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## Football.

### THE TEAM LEAVES FOR KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE.

The team left yesterday afternoon to play a series of three games, the first with Central University in Louisville on Saturday; the second with Kentucky State College in Lexington on Tuesday, and the last with the University of Tennessee in Knoxville on Thursday.

In order to give the cripples a chance to limber up and recuperate, only light practice was gone through with for a few days preceding the boys' departure. Every afternoon, however, snappy signal practice was held ending with a few minutes line up against the scrubs. Moore, Harrison and McLeod are in pretty good shape again, and if, with the kind of ball the team is putting up now, we don't give the "Colonels" the wrong end of the stick, then we will stop prophesying.

We don't want to appear overconfident, for we realize that we are going up against a trio of strong teams, but we believe in our boys' ability, and we know that every man on the team will use his utmost endeavors to cluster the palms of victory around the banner of Washington and Lee.

Since Mr. Trenchard's advent the team has improved wonderfully and is now, we think, putting up the snappiest and swiftest game of any team in the state. We hope and expect so see this verified on Thanksgiving day when we meet Blacksburg in Roanoke.

The 'Varsity will get back home on next Friday and, whatever may be the outcome of the games, every man in college ought to be at the station to meet them and give them a rousing reception.

The men and subs. who were selected to go on the trip are as follows:

Captain, S. B. McPheeters of Columbia, S. C., plays his third year on the 'Varsity at right end. Weight 155 pounds. Age nineteen.

T. A. Bledsoe of Lexington, Va., plays his second year as left end.

Weight 155 pounds. Age eighteen. C. C. Neill, Charlottesville, Va., second year on the 'Varsity, plays left tackle. Weight 171 pounds. Age twenty-one years.

J. McConnell, Washington, D. C., captain of Western Maryland '98, plays left guard. Weight 212 pounds. Age nineteen.

R. H. Allen, Botetourt county, Va., plays as centre rush for the first season. Weight 155 pounds. Age twenty five.

C. F. Harrison, Leesburg, Va., first year at right guard. Weight 168 pounds. Age twenty-two.

E. McD. Moore, Lexington, Va., plays at right tackle for the second season. Weight 183 pounds. Age twenty.

E. P. Bledsoe, Lexington, Va., quarter back, second year on 'Varsity. Weight 148 pounds. Age twenty.

J. W. Lee, Lexington, Va., plays left half back for the second year. Weight 143 pounds. Age twenty.

G. S. Gaion of New Orleans, La., half back on McCab's school '98, plays right half back. Weight 158 pounds. Age nineteen.

John McLeod, Louisville, Ky., plays his first year on the 'Varsity as full back. Weight 149 pounds. Age twenty.

### SUBSTITUTES.

H. H. Martin, Midway, Ky., half back. Weight 147 pounds. Age nineteen.

A. G. Jenkins, Huntington, W. Va., half back. Weight 166 pounds. Age twenty-six.

E. D. Sloan, St. Louis, Mo., quarter back. Weight 150 pounds. Age twenty.

J. H. Elgin, Lynchburg, Va., centre rush. Weight 167 pounds. Age twenty-three.

L. R. Holmes, Lexington, Va., guard. Weight 175 pounds. Age eighteen.

J. O. Booker, Hampden-Sidney, full back. Weight 159 pounds. Age eighteen.

The average weight of the team is 172.5 pounds; the average age twenty years.

Sewance is making a strong bid for the championship of the South, winning recently five successive games without being scored against.

## Wednesday Morning.

President Wilson last Wednesday in his talk to the students dwelt upon three topics of interest. The interesting struggle in South Africa was again spoken of, the ability of the officers of both armies discussed and the events of the campaigns sketched.

The convening of congress in December with the important questions likely to come up in that body was called to the attention of the students.

By far the most interesting topic to the students, however, and the burden of his address was college athletics. A firm believer in the same, he spoke of the beneficial results attendant upon a college whose students indulge freely in vigorous athletic sports.

All intelligent men, he said, believe that college athletics are an omen of good promise to the American people. Not only is a vigorous and stalwart physical manhood produced, but these sports also play a large part in improving the morality of the student-body—providing a legitimate outlet for their surplus strength.

President Wilson dwelt on the game of football, showing that with the introduction of science it had now almost entirely lost that brutal and savage aspect which formerly characterized it.

After describing the wonderful growth of athletic sports in the American colleges, and the finances of the athletic associations in the northern institutions, he closed his address by wishing our football team a victorious trip into the enemy's country and a round of spontaneous applause evidenced the students' hearty appreciation of Mr. Wilson's remarks.

An humble Junior extends his compliments to the considerate Senior who constitutes himself spokesman for the Law Class of 1900. Yes, the action of the Junior Class relieves you (singular number) of adopting any other device. The present insignia of the class of 1901 will, doubtless, be of service to you next year.

AN HUMBLE JUNIOR.

## Literary Societies.

### THE WASH.

The meeting of the Wash. society last Saturday night was an especially interesting one. We were honored with a declamation by Mr. Eals of the law class, which was one of the best we have had this year. The literary program was carried out with the dignity and precision that is customary in our old society hall.

The question for debate was, Resolved, That the present jury system should be abolished, and it was handled admirably by the debaters on both sides. We extend to all a hearty invitation to come to our meetings, for we feel sure that all would enjoy the interesting literary topics that are discussed by the society.

### GRAHAM-LEE.

New officers were sworn in last Saturday night: Mr. McNeil as president, Mr. Gish, vice-president. Both responded to the calls for speeches.

The question for debate was party allegiance, as preferable to independent action in politics. It was ably debated on both sides.

The society then turned to the head of election of orators, debaters and officers for Jan. 19, 1900. Mr. Ott was elected president of celebration, Mr. Glass and Mr. Preston, orators; Messrs. Lauck, Biggs, Faierson and Moore, debaters.

The work of the society is, on the whole, very creditable, and the men are fulfilling their duties promptly and well, as a general thing.

A little more strictness in collecting fines would not be amiss, as fines are always one of the first essentials of a good society.

A devotee of Kipling, who spends his spare moments in the study of law, on going into class recently quoted the passage from the "Recessional,"

"Oh Lord of Hosts be with us yet,  
Lest we forget, lest we forget."

On coming out an hour later he amended it as follows:

"Oh Lord of Hosts you're with us not  
For we forgot, for we forgot."

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A man who has convictions, and stands up for them, we admire, even though he be wrong. Infinitely more do we admire a man who is not ashamed to acknowledge himself wrong and is not ashamed to change his ideas, if such a course be proper. A man who allows himself to be bound down to a rule without sense or justice, is a slave to mere formalism and the less said of such a one the more complimentary it will be. We do not wish to appear in the role of fault-finder-in-chief, but we do think that some uniform rule should be adopted by the faculty in regard to absences and the like which would allow less latitude for the indulgence of the personal idiosyncracies of certain professors.

**Ideas.**

Never run down your rival, for if he wins it bespeaks badly for your own attainments.

Conviction of a man's integrity is hardly as substantial as the expedient of good security, when bankruptcy is pleaded.

If blue and white don't strike you as a pretty combination, don't combine the blue with any other color while in college. It is very poor taste and is apt to give you unenviable notoriety.

Support another's enterprise and he will support yours.

If you take a man's word, take it on paper. He might die or plead the statute of frauds.

Give others your ideas but not

how you came by them. The others might have the same books in their own libraries.

If a thought suddenly strikes you, do not throw your hand up to your head and look as though you were in pain. The bystanders might think it a rare occurrence.

God seems to be on the side that don't play "Guards back."

If your professor don't always agree with what you say in a recitation, remember that he has the book in front of him and is in a better position to know what is correct.

When you are painting George Washington, don't imagine you are doing anything against the faculty. They would have been put to the expense of buying a new George long ago if our predecessors had not invented that means for his preservation.

**Mr. Burks Introduced to the Law Class.**

Wednesday night Professor Tucker's charming home, "Col Alto," was a scene of much gaiety and feasting, for he had his charges there to introduce them to their new instructor, Mr. Burks of Bedford City. Both of the law classes were out in force to see what the trustees had steered them up against and to taste the cheer for which Col Alto is justly famous. Mr. Burks met the imposing array of future lawyers without a tremor and left in each one the feeling that the trustees could not have made a better choice. Fried oysters and other such aids to good feeling were then served by some of Lexington's fairest daughters, and the party adjourned to the parlors where songs, jests, merry badinage and cigars were enjoyed to a late hour.

Mr. Tucker was assisted in receiving the guests by President Wilson, Mr. Penick of the Lexington bar, who will have charge of the Moot court, and Professor Vance, while the mere mention of Mr. John L. Campbell's presence is a guarantee that the evening was made more enjoyable to both old and young.

With regrets that such pleasures should come to an end the members of the class returned to their homes convinced that Mr. Tucker is a delightful host and a charming entertainer as well as an admirable instructor.

**Personals and Briefs.**

"Pat" Harlow is in town visiting his old stamping grounds.

Mr. J. W. S. Tucker has returned to college after an absence of about five weeks, during which time he was having his eyes treated.

Dr. Jas. Lewis Howe attended the Botetourt court this week to give expert testimony in a criminal case of poisoning.

The students' dancing class last night was graced by the presence of some of Lexington's fair ones. The class was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

We are glad to see that Mr. Nowlin, who had his leg broken in a runaway accident some time since, is out once more though still on crutches.

Bledsoe, T., decided at the last moment yesterday to risk the loss of his points in Greek, and left with the team. Good work.

Prof. Humphreys, who is an ardent football enthusiast, also went with the boys.

The *Collegian* will be out early next week. The editor-in-chief reports that another issue will appear before Christmas.

The boys gave the team a good send off yesterday, the professors having classes at the hour of departure suspending them in time for the boys to get to the station.

Mrs. Wilson and Miss Mary Wilson left on Thursday for Middlesex county to see Mr. Wm. L. Wilson, Jr., who is ill there.

Mr. Martin Burks during his visit to Lexington was the guest of Professor Tucker. Mr. Burks left yesterday for his home in Bedford City.

Mr. R. J. Phelps, the freshman from North Carolina who has been ill with typhoid fever at President Wilson's left last week for his home. He expects to return in January and resume his studies.

What is the matter with the class of 1901? Why don't they get together and elect their representative on the *Calyx*? The senior law class also is entitled to another editor to fill the place of Mr. G. C. Powell who was elected editor-in-chief.

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**Law Debate.**

The regular meeting of the Law Debating society was held Thursday evening, the case for discussion being that of the city of Danville vs. Sutherland.

The facts in the case were quite interesting, growing out of loan of \$11,050 in Confederate money, for which Major W. T. Sutherland took the city's bond for \$5,000, payable twenty years after April, 1863. In 1877 Mr. Sutherland sued for \$900, this amount being due for three years' interest at 6 per cent. The lower court decided in favor of Sutherland, which decision was carried to the appellate court on a writ of supersedeas, and there reversed. The society sitting as the appellate court proceeded to trial in accordance with the writ.

The court was composed of Mr. Chew, chief justice; Justices R. E. Moore, Moorill, Hampton and Throckmorton.

Mr. Eales opened the argument for the appellants, claiming that there was no sale, but a loan, and that the loan had every incident of usury. In speaking of the city's necessity and the high rate of interest demanded by the contract, he grew quite eloquent and held the close attention of the court throughout his argument. Mr. E. M. Moore, first counsel for the appellee, attempted to establish the point of a bona fide sale and no loan; hence no usury. He also claimed that as Confederate money was the "universal currency" in the South, there was paid by Sutherland \$11,050 and not 10 per cent. of this sum as representing the proportional value of Confederate currency to gold. Mr. Woodson for the appellants attempted to prove the existence of every incident to usury. His argument was the result of close study and thought. He cited many authorities to uphold his points, and his reasoning was convincing.

Mr. Hartman closed the argument for the appellees, claiming a sale and not a loan, and a sufficient hazard of principal and interest as to render a large interest legitimate.

The court decided in favor of the appellee, Justices Hampton and Throckmorton dissenting. The society, as supreme court of appeals, reversed the decision of the court and found for the appellants.

At the close of the debate Mr.

Burks made quite a pleasant talk. He has certainly found a home in the heart of each member of the class.

Mr. Tucker, in his inimitable style, bespoke for Mr. Burks the co-operation and eager support of the class, and congratulated them on having a "teacher better qualified to teach you law than any man on earth except Vance and myself."

Professor Vance then made a brief talk, after which the society adjourned.

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**Class of 1900.**

The graduating class met last Tuesday afternoon to elect officers and discuss matters of interest to the class. Mr. F. H. Anschutz called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for president. One of the members of the class, struck with the dignity and grace with which Mr. Anschutz presided over the meeting, promptly nominated that gentleman for the position, and he was elected unanimously. Many were secretly anxious to obtain the vice-presidency as it was generally known to be sinecure. Mr. Arnold, however, was generally considered to be the most suitable person to adorn the position and he was accordingly elected. Mr. R. H. Joyner had evidently been electioneering before hand and obtained the office of secretary by acclamation. For the office of treasurer Mr. Fishburne and Mr. W. P. Ott were the nominees. "Pete," however, declared that he was afraid to trust himself in such a position and withdrew in favor of Ott, of whose virtue the class was assured.

The contest for editors of the Calyx developed some excitement, the nominees being Messrs. Fishburne, McPheeters and Tucker. The latter gentleman was elected on the first ballot, the second ballot resulting in a tie between the other two gentlemen. Just at this point the president became strangely excited, vacated his chair, blushed deeply and after some hesitation (caused no doubt by the company he was in) drew from his pocket a silver dollar and with the remark, "Heads McPheeters wins, tails Fishburne loses," hurled it into the air. Down it came amid the breathless suspense of the onlookers. "Tails," announced the president, "Fishburne loses," and the class heaved a great sign of relief.

After this "heart-disease finish" little more could be accomplished, so after electing Mr. E. D. Sloan historian and discussing some matters of business the class adjourned.

**Washington Literary Society.**

PROGRAM FOR NOV. 25TH, 1899.

Orators—Goshorn, Jones and Smiley.

Declaimers—Bledsoe, Collins, Wooters, Graybill.

Debaters—Affirmative, Hartman, McNulty, Boogher; negative, Ott, McDowell, Senft.

Question—Resolved, That every student should have a sweetheart  
E. W. G. BOOGHER, Sec'y.

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