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HALLMAN IS ONLY WINNER IN MEET

Track Team Under Big Disadvantages in George Washington Indoor Meet

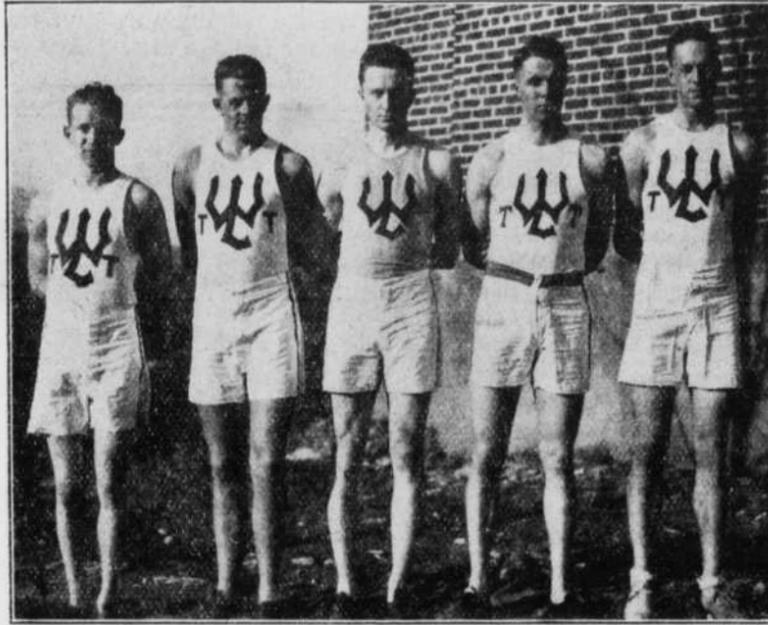
Excessive handicaps and an adverse ruling of the referee regarding the relay race were the causes of the poor showing made by the Washington and Lee track team in the George Washington indoor meet in Washington Saturday night. From a team of nine men only four points were scored and they were made by Hallman in a tie for first place in the South Atlantic pole vault.

In the 50 yard dash Henke was placed on scratch and Curtis given but one foot. Cromwell was favored with five feet. All three qualified in their heats, but were beaten out by the winners of the other heats by virtue of longer handicaps. In the open pole vault Hallman and Weideman of Georgetown, were scratch men and some of their competitors were given as much as two feet handicap. Though these men tied with an actual vault of 11 feet, the advantage given the others by their handicaps forced them out of the scoring. Pierotti was allowed a small handicap in the open shot put, but the winner of the event was given three feet advantage over him and won easily, though his actual put was but little more than that made by the General. Crymble was given a small handicap in the high jump but excessive handicaps allowed others made it impossible for him to score. Lowe, the Georgetown star, jumped 5 feet 11 inches in this event and failed to place because of the handicaps against him. Robbins ran fourth in the 600-yard novice.

When the relay race between Washington and Lee and Catholic University was called the Generals were prepared to run the half mile event as previously arranged for and announced in the programs of the meet. However when the referee called the event he announced that each man would run two laps, which meant an additional eighty yards each, and an entirely different race from the one scheduled. When Coach Fletcher entered a protest against this the referee and clerk of the course announced that the race would be for two laps each instead of one and one-half laps or else the medals would be forfeited to Catholic U., whose runners understood that the race was to be two laps for each man and who had no doubt been trained for just such a race. Rather than forfeit the event, the Generals ran, though they had not been trained for the distances that were forced upon them. As might naturally be expected the Catholic men who were running at such an advantage had little difficulty in defeating the Generals.

As the race was run it was for 1,800 yards instead of 880 yards, and while Catholic U. should cherish its well earned victory the Generals feel confident that had it been run as scheduled and as expected by them an

GENERALS' HALF-MILE RELAY TEAM



HENKE TILL CURTIS YOUNG CROMWELL

GYM. CONTEST SET FOR MARCH 22

Medal Will Be Awarded Winners --- Will Be Made Annual Affair

The first inter-class heavy gymnasium contest ever held at Washington and Lee University will take place in the Doremus Gymnasium Wednesday night, March 22. The contest will begin promptly at 8:15 o'clock. While this event is the first of its kind ever held here, it is the intention of the gymnasium department to make it an annual affair. It should prove one of the most interesting events of the indoor season, even vieing with the annual swimming contests for popularity.

The events will be as follows: 40 yard dash handicap, 40 yard low hurdles handicap, putting the 16 pound shot handicap, rope climb for time, running high dive, side horse, parallel bars, light, middle and heavy weight wrestling, and obstacle race.

The track and field events will all be run as handicap events. This arrangement will place the novice on the same basis with the most experienced man in each event.

The rope climb will be for time record. The wrestling events will each run for eight minutes, and will be decided on general form provided an actual fall has not taken place within the time limit.

Contestants on the side horse and the parallel bars will be limited to five movements each. In reaching a decision as to places in these events, the judges will take into consideration approach to apparatus, excellence of execution of each movement, and the dismount from the apparatus.

The running high dive should prove one of the most interesting events on the program. It is spectacular and calls for considerable nerve on the part of the contestant, yet it is an event which can be easily mastered.

The last event on the program will be the obstacle race, the nature of

BATTERY WORK PLEASES COACH

Donahue Says Early Baseball Practice Shows Promise of Good Team

Baseball practice was suspended the last part of last week on account of the cold weather, since there is no heat on the main floor of the old gym and Coach Donahue feared that he would be taking chances in working out his men in such a place. Last week Coach Donahue said that candidates were coming along in good shape and that the pitching staff gave him no worry at all. The receiving department also gives him little worry and he says that he is satisfied that Callaway and Gilbert will be able to take care of that position. The work in the old gym was resumed yesterday and will continue until the weather clears up.

Every effort will be made to round the team into shape by the first game with Swarthmore on the 31st of March, but this will require earnest co-operation of the candidates with the coach. The difficult games at the first of the season will necessitate hard work since a practically new infield will have to be developed.

On the pitching staff Garlington, Tex Bryan, Algee and Anderson are showing up to good effect and are rapidly gaining control. No curves have been attempted yet. Vance and Bill Bryan have announced themselves as candidates for the initial sack and are now being taught to shift their feet in the proper manner. This is a very important factor in playing this position.

Coach Donahue said last Friday: "I have not permitted the pitchers to try any curves yet because I want to be sure that their arms are fully loosened up first. In this way I hope to avoid all possible trouble which might seriously impair their development later. The pitching outlook is much brighter this year than last and I will have no trouble in developing a

"TED" MERCER AND TOM FARMER HERE

Well Known Christian Workers Make Several Addresses in Lexington

Mr. E. C. Mercer and Tom Farmer who are well known on the W. and L. campus spent several days in the city and delivered a number of lectures. The two speakers addressed a large audience Friday evening in the University chapel, and spoke to the cadets at V. M. I. Saturday evening, Mercer on "An Efficacious Gospel," and Farmer on "The Power of Jesus Christ." They concluded their talks Sunday when they spoke to the Presbyterian Bible class in the morning and in the Presbyterian church at the evening service, the subject being "The Christian Hope of Our Nation."

Perhaps the most interesting and helpful addresses delivered by Mercer and Farmer were those of Friday evening in the chapel. Mercer spoke on "Preparedness," and suggested that the word Preparedness should be written over all college walls. The speaker then outlined his life and showed how he had not prepared himself to meet the demands of the outside world. "First of all," he said, "the character which is a bigger thing than education must be developed. A character free from vices with pure, temperate, and true habits must be cultivated. Drinking and gambling which bring on forgery must be avoided in order to keep on the safe side. Second, it is necessary to develop the body, for what does it mean to have a wonderful character and yet have poor health. This is a 'Strenuous Age' and requires a powerful constitution to keep the pace. The body can be developed in the gymnasium. Third, the head, the intellect, must be developed along spiritual lines. Specialized intellectual development should be the aim to satisfy present day demands."

Tom Farmer at the same meeting spoke about the "Christian Life," telling how he had won men to Christ, citing his experience with "Ted" Mercer whom he had met poorly clad and half starved, and then to gain his confidence, "hit him in the stomach with a beerstead" at the start instead of merely talking Christianity to him.

Farmer then went on to say, "Don't judge whether this is a sin or if that is a sin until you feel it in your heart and then go to the Bible and you can feel if it is right or wrong. Try to pick out what is good in every man. Help the poor fellows who are down and out, and learn to do this with the aid of prayer and God's Word."

Farmer concluded by saying, "I want to leave you three secrets to help you in Christian work: First, pray a lot; second, read the Bible and dig into it as if you were digging in a mountain for gold; and third, love one another and don't be traitors but fight for one another. If God will take me and use me for his work, use me who didn't know the A. B. C.'s, and who was down and out, why wouldn't he use you?"

"Ted" Mercer and Tom Farmer left Monday evening.



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LITERARY SOCIETIES HOLD SECOND JOINT MEETING

Graham-Lee Wins Debate on International Police

The second joint meeting of the Washington and Graham-Lee Literary societies was held Saturday night in the Graham-Lee hall, a large number of the members of both organizations being present to hear the speeches of the evening. For the second time in five years the colors of the Washington society went down before those of the Graham-Lee, the debaters for the latter society getting an unanimous decision. This was party due, however, to the character of the question for discussion, for the affirmative had to argue on theory alone, while the negative had the facts of past examples to uphold their arguments. As a whole the program was good, the orators and declaimers having their parts well memorized, while the debate was at all times full of interest and clash.

L. J. Hammack of the Washington, opened the program with an oration, his subject being "The Price of Victory." The orator for the Graham Lee society, J. B. Waters, made an excellent talk on "Useful and Useless." E. S. Smith of the Washington, was the first declaimer of the evening, declaiming "God and Beauty," by Richard S. Storrs, Jr. Tennyson's "Ulysses" was given in a similar manner by W. M. Junkin of the Graham-Lee society.

The question for debate was the same as will be debated at the chapel Saturday night with the University of Pittsburg, Resolved, That an international police force should be established to enforce international treaties and agreements and to preserve international peace. J. D. Owens and Gus Ottenheimer of the Washington society, upheld the affirmative side, while E. L. Junkin and G. P. Wilson of the Graham-Lee argued against the proposed plan.

In the discussion the affirmative debaters argued that the world must have some plan to stop war and that an international police force would be the only way to enforce peace. The negative contenders held that the nations cannot be expected to agree to such a plan and therefore it could not be enforced. Also that the plan was unsound as to general principles, being both illogical and impracticable.

As the affirmative failed to maintain their burden of proof adequately and to sufficiently rebut the arguments of the negative the judges for the occasion, Drs. W. LeConte Stevens, D. C. Humphreys and L. W. Smith, rendered an unanimous verdict in favor of the Graham-Lee representatives.

Drs. Greever and Hoyt were also present at the meeting and were called upon for remarks, which they readily gave. After a rising vote of thanks to the judges for their services, the joint meeting adjourned. On account of the Pitt debate this coming Saturday night, neither society will hold its regular meeting.

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good set of hurlers."

Al Orth will not be with the team this year and will be greatly missed at the first of the season. Heretofore he has umpired the first few games on the schedule, but this year he has accepted a position as coach at Virginia Christian college, Lynchburg, and will not be available.

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ALUMNI SECTION

Meeting of Alumni Associations

During the last ten days of February reunions of Washington and Lee alumni, and meetings of alumni associations, were held in a number of cities. Among others, gatherings were held in Cincinnati, O., Memphis, Tenn., and Charlotte, N. C., on February 22, in Little Rock, Ark., on February 23, New Orleans, February 26, Birmingham, February 28, Atlanta, February 29, and Bristol, Tenn., March 1. President Smith was present as the official representative of the University at the meetings in Memphis, Little Rock, New Orleans, Birmingham, Atlanta, and Bristol, and Dean H. D. Campbell attended the reunion in Cincinnati.

President Smith left Lexington on his round of visits to the alumni on the evening of February 20. His first stop was at Memphis, and during his visit there he was entertained at the home of Arthur C. Fant, LL.B., '12. On the evening of February 22 a banquet was held by the alumni at the Hotel Chisca, at which a large number of enthusiastic alumni were present. Chancellor Frederick H. Heiskell, '72, acted as toastmaster.

Practically all of the alumni in Little Rock and a few from other cities in the state gathered in Little Rock at a banquet on the evening of Wednesday, February 23, at which Hon. T. C. McRae, B. L., '72, presided and President Smith and Bishop James R. Winchester, B. A., B. P., '74, Bishop of the Episcopal church in Arkansas, were speakers.

In New Orleans on the afternoon of Saturday, February 26, Captain Horace H. Harvey, '76, entertained President Smith and a party of alumni at luncheon. Later he took them on his yacht Destrehan for a cruise through Harvey's canal, which was dug with slave labor by Captain Harvey's grandfather, N. N. Destrehan, in 1810. Dr. Smith was later the guest of honor at a dinner in Antiene's, at which Mortimer N. Wisdom, B. L., '73, presided. Among the members of the alumni attending the boat ride and dinner were Governor Luther E. Hall, Murphy J. Foster, Rev. W. McF. Alexander, Harry T. Howard, Elliott Jones, Horace H. Harvey, W. F. Milling, F. P. Hamilton, Wm. Prentiss Brown, W. H. Hoffman, W. A. Collins, W. P. Groseclose, Wm. P. G. Gillespie, W. H. Shields, Paul Felder, Hugh M. Blain, D. V. Guthrie, M. T. McClure, J. S. Mullings, Samuel Young, T. I. Bartlette, Dr. Victor Smith, Lazu Bloch, W. M. Gurley, Jr., Norman F. Walker, Wm. A. Wimbish, Frank B. Hayne, H. M. Hayne, Wm. F. Pickard, Wm. A. Bell, president of the Louisiana association of Washington and Lee University alumni. W. N. Wisdom, first vice-president, E. J. Hart, second vice-president and D. W. Pipes, Jr., secretary.

Of the gathering in Birmingham the Age-Herald said:

"Dr. Henry Lewis Smith, president of Washington and Lee university, was the guest of honor at a dinner tendered by the Birmingham alumni of the institution at the private dining room of the Tutwiler last night. E. W. Barrett presided as toastmaster, and a number of the alumni made informal talks.

"Dr. Smith aroused the enthusiasm of the alumni when he told of the

splendid progress made by their alma mater during the past few years, and as he pointed out the plans for still greater developments which were now being put into effect. Among the recent accomplishments in a material way was the construction of the finest gymnasium possessed by any university in the south, the cost being more than \$100,000. A bequest of \$2,000,000 was also recently given the institution, subject only to a life interest on the part of the widow of the donor.

"Dr. Smith is making a tour of a number of southern cities in which Washington and Lee has a strong alumni association. He addressed a meeting of former students in New Orleans Saturday night and he leaves today for Atlanta to speak to the alumni there.

"Among those who attended the dinner last night were:

"Dr. Henry Louis Smith, E. W. Barrett, Roderick Beddow, Alex C. Birch, R. F. Burnett, Bordon H. Burr, Beach M. Chenoweth, Willoughby N. Claybrook, George W. Clover, Noah B. Feagin, L. R. Hanna, C. S. Henley, C. C. Holcombe, Walter M. Hood, Sorsby Jemison, C. M. McCrum, W. G. Montgomery, E. L. Moss, C. A. Nolan, L. F. O'Byrne, William Streit, Robert G. Thach and J. H. Willis."

In Atlanta President Smith was greeted by about thirty graduates and former students of the university at a dinner in the Piedmont Hotel, at which William A. Wimbish, '78, presided as toastmaster. Presidents Matheson of the Georgia School of Technology, Jacobs of Ogelthorpe University, and Cox, of Brenau College, were guests at the banquet.

Concluding his series of visits, Dr. Smith was the guest of the Bristol alumni at an informal dinner at the Hotel Bristol last Wednesday evening. Wm. M. Dunlap, B. S., C. E., '71, was master of ceremonies, and those present were C. L. Green, L. M. Kinneer, P. C. Rogers, James M. Baker, J., Albert Parlett, Jr., Isaac Shuman, and D. Adolphus Kistler.

The Charlotte News contained the following account of the meeting of the Charlotte alumni:

"A unique celebration of the birth of the nation's 'First Chief,' was that of the Washington and Lee University local alumni. A banquet was given at the Central cafe on the evening of the 22nd. A dozen men were present, men who are leaders in the building of a Greater Charlotte. Graduates from the class of 1860 to 1915 were represented. One who was a student under General Lee's administration gave some very interesting and historical anecdotes.

"Those present out of the membership of twenty were Dr. Wm. E. McIlwaine, Dr. J. F. Robertson, Dr. D. H. Rolston, Robert Glasgow, E. R. Preston, Dr. Wm. Allan, C. B. Fetter, John Preston, M. C. Johnston, E. W. DeArmon, C. S. Glasgow and E. J. Parrish."

The following report of the reunion in Cincinnati is from the Cincinnati Enquirer of February 23:

"Alumni of Washington and Lee University last night, at their first formal meeting held north of the Ohio river, was addressed by Dr. Henry Donald Campbell, dean, who gave reminiscences of their alma mater at a dinner at the University club. Distinguished alumni from many sections of the country were present as guests

of Cincinnati Chapter of the Alumni Association

"It is anticipated by the alumni that the dinner will become an annual event, to be held on the birthday of either Washington or Lee.

"Dean Campbell told of the inception of Washington and Lee University, when the state of Virginia, in recognition of distinguished services by the 'Father of His Country' made him a grant of land, which he accepted only with the stipulation that he be allowed to donate it to some institution for the promotion of art and letters. That grant, he said, was Liberty Hall Academy, founded in 1770, and which today brings the university an annual revenue of more than \$3,000. His great-grandfather, Dean Campbell stated, was a trustee of the first institution.

"Vice President J. M. Dawson, of the Cincinnati chapter of the Washington and Lee Alumni association, gave reminiscences of the administration at the university of General Robert E. Lee.

"President Edward Colston presided. Present at the dinner were Dean Campbell, Lexington, Va.; Guy E. Manning, U. S. Army, Germantown, O.; S. L. Dorsey, Lexington, Ky.; Ben D. Smith, Somerset, Ky.; Edward H. Beardsley, Hamilton, O.; Clarence J. Brown, Blanchester, O.; Samuel D. Stokes, Williamson, W. Va.; G. H. Hampton, Catlettsburg, Ky.; Richard C. Lord, Pomeroy, O.; William J. Mahney, Ironton, O.; W. G. Wigglesworth, Cynthiana, Ky.; Edward Colston, J. M. Dawson, Laurence C. Witten, Monte J. Goble, James Russell Huston, Dr. C. Tabb Pearce, Walter A. McDonald, E. M. Millen, Laban T. Patton and Gustav M. Braune, Cincinnati."

Personal Notes About Alumni

Irwin P. Graham, B. A., '10, was a heavy loser in a recent fire at the Riverside Military academy, Gainesville, Ga., where he is teaching.

Robert K. Williams, B. A., '13, has recently organized and is manager of the International Trade Service, with headquarters in Washington, D. C.

William Welby Beverly, '10, was married on February 19 to Miss Annie French Hoge, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Hoge of Richmond. The wedding took place at the home of the bride, 1601 West Grace street. Mr. Beverly is practicing law in Richmond, with offices in the Merchants Bank Building.

Wm. M. Minter, '15, has recently opened a law office in Hopewell, Va. He is a candidate for the office of police judge of the city of Hopewell, and is said to have an excellent chance of securing the appointment.

Hugh M. Moomaw, B. L., '07, who is practicing law in Roanoke, has announced himself a candidate for the board of aldermen of that city from the Highland ward. Speaking of his candidacy the Roanoke News says: "Mr. Moomaw is well known in Roanoke, having been raised in this city. He is a graduate of the Washington and Lee law school, and has been practicing his profession here since he left the university. It is certain that he will receive the support of a large number of friends, and his advent into the councilmanic race in Highland ward should make things very interesting in that particular ward."



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"Letters From Our Readers"

Under the above caption from time to time appear the opinions of certain students and other readers of this paper regarding things connected with college. Sometimes these opinions are in accord with our views, sometimes they are not. In either case we do not print the letters to indorse them but to get the views of others before our readers, for though against our ideas they may be right.

We have not insisted on printing the names of the authors of the letters but we do not profess to keep the names secret from those whom we feel have a right to know them.

Last week a letter appeared which was directly contrary to our own ideas and we did not care to print it, and told its author so. The same letter was omitted a week before but its author insisted upon its being printed and since we had invited the opinions of others we felt that we had no right to deny its publication because it was contrary to our views.

As might be expected, this letter caused a large amount of comment and criticism of its author and we think rightly so. We most heartily concur in the answer to this letter which appears this week and hope the author of the first letter will realize his folly. He says he meant no harm, but he took poor words to express a desire for information only.

We do not believe that everything connected with Athletics at this institution is beyond criticism but we think "A Student" attempted criticism on a point where it is far from needed and one which ought not to be tampered with by any outsider and particularly one in nowise connected with athletics.

We still invite "letters from our readers" but would prefer opinions from men who are willing to have their name attached to them and not from those who think the letter gives them immunity from criticism.

Again the Championship

Speaking of the championship of the state in basket ball, a story sent out from Roanoke College contains this: "Of course Virginia can put up a nominal claim to the state championship title until they are beaten in actual play, and since there is no chance of a game to decide the question, Roanoke can only rest on her more securely established claim of having the best team in Virginia." This recalls the many wrangles which have developed in regard to football as well as other sports. It comes from the fact that the representative teams of the state do not meet other representative teams. It is a deplorable condition of affairs when such a condition exists, but everyone knows it does exist and we feel that the schools in the state receive much less criticism from allowing such conditions to continue than they rightly deserve.

We are not laying the blame for this condition on any one school, nor are we claiming that any other one school is entirely without blame regarding it. The Ring-tum Phi is not pleased with everything that Washington and Lee does regarding arranging schedules which leave out many representative schools in this state and section, but we do believe that Washington and Lee is trying to do its part toward bringing about harmony. The efforts of the football management to arrange for competition with more South Atlantic colleges show that this institution is endeavoring toward play fair, but such efforts availed naught in that instance, and the championship situation will be as badly balled up next fall as it was last.

We feel that if the real reasons for the discord between the South Atlantic colleges were thrashed out it would be but little trouble to bring about much better conditions in all branches. We ask, for our own information, if there is any real good reason why all the present lack of harmony should be allowed to continue?

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

An Answer to "A Student"

To the Editor of the Ring-tum Phi.

Dear Sir:—

I notice in the columns of last week's issue an article headed "Student Seeks Information;" the article containing, by direct statement and obvious insinuation, allegations to the effect that in the selection of members for the recent Varsity basket ball trip substitutes were chosen who were decidedly inferior to other members of the squad who were left behind. This leads to one of two conclusions:—either, first, by such selection the author (or authors as the case may be) of the above-mentioned article would charge the coach and captain of the team with deliberate, premeditated and contemptible partiality and favoritism; or, second, that said coach and captain were incompetent as to their ability to select the strongest squad available for the trip.

As to the integrity of the above-mentioned officials—I feel that I but echo the sentiment of the entire body when I say that I revolt from any such besmerching insinuations. Nor do I believe that such was the intent of the author; but so ambiguous are his statements that I feel that he owes it to those individuals and to this student body a public, clear and

unqualified statement to that effect.

Regarding the second point mentioned above I would ask permission to inquire of "A STUDENT" regarding several points: First, how much basket ball do YOU know? Have you starred in prep school and University basket ball to a degree that your services as a coach are frequently in demand? Have you for the past three years been reckoned as one of the two best guards in the South Atlantic division by the authorities who chose this team? Have you worked with our present squad for the past two months, every day, searching for the strongest men to be found therein? Do you know that the ability to work the floor, intercept passes and feed the ball to those who have the best chance at the basket is the highest criterion of basket ball ability and not mere mechanical shooting alone? Do you realize that upon taking a six-day six-game trip, playing every night and railroading every day physical endurance is to be considered much more than in a single game upon the home court? Do you realize that on such a trip the ability to act as substitute in more than one position is of inestimable value? Have you carefully noted with which substitutes your Varsity men seem best able to work and do you realize how much instinctive athletic congeniality—that ability to work together—contributes to the success of a team? Have you studied the records of each man on the teams which our team was to meet upon its recent trip, estimated his ability and weaknesses and coached and watched the individuals of our team with reference to their usefulness in a contest with these opponents? I say—Have you considered all of these and other similar questions, weighed them with knowledge gotten from long study of the game, experience perfected by eminent success as a participant therein, and judgment reinforced by daily, painstaking and untiring efforts to develop and select the best possible squad?

Second, Do you realize that copies of the Ring-tum Phi go to practically all accredited prep schools, Colleges and universities of the East and thereby such an article will work an irretrievable injury to the reputation of this institution and these individuals? Is your confidence in your unusual insight into the science of basket ball so great that you not only are willing to place your judgment above that of the coach and captain of the team but also see fit to declare same officially to the public at large? Do you realize that the "widespread impression among members of the student body" of which you speak, was not known to many of us until declared in your article? Do you realize that in order for a team to succeed and for athletics in general to prosper in any institution it is absolutely essential that the student body have and express an absolute confidence in the integrity, ability and judgment of its captains and coaches? I feel that we have in "Bill" Raftery one of the two best basket ball coaches who have ever handled a Washington and Lee Varsity squad and in Cy Young a player second to none that I have ever seen upon a Washington and Lee court and this unquestionably is the overwhelming opinion of our entire student body, though your remarks would indicate the contrary.

Such articles as the one in question unless backed by unerring judgment and followed up by thorough and fearless investigation are calculated to cause internal dissension and ill feeling together with external censure and criticism. I do not feel that either of the above justifying elements are

present in the case at hand, and in conclusion, without sarcasm, would urge the more frequent application of the old and valuable adage:—"Think twice before you speak and then talk to yourself."

Very truly,
THOMAS McP. GLASGOW.

Another Message From Yonan

Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 25, 1916.
Editor Ring-tum Phi:

Another letter from Prince Yonan—Urmiah, Persia, B. A., 1913—shows him to be yet alive. This letter is more optimistic than previous ones and indicates that Yonan has no fears for his immediate personal safety. The last letter published from Yonan brought so little response in a financial way that the writer has about decided that W. and L. spirit and love for her own were dead, or making their last dying gasps. The first contribution received was from a member of the faculty, which was natural, and it was the only faculty contribution received by me for the fund, which was surprising. Dr. Stevens gave a nice amount, and wrote me several letters, assisting me in handling the fund so as to get it to Yonan as safely as is possible during these abnormal conditions. I sincerely appreciated Dr. Stevens, help and advice, as well as his donation. Following his contribution, I received sums from C. M. Peck, Wm. M. Miller, F. P. Miller, Jas. N. Montgomery and L. B. Co. Think of this small number of contributions for a cause like this one.

Think, also, of Yonan's unselfishness and love for you when, after he had gotten news of his father's death in 1913, he went to Blacksburg the next day and won first place in the broad jump in our annual track with V. P. I. He didn't consider his own feelings, but did what he could for the institution and the students he loved. The appreciation shown by the students and alumni, of all he did and all he represented, would be ludicrous were it not so sad.

The fund for Yonan's relief has not stopped, except that the contributions seem to have stopped. In your joys and pleasures kindly think, just for a moment, of Yonan's troubles and need. If you can suffer just one denial, just for one dollar perhaps, if that is all you can send, do that much and give the money to the editor of the Ring-tum Phi. He can send it to me, or forward direct to Yonan, as he deems best.

Yours sincerely,
F. WILLIAM McWANE.

From the Richmond Times-Dispatch we glean the following summary of the new football rules:

If a kickoff goes in the crowd, it is a touchback.

If a blocked kick goes in the stands, it is a safety.

No one, not even a physician, can go on the field without permission.

There can be no striking with fists or elbows.

If a defending team's forward passes hits the goal post it is a safety.

The referee can call the game on account of darkness.

A player can bat the ball with his hand in a forward pass.

If a team comes on the field late the other side can choose the goal.

A player must be the last man on the line of scrimmage to get forward pass.

A major league team will play on Yale's home diamond for the first time when the New York Nationals meet the Blue nine in the Bowl on April 11.

The Ring-tum Phi

Tuesday, March 7, 1916

Social and Personal.

J. F. Barrett spent the week-end in Staunton.

R. N. Latture was a week-end visitor to Richmond.

H. C. Hicks and T. H. Pratt were week-end visitors to Lynchburg.

J. S. Riley visited Roanoke and Lynchburg within the week.

E. Turner Bethel returned Sunday night from a visit to his home in Richmond.

Henry Boley returned Saturday from an extended visit in Florida.

Tucker B. Harrison of Norfolk, is a guest at the Pi Kappa Alpha house.

T. S. Jones, John Witt and S. T. Offenhauser attended the dance at A. M. A., Fort Defiance, Friday night.

J. J. Penick accompanied the track team to Washington Friday and was the guest of Woodrow P. Houghton while there.

Mr. and Mrs. "Larry" Wilson and Mr. Rhodes Nelson of Staunton, were present at the Fancy Dress Ball last week.

Miss Firiam Parker of Charlotte, N. C., is visiting at the residence of Dr. J. R. Howerton on Jackson avenue.

Mrs. Henry Louis Smith left Thursday for New Orleans to visit her sister, Mrs. A. J. Taylor, during the Mardi Grass.

V. E. Manor, '11, of New Market Va., came to Lexington Saturday for the Sigma invitation and is visiting at the Phi Kappa Psi house.

Mrs. James Lewis Howe left Thursday on a visit to Augusta and Birmingham and other points south. She will be gone three weeks.

A. F. Pierotti returned from his home in Boston Saturday and joined the track team in Washington that afternoon, returning to college Sunday night.

Telegrams were received last week by relatives in Lexington of the dangerous illness of Trustee Alfred T. Gaines of Chattanooga, Tenn. A later dispatch received Sunday was more encouraging.

GENERAL NICHOLS NEXT SPEAKER AT ASSEMBLY

The next regular university assembly will be held in the chapel at 10:30 a. m., Wednesday March 15. The speaker of the occasion will be General E. W. Nichols, superintendent of Virginia Military Institute, whose subject will be, "Peace; Some means toward that end."

The public is cordially invited and the gallery will be thrown open to the use of visitors.

Washington and Lee will miss the services of a big league umpire for its opening games on the home diamond. Al Orth, who for several years past has trained in Lexington so as to get his eye ready for the big show will not appear this season as he has gone to coach the Virginia Christian college nine. Orth also coached the General baseball team in 1912 and 1913.

Thirty-five men reported for track at Trinity. Their probable schedule includes five big meets.

N. D. BAKER, '94 SECRETARY OF WAR

Graduate of W. and L. Law School Receives Post Vacated by Garrison

Dispatches from Washington bearing the date of March 6 announce that Newton D. Baker, former mayor of Cleveland, has been selected by President Wilson for secretary of war. His nomination will go to the senate today and administration leaders expect quick confirmation so the new secretary may take active charge of the war department's plans for army increases and reorganization.

Mr. Baker is a lawyer, a graduate of the law class of 1894 of Washington and Lee University, and as a leader among Ohio Democrats, has been a warm supporter of the Wilson policies since the pre-convention campaign in 1912. He had been a close personal friend of Mr. Wilson since the latter was his instructor years ago at Johns Hopkins University, and was offered the post of secretary of the interior in the original Wilson cabinet, but declined because he then was mayor. He is understood to be in thorough accord with the President on the preparedness program and foreign questions.

Phi Kappa Sigmas Entertain

Following the musical entertainment in the Lyric last Tuesday, the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity entertained with a short reception at their house and a dinner at the Dutch Inn immediately afterward. The tables and room were tastefully decorated in the fraternity colors—old gold and black, and the color scheme was effectively carried out in the courses. Among those present were:

G. de la Haba with Miss Elizabeth Lockeridge of Lynchburg.

N. C. Evans with Miss Elizabeth Oakey of Salem, Va.

F. H. Wissler with Miss Sally Friend of Covington, Va.

J. H. Stephenson with Miss Evelyn Champe of Lexington.

H. L. Dickinson with Miss Helen Scherer of Richmond.

W. C. Revercomb with Miss Josephine Payne of Sweet Briar.

G. A. Revercomb with Miss Helen Driscoll of New York City.

T. C. Waters with Miss Henrietta Tucker of Lexington.

R. C. Till with Miss Mary Stenier of Hollins.

E. A. Donahue with Miss Barbara Allen Spencer of Danville, Va.

F. C. Wright with Miss Myra Logan of Salem, Va.

R. S. Walker with Miss Virginia Moore of Lexington.

W. S. Hopkins with Miss Mary Carter Graham of Washington.

R. W. Fowkes, '15, with Miss Laura Noell of Danville, Va.

Warren B. Stewart with Miss Elsie Warren of Carlisle, Pa.

Messrs. Prince Parham, Roscoe Stephenson, and John Gallagher.

At about eight o'clock, the guests returned to their homes to assume entirely different personalities for the Fancy Dress Ball at half past nine.

The Bristol high school five defeated the John Marshall high school quint of Richmond 35 to 27 in Charlottesville, thereby capturing the state high school basket ball championship.

Mrs. Sitwell at No. 5, University Place, would take a fraternity to board for session of 1916-1917.

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FISHBURNE WINS FROM LYNCHBURG HIGH

Spirited Basket Ball Game in Doremus Gymnasium Friday Night

In a spirited basket ball game, which was replete with fouls and at times resembled a football encounter, Fishburne Military academy and Lynchburg high school locked horns in the Doremus Memorial gymnasium Friday night and the cadets took "home the bacon," by a score of 24 to 18.

For the Cadets Snedegar, the tall center, was easily the star and Oppleman was the most skillful of the high school basketers.

The line-up:

F. M. A.	Position	L. H. S.
Lane	R. F.	Wrenn
Carson	L. F.	Oppleman
Snedegar	C.	Roark
Winder	R. G.	Callahan
Arbogast	L. G.	Jennings

Summary: Goals from Field: Lane 3; Snedegar 4; Winder 2; Wrenn 1, Oppleman 4, Roark 3. Free goals: Snedegar 6 in 10; Wren 1 in 4, Oppleman 1 in 3. Substitutions: Fishburne; Brvant for Arbogast; L. H. S.; R. Callahan for F. Callahan. Referee, Donahue.

THIRD ISSUE OF SOUTHERN COLLEGIAN IS RECEIVED

The March issue of the Southern Collegian, while in some respects quite successful, is in others somewhat disappointing. In addition to the regular editorial, joke, and exchange departments, the number comprises two each of short stories, essays and poems, none of which stand out as being of particularly high grade, though none are exceptionally inferior.

The leading feature of the issue is "The Redemption of Jim," a tale of the degradation and regeneration of a Labrador sailor. Though handicapped by a rather threadbare plot, the story is interestingly told and well handled. The remaining story "The Cub," is based on the time-worn plot of the young reporter's first success with only slight variations from the stereotyped form.

The two essays included have as their subjects "Classical Studies," and "The Democratic Ideal in Peril." The former, an exposition of the advantage derived from study of the classics, though well expressed and carefully developed, fails to leave with the reader a very strong conviction of this advantage. The latter is an extended discussion of the problems resulting from the conflicting trend of American democracy as opposed to German militarism, closing with a plea for wise action on the part of this country to hasten the day of continued international peace.

"A Prophecy" as its title indicates, is a poem forecasting the coming of this day of peace, when the rifle shall be laid aside and international hatreds shall come to an end. The thought in the remaining poem "L'Avenir," is somewhat hampered by an unusual verse form.

Of the three departments, that of exchanges would seem to excel. The editor has reviewed his papers in an interesting manner, and one which would seem to be fair to all concerned.

The marriage of Miss Jessie Sutton to James A. Timberlake, LL.B., '15, took place at the First Methodist church of Bartow, Florida, on the afternoon of Thursday, February 24. L. J. Robbins, also of the class of 1915, was best man at the ceremony. Timberlake and Robbins are partners in the practice of law at Arcadia, Fla.

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Followed by hard luck and handi-capped with injuries from start to finish of the 1916 season, the crippled General basket ball team has completed its schedule, winning six games and losing seven. And yet, in South Atlantic circles the defeats loom not so large, for five of them were at the hands of quints outside of South Atlantic territory.

In all, Washington and Lee scored a total of 311 points to its opponents' 351; and against South Atlantic teams 192 points to opponents' 144. Out of the total of 311, 67 points were from goals after foul and 244 from field goals.

Individually, Barrett was the leading scorer with Young as a second. In all, the former tossed 28 field goals and 42 foul goals; while Captain Young follows with 27 field goals and 25 foul goals.

Bethel is third with 20 field goals while Pierotti and Graham each have 14 to their credit.

The rest of the squad threw field goals as follows: Stewart, 9; Burton, 5; Farrar, 3; Wadsworth, 1; Dorgeval, 1.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Note: All notices must be handed to F. J. Gilliam or W. M. Brown before 2 p. m. Monday to insure publication.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7.

7:45 p. m.—Weekly Y. M. C. A. meeting in Library.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9.

7:45 p. m.—Meeting of Prayer circle in Y. M. C. A.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

8:00 p. m.—Meeting of chemical society.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11.

8:00 p. m.—Washington and Lee-University of Pittsburgh debate on International Police.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12.

9:30 a. m.—Bible classes in all churches.

Y. M. C. A.

The regular Y. M. C. A. meeting was held last Tuesday in the Physics lecture room where Dr. W. LeC. Stevens read a very interesting lecture on the "New Era in Asia." The lecture was illustrated by beautiful stereopticon slides which presented a panorama of the awakening East. The new era in the political, intellectual, social and religious life of all the ancient lands, from Turkey to Korea, was shown to open gigantic opportunities and responsibilities to the American people.

The high schools of Roanoke, Lynchburg and Alexandria are contemplating the inauguration of the plan of military extension recently adopted by John Marshall High school, Richmond, according to a recent issue of The Cadet, V. M. I. During the past fall the boys attending the Richmond school were formed into a regiment and are now being drilled regularly by a recent graduate of the Institute. The plan is said to have proved most successful there.

Jos. Hodges, L. B., '15, has entered upon the practice of law at Silver City, New Mexico.

HALLMAN IS ONLY WINNER IN MEET

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entirely different story would be told about it.

On the whole the meet was rather poor. The feature of it was a mile relay race between Maryland Aggies and Lehigh which was one of the most exciting ever staged in Washington. The open competition went to Virginia by a small score and they also scored sufficient South Atlantic points to cinch that title for their school. The points were evenly distributed among the competitors and remarkably small scores were made.

Practice for the outdoor track season here will begin today and will be on Wilson field as soon as the weather permits. The schedule for the outdoor season has not yet been announced but will probably be made public within a week.

SENIOR LAWYERS DO VN JUNIORS AT BASKET BALL

In their annual battle for the basket ball championship of the law school the Seniors were victors over the Juniors by the overwhelming score of 27 to 2. Glasgow and Brown were the luminaries for the seniors while Dorgeval was the star of the Juniors. In fact, he scored their only counter.

Line-up:

Seniors		Juniors
Walker	R. F.	Peters, H.
Brown	L. F.	Cunningham
Burhman	C.	Dorgeval
Oast	R. G.	Bane
Glasgow	L. G.	Lombardi.

Substitutes: Seniors; Lopez, Buckley, Myles, de la Haba, May. Juniors; Estes, Peters, C.

SIGMA INITIATION GIVEN SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The annual Sigma public initiation was held Saturday afternoon on the campus in front of the Main building about 4:15, before a very good crowd, which increased during the show. There were present also about twenty of the Sigmas, a number of alumni members being on hand.

In the twenty minute ceremony the same beseeching of Great George for deliverance was in evidence as in past years, Cy Young leading the service with appropriate response from goats Bagley, Faulkner, White and Burton. Local hits abounded. At the conclusion of the show the goats retired to the Sigma room for the secret work of the ceremony.

GYM. CONTESTS SET FOR MARCH 22

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which will not be announced till the event is called on the evening of the contest.

Medals will be given for first place in each event. No entrance fees will be charged. All events are open to all students of the University. All entries must be handed to either Dr. Pollard or Mr. Fletcher at the gymnasium office on or before 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, March 21.

Special instruction in the different events will be given by the gymnasium instructors to all those who desire it from four to five o'clock every Tuesday, Thursday Friday and Saturday afternoon at the gymnasium.

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FRESHMEN WIN CLASS BASKET BALL SERIES

1919 Men Defeat Juniors and Sophomores for Academic Championship

The Freshman quint clearly established their title to the championship of the academic school by defeating the Sophomores 12 to 9 in the deciding game played February 26. In this game Coleman and Captain Fain were the real factors in staving off defeat and gaining the victory for the Freshmen. Hallman and White are the Sophomore players deserving most credit.

The initial game of the series was played on February 22 between the Freshmen and Juniors, the former winning 18 to 10. This was the best contest of the series from the spectators' point of view, as it was fast and snappy, being marked by very good goal shooting.

On February 24 the Sophomores were victorious over the Seniors 3 to 4 in a slow and uninteresting game. The Seniors led 5 to 4 at the end of the first half, but this lead was easily overtaken by the Sophomores in the latter period.

The line-up for the game:

Juniors		Freshmen
Humphris	R. F.	Fain
Paxton	L. E.	Farrar
McNitt	C.	Coleman
Thomburg	R. G.	Fritchie
Fox	L. G.	Minick
Substitutions: Miller for Minick.		

Sophomores		Seniors
White	R. F.	Coe
Ford	L. F.	Bagley
Hallman	C.	Fisher
Crymble	R. G.	Worth
Jones	L. G.	Junkin

Sophomores		Freshmen
White	R. F.	Fain
Sager	L. F.	Farrar
Hallman	C.	Coleman
Crymble	R. G.	Fritchie
Jones	L. G.	Miller
Substitution: Etchison for Sager.		

Athletic Comment

Sewanee's baseball schedule comprises 18 games.

Alabama has become a member of the Athletic conference of Southern state universities.

The V. P. I. basket ball team won 12 and lost 3 games, totalling 516 points to their opponents' 309. Virginia won 11 out of 13 games, while Trinity broke even 10 to 10.

By defeating Hampden-Sidney in two games William and Mary has won the basket ball championship of Eastern Virginia.

The recently announced football schedule of North Carolina includes: Wake Forest, Princeton, Harvard, Georgia Tech, V. M. I., V. P. I., Davidson and Virginia.

The football players of the University of Minnesota have suggested applying the honor system to the eligibility of baseball players as a solution of the problem in the Western conference and as a means of reviving baseball at Minnesota.

It will be remembered that the Big 9 recently passed a rule abolishing intercollegiate base ball in the Western conference. To become effective, the rule had to lie 6 days without adverse action by any of the colleges concerned. Illinois, however, decided to resume the sport and the other universities followed suit.

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