me as a son. Nevertheless, I have in my stay at Duke found a little of what it stands for still extant in the varied patterns that present themselves under the wartime conditions. I too have come to love the Duke. Duke enigma so fondly recalls.

That these things will be interesting to other service men needs little proof. The problem of returning to Duke after the war is a problem for us a return uncertain one with a solution that thus far has not been presented. It is an accepted fact that the Administration of the University has been considerably thought on the postwar period, but it would be very comforting to

## The Case For Roosevelt

The Chronicle will publish two articles on the coming national election by students, one supporting the reelection of President Roosevelt and the other for Governor Dewey. The first, by Mary Snow Eldridge, is "The Case for Roosevelt." The Dewey article will appear Nov. 1.

BY MARY SNOW ELDREDGE  
"We are faced this year with a choice between philosophies of life. We believe that the choice is between the destruction of something which we have called the New Deal, and the installation of a pseudo-liberalism. The New Deal is a philosophy of life and a person is more important in a civilization than property, is the thing which is standing the test. In the international field, the choice is simply between a good world and a bad world. The New Deal has been officially declared dead, we predict that within the next two weeks Mr. Roosevelt will outline a program on conservation of natural resources that will make the New Deal the beginning it was. Normally the Republican party is reactionary, and the liberalist just which seems to have blown over Mr. Dewey is perhaps the result of the completed Gallup poll.

Because we don't believe that we will be the Commander-in-Chief of this war it is the issue, though it might well be, we will make assumption that the military strategy is well-defined and set. Therefore our first consideration is what we can expect in this country and in the international field. The past is often indicative of the future, so let's look at our past record of what we have had for the past twelve years.

The administration took a banking system which had 5,770 failures in four years of Hoover, with a loss to depositors and stockholders of more than three billions of dollars and restored confidence, eliminated failures, and insured losses.

Through the HOLC it saved some 3,000,000 homes from foreclosure by an investment of 65,000,000 dollars and a net cost in the long run. It fought slums, led the public credit to build new homes through the FHA, electrified thousands of many farms in the last eight years, and 100,000 men had been electrified in the fifty years before.

Then through the irrigation of arid land, tackled the Dust Bowl problem, they saved 3,500,000 acres and through soil conservation methods 20,000,000 acres of depleted, eroded land are now useful. The administration built TVA and its twenty-two dams which saved 650 mile valley lands from the Colorado and the Roosevelt dams.

The social security act with all its benefits, the enlightened child labor laws we believe in the administration, the administration saved business. In 1932, 32,000 small businesses failed. In 1933, 20,000 failed. In 1934, 10,000 failed. In 1935, 10,000 failed. In 1936, 10,000 failed. In 1937, 10,000 failed. In 1938, 10,000 failed. In 1939, 10,000 failed. In 1940, 10,000 failed. In 1941, 10,000 failed. In 1942, 10,000 failed. In 1943, 10,000 failed. In 1944, 10,000 failed. In 1945, 10,000 failed. In 1946, 10,000 failed. In 1947, 10,000 failed. In 1948, 10,000 failed. In 1949, 10,000 failed. In 1950, 10,000 failed. In 1951, 10,000 failed. In 1952, 10,000 failed. In 1953, 10,000 failed. In 1954, 10,000 failed. In 1955, 10,000 failed. In 1956, 10,000 failed. In 1957, 10,000 failed. In 1958, 10,000 failed. In 1959, 10,000 failed. In 1960, 10,000 failed. In 1961, 10,000 failed. In 1962, 10,000 failed. In 1963, 10,000 failed. In 1964, 10,000 failed. In 1965, 10,000 failed. 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# The Sporting Scene

By HARRY E. BEAUDOUIN, JR.

## Navy Plays Host To Rugged Foe

Navy faces the Duke Blue Devils in Baltimore Stadium tomorrow afternoon in the sixth game of a series which began in 1927. The middies have emerged victorious from every meeting but one, the 1930 contest in which our Devils registered an 18-0 shutout. Last year the two institutions resumed relations for the first time in thirty years and Navy, outplayed most of the way, provided the Blue and White with its only defeat of the season by winning out, 14-13, in the most thrill-packed game of the entire series.

The midshipmen, by virtue of their convincing triumph over Penn State last week, are favored to win Saturday. In pre-season press releases they were touted as "the greatest collection of football talent ever assembled." Better than half of the players on the Navy roster have performed at other colleges. Ralph Ellsworth, who is a lightning-fast halfback, won a first-string position on the All-Southwest Conference eleven last year as a member of the Texas Tech team. Hal Hamberg, the 150-pound backfield sparkplug, is an ex-Arkansas star, and tackle Don Whitmore, who is being plugged for an all-American berth, was a starter for Alabama's Crimson Tide long before he thought of entering the Naval Academy. They are just a few.

On the basis of comparative scores, however, tomorrow's ball game could be considered something of a toss-up. N. C. Pre-Flight stopped Navy two weeks by a 21-14 score and last Saturday noosed out the Blue Devils 13-6. Navy Scout Ray Swartz, who has been giving the Duke a thorough looking over, said early this week that our lads made an even better showing against the Cloudbusters than did the middies.

Although it muted several opportunities to score last week, the Duke team turned in a creditable performance against Otto Graham and company. The Devils blocked and tackled more convincingly and the pass defense showed considerable improvement. They are coming along, and we doubt that either the Navy coaches or players are taking the Academy's selection as favorite territory very seriously. They realize, we think, that the Blue Devils are in a position to give them a mighty rough afternoon.

## Speaking Of Unsung Heroes

Everybody knows what a junior varsity is—they're the guys who would have made the team at any other school. They're the guys who take their lumps on the practice field five days a week and don't play on Saturday. They're the guys who make the varsity what it is. Invariably, they are the guys with the most fight and team spirit on the entire squad.

Well, tomorrow afternoon, here in Duke Stadium, these fellows will be given the opportunity to strut their stuff, and before a paying crowd. They are Duke football players—that means they're good. When they square off against Emory and Henry tomorrow, at 3 o'clock, we would like to see a Duke cheering section in the stands as large as any that has been present at a varsity game, because these fellows really rate it.

Just because the varsity Blue Devils are away in Baltimore fighting it out with Navy over the weekend, that doesn't mean Duke grid fans will have to go without a football game of their own. There will be a mighty good one in the stadium Saturday, so turn out for it.

## The Guy Doesn't Know When To Give Up

Last weekend we registered a none too impressive 750 on our pickup signs. We guessed wrong on the Cornell-Yale and Michigan-Minnesota affairs. This, however, is considerably better than we ever dreamed we would do. And so, this inspired, we have decided to take another whack at the outta boys.

COLUMBIA vs. YALE—Both eleven, in thumping Syracuse and Cornell respectively, showed unexpected versatility. This one should be a real battle, but considering the fact that a Bulldog is no match for a Lion, we will stand by Lou Little's lightweight. One vote for Columbia.

PURDUE vs. IOWA PRE-FLIGHT—We concede the fact that a Bollweaver is a rugged proposition, whether served up across a bar or on a gridiron, but the Iowa Seahawks upset All-American Glenn Dobbs' aptly named Second Air Force "Superbombers" last week. On the strength of that feat, one vote for Iowa Pre-Flight.

NORTH CAROLINA vs. CHERRY POINT MARINES—The Tar Heels looked a lot better against Georgia Tech than the 26-0 score would indicate. They are due for a victory and we think they have enough to stop the leathernecks. One hopeful vote for Carolina.

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# Devils Face Favored Navy Eleven In Baltimore; Navy Faces Entertainers and Heavy in Stadium

## Trinity Jay-Vees Make Home Debut Against Virginians

By PAUL VOYCE  
Duke's "White Devils" and gridders from Emory and Henry will tangle in the Duke Stadium tomorrow afternoon. Kickoff time is scheduled for 3 p.m.

This encounter will be the second of the season for the Duke Jay-Vees. Two weeks ago they moved down to New River to battle the Martins. A Camp Lejeune powerhouse forced a 6-0 victory over the Duketons.

Chief Specialists Adams and Locke, acting coaches this Saturday, have named Jimmy Bortner, Mike Ressler, Howard Reynolds, Mike Bortner as the starting backs. Bortner at tailback will handle the passing and the running in the White Squad attack. He was a stand-out in the Lejeune contest for the Duke. Ralph Di Giovanni, who also showed up well in the first game, will alternate with Bortner at the tailback spot.

Starting on the line will be Clyde Bryant and Danny Hayden at the ends, G. L. Smith and Ed Whitsitt at the tackles, Lee Smith and Po Jilcott at the guards, and Hudson Meacham at center. The line will be the Duke's main strength in the tackle from last year's White Squad which won three out of three encounters.

Duke students must present their athletic books for admission to the game. Admission for the general public will be fifty cents.

## Hafback George Clark Latest Duke Discovery

By DAVID SCENCK  
A fourth-string hopeful at the season's start, tall, good-natured George Clark now holds down the principal tailback spot on Eddie Cameron's current Blue Devils team, and with only two college football games under his belt.

A solid-built 19-year-old, George stands 5-foot, 11-inch, and weighs in at 170. He is Duke's highest scorer at the moment and one of our foremost offensive linemen. His upward appearance on a gridiron in intercollegiate competition was during the opener with Richmond. Although he subbed for both Cliff Lewis and J. C. Kennard, he carried the load of 15 yards in ten touchdowns that day, and proved to both coaches and spectators that he would bear considerable watching in future engagements.

When the Cloudbusters kicked off in the fourth quarter last Saturday, following their second touchdown, George scooped up the bounding pigskin on his own ten-yard line, raced straight up the field, cut hard for the sideline, and kept on steaming until Otto Graham caught up with him and pushed him off out of bounds on the Pre-Flight 18. Clark then picked a strike to Clark Jones which was good for a touchdown, only one score of the day. It was a brilliant exhibition of one-man scoring drive.

## Intramural Grid Slate Concluded

Sparked by Stanley Dale Clark, former varsity Blue Devil halfback, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity captured the Division Intramural football championship this week and met House E, of Division Two in the playoffs this afternoon.

SAE went into today's playoffs boasting an undefeated record. Last Monday afternoon, on the freshman football field, they stopped a strong NROTC eleven by a 6-0 score. Clark, a marine trainee from William and Mary, was the star in the victory. The Delta team was in the end zone midway in the first half for the touchdown.

In the second half, the NROTC, paced by Jack Simon and Mike Kusturina, launched a spirited attack in hopes of overcoming the deficit but this was effectively thwarted by the SAE secondary. Before its defeat the NROTC had an unblemished record, with three victories.

On Wednesday, SAE tangled with Delta Tau Delta and the Violets again today, this time by an 18-0 count. The SAE team was bolstered considerably by the presence of Tommy Pettit in the starting lineup. Pettit is also a former varsity tailback.

The Delta team seriously threatened in this game and the ball was kept in their territory most of the time. The victors picked up two touchdowns in the first half.



GEORGE CLARK

In campus life George is a member of Naval ROTC, president of Beta Omega Sigma, a sophomore honor society, and a Sigma Chi. He joined the Navy in July of 1943. He is also a tenor of no mean distinction in both the Duke choir and Glee Club.

George is a talented baseball player as well as a footballer.

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## Carrying The Mail For The Whites

By DAVID SCENCK  
The Duke and University of North Carolina aggression battle to a 2-2 stalemate last Tuesday afternoon on the Duke field.

At the conclusion of the regular sixty-minute contest, the score was tied up at two goals apiece and the teams played through two five-minute overtime periods but still no decisive tally could be made. Horst Helgeson, the former Icelandic soccer star, stood out both offensively and defensively for the Devils. Helgeson scored the first goal of the battle midway in the initial period, following an exchange of long-range books between both teams.

The Tar Heels came back strongly and pushed two goals past goalie Levy of the Blue and White to lead at the halftime mark, 2-1.

The second half was marked by nip-and-tuck scrapping at both camps. Neither team, however, could seem to penetrate the other's defense. Play was hard and fast and it appeared that the Devils would hold their lead.

Duke's Dick Harkness, however, a veteran of two seasons on Trinity soccer squads, finally succeeded in driving one through the Carolina net with just a few minutes of play remaining in the ball game. This tied things up at 2-2.

## Statistics Released On Devil Grid Team

By HARRY E. BEAUDOUIN, JR.  
Wayne Pennington, of the Duke News Service, this week compiled and released some rather interesting statistics concerning our striving Blue Devils. These statistics cover both individual and team play.

Of the regular backs, Tom Davis leads in the rushing department with an average of 4.8 yards per try. He has carried the mail 44 times for a net gain of 212 yards. George Baltaris, Davis' replacement who has seen limited service because of leg ailments has picked up 41 yards in seven attempts for a 6.6 yard average. Jim Larue, also injured, has traveled 53 yards in four tries for a 13.3 average. Cliff Lewis, now out of action, accounted for 116 yards in nine carries for an average of 13 yards per go. J. C. Kennard and George Clark, our present tailbacks have four and three yard ratings, respectively.

Clark leads in passing, having connected on two out of four heaves for 58 yards and is followed by Kennard, who has completed one of four for 37 yards. Davis has made good three out of six for 32 yards.

Davis, surprisingly enough, has out-kicked Carver. The Duke fullback's four punts have netted 182 yards, for an average of 45.5 yards per boot. Carver has kicked on 15 occasions for 224 yards, which gives him a rating of 26.8. Kennard has punted once, a booming 53-yard effort.

Carver, however, has so far shown himself to be our most capable pass receiver and has snagged three aerials for a net gain of 80 yards. Larue has accounted for 54 yards on one pass, which he received from Clark in the Richmond game.

As for individual scoring, Clark heads the list with three touchdowns and 10 points. Baltaris, Davis, and Carver have 12 points apiece. Harold Rother, our place kicking specialist, has made good eight out of eleven conversions.

The team itself has outscored its three opponents 74 to 38, and has also out-rushed them, 680 yards to 340. The opposition has badly out-passed Duke, however, picking up 283 aerial yards to the Blue Devil's 182. Duke holds a lead in first down, 38 to 25.

Clark's 72-yard gallop on a kickoff return again Pre-Flight last week is the longest run yet recorded. This is followed by the 58-yard jump which Lewis registered in the opener. Second-string center Ed Sharkey led in puns intercepting two, and on which he has accumulated a gain of 29 yards.

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## Back In Shape

The Navy backfield, which gained 108 yards in 1943 against a Duke line which itself included two All-Americans, remains in tact except for the loss of three or four men. Bob Jenkins, a colorful tailback from Alabama, holds down the first string position. Jim Pettit, who does the 100-yard dash in 9.6, will run from wingback. Pettit displayed his speed as a member of the Navy track team which performed in Duke Stadium last spring. Captain Ben Chase, a guard, a hard hitting blocker, and Dick Dutton, the blocker, round out the middle backfield. Behind these men Coach Oscar Hagberg will use all-in Jim Hamberg, 1943 backfield spark, along with Dick Ambro, transfer from Pennsylvania, Ralph Ellsworth, and Dave Barkdale, All-Southern blocker from U.S.

George Clark, Duke's leading scorer, played brilliantly in the closing minutes of the Pre-Flight game and may be the one to break away from Navy's iron forwards. Injuries have continued to hamper last season.

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