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Tilson Increases Time of Spring Football Practice To Seven Weeks

Drill Starts Next Monday; Scrimmages to Be Held Daily

COACH TO STRESS OFFENSIVE WORK

Frosh Gridders Required to Turn Their Attention To Football

By Frank L. Price
As the second year of the "Tex" Tilson football regime rolls around, an assurance that the "New Deal" on the Washington and Lee gridiron would continue for another season was given Wednesday night when the Generals' mentor told thirty-eight prospects that he was planning to conduct a series of intensive workouts extending from February 5 to March 29. Scrimmages will be held daily.
At this initial gathering of the material that will compose the Big Blue football team in 1934, members of the past varsity and freshman teams as well as novice material answered the call. Commenting on the number present, Tilson said, "This is not as large a group as I had hoped for, but I still feel that by starting time on Monday there will be about 45 men in uniform."

Gumm to Report
Dick Gumm, sturdy guard of the 1933 team, has again been declared eligible and will report to practice Monday. According to Senior manager John Deon, uniforms will be issued between two and four o'clock on the afternoon of the fifth. Immediately after getting equipped, the candidates will proceed to Wilson field for their first workout.

"All men who expect to come out for the team next fall are required to take part in this spring training," Tilson announced. "A good football team is a great help to the University," he continued, "and if Washington and Lee can train itself so that it can put a championship team on the field next fall, football will do as much to help the school as a good president, faculty, or student body."

No Training Pledge
"No pledge will be required of the team members during this spring period," explained Coach Tilson. "We wish, however, that all men who have enrolled will make it a point to attend each practice and be on the field for the start of the drills."

Although there will be no regular practices on Saturday as long as winter sports are in progress. Continued on page four

Libel Law Revision Based On Mapel's Research Work

Journalism Director Comments on Bill Pending Before Va. Assembly

Largely as the result of research by Prof. William L. Mapel, director of the Lee School of Journalism here, the General Assembly of Virginia during its present session may pass a new libel law to replace what newspapermen of the Old Dominion brand as unfair legislation which for many years has worked a hardship on the press of the state.
This week the Courts of Justice committee of the Virginia House of Delegates reported favorably on a libel bill which in many respects followed recommendations made by Professor Mapel. This bill, according to newspaper authorities of Virginia, stands an excellent chance of passing the House and being sent to the state Senate.



WILLIAM L. MAPEL

Thorough Study Made
Mr. Mapel, who has taught a journalism department course in libel and kindred subjects for six years, published in December a monograph entitled "Be Careful What You Print." This monograph embraced a thorough study of libel in Virginia and criticized rather severely the existing laws

under which most suits for libel are brought in this state.
Two weeks ago Mr. Mapel spoke before the Virginia Press Association in Richmond, and last week he appeared before the Courts of Justice committee to testify on matters of libel and to comment on a new libel law which was written after his monograph.

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Tucker Issues Meeting Plans

Speakers Named For Annual Meeting of Association of Colleges

Dean Robert H. Tucker, president of the Association of Virginia Colleges, announced today the speakers and subjects to be discussed at the annual meeting of the organization Friday and Saturday, February 9 and 10, at the Roanoke Hotel, Roanoke, Virginia.

"Newer Objectives in Higher Education," "Problems in Articulation and Standards," and "What Is Good Teaching," are the main topics to be considered.

At the opening session Friday morning Dr. Tucker, who has been making a study of the changes effected in college curricula and college work in recent years, will deliver the presidential address dealing with these significant trends.

Professor Walter A. Flick, head of the psychology and education departments here, is also included in the program. He will lead a general discussion on the subject "The Virginia State Curricular Studies."

Other prominent educators to address the meeting include President Charles J. Smith, of Roanoke college, President Bessie C. Randolph of Hollins college, Professor W. R. Smythe of the University of Virginia, Dean Raymond Pinchbeck of the University of Richmond, and Dean W. T. Hodges of William and Mary college.
A special feature of the meeting will be an address on "The Times and the Colleges" by President William Mather Lewis of Lafayette college, Easton, Pa.
The Association of Virginia colleges is an organization of some twenty-five Virginia colleges, whose purpose is to consider common problems confronting the members. The meetings are attended by two representatives of each member college.

Professor Flournoy's Poems Are Published In Verse Magazines

Professor Fitzgerald Flournoy, member of the English department, has had fifteen poems accepted for publication by various magazines within the last six months. Not all of these poems have as yet been published, but they will appear in the near future.

He has had several poems accepted by "Kaleidograph", published in Dallas, Texas; and two of his poems have been reprinted in "Bright Excalibur", a yearly anthology of poetry selected from those published in "Kaleidograph". Other magazines which have published Mr. Flournoy's poems are "Bozart and Contemporary Verse" published at Oglethorpe university, "Poetry and Music", published at Atlantic City, and "Sonnet Sequences", which is frequently quoted by the "Literary Digest".

Only Eight Men Evince Interest In Debate Plans; More Called For

Turnout Disappointing in View of Extensive Schedule

EIGHT CONTESTS HAVE BEEN LISTED

Academic Credit Offered For Participation; Chicago Trip Planned

With one of the most elaborate schedules ever attempted in intercollegiate debating at Washington and Lee, the first try-outs of the year revealed an almost complete lack of interest upon the part of the student body.
Only eight men tried out for the team. They were: L. H. Ford, J. A. McClure, J. A. Blalock, H. Z. Kramer, R. F. Cooper, D. W. Lund, L. McMurrin, and C. B. Newcomb.

The next meeting of the candidates will be held in Room 204 of the Chemistry building at 7:30 Tuesday evening. The first debate of the year is with Johns Hopkins on the evening of the 28th of this month, so it will be necessary to select two men as soon as possible.

Brown Disappointed
Commenting upon the small turnout, Manager James E. Brown said, "I feel that it is too bad in view of the excellent reputation that Washington and Lee has enjoyed in the past in forensic work that there should be so little interest shown this year. With one national championship and a high state rating to our credit, the present attitude is unfortunate."
"Added to this, the administration has given us a generous appropriation and even gives credit of one semester hour for each debate, but I feel sure that they will not do this in the future unless there is an increase in interest."

The debate schedule this year includes eight meets, for one of which Brown has secured a Columbia hook-up, and there will also be debates in Baltimore, Washington, and Davidson, N. C. Professor Flournoy also plans to enter some student in the state oratorical contest this year.

University Registers Seven New Students For Second Semester

Seven new students have enrolled at Washington and Lee for the second semester, with the probability that several more will arrive within the next few days.

The new students and their home towns are as follows: Herbert Baltuch, New York City; Barnum Coolidge, Muskegon, Michigan; William Clay Dwigins, Lakeland, Florida; Albert Edward Martin, Baltimore, Maryland; Jack Keith White, Evanson, Illinois; Alfred Flournoy Zachry, West Point, Georgia; and Jerry Martin Gabriel, Preport, New York.

All but two of the new students, Martin and Zachry, are registered as members of the freshman class.

A new \$500,000 library is to be built by Temple University.

Council Leaders Expect Success in New Plan Of Centralized Buying

One Student Body Position Filled As Two Are Vacated

Mincher, Clarke Resign as Secretary-Treasurer and Sophomore President

Due to the resignations of Ed Mincher and Dick Clarke, the offices of secretary-treasurer of the student body and president of the sophomore class respectively are now vacant.

Candidates for these positions are notified that they must submit their names in writing to Mincher before 6:00 p. m., Wednesday, February 14. Election will be by the Executive Committee of the Student Body.

Mincher has submitted his resignation as secretary-treasurer, because, he explains, "the duties of the office have interfered with too great an extent with my studies in the Law school."

Unopposed in the spring elections last year, Mincher polled 439 votes out of a total of 494 votes cast. He is an intermediate lawyer and is captain of the boxing team in his third year of varsity boxing.

Dick Clarke, former sophomore president, has left school.

Manning Williams Elected Acting Editor of Ring-tum Phi

Acting on the recommendation of the Publications Board, the executive committee of the student body elected Manning H. Williams, '34A, acting editor of The Ring-tum Phi at its regular meeting Wednesday night.

Williams will receive his A. B. degree in three years this June. He is planning to return for his master's degree. He has been on the editorial staff of the paper for the past three years; last year in the capacity of assistant managing editor, and for the past semester as assignment editor.

He is a member of Kappa Alpha social fraternity, P. A. N., honorary sophomore society, and Sigma Upsilon, honorary English fraternity. He is also pledged to Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity. Williams was editor of last year's freshman handbook.

Anyone interested in working on the editorial staff of the Ring-tum Phi is urged to communicate with the acting-editor.

Chapel Planting Plan Outlined

Evergreens Will Be Chief Shrubs Used in Landscaping Project

Landscaping of the grounds adjacent to Lee chapel, made possible by the recent gift of \$1,000 by the Garden Club of Virginia, will be begun this spring. The project is being sponsored by the Blue Ridge Garden Club of Lexington, of which Mrs. Frank J. Gilliam is president.

The work, which is being planned by Charles Gillett, prominent Richmond landscape architect, will consist largely of planting evergreens. English yew trees will be placed in front of the chapel, one on either side of the entrance, and one near each flight of stairs at the sides. An English yew hedge will be planted along the brick walls at the sides of the chapel.

Shrubs and trees already growing near the chapel will not be changed but additional beech, magnolia and holly trees will be planted. Eventually it is intended to build a low brick wall along the walk leading up to the chapel from the parking space at the Memorial gateway.

Phi Beta Kappa Bids

Bids for Phi Beta Kappa will not be sent out until several weeks after semester reports are filed, it was announced today by Dr. L. W. Smith, secretary of the local chapter.

League Official To Speak Here

Pierre de Lanux, Noted Lecturer, Will Address World Relations Club

Monsieur Pierre de Lanux, Director of the Paris office of the League of Nations, will speak here next Thursday night, February 8, under the auspices of the International Relations club. M. de Lanux is making his fourth American lecture tour under the sponsorship of the League of Nations Association and was brought here through the Carnegie Endowment.

Meeting Is Early

Details of the meeting have not been completed, but officials of the club said that the meeting will probably be held in the Lee chapel, and will begin promptly at 7:15 o'clock. This early hour has been set in order to avoid conflict with the varsity basketball game with V. P. I. originally scheduled for last night. Professor R. N. Latture, who made the arrangements, had made the appointment with M. de Lanux' managers before it was known that the basketball game had been postponed.

Although the definite subject of M. de Lanux' address has not yet been determined, officials of the local club believe that the noted lecturer will speak on some topic concerning the present situation in Europe.

On Southern Tour

M. de Lanux is at present lecturing throughout this section of the South, and will visit several other Virginia colleges. In his three previous tours of the United States, M. de Lanux has made more than 1100 lectures. He has also lectured in Paris, London, Brussels, Geneva, Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg and other European cities.

M. de Lanux has for nine years been director of the Paris office of the League and is intimately informed on the work of the League. He is an eminent authority on international affairs, and has written several books on the subject, the latest of which will be published this spring. Another of his books, "Sud," is a history of the southern states, written after his last tour in this country. He is a member of the French Legion of Honor.

Brown Assembly Speaker

Dr. Rollo Walter Brown will be the speaker at the next University assembly, which will be held Monday, February 26.
Dr. Brown, a well-known writer and lecturer, has spoken here before and been very well received.

Winfree, Fowler Predict Success For Revised Purchasing Project

LYNCHBURG HOUSE OFFERS PRICE LIST

Special Meeting Will Receive Prices, Resolution For Chapter Vote

By Don R. Moore

Early passage of a plan of co-operative buying was forecast by Peyton Winfree, president of the Interfraternity council, following the regular meeting of the council last night. No action was taken on the question of deferred pledging, since the committee has requested more time in which to deliberate on a new plan.

The former plan of co-operative buying, entailing buying staple products directly from the manufacturer through a Norfolk concern, was tabled in favor of a new plan recently presented to the committee by C. M. Shearer, representing Callahan and company, a Lynchburg wholesale house.

Direct Delivery

Fraternity houses, under the terms of the proposal, can obtain staple products at a cost approximately ten per cent higher than manufacturers' prices. The project provides for delivery of goods directly to each house twice a week.

The wholesale company will furnish the products at a price about seven per cent above manufacturers' prices, and about two or three per cent will take care of the salary to be paid the student manager appointed by the Interfraternity council to supervise the ordering and distribution.

The advantages of the newly-proposed plan over the former one include a saving of approximately ten per cent co-incident with the elimination of a commissary, and four or five per cent in freight charges.

Price Lists Expected

Price lists have been ordered from Callahan's and are expected to arrive in the near future. In the meanwhile the committee in charge is drawing up a resolution presenting the plan.

When this work is completed, a special meeting of the council will be called, and the resolutions and price lists distributed to the individual fraternity representatives. Chapter meetings will be held as soon as practicable, and the plan discussed. The Interfraternity council members will then go instructed to the council meeting, the fate of the measure to be there determined.

Peyton Winfree, president, and Al Fowler, chairman of the committee in charge, told The Ring-tum Phi last night that the discussion of the project at the meeting appeared to favor its passage.

Touring Tigers Hold Lead in Intramurals

The Touring Tigers and Kappa Alphas, according to present standings in the Intramural league handball tourney, are destined to become the principal contenders for supremacy in the tournament.

Only the second round matches in the handball tourney are as yet completed, and very likely two more weeks will be necessary before the tournament can be finished. Strong contenders for the individual handball title are Joe Snyder and Fred Sager, Phi Kappa Sigma; Leroy Hodges, Pi Kappa Alpha; Henry Cohen and Meredith Graham, Kappa Alpha; and Jack Bones and Dick Dunaj, Touring Tigers.

Entrance blanks for the volleyball tournament, the next activity in the league, will be given out the first of next week, and pairings will be made for that tournament soon after the blanks are in. Intramural basketball then follows at the conclusion of the volleyball and varsity basketball programs. Boxing, golf, tennis, and the other spring sports follow to conclude the year's program.

HONOR ROLL January 25, 1934

- Basile, D. G.
- Betts, D. W.
- Black, J. A. (all A's)
- Blalock, J. A.
- Block, I. R.
- Boyd, G. Jr.
- Brickhouse, R. L.
- Brown, M. A. (all A's)
- Bull, R. L. Jr.
- Burton, J. A.
- DeVan, R. P. Jr.
- Doane, H. K.
- Drake, W. M.
- Dunn, D. T.
- Earley, V. B.
- Epstein, E.
- Gilmore, D. J.
- Girard, E. N. S. (all A's)
- Hall, R. V.
- Hamilton, F. H.
- Hardwick, L. E. (all A's)
- Harless, B. G.
- Harrelson, A. M., Jr.
- Harvey, L. L.
- Herwick, J. T. (all A's)
- Hirst, O. L. (all A's)
- Johnson, F. M.
- LaVarre, C. A. (all A's)
- Leffell, W. O.
- Lund, F. E.
- MacDonald, K. G.
- Massengale, J. T.
- Maynard, F. F.
- Palmer, F. M.
- Ruth, R. W. (all A's)
- Schildknecht, W. R. (all A's)
- Simmons, J. B.
- Sphar, W. R., Jr. (all A's)
- Stuart, R. K.
- Sudduth, W. A.
- Tompkins, S. F.
- Wallace, I. G., Jr.
- Watkins, E. L.
- Weber, L. B. (all A's)
- Wilkinson, C. W.
- Williams, M. H. (all A's)
- Wilson, F. G.

Hell Week Reveals Ingenuity Of Fraternities in Hazing Freshmen

In an effort to rival the ancient Court of the Spanish Inquisition, fraternity men on the Washington and Lee campus are engaged at present in devising novel schemes of barbarism to inflict upon their pledges prior to initiation. With Hell Week either in full swing or about to begin at most of the fraternities, beating, public shining, and all-night excursions are favorite forms of amusement, a survey made by The Ring-tum Phi indicates.

Of the twenty fraternities on the campus, three houses to date have completely abolished Hell Week. Another fraternity is considering such action. Three or four others are modifying their programs this year and are considering either reducing the amount of physical punishment of eliminating it entirely.

In an attempt to avoid publicity of an unsavory sort, most of the fraternities have done away with public shining, confining most of the Hell Week activities to the sanctity of the fraternity house. The remainder of the fraternities are putting their pledges through a "regular, old-fashioned Hell Week."

One fraternity has decided to utilize the efforts of the freshman advantage. Instead of spending all their time bringing in horses, dogs, and pigs, the pledges are painting several of the rooms in the fraternity house.

In some of the fraternities, Hell Week still lasts a full seven days, during which the pledges spend most of their time, day and night, amusing the "old men" at the house. The majority of the fraternities have cut down the period

of barbarism to four or five days. Freshman athletics, as much as anything else, have been largely responsible for the shortening of the Hell Week period. Because of training rules and because of athletic trips scheduled for frosh teams during this period, many fraternities have found it necessary to limit Hell Week to little more than half of its usual length.

Despite resolutions passed by national fraternities favoring the abolition of Hell Week and physical punishment, fraternities on this campus have been slow in making any changes in the time-honored system. A few progressive individuals among the fraternity men, investigation shows, favor the elimination of Hell Week, but these men are decidedly in the minority in most of the houses.

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A BRIEF STATEMENT OF POLICY AND A WORD OF RECOGNITION

The Ring-tum Phi will, during this semester, endeavor to continue along the same lines of constructive criticism and definite leadership that characterized it last semester and made it a more articulate and more effective organ of the student community. Definite progress has been made in the way of aggressive, comprehensive journalism; The Ring-tum Phi has become active rather than passive, something more than a well-polished reflector of routine happenings. Earnest effort will be made to continue this advancement.

The guiding principle will be that The Ring-tum Phi is, and should be, primarily a student paper and that the interests of the student body are the interests of the University. When emphasis is placed on outside circulation the enterprise becomes only a commercial one.

In a university of this size the usual run of "news" is often dull and stale. An effort will be made to play up that side of the news that will make The Ring-tum Phi more intimate, more personal, and more expressive of the life of the University—not an experiment in sensational journalism, but a bid for greater reader interest.

The major policies of the paper will continue to be moulded by its editorial board, with due regard to student sentiment, but not necessarily in agreement with the opinion of the majority. It is emphasized that the columns of The Ring-tum Phi are open to free discussion of any problem of student interest.

SLOW BUT SURE DECLINE SEEN IN HELL WEEK

Following publication in the last issue of an editorial attacking fraternity Hell Week, The Ring-tum Phi made a survey of all the Greek-letter social fraternities on the campus in an effort to determine to what extent the ancient hazing custom has been abolished.

The survey did not reveal anything particularly startling in the way of complete abolition of pre-initiation period, since only three houses have voted to do away with all forms of punishment for the pledges. On the other hand, however, a gratifying tendency in the right direction is noted in the fact that the majority of the houses are lessening the severity of Hell Week.

Two or three houses claim to have done away with the most objectionable feature, the childish and barbarous beatings; but in most fraternities, paddling is the principal part of the Hell Week program.

Several others have discontinued the practice of "public shining" and confine the program to the chapter house. This, too, is a wise move, since most of the objections raised by townspeople and other outsiders result from property damage caused by "goats" acting under the orders of their fraternities.

A third modification which is gaining headway is the shortening of the hazing period, in some cases to only two or three days. One of the chief objections to Hell Week has been that because of it freshmen often miss an entire week of work. A three-day period is not nearly so harmful as an entire week, but this difficulty has not been completely removed.

One house, although it has made few other modifications, has put the pledges to work painting rooms in the chapter house, instead of sending them on foolish errands. Although this innovation does not in the least ameliorate the conditions for the freshmen, it does have the advantage of accomplishing something useful, which cat-stealing and treasure-hunting never did.

All in all, Hell Week this year seems to be something of an improvement over past years. The trend, slight though it may be, is in the right direction. However, the fact remains that any type of hazing on the part of fraternities is a puerile and useless custom. May the weak steps which have been taken continue until "Hell Week" at Washington and Lee is merely some-

thing for old grads to recall as part of "the old days"; until paddles become as old-fashioned as shaving mugs; until stories of midnight searches for innocent farm animals are relegated to the level of the present tales of the old W. and L.-V. M. I. battles.

AFTER FIVE MONTHS WRANGLING WE EXPECT RESULTS

Fraternities at Washington and Lee have one more chance to show that they can cooperate for their mutual benefit, one more chance to refute the frequent charges that their relations with each other are characterized by mistrust and petty bickering and nothing else. An efficient plan for co-operative buying has been prepared, assuring on paper a considerable saving; a practical trial is the essential final step.

Little opposition has been expressed to the plan; it seems the best that the Interfraternity council can produce. The one barrier to its passage is the "we-don't-know, we-don't-care, we-don't-like-it" attitude—the attitude that has defeated almost every attempt at interfraternity cooperation.

The Interfraternity council has been engaged for five long months of wrangling in defeating one deferred pledging plan and abandoning one buying proposal. If for once it comes to the point with a little straight, unselfish thinking, co-operative buying is a certainty.

WHY SHOULD MUSIC BE IGNORED HERE?

Every year the students have the privilege of hearing a number of prominent men speak before the assemblies, but there is one phase in the cultural field in which we are sadly lacking, and that is music. Many other colleges and universities give their students the opportunity to hear during the year one or two famous musicians. Why could it not be arranged so that we too might have this privilege? Music is a field that no really cultured man should too much neglect. Here we pride ourselves on our facilities for real cultural and intellectual development, yet we seem to have neglected this extremely important field.

It is not meant here to imply that regular instruction in music should be added to the University curriculum, but rather that some means might be provided for the students to develop their tastes and appreciation of this art medium. Could not one or two of the monthly assemblies be devoted to the presentation of some musician rather than to a speaker? It may be argued that there would be too few students really interested in hearing good music to warrant the presentation of a good musician. Certainly this does not argue very well for the nature of our students. Expense would, without doubt, make the most potent argument against this change, but we have to pay our speakers, so why not pay for a musician? Certainly the arguments in favor of such a move are obvious; it only remains to ascertain student opinion on the subject. This certainly should be done before the schedule for the next year's assemblies is arranged.

THE EPITHET "SANDBAG" A GENTLE ONE

When from a student body of over eight hundred only eight men demonstrate their interest in an extensive program of intercollegiate debating, there is concrete evidence of the mental apathy of Washington and Lee students. While at this time pressure is being brought to bear from a number of sources to cause student emphasis to be laid on curricular rather than extra-curricular activity, the educational value of such an intercollegiate debating program as has been arranged for this year is evident. One semester hour is given for participation in a varsity debate; over four hundred dollars has been appropriated to finance a trip to Chicago and enable Washington and Lee representatives to meet teams from leading universities in the east; the questions to be argued are not stale and trite, but vital problems that challenge the best leadership in the country today.

With such inducements obvious, the aversion—a state of feeling many never attain—of the Washington and Lee student body to any opportunity for a little intellectual activity is clearly demonstrated. The epithet "sandbag" is a gentle one.

The worst pun in weeks has just been brought into The Ring-tum Phi office. It seems that in a Spanish class two or three days ago the professor asked the class to translate into Spanish a sentence with the phrase "so long as" in it. After asking a goodly proportion of the class how to word the phrase in good Castilian, he finally managed to awaken one of last season's grid heroes and said, "Mr. ———, how would you translate the phrase 'so long as' into Spanish?" The gentleman awoke for a brief moment, yawned, murmured "Adios, Senor" and went back to sleep.

The Ring-tum Phi is gratified that at least one reader reacts to its editorials. It is reported that a professor read the "sandbag" editorial with favorable comment.

The first snow of the winter is a happy finale to the real winter we have been having all week.

The Open Column

The following editorial has been contributed by a member of the student body not on The Ring-tum Phi staff. Such contributions are welcome, especially when they call attention to student desire for self-expression in an artistic field. Here is an opportunity for the Troubadours to broaden their scope and engage in some really creative activity for experimental theatrical work can very well be made a supplement of their program. In any case, the suggestions that follow offer a challenge to the Troubadours and to all students interested in creating rather than imitating.

STUDENT BODY STARVING FOR ORIGINAL WORK

There is one thought-provoking question that Washington and Lee students are asked, which, if they are at all conscientious, causes them guiltily to shift their gaze and look at their feet while they rationalize and prevaricate. To this important question, "What is your experimental dramatic organization?" many students yield too easily to temptation and answer "The Troubadours." Then, "Oh, tell me about some of what they have done!" Then follows confession.

There is little doubt about the good work the "Troubs" are doing on the campus. They have an excellent director, and number among their company some accomplished actors; they always seem to be successful in providing excellent entertainment. But there are in our university, no doubt, quite a number of good potential actors who are not in the Troubadours. Even better than that, there are no doubt some students and professors capable of turning out very good original plays.

Well, why don't the actors go out for the Troubs, and why don't the playwrights submit their material to our present dramatic organization? There are very good reasons. Many of those "actors" want experimental work; they often do not wish to join an organization which seems to them even tinged with dramatic commercialism. The playwrights are encouraged in their lassitude by the fact that only on historical occasions do the Troubs present original drama, and that one of the most artistic and interesting forms of drama, the one-act play, is slighted by them.

Some group on the campus should organize an original club; should write their own plays, and design and execute their own acts, besides the production of the play itself. And aspirants to the dramatic parts should be given a fair, extensive, and, above all, a practical tryout. Excellent one-act plays have been and are being written in at least three courses in Washington and Lee. Even let these classes put on their own work, and the work of the proven playwrights whom they study in class.

The lack of money is the great drawback. We must wait the advent of some "angel" with consideration and foresight enough to note our great failing in this respect, and specify that his donation shall be used to rectify it. Otherwise, the money will be spent to build a golf-course on the gymnasium roof, or some such absurdity.

Meanwhile, however, those who are interested in such work, and the number is not small, should realize that, after all, an immense auditorium is not necessary for such work. Some of our greatest Little Theatres have had the most humble beginnings. Seating facilities for thirty or forty in some farmer's barn, or in some classroom, with some packing-box shack for a workshop is none too ignoble a start. The student

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Greyhound's Goose

We wonder seriously if "Fugitive Lovers" wasn't made for the future glory and prosperity of the Greyhound bus lines. With the Greyhound name and insignia being given a close-up in about four out of ten shots, it is quite probable that satisfactory arrangements were completed between Radio, Greyhound, McCrum's and the New Theatre. But despite the blatant note of obtuse commercialism (which is getting to be quite a fad in Hollywood to the benefit of Luckies, Fuller Brushes, and General Electric refrigerators), "Fugitive Lovers" was eminently entertaining and exciting. There were enough precarious situations provided for the fleeing Robert Montgomery to satisfy the most jaded celluloid appetite, and the apprehension, anxious, and harried expression of said Montgomery was quite authentic and convincing. Madge Evans played her usual role of insignificant sufficiency. Personally, we wouldn't mind meeting up with someone like Evans or Ted Healey on a long bus ride. And a dozen bravos for the intelligent-looking cops that appear here and yon in mid-Arizona and mid-Mexico or something. Someone must have been napping in the casting office—or is the era of moon-faced cops about to meet the long-awaited ax?

Best shot: The cry of the child from a snowbank.

The Continental Flavor

You will rarely find a play written by a European without that continental flavor of supreme artistry and wit. "By Candlelight," which played to an appreciative few at the New the past Monday, was a gem of winsome dialogue and captivating situations as conceived by a European playwright whose ability to refresh the mistaken identity between-prince-and-servant theme was equal to his ability to handle dangerous anti-climaxes with deft assurance. Turning a defiant sniff towards the use of slapstick, the adapters of the play evidently utilized the genuine humor that rioted in most of the situations.

Paul Lukas, looking as if he had just recovered from a long illness (mayhap the old ravages of Hollywood) nevertheless gave an excellent portrayal as the sentimental and aspiring butler. Elissa Landi, also looking far less beautiful than in the "Masquerader," was excellent as the counterfeited lady. Nils Asther, charming, urbane, regal and restrained and vice versa, was the perfect epitomization of a gentleman-prince. And there's a miss with the intriguing name of Nola January who will probably be heard of more often.

Best shot: The prince slapping the rear of "Lady" Landi.

Shorn Lamb

"Design for Living" proved to be a lousy pheasant with the delicately tinted tail-feathers of Noel Coward being plucked by Hollywood decorators in favor of the peppermint bon mots of Rewrite-man Hecht. The precise reason for totally denuding the play of its original lines and covering it up with guff for the edi-

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Barks on the Parapet

By A Campus Hound

I was snooping around the other day on the campus and found a newspaper. It wasn't a very recent one—that is, it wasn't published during the past week. But that doesn't make any difference as far as I can see either to you or me, for there aren't many who look at the newspapers or have much interest in what's going on in the world. I guess most gentlemen on the campus go on the principle that too much newspaper reading would take time away from studies which would be really bad. And then too, the newspapers in this part of the country don't have much in them anyway except news about international problems such as the government in France, news about national governmental problems such as the monetary situation and the progress of the NRA, and news about the Virginia state roundup in the legislature where they're considering the liquor question and such stuff, all of which is relatively unimportant when compared with the sad situation at Hollins and Sweet Briar where girls want to be girls and gentlemen have to be gentlemen most of the time.

I was surprised to discover the newspapers mentioned above amidst the undulations of our beauteous greensward. (Not bad, eh? That's the Rudlin influence.) It seems to me that it would be an excellent puzzle for a first class detective to solve—or I might get a bloodhound friend of mine to do a little Sherlocking. Where did that paper come from? Who was the peculiar Washington and Lee individual that had the courage and the temerity to bring a newspaper to the campus? Of course it is a problem, but it appears to this hound that the student body can be dismissed from the list of suspects and the only possible culprit would be some member of the faculty. They have been known to do such things as read newspapers.

All of which is neither here nor there nor any place else. The fact is that a newspaper has been found on the Washington and Lee campus and a precedent has been set. Although I've been on this campus only about five years, which in reality is only four years because I was adolescent my first year and was more interested in chasing my own tail than anything else, I have found that this is one of the few precedents which have been set since the latter part of the nineteenth century. Perhaps the newspaper has something to do with the New Deal. Incidentally, the New Deal, NRA, CWA, FDR, and PWA was spread all over the front page along with a little dirt and wetness deposited here and there by the powers that be.

Among other things I noticed a headline saying—GOP SNOOZING. At first it occurred to me that it referred to the good old pooches on the Washington and Lee campus, and then the grand old professors, but finally I read it backwards and it really pertained to the proud old gentlemen of W. & L., which didn't surprise me particularly because I've always been under the impression that the guys who enjoy tickling my ears do so because they're really absent minded and sort of asleep physically, mentally and any other way that may occur to you. It's a sad situation and I haven't the slightest idea how they got that way, unless it's through the bad influence of allowing us hounds to sleep out there in the sun in front of the Washington College building. If that really is the case, all mutts, including myself, should be run off the University property. Undoubtedly you agree.

From some quarter or other comes the intelligence that GOP stands for the grand old Republic. Continued on page four

CBS Will Open Playhouse Tomorrow Night

By AL DURANTE

For the unfortunate who are unable to find a ride to Lynchburg this week-end, the ether waves will provide the super in entertainment. Tomorrow night at 10:30 the CBS wires will carry the opening of Columbia's radio playhouse. For this program, which will last 90 minutes, they have gathered together all the available talent that has ever appeared on a Columbia station. Bing Crosby, Burns and Allen and Guy Lombardo's orchestra will be heard from the Pacific Coast, while the other entertainment will originate in the theatre.

Opera, as you probably know from the full page advertisement which appeared in the last issue, is being put on the air direct from the Metropolitan Opera House every Saturday afternoon. Richard Wagner's "Die Walkure" is on the program for tomorrow afternoon at 1:40 over all NBC stations.

Comedy in its richest tone will reign on the WEAF network Sunday night at 10:30 when George S. Kaufman and Marc Connelly, two of America's foremost playwrights, and both Pulitzer Prize winners, will come before the microphone. Together they have written many fine plays, while single handedly, Connelly prepared "Green Pastures" for the stage and Kaufman with the aid of a collaborator wrote such plays as

"Once in a Lifetime," and "Of Thee I Sing." They should have something entertaining for their listeners.

Al Jolson, Mr. Ruby Keeler to some and the Worst-Actor-Husband of the Worst-Actress to some unknown author, will resume his place on the Paul White-man hour on Thursday evening of next week. In his absence Jolson has been making "Wonder Bar" in Hollywood, in which he starred on the stage.

When you're dialing Sunday afternoon, stop at WJZ at 2:30 for one of the more entertaining programs. At that hour Arlene Jackson, one of the newer songbirds (not of the South) and Orman and Arden, undoubtedly the best piano team on the air, will try to bring you something new in the line of music.

Ben Bernie pulled a surprise on his listeners when he brought Max Baer, pugilistic-lover, to the microphone as his guest. When Bernie asked Max where his greatest interest, outside of boxing, lies and he answered "golf" we knew he wasn't telling the truth after seeing some of the company that he keeps. But when Baer said he thought Max Baer was the greatest fighter around, we knew he was telling the truth, according to Max Baer.

Fred Allen's programs continue to delight this listener. He has

established himself on the air. Any sponsor who will back a program on the same hour that Lombardo is heard on another station must have faith in his advertiser. Convinced that the comedian's path is quite difficult, Fred has this to say, "The funny man's existence is a barefooted detour on a road strewn with broken bottles."

While looking around for guest artists for the new Ted Florito program, the sponsors approached Maurice Chevalier, but turned him down at once when he asked for \$8000 (Whew!) for one broadcast.

When Fred Waring and his crew make their debut for a new sponsor on Sunday night at 8:30, Marion Talley, foremost operatic soprano, will be the guest star. Incidentally, if Johnny Davis can't out-Cab Cab Calloway, no one ever will.

AIRLINES: Ed Wynn's license tags for New Jersey read thusly, "SOOOO".... Eddy Duchin has never used a baton to direct his band, he uses his head (pun)... Rudy Vallee was picked as the favorite orchestra leader in a poll of dance experts conducted by the National Institute of Social Dancing... Fred Allen was christened John F. Sullivan and he talks like that off the air.

TRY THESE:
Tonight: News — Edwin C.

Hill at 8:15, Boswell Sisters at 11:15, Isham Jones at 11:30 and Don Redman at midnight over WABC. Ethel Shutta, Walter O'Keefe and Don Bestor at 8:00, Phil Harris at 9:00 and Phil Baker at 9:30 over WJZ. Jan Garber at 9:45, Wayne King at 11:30, Jan Garber at 11:50, and Hal Kemp at 12:50 over WGN.

Saturday: Isham Jones at 7:45, Hollywood on the Air at 8:00, Stoopnagle and Budd at 9:15, Re-broadcast from Byrd Expedition at 10:00 and Abe Lyman at 12:30. George Olsen at 8:00 and Robert L. Ripley at 10:00 over WEAF. Eddie Duchin at 9:30 over WJZ.

Sunday: Wayne King at 3:00, Frances Langford and the Richard Humber Orchestra at 3:30, Eddie Cantor at 8:00, Tamara at 9:00, and Jack Benny at 10:00 over WEAF. Jan Garber at 3:30, Ted Weems at 7:00, Ozzie Nelson at 7:30, Will Rogers at 9:00, Walter Winchell at 9:30, Buddy Rogers at 11:30 and Rudy Vallee at midnight over WJZ.

Monday: Bing Crosby and the Mills Brothers at 8:30, Gertrude Neissen and Isham Jones at 9:30, and Boswell Sisters at 11:15 over WABC. Shirley Howard and Jesters at 7:30, Ted Weems at 11:15 and George Olsen at midnight over WEAF. Midnight Flyers program by Hal Kemp over WGN starting at 1:00.

Seven Big Blue Teams Will See Action This Week-end

Wrestlers Face Strenuous Test In Four Meets

Twenty-two Varsity And Freshmen Fighters Invade North Carolina

Four wrestling meets in two days give the varsity and freshmen matmen a lion's share in winter sport activities as seven Big Blue aggregations go into action this week-end in intercollegiate competition.

The freshmen and varsity wrestling teams left yesterday for a strenuous invasion of North Carolina, meeting the University of North Carolina tonight and North Carolina State tomorrow.

A squad of twenty-two grapplers—thirteen varsity members and nine yearlings—made the trip, so that Coach Mathis' plan to use an entirely new lineup, with the exception of three men, in the two varsity meets might be carried out.

The record of Carolina, while none too brilliant, has been steadily improving. After suffering a humiliating defeat from State, they came back to wrestle V. P. I. to a close finish and defeated Duke 17-9. Last year's meet between Carolina and the Generals resulted in a 19-13 victory for the Blue and White.

Carolina State should prove the tougher of the two, for its record so far this season stands unblemished. State succeeded in shutting out N. C. U. 20-0, and beating V. M. L., 16-14.

The Brigadiers will have to use their same line-up both nights, with the possible exception of Secord replacing Kirk on one night's program; otherwise, the same wrestlers will be used as appeared against Augusta Military academy.

The yearlings celebrated the opening of their season just prior to the exams with a 28-0 win over A. M. A. This year's team is termed by Coach Mathis as being the best freshman team he has ever coached. These 1934 yearlings are out to continue the record of the five previous undefeated freshman teams.

Immediately upon their arrival back in Lexington, the first year men will start preparing for the Woodberry Forest meet on the tenth and the Greenbrier contest on the twelfth.

Natators Have Real Opposition

Record Breaker Will Swim For Mercersburg Against Freshmen

The freshman swimming team opens its season against one of the best prep school swimming teams in the country, Mercersburg Academy, Saturday, February 3.

The Pennsylvania boys opened their season against the Yale freshmen, and sent the yearlings down to a defeat in their own tank. This triumph was followed by victories over Massanutten academy and S. M. A.

The meet Saturday was not on the original Brigadier schedule, but was arranged on Mercersburg's southern trip.

Swims 220 in 2:16
In Maronis, Mercersburg has one of the best 220 men in the country. He recently swam that event in 2:16.

For the freshmen, Lund will perform in the relay, 50, and 220 events; Brasher in the relay, dives, and 100; Winters in the relay; Daniels in the 100 and the 50; McGoon and Taylor in the breaststroke; Wishnew and Abrahams in the backstroke; Sanford in the 220, and Richardson in the dives.

Horace Richardson, star Brigadier center, will pull an ironman stunt when he leaves right after the freshman basketball game Friday to drive to Mercersburg with Coach Twombly in time for the aquatic meet. This is the first of seven contests, the next being with A. M. A. here on February 7.

Frosh Tossers Play Crucial Game Here With Emerson Quint

The Brigadier quintet made a bid for its fourth straight win this afternoon in Doremus gymnasium against the team from which Coach Twombly expects the toughest competition of the season.

Emerson high school of Washington is the aggregation conceded a good chance of snapping the Brigadiers' victory string. Last year Emerson beat the frosh twice, 40-34 and 49-35.

ANDERSON BROWNE REVIEWS IN SPORT

Yale Stages Anti-Climax to Select Local Protege As Next Grid Coach; Chicago Police Name All-American Gangster Team

Today's issue of *The Ring-tum Phi* witnesses the appearance of a slight change in this column although there will be little change in the policies it has stood for during the entire first semester. Numerous complaints came to us by mail and mouth that "Following the Big Blue" was a little hard to read because of its close set lines. We first altered things by starting each section in cap letters, and now we hope that this new make-up will enable you to read this column with less eye-strain, even if it still continues to get on your nerves.

Everything's "Ducky" At Yale

It looks as though the Marx brothers won't get the coaching job at Yale after all next year, for a competent football coach, boys, and you can bet your last Harpo they are plenty sore about it. After floundering around for nearly two months and searching all over the country Yale seems to have turned right around in their own backyard and found out they'd overlooked something. Right under their beaked noses stood Raymond "Ducky" Pond, who has been sitting around on the New Haven sidelines for many seasons, drawing his salary, and wearing the title, junior varsity coach. Everything must come to them who wait, for today Ducky Pond has been entrusted with the great Yale team for next season, and unless things go haywire, he ought to do as well a job as any of the "big names" that could have been imported for prestige sake, but who didn't know a damn thing about the peculiar manner in which the Yales play football. Ducky draws his name from the fact that he was one of their best end-swimmers in those muddy years of 1923 and 1924.

The Yale situation kept most of us in more suspense than a typical S. S. Van Dine mystery novel, or perhaps one of alumnus Frank Cunningham's better short stories. But back to Van Dine and the Yales. Rumor now has it that it was entirely his idea, Van was seeking for a new football murder plot. After getting everyone in the country to guess just who the victim would be and keepink these victims in the spotlight all along, the Alumni and Athletic Associations have pulled a typical Van Dine and put the blame on someone right there; yes, the butler did it again.

Another big laugh which shows that the Yale Coach Selecting Committee finally gave up and surrendered to anti-climax was the appointment of our good old friend "Greasy" Neale, who you will remember turned out such a wonderful team at West Virginia this past season, as assistant to Ducky Pond. Denny Myers, of whom we know nothing whatsoever except that he hails from the great banking state of Michigan, will round out the trio. Ducky will be the big one in the pond, while Neale coaches the backfield and Myers the line. This doesn't leave much for Pond, unless they're going to put him on the freshman goal post committee, but he'll be used to doing nothing. He and Garner have been doing it all along.

Chicago Picks Its "Honor" Squad

No surer sign that the popularity of crime as a sport is on the wane has been offered than the 1933 all-American gangster eleven recently announced by the police officials of Chicago. This 1933 team is a group of third rate second story workers when placed alongside some of the all-star public enemies of other years. It boasts of a couple of triple-threat men—those who are equally adept with tommy-gun, pineapple, and brass knuckles—but taken as a whole, it is a team that couldn't even carry the cartridges for many of its infamous predecessors.

Can you imagine what a team captained by Gerald Chapman, quarterbacked by Bugs Moran, and with Two-Gun Crowley and Vincent "Mad-Dog" Coll at the halfback posts would have done to the 1933 aggregation? What a team that was! So good that nearly every member drew burial in Potter's Field, the Arlington and Rose Bowl of those who live by the gun and die by

Emerson is reported to have a much better combination this year than last.

The beginning of the second semester finds the team unhurt by eligibility rules. The first

the rope. One appreciates its strength all the more when one remembers that Jack "Legs" Diamond was a third-stringer despite the fact he got shot 17 times trying to make the varsity. That's a mark!

Just try and name us one of the present day big shots who could get plugged half as many times and still report for practice. Chapman's team could have taken the present one into some St. Valentine's bower, given it the first shots and an extra 15 yards for holding, and still win by something like 47-3, the field goal being awarded the losers when Dillinger winged Moran in the fleshy part of the calf, for a perfect boot.

If the hoodlums of the nation are as strong for their favorite crooks as the football fans of the nation are for their gridiron heroes, the Chicago officials undoubtedly were deluged with letters asking why this gangster or this baby-killer was not recognized with a place one the first string eleven. Unquestionably a letter may have read like this, to wit:

Dear Sirs:

The finger is on you for leaving my pal, Sad-Eyed Moe, the Philadelphia Popper, off the first team. Around here he is rated as the dirtiest, meanest, riciest-fingered triggerman that ever breathed. And shoot ain't all he can do. He is a swell forger, a touchless pick-pocket, a con man, snatcher, and safe blower. He's got a record a mile long, his mug is in every Rogue's gallery east of Seattle, and he's shot more guys in the back than anybody in the business. You don't have to take my word for it, ask any of the deans at his various colleges, Sing Sing, Atlanta, Leavenworth, Auburn, or Joliet. He's had scholarships with the best of them.

Sincerely yours,
DAN THE DIP

Summing UP Sans Sportamabobs

Washington and Lee is grateful to V. P. I. for agreeing to release the Generals from last night's basketball game and resetting it for a later date, February 8th. The Generals had just returned from a trip that carried them to North Carolina State and Duke and tonight the boys are over playing West Virginia. Such an extensive road trip was too much, and V. P. I. was kind enough to allow the local basketekers a much needed holiday.

On Monday Coach Tilson will look over for the first time his prospects for next fall on the gridiron when a large number of eligible candidates answer the initial spring training call. If this snow keeps up, it will be far from spring, but Tilson is prepared to start right in with the rudiments, regardless of the weather. The program for this spring will be more elaborate than in former years, and Tilson's early training will be a great help towards building another winning team for next season.

In the meanwhile, Coach Tilson will continue as boxing mentor and send two of his mit squads into the ring this week-end. The freshmen are shaking hands with Staunton tonight in the Doremus gym, while tomorrow evening the varsity will be over at North Carolina State. The varsity wrestling teams, both varsity and freshmen, meet North Carolina University tonight and State tomorrow night. Mathis will use two complete teams, with the exception of about three men.

Winter sports, which are a rare thing at Washington and Lee, took on life with a vengeance during this past cold spell, and many game lovers of St. Moritz oiled up their skates and hied out to Whistle Creek for a bit of a frolic. Well bundled, primarily because of the cold but also because of the general inefficiency at skating, students and townspeople joined alike in the merry, merry-making. After that heavy snow yesterday, sleighs (or are they called sleds?) were in order and the front lawn of Washington College had more than its share of town youngsters sliding hither and yon.

string remains intact, and few of the reserves were affected.

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Boxers Invade North Carolina

Same Team That Beat Roanoke Faces N. C. State Saturday

Saturday evening the varsity boxing squad will journey to Raleigh, North Carolina, to oppose the mitmen of North Carolina State.

Washington and Lee will use the same team that defeated Roanoke 6 1-2 to 1 1-2 in the first dual meet for Tilson's men this year. North Carolina State has won one meet and tied another, defeating Georgia 6-2, and drawing the University of North Carolina 4-4.

The feature bout of the evening will no doubt be between Captain Eddie Mincher and Garner in the 149-pound class. Last year Garner defeated Mincher in an extra round of hard fighting when the Generals met the Red Terrors in Doremus gym. The year before that Mincher defeated Garner at Raleigh.

Both men have been matched against each other since their varsity fighting began and a good rivalry has sprung up between the two. In commenting on Mincher's fighting ability last year, Garner named Mincher as his "toughest opponent". Garner was the defending champion in the welter-weight division at the Southern Conference tournament last year.

State is reputed to have one of the strongest teams it has ever turned out, as is evidenced from the scores of the dual meets the Red Terrors have engaged in this year.

In commenting on the fights Tilson said, "North Carolina State has the strongest outfit they have had in sometime. This meet will be a hard fight."

The line up for Washington and Lee:

- Corbett, 119 pounds.
- Davies, 129 pounds.
- Moore, 139 pounds.
- Mincher, 149 pounds.
- Jean, 159 pounds.
- Short, 169 pounds.
- Martin, 179 pounds.
- Mower, heavyweight.

Twice-Beaten Generals Set For Tilt With Mountaineers

After losing a close game to Duke Tuesday night, the Washington and Lee varsity cagers turn to West Virginia in Lynchburg tonight and return to Lynchburg next Monday at eight o'clock in the New City Armory, to meet Duke again.

At Durham the Duke courtmen eked out a 43-37 victory in a game that saw the lead change ten times during the evening.

After the high score position had changed hands seven times, the score at the half stood 22-20 in favor of the entertainers. In the middle of the final session the score was all in favor of the Duke squad, which held a 39-29 edge. The Generals then staged a last minute rally and cut the lead down to four points, but couldn't quite make the grade.

This morning the varsity set out in cars for Charleston, where it faces the strong West Virginia Mountaineers. The Generals have lost both of their games played since the holidays, and are anxious to redeem themselves on this occasion.

The return game with Duke has been finally slated for neutral ground. It was first planned to hold the game in Lynchburg; but this was later switched to Lexington only to have the scene of battle again altered to the original location.

Duke's win over Cy Young's pupils this week made ten victories in twelve starts. It was also the Blue Devils fifth Southern Conference victory in six tries.

The Southern Conference Standings

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| South Carolina | 1 | 0 | 1,000 |
| North Carolina | 9 | 1 | 900 |
| Duke | 5 | 1 | 833 |
| N. C. State | 4 | 1 | 800 |
| Maryland | 4 | 1 | 800 |
| W. and L. | 1 | 3 | 250 |
| V. M. I. | 1 | 3 | 250 |
| Clemson | 0 | 4 | 000 |
| V. P. I. | 0 | 5 | 000 |
| Virginia | 0 | 7 | 000 |

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Frosh Mitmen Face Staunton

Yearlings Open Season Tonight Captained by Former A. M. A. Star

The freshman boxing team will officially open its season tonight when it meets the mitmen from Staunton Military Academy. The bouts will be held in the gym and are scheduled to start at 7:30.

The Washington and Lee squad will be captained by Baird Ashley, a fast hard-hitting 129-pounder. Ashley is the only man on the squad who has had much experience, formerly boxing with Augusta Military Academy.

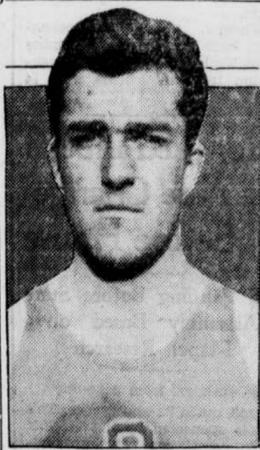
Last year the Blue and White team, weakened by the loss of two of its regular members, lost to Staunton, 7-1. Staunton is somewhat of an unknown quantity this year but the bouts promise to be fast and interesting.

Weighing in for the frosh will be conducted at 3:30 this afternoon.

Next Monday the mitmen will journey to Staunton to meet the Augusta Military Academy scrappers.

Probable line up for Washington and Lee:

- Fallat, 119 pounds.
- Ashley, 129 pounds.
- Miller, 139 pounds.
- Dustin, 149 pounds.
- Hauke, 159 pounds.
- Beamer, 169 pounds.
- Hoag, 179 pounds.
- Berry, heavyweight.



JOE SAWYERS

Sawyers, a senior, whose athletic record here includes football, basketball, and track, will make his final appearance against his home-state tonight when the Generals meet West Virginia's Mountaineers in a basketball game at Morgantown.

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Tilson Increases Time of Spring Football Drill

Practice Starts Next Monday; Scrimmages to Be Held Daily

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gress, there may be an occasional regulation game of the type that was held last spring, when the squad was divided into two teams. All together, there will be four or five Saturday games played before the end of the workouts.

In the matter of football players who are out for other sports, Tilson stated that the following plan would be adopted. "All freshmen participating in other sports will be required to give first place to football. They will have ample time to train for other sports before the workouts or in the evenings. Regular members of varsity teams will not be asked to come out until after the end of the sport that they are engaged in at present."

Essentials Stressed

It was explained that no attempt was being made to discourage freshmen from participation in other sports, but that fundamentals are the essence of spring training, and this phase is needed by each freshman player.

Besides emphasizing the fundamentals of football, Tilson plans to hold daily scrimmages of from 15 to 20 minutes duration. Last year the spring scrimmages were few and far between, but Tilson sees a chance to improve his offense by this type of work in the coming practices.

In 1932 while Jimmy DeHart was professor of football, the University held no spring football training. When Tilson was named to succeed DeHart he re-modeled the training system and last spring put his pupils through a five weeks' workout. This fall the improvement on fundamentals was noticeable to followers of the Big Blue. In continuation of this policy, Tilson is expanding the time period for the spring sessions and is looking for evidence of these workouts on the field of competition next fall during the nine-game schedule.

Riflemen Shoot Against Newark Club Next Week

According to a statement by Bill Spahr, president of the Washington and Lee Rifle Club, the local organization will hold a telegraphic meet with the Amateur Rod and Gun Club of Newark, N. J., on February 10. The Generals' gunners have been hard at work this year holding practices two nights a week since their organization shortly after Thanksgiving. Arrangements have been made with the authorities at V. M. I. so that the club may use the Institute's range.

In order to gain competitive practice a freshman-varsity meet will probably be held the last part of this week. Men can thus be picked to shoot against other clubs.

30c Until 7:30 p. m.

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Marion Davies
in
"Going Hollywood"
with
BING CROSBY
FIFI D'ORSAY
STUART ERWIN
An M-G-M Hit

Frosh Tossers Defeat Emerson by 29-27 Count

Staving off a last minute rally, the Big Blue freshman quintet made it five straight when they defeated Emerson institute 29-27, here this afternoon.

"Horse" Richardson and Norm Iler led the Brigadiers in scoring with 10 and 11 points apiece, with Russ Doane starring on the defense.

Wheeler, star of the tournament here last year as a member of McKinley Tech, led the Washington team in scoring with 14 points.

Proposed Libel Statute Change Before House

Bill Pending Before State Assembly Based on Mapel Research

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ograph made its appearance. This bill is sponsored by the Virginia Press association, which organization requested that a copy of the Mapel research be sent to every Virginia legislator.

Newspapermen in Virginia, Professor Mapel said, have been subjected to hardship in matters of libel for two reasons: They have been forced to defend many suits which under normal conditions would not have gone to trial, and they have been restrained from showing in evidence how allegedly defamatory matter came to appear in their newspapers.

In his testimony before the House committee, Mr. Mapel reiterated the historical aspect of Virginia libel law. This historical background appeared in full in his monograph. It pointed out that shortly after the middle of the last century the General Assembly of Virginia passed an anti-duelling statute, known as the statute for insulting words, which statute was enacted as a means to prevent the many duels that occurred as a result of so-called insults made by newspaper editors and others. The statute was passed to enable enraged citizens to settle matters of "honor" in the courts rather than in some grove at sunrise. To put "teeth" into the law it was ruled that no person accused of insulting someone else could go to a court and have a case thrown out on a demurrer.

According to the law many cases never go to trial because the defendants demur to the evidence. In other words, they say, "We admit everything the plaintiff alleges, but contend it is not actionable." But when the insulting words statute was enacted it was held that newspaper editors should not be permitted to have a suit thrown out on demurrer because that would mean only that after the demurrer was granted the "injured" person would simply challenge the editor to a duel. So it was ruled that every case, no matter how little the insulting words seemed to be actually insulting, would have to go to a jury.

According to Mr. Mapel this might have been a fine thing to curb duelling, but now that duelling has passed out of the picture, it is an injustice to preclude demurrers and make every case brought under the statute automatically have to go to a jury. Mr. Mapel offered in testimony that this has resulted in heavy costs for newspapers and that as a result of such costs many papers compromise cases simply to save money.

The Washington and Lee professor further argued that newspapers should be permitted to show in evidence how they obtained information which resulted in defamatory utterances. Such evidence would tend to mitigate damages, he contended.

In his monograph Mr. Mapel argued for liberal law on the matter. The bill as amended in the committee does not go as far as he would have liked, but, according to him, would be a tremendous step forward if it included the repeal of the "no-demurrer" clause. This now is not included in the bill although the matter of offering circumstances behind publication as evidence is in the bill.

When asked for a statement on the question, Mr. Mapel said: "Because of the statute for insulting words, Virginia and West Virginia now have the most worn-out, backward libel laws in the United States. Out of fairness the antiquated section must be repealed.

"The bill as reported out of the committee is incomplete unless a repeal section along lines just mentioned is inserted. If this is done and the bill is passed, Virginia will have a much improved law on the matter. Unless the no-demurrer clause of the insulting words statute is repealed, however, the law won't be a great deal better and still will work a hardship on all newspapers or newspapermen who have to defend suits brought under it."

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Dunaj Lost to Indoor Track

Star's Illness Prevents Participation in Opening Meet February 15

When Washington and Lee inaugurates its 1934 indoor track season at Charlottesville February 15, it will do so without the services of its most versatile star, Dick Dunaj. Dunaj was taken with a slight cold which later developed into a serious throat infection and the doctor has prohibited him from participating in any of the indoor meets. It was received as a blow by both the coach and the team as much of the scoring ability of the team

clads rested in the hands of Dunaj.

For the past two and a half years Dunaj has participated in every track meet held by the team. He has scored points in the mile, two-mile and half-mile, seldom if ever being defeated. He holds several records, both indoor and outdoor, and has turned in the fastest time over a three-mile cross-country course known in this section.

"The team as a whole looks fairly well, but is weak in quite a few spots," stated Coach Fletcher. "Without Dunaj in the running, things look black. The squad is also handicapped in having Price temporarily out with an ankle injury sustained in practice."

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licans. Of course the Republicans are sleeping rather soundly at the present time, sort of hibernating as it were, gathering together a collection of healthy burps and razzberries to fling in the direction of the strutting Democrats at the next election. But however that may be, GOP can't pertain to the Republicans because of the P. Anyone knows that Republican begins with an R. Just look at the word if you doubt me. And if it does refer to the Republicans, that makes all the hounds on the campus and most everyone else Republicans because all of us around here are suffering from sleeping sickness, for which there is no cure and which is just as bad a disease as being a Republican.

But nevertheless I was sufficiently awake the other night—I wasn't sleep walking either—to sneak into the gym when the President's birthday ball was in full swing like the pendulum of a sick clock. No, it wasn't a very successful affair. There just weren't enough people there for the floor which was too big and made everyone dancing feel as though he were doing a solo. The orchestra wasn't bad at all if you enjoy listening to a group of supreme individualists, and the Southern Collegians are exactly that. The decorations left over from Fancy Dress sort of remind me—at least me—of last year's bone. The biggest difficulty with the dance was it was too democratic for dear old Lexington. But had the price been five dollars instead of one there wouldn't have been anyone there, for the reasons that Finals had just finished and five dollars is a lot of money even to Democrats with sixty-cent dollars.

And speaking of money it seems to me that it's a darn shame W. and L. wasn't the recipient of some of that lucre scattered among various state institutions lately as a part of the nationwide building program. What a boon it would have been just before the dances. I have an idea that we would have had Paul Whiteman and his orchestra down for Fancy Dress.

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fication of Mrs. Jones and the kiddies has never been revealed. Although "By Candlelight" evidently baffled their itching fingers, "Design for Living" received the full brunt of their seething vengeance.

Be that as it may, the picture was thoroughly amusing despite its draggy and fitful prologue. Whether the reactions of an emotional triangle as conceived by Coward and depicted in the picture are true to life or plausible, we cannot say, never having been involved or observed such an impracticable and disgruntling predicament. Miriam Hopkins was probably the best selection of all as the indecisive and diplomatic Gilda, and Cooper's performance in this play is the first that justifies in our estimation his existence as a motion picture actor. Despite periodic reverberations to lantern-jawed mobility, he indicated sincere appreciation of the play and dived neatly into the pool of light and whimsical humor. Perhaps some other actor would have done far better, but for Indian-face Cooper it was quite an achievement. Fredric March was the usual assured, tempered, and capable Fredric March.

Although we cordially dislike engaging in nitwittish counter-shrapnel against vocal and scriptural blasters of the theatre column, let us point out to the Southern Collegian critic that if he is striving for individuality he certainly has achieved it. We went to the trouble of checking up on metropolitan criticisms of "Alice in Wonderland" and nary a one

could we find that was the least bit complimentary. Vanity Fair's commentator yawns that "even the children—for whom it was principally designed—would rather stay at home and play backgammon." Yet the erudite monthly's critic infers that "Alice in Wonderland" is an epic, glory be. And as for this column "complacently prostituting" its purpose for the sake of free passes, if such a program of prostitution includes panning and praising motion pictures according to their merits and not to a misguided ambition to appear an understudy of sour-stomach George Jean Nathan, then we are unquestionably guilty. If all the thunder, however, that this pillar directed at past and forthcoming productions of questionable merits were made into a strong broom, Lexington would be spotless in less than six months.

The Open Column

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body will surely be so good as to give them goodnatured encouragement, overlooking their shortcomings until better facilities will be available.

Our student body, consciously or not, has long been starving from a lack of such constructive and original work, and our students should surely be glad to see some professor or interested group start the ball rolling.

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