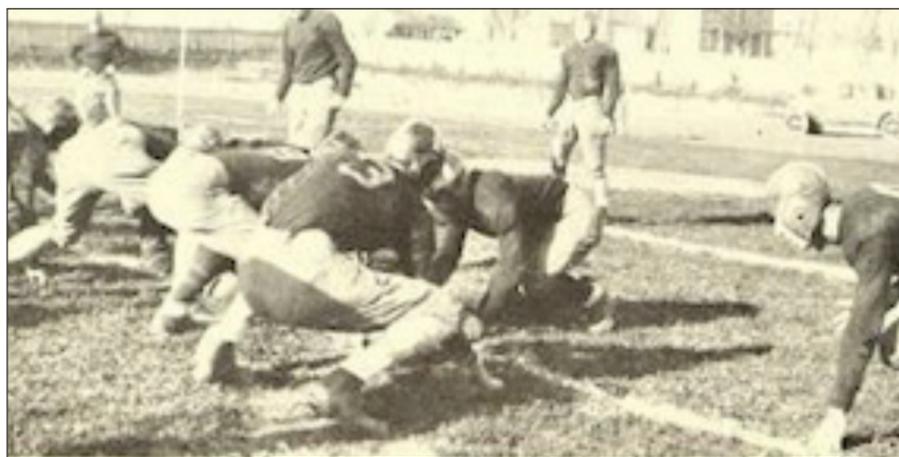
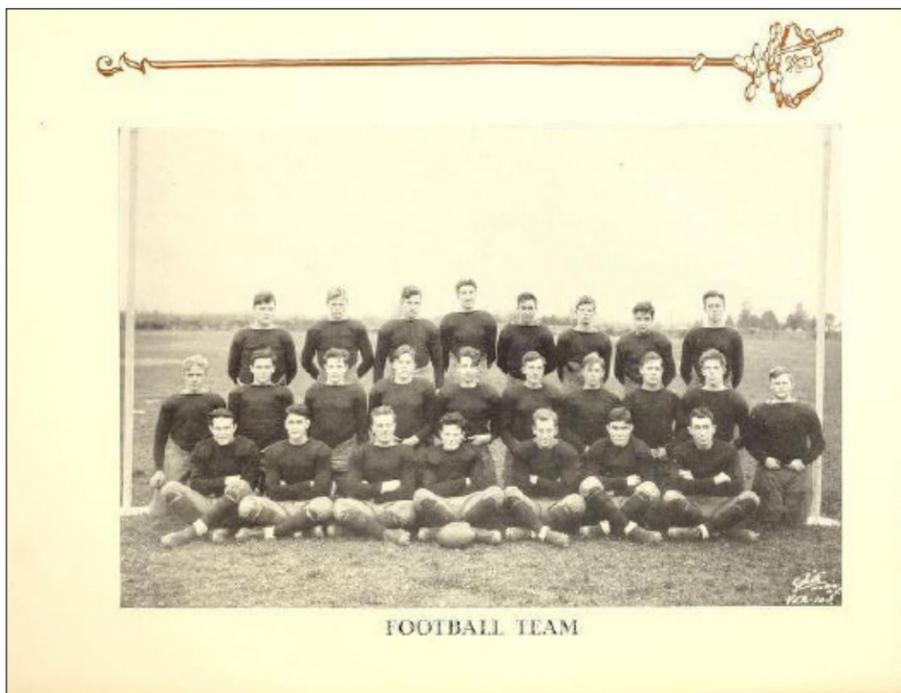


Washington College adds football for the fall 2020 season

Athletic department finds funding for football team after lack of operation in spring 2020

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By JULPOD
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After the XFL decided to take off and create their new American Football League, our own Washington College Athletics decided to start recruiting for our own football team. The new Shoremen NCAA Division III football team is already starting to build their roster as they gear up for their first season at WC in decades.

They are currently on track to begin competition at the Roy Kirby Jr. Stadium and begin play in the Centennial Conference at the start of the fall semester.

With plenty of time off due to the coronavirus, the school has had time to plan out the logistics and funding for the team.

WC football is excited to join our other varsity sports that compose our athletic department.

“I wish they I knew that they were going to add a football team before I transferred,” said an anonymous ex-WC student.

The addition of a football team at WC is expected to have a positive impact on enrollment and retention rates for the school as many find themselves dissatisfied with the lack of sports atmosphere that is inherent at a small, Division III school like WC.

Junior Vincent Pacheco has already been named a team captain being the starting quarterback and sophomore, Omari Watkins is center passing the pig skin to our captain.

Our sophomores, Frankie Schofer and Ala Day, are the team’s managers, keeping our

The last Washington College football team that was last in action pre-WWII. The above picture is the WC team in the year 1930

team organized for their success. These geese are going to flock their way to a great season next semester and keep the American tradition of football under the Friday night lights.

“We cannot wait to see what our team does and how well they perform against our conference opponents,” said WC sports fanatic Fetty Wap.

WC has had an increased sports presence after the implementation of the new athletics team and be able to attract a more successful athletic squad.

“We look forward to not only a good first season but a great way to bring our school together after the long break we have had and the absence of sports from our lives for far too long,” said senior athletic director Cardi B.

If you’re curious to learn more about the new football team coming to WC in the fall of 2020 be sure to check the Washington College Varsity Athletic Page for the roster and schedule.

Trap and Skeet must find alternative to real guns

Due to a new liberal policy in the State of Maryland, real guns will be banned from the sport

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A new liberal policy just passed by the Maryland General Assembly prohibits the use of real guns by any varsity Trap and Skeet team statewide.

“It has become far too great of a danger to our society,” said Maryland Governor Larry Hogan. “These young individuals suffer a great risk of unintentional self-harm or harm to those around them when there is a presence of a real gun.”

This has angered Trap and Skeet teams all around the state of Maryland as they struggle to cope with the new policy while also finding alternatives so that their sport may continue.

A team at the University of Maryland recently tried out Nerf guns at their last invitational.

“You know the NERF Zombie Strike Sledge Fire Blaster wasn’t really strong enough,” said an anonymous varsity Trap and Skeet athlete at the University of Maryland. “But the NERF N-Strike Elite Data Trooper Blaster was probably the best. It was so powerful and really just got the job done.”

At St. Mary’s College of Maryland, they have also greatly struggled to find an alternative and have since turned to water guns in order to continue competition. Ironically, they have also been using predominately NERF products.

“The NERF Super Soaker Scatterblast Blaster has become a team favorite,” said a student at St. Mary’s College of Maryland. “It has really great range and accuracy and we look forward to implementing it into our program very



Washington College Trap and Skeet’s sophomore Lanning Tyrrel competes with a real gun for the last time at a home invitational.

soon.”

The other challenge that has come with the shift away from real guns to alternatives has been the cost.

This has put a huge financial strain on many colleges and universities nationwide as they struggle to cope with the demand for new equipment. Larger universities such as the University of Maryland are coping well, however, for smaller schools like Washington College it has become difficult to cope with the added cost.

“We are working diligently to find solutions to this new

demand,” said a senior staff member of WC that wished to remain anonymous. “We are weighing the options of using all kinds of guns similar to many other colleges and are trying to settle on the most cost-effective option for WC.”

WC’s current most popular and “cost-effective” option thus far has been laser guns. There would be no ammo to purchase, only the physical gun and the students will be able to compete in the Cain Gymnasium, with the lights out of course, to hit what will now be glow-in the dark saucers.

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