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Final Decision On Buying Plan Will Be Made This Week-end

Price Lists From Lynchburg Wholesale House Expected Tomorrow

GROUP AT WORK ON PAYMENT PLAN

Fowler Says Fraternities Will Not Be Required To Buy From Ass'n.

Since price lists from M. W. Callahan and Son, Lynchburg wholesale house, are expected definitely to arrive tomorrow and will be distributed to all fraternity houses immediately, final action will be taken on the question of co-operative buying by the Interfraternity council before the end of the week. Peyton Winfree, president, told The Ring-tum Phi this afternoon.

The project has been hanging fire for several weeks awaiting the price lists from the Lynchburg firm which is expected to furnish the staple products in the event the plan is approved.

Payment Twice Monthly
The committee in charge has been engaged in securing the signatures of house managers to an agreement to pay bills twice a month for groceries purchased through the co-operative buying agency.

Al Fowler, chairman of the committee, pointed out that signatories to this agreement are not in any way bound to purchase commodities from the company. Its purpose is to guarantee payment of bills on the first and fifteenth of each month when such purchases are made. Before signing the contract, Fowler said, the Callahan company wishes to have a written agreement insuring the prompt payment of bills.

Objections Answered
Answering objections advanced to certain points of the plan, Fowler recently declared that fraternities will not be required to purchase all their staple groceries from the buying association, but may buy as much or as little as they desire.

While ordering most of its supplies from the Callahan company, a fraternity, he said, in case of special necessity could buy from Lexington merchants as is done under the present system.

All such objections and other minor questions will be acted upon by the committee when the final draft of the plan is made.

Boxers Score Upset Victory Over Gobblers

Losing only two bouts, one by decision and one by forfeit, a fighting General squad stopped the much-heralded Virginia Polytechnic Institute boxers last Friday night, and won the match by the decisive score of 6-2.

The Executive committee meets tonight to elect a secretary-treasurer and sophomore president.

It's News Today

Needy students can get CWA money to continue their education, announces Dean Tucker. . . . Andie Browne discusses no-cheering rule at boxing bouts; Mincher, Tilson favor change. . . . Editorial suggests an improvement of intramurals.

Phi Deltas lead again in scholarship; Sigma Nu comes last.

Glee club faces crisis; twenty members needed. . . . Parapet tells of Dunaj's greatest race.

Dr. Howe gives the data on how cold it really was. . . . nine sporting events on tap this week. . . . Professor Barnes says Roosevelt is not a dictator. . . .

Smith scores fifteen points in twelve minutes as Generals win third straight basketball game. . . . Frosh quint's winning streak broken, but there's an alibi. . . . Mathis wants revenge, predicts victory in feature of winter sports program. . . .

Looks like action at last on co-operative buying. . . . Tucker outlines significant trends in education; highlights on page two. . . .

Mathis Promises Matmen Will Trounce Navy Saturday

Coach Develops New Power Attack to Get Revenge on Tars

Coach Archie Mathis has developed a new power attack which he will use in an attempt to overthrow the United States Navy on the academy mat Saturday afternoon.

By training his fighters down to lower weight classes, and at the same time being careful to work them up to the highest pitch of fighting form, the Washington and Lee mentor feels sure that he has a "much better team than that which lost to Navy 19-13 last year."

At 135 the representative is to be chosen from Doc Sloan and Glen Shively. Sloan has but a single loss to his name this season, while Shively's record for 1934 is unstained with defeats. Both of these men will make the

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Wants Revenge



Coach Archie Mathis, who predicts revenge on the Navy for the defeat the sailors handed his grapplers last year, making W. and L.'s wrestling record for the past five years 51 wins in 52 meets.

Barnes Denies Dictatorship

Professor Discusses Roosevelt Powers Before Clifton Forge Group

Although denying the probability of dictatorship in the United States, Prof. F. J. Barnes expressed belief in the possibility of such concentration of power in a speech Friday night at the Clifton Forge Y. M. C. A. Mr. Barnes' speech was one of a series, in which Dean G. D. Hancock, Prof. C. P. Light and Prof. J. H. Williams have taken part in the past.

Some Americans have seen in the new executive power given to Roosevelt by the last Congress something akin to dictatorship, Barnes said, but he blamed the difficulty on loose terminology. Compared with the dictators of modern Europe, Roosevelt is not a dictator—yet, he said.

Two primal causes for that concentration of power in the hands of one man, Barnes said to be (1) temporary national emergencies, and (2) permanent increases in the work to be done by government. To these he added three additional causes for particular dictatorships: (1) the belief that "anything is better than this"; (2) the belief that all parliaments are stupid and ineffectual; (3) the belief that we are entering a new phase of economic development where the concentration of power in few hands is essential.

Barnes pointed to a general tendency toward expanded executive power in city, state and county governments as evidence of a slight trend toward concentration of power in the United States. However, so long as the United States retains its belief in freedom and displays its traditional courage, Barnes sees no threat of actual dictatorship.

and the hour at which it happened corresponds with the time of similar attacks that have occurred around Botetourt county. One case causing nausea was reported to the Roanoke police Wednesday evening, five such cases were reported on Thursday night, seven on Friday, five on Saturday and three on Sunday. In the majority of the cases reported in Roanoke this past week the time was at a later hour than the usual hours of operation by the invisible visitor.

An analysis of an oily substance found after a suspected attack on a Roanoke home Friday evening disclosed that the liquid contained a mixture of sulphur, arsenic, and mineral. These substances are used in the manufacture of common insecticides and fly sprays and are said to be harmless to humans, though the combination would probably cause headache if breathed in large quantities. This is the only evidence as to the nature of the "gas" that has been found by authorities since the mysterious attacks began shortly before Christmas. No other tangible clues either as to the identity or the method of attack used by the terrorizer have as yet been discovered.

This is the first attack that the marauder has made in Lexington,

Close All Doors, Lock Windows! Mysterious "Gasser" Is In Town

By Calvin Dold

Close your doors, lock your windows, watch out for suspicious looking strangers!

Botetourt county's mysterious "gasser" is believed by local police to have "gassed" the home of R. C. Agnor, 311 Jackson avenue, about 8 o'clock last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Agnor was sitting alone in a downstairs room reading when she became conscious of a peculiar odor that burned her eyes and nostrils. Clapping a handkerchief over her face, she ran from the room and immediately telephoned the police.

According to Officer J. L. Williams, who answered the call, there was a trace of the "gas" left in the room and front hallway when he arrived. He was unable to describe the odor when questioned.

Although a thorough search of the premises was made, no clues were discovered. An absence of tracks in the snow led to the theory that the "gas" was introduced into the room through a crack at the bottom of a door adjacent to the front entrance of the Agnor home.

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Basketeers Take Double Victory At Blacksburg; Smith Is Star

Blue Varsity and Frosh Trounce V. P. I. Teams Last Night

DAZZLING ATTACK WINS FOR VARSITY

Smith Makes Scoring Honors With 15 Points in 12 Minutes

After being held to a standstill throughout the first half, the Big Blue basketeers from Washington and Lee opened up with a dazzling attack in the final period to trounce V. P. I. 48-30 in Blacksburg last night.

Charlie Smith, star center for the Generals, was easily the outstanding player of the evening and featured the last half drive by caging fifteen points in twelve minutes. This individual scoring performance was one of the finest ever seen on Memorial Hall court.

V. P. I. jumped off to a lead in the opening half and held the upper hand most of the way through that period. The Generals managed to knot the count at 15-all before the intermission. Smith was high scorer of the game with sixteen markers to his credit, while Joe Sawyers was close behind with thirteen.

In a preliminary contest, the freshman quintets from each institution battled it out in a rough and tumble affair, with the Brigadiers finally emerging victorious 23-19. It was only on accurate foul shooting that the Baby Blues were able to win. Doane, forward, was high scorer with six points, all of them resulting from three field goals. The half ended with the score deadlocked 12-12.

In the final half only one field goal was scored by the Brigadiers but they made nine free throws count and staved off every V. P. I. threat to come out on the long end of the score.

Glee Club Officers Call Reorganization Meeting; Twenty Men Necessary

In order to attempt a reorganization of the Washington and Lee Glee Club, which has been inactive for some time, the officers of the club will hold a called meeting in the "X" room tonight at 7:30.

Last Thursday a meeting was called but, due to conflicting activities, the group reporting was small. It is hoped, however, that the meeting tonight will be attended by a sufficient number of men to make continued weekly practices worthwhile. This will not be practical unless twenty men pledge their support.

The concert planned with Harrisonburg State Teachers College which is scheduled February 24 will be called off or tentatively postponed. The Sweet Briar concert, which is to be held here March 17, will, however, take place as scheduled.

A picture of the Glee Club will be taken for the Calyx sometime this week if the reorganization meeting is successful.

Mincher Wants Sweater Back

Captain Eddie Mincher of the Big Blue boxers has lost a dark colored turtle-necked woolen sweater which he left in the gym. Mincher is anxious to have the return of this article, which he believes was taken by some unknowing soul who didn't realize that the sweater is used extensively by the General ring leader to lose weight during training periods.

Former Student Columnist

In the role of a political columnist, Duncan G. Groner, former student of Washington and Lee, has recently joined the Covington Evening Virginian editorial staff.

His column, "Politics (The Second Greatest Indoor Sport)", discusses and weighs all foreign and domestic problems facing the world today. Not only does it afford a medium through which the reader can obtain "up-to-the-minute" facts briefly presented, but Groner comments personally on the trend of today's current events and their subsequent effects, oftentimes tinged with "bantering" satire and irony.

Federal Relief Project To Aid Students Here; Tucker Lists Conditions

Dr. Tucker Predicts Bright Future For Liberal Colleges

Dean Speaks on "Significant Trends" at Educational Meeting

"Educational statistics show that liberal education has invariably been able to hold its own in competition with other forms of higher education. Even in the recent trying years the liberal colleges have come through with less damage to enrollment or to spirit and morale," declared Dr. Robert H. Tucker, dean of the University, in the opening presidential address to the annual convention of the Association of Virginia Colleges in Roanoke last Friday. His subject was "Significant Trends in College Education."

Quoting figures showing that colleges of liberal arts, with 763,827 students registered in 1930, exclusive of those in graduate or professional schools, as compared with 341,182 in 1920, Dr. Tucker demonstrated that they have weathered the storm of recent trying years.

"Overshadowing all other developments in recent years," he said, "has been the trend in the direction of liberal education. A

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Outlines Trends



Dr. Robert H. Tucker, dean of the University and acting president, who discussed significant trends in higher education before the Association of Virginia Colleges in Roanoke Friday. Highlights of his address are given on page two.

Phi Deltas Lead In Scholarship

Top First Semester List With Average Near 80; A. X. P. Second

With an average of almost eighty, Phi Delta Theta leads the other Greek letter fraternities on the campus in scholarship for the first semester of the present term. Not far behind are Alpha Chi Rho and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The following list is the official record, as released by the Registrar's office:

Phi Delta Theta	79.450
Alpha Chi Rho	79.386
Sigma Phi Epsilon	78.604
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	77.647
Zeta Beta Tau	77.519
Pi Kappa Phi	77.463
Phi Epsilon Phi	77.302
Delta Tau Delta	77.120
Pi Kappa Sigma	76.490
Delta Upsilon	75.666
Alpha Tau Omega	74.989
Pi Kappa Alpha	74.835
Phi Gamma Delta	74.638
Pi Kappa Psi	74.520
Sigma Chi	74.068
Beta Theta Pi	73.796
Kappa Alpha	73.619
Kappa Sigma	73.574
Lambda Chi Alpha	73.410
Sigma Nu	72.020

Bussey Is Improving

The Jackson Hospital register today showed the following students to be confined on account of illness: F. Strong, D. Bennett, C. Hawkes, J. Altmayer, R. McClaren, H. Drake, Bussey, of V. P. I., who was knocked out by Ed Mincher in the boxing matches the other night, is improving.

Were You Cold? Temperature Hits Lowest Mark Since 1917

By Parke S. Rouse
A heavy snow last Thursday afternoon and a falling temperature that night combined to give Lexington as exciting a week-end of frozen water pipes, sleigh-riding, and ice skating as the old town has experienced in many a year.

Colonel Mallory's thermometer over at V. M. I., the last word in matters of the weather in these parts, hit twelve degrees below zero Friday night, the lowest temperature felt here since 1917. For three consecutive days the University heating plant consumed ten tons of coal, six more than the usual daily average.

Students and townspeople hastened to take advantage of the ice-covered streets to do some of

Alumnus Leads Newark Marksmen to Victory Over Local Team

Led by Robert Champlin, Washington and Lee graduate, the Newark Amateur Rod and Gun club defeated the local rifle team 1313-1264 in a mail match last Saturday. Champlin turned in a target of 273 out of a possible 300 points.

Out of the ten men who shot for Washington and Lee, the five highest scores which counted in the final tally were made by Dr. Stow, Dr. Ewing, Bill Sphar, Billy Stull, and John Shoaf. Dr. Stow was high scorer for the locals with a 264. In this meet, varsity, freshmen, and faculty members were allowed to participate.

Next week the riflers meet N. C. State's marksmen in another mail match. The varsity and freshmen will have separate matches in this meet. Ten men from each team will shoot and the five highest scores will count.

Manager Sphar said that the team did exceptionally well in its first match, as Newark was one of the strongest teams in the East, having recently met a combined team from Oxford, Cambridge, London, and Nottingham universities. Two new members, Thomas and Cleek, have joined the squad in the last week.

There will be an important meeting of the editorial staff of the Ring-tum Phi Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Journalism room.

"Only Men in Actual Need Will Receive Assistance," Dean Says

COMMITTEE NAMED TO CONTROL FUNDS

Virtually Every College in State Affected by Gov- ernment Measure

By Don R. Moore
Although Washington and Lee is eligible to receive sufficient funds from the Federal Emergency Relief Administration to give part-time employment to approximately eighty men here, the project will affect only a comparatively small percentage of that number, according to Dr. Robert H. Tucker, dean of the university and acting president, who pointed out that the fund was for the benefit of students in "actual need of financial assistance to continue their college course."

Conditions Established
In an announcement of the plan issued today, Dr. Tucker listed the conditions set by the FERA under which this work may be assigned. They are:

1. The student's financial status must be such as to make impossible his attendance at college without this aid. The student must possess such ability as to give assurance that he will do high grade work in college.
2. The type of work may cover the range of jobs customarily done by students who are working their way through college, including clerical, library, research, and work on buildings and grounds and in dormitories and dining halls.
3. The jobs must be under the direct charge of the authorities of the university and must be in addition to those now provided by the institution.

Pay Rate Set
The pay will range between ten and twenty dollars a calendar month, the hourly rates being such as is commonly paid by the institution for the type of service rendered—but not less than thirty cents an hour.

Applications for Employment
All applications for employment should be made to this committee, consisting of Dean Frank J. Gilliam, chairman; Dean Glover D. Hancock, Professors L. J. Desha and William G. Bean, Miss Blanche McCrum, librarian, and E. S. Mattingly, registrar.

Few Need Aid
Dr. Tucker explained in regard to the first provision that the committee would interpret it "liberally," although students applying for such aid would have to show that they would be virtually unable to continue their college studies without it. He said that he realized that there were some students on the campus who would meet these requirements, but he believed them to be comparatively few in number.

He emphasized the fact that only applications from such men would be considered, and not from men in moderate circumstances who desired a little extra money.

"Such is not the purpose of the fund," he stated. "It will be administered by the committee with this fact in mind, but students in real need of assistance are urged to apply. Their cases will be investigated carefully by the committee and will receive due consideration."

State Officials
Dr. Sidney B. Hall, superintendent of public instruction, working in conjunction with William A. Smith, CWA and relief administrator for Virginia, will be in charge of the work.

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NO "CHISELERS" WANTED

At first glance, the proposal of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration to grant funds to college students will probably give rise to two conflicting impressions among the student body. The first is that the entire project will be a glorious opportunity for each one to stick his own fist into what appears to be a colossal "grab-bag." Second is the belief that the rules of the grant, as laid down by the FERA are so strict as to preclude hope of any one receiving aid until he has actually had to withdraw from the University because of financial disability.

Both of these viewpoints are entirely erroneous. In the first place, the measure is designed for actual relief of needy students, and is in no sense to be used to add to the pocket money of students who are able to remain in school. The idea was developed primarily to afford assistance to students in colleges of the Middle West, where many students are from rural districts, particularly stricken by the depression. According to Dr. Robert H. Tucker, dean of the University, the character of the Washington and Lee student body is such that only a very few men find themselves in stringent circumstances.

On the other hand, the committee which has been appointed to administer the fund here will have a certain degree of discretionary power. In its hand lies the decision as to whether a student is eligible for assistance. However, according to Dr. Tucker, lenience but not liberality will be the tendency in distributing such aid as is found necessary. Any student who finds that he is in danger of having to leave school because of lack of funds will have a fair hearing, and he will not have to actually withdraw in order to be given aid.

The rules are strict—but that is merely a precaution against misuse, a precaution which makes sure that no student will "chisel." No student who is not in acute need should even make application for assistance, merely because the committee is inclined to be lenient.

THERE'S PRESTIGE AT STAKE ON BUYING PLAN

The Interfraternity council is painfully conscious of the fact that it is without "prestige" in the student world, that it lacks a place of respected leadership in student government. Last year a new constitution was adopted that was expected to give the council the foundation it needed for a program of concrete improvement of fraternity and interfraternity conditions on this campus; evidently this revision was more or less meaningless, for the council is still incapable of concerted action. The sum total of its functions so far seems to be a meeting once a month and a dance during the Finals set.

Recent suggestions for overcoming this impotency have taken the direction of agitation for an enlarged field of action, taking over the duties of the Dance Control committee of the student body Executive committee, for instance. As yet to show itself competent to handle that which is within its scope, the council cannot expect to find sympathy for any movement to increase its sphere of duties. The Interfraternity council right now has problems facing it, the intelligent solution of which will do more than anything else to give it the desired "prestige" and, what is more important, make it responsible for lasting benefits.

The questions of co-operative buying and pledging have been before the council all year; their disposal is a challenge to the council to gain its "prestige" by doing what it is supposed to do, leading the various fraternities to act in something of a co-operative spirit for their own benefit and that of the University.

A plan for centralized wholesale buying that is apparently satisfactory at last seems to have been arranged, but it, too, will die a lingering death unless the council gives it the vital support of some definite vigorous action.

Yet it must be remembered that, when it comes to the real test, the council can only reflect the attitude of the individual fraternities, an attitude that has been one of sadly misdirected indepen-

dence, bigoted mistrust, and selfishness. Many criticisms of fraternities are pointless and impertinent, but when each organization bases its course of action on the assumption that it exists for itself alone, without regard for the individuals who are its members or the university of which it is a part, there is little to say in defense of the whole fraternity system. Thus on the questions of co-operative buying and deferred pledging the fraternities have much more at stake than the Interfraternity council, with all its longings for "prestige."

A SUGGESTION FOR BROADENING THE INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

From a small beginning several years ago, the Washington and Lee intramural athletic program has grown into a fairly adequate and well-rounded system, a credit to the administrators of it, the student body, and the University. An honest effort has been made to achieve the ideal of athletics for everyone, at least everyone interested. Yet the full potentialities of the excellent system we have here now have not been realized.

One obstacle has been the dominance of some sports by expert freshman athletes who rightfully belong in intercollegiate, not intramural, competition; definite sentiment against freshman squad members in intramurals has been expressed, and the board has reacted favorably, with the necessary changes probable for next year.

Another weakness of the present system is the short playing season for all team sports. The tournament elimination plan is the only satisfactory one for such individual sports as handball, tennis, swimming, track, etc., but when the same plan is used for the team sports of baseball, football, and basketball one half of the teams are eliminated after playing only one game, and three fourths play two games or less. The results are that there is little incentive to practice just for one game, that only the minimum amount of exercise and recreation is obtained, and that the pairing of the teams determines to a large extent the distribution of points.

The change that would eliminate these objections is the formation of a league for football, volleyball, basketball, and baseball, each team playing a series of games and the dinner determined on a percentage basis or after a play-off between the league leaders. Each team could play several games a week and the time of play could be extended over a month or so in each sport. If necessary, because of the large number of competing groups, there could be two leagues with a play-off to determine the winner. There would be certain practical difficulties to be worked out by the Intramural board, but many other schools use the league system to great advantage.

The league system would encourage practice and improve the quality of ball played; it would give the weaker teams more of a chance to share in the benefits of intramurals; its continually changing standings would heighten intramural interest; opportunities for recreation and exercise would be multiplied many times; and emphasis would be shifted from individual to team sports, where it belongs.

features, yet in it the Intramural board has a great opportunity to make intramural athletics still more of the vital factor they have become in the life of this University.

THE AIMS AND PURPOSES OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Bright hopes for the future of higher education in America are to be gathered from Dr. Robert H. Tucker's address before the Association of Virginia Colleges in Roanoke last Friday, although he frankly admitted that educators and college administrators face present conditions with uncertainty and divergence of opinion. It is this frankness that is encouraging, the determination to experiment, to establish new and more adequate standards, to make a college education an adequate preparation for life today.

Dr. Tucker demonstrates that colleges are no longer satisfied with calling a man educated after a "bookkeeping, slot-machine process by which the student drops in a hundred and twenty ill-assorted credits and triumphantly pulls out a degree." Despite the vast enrollment increases of the past few decades, progressive education is attempting to humanize instruction, to lay stress on the individual, to see that he thinks, besides merely copying and learning.

Also encouraging is the growing consciousness of educators and students alike in regard to their purposes and final goals. As soon as an honest effort is made to analyze these, improvement is certain to follow. Dr. Tucker points out that one of the troubles with higher learning today is that a student is graduated from college before he knows what he should be getting out of it. It is up to the students, as well as the universities, to try to get a definite grasp on what they hope to find in college.

Dr. Tucker's summary of what college should offer to the undergraduate is: "It must make it possible for the student to 'find himself' in the complex structure of the modern world; to carry with him real interests, ideals, and appreciations, an enlarged horizon and point of view, along with the mastery of some limited corner of human knowledge." If more students tried to formulate some such definite program for themselves, educators who do not know just where they stand would have less to worry about.

THE PARAPET

By HERBERT RUDLIN

News: A College Laughing At Itself

Dartmouth College is showing the world it has an academic sense of humor. The walls of its library are rapidly being festooned with caustic murals painted by the Mexican, Orozco. Most of the murals lampoon the growth of education in America. The prize of the lot, entitled "Academic Education", is a clever jelly of sarcasm. In the background stand six academic skeletons, instructor, professor, dean, treasurer, president, and what appears to be a member of the board of trustees. They are attired in customary paraphernalia of toga and tassels. On one side a football player is bowing down as silk-hatted alumni follow a drum-major. Lying on a table of books is a giant, bloated skeleton with various tomes strewn through it ribs. The skeletons of unborn babes wearing graduation caps repose in various "laboratory jars. From beneath all the books jut out the hungry mouths of cannon. In the right hand corner is a door with an automatic closer ironically marked, "Not Public"

Dunaj Downs the Runner In Black

Dunaj, Washington and Lee's spectacular cinder star, is unquestionably one of the most colorful figures that ever trod the campus. He has a "competitive spirit" developed to the nth degree, an attitude that won't admit possible defeat, and an attitude that has often irritated other students who mistake his high-powered will to win for vanity or conceit. And it is unquestionably that flaming competitive spirit that recently helped him to win the grimmest battle he ever waged, a battle against an opponent whose icy and inexorable stride rarely fails to overtake its intended victim in a scheduled race. Not so many days ago Dunaj contracted a fatal throat infection. His condition rapidly became worse. He was given up for ethereal racing lanes. His parents were sent for and they hurried down from Massachusetts. But Dunaj, who apparently doesn't know that the word "defeat" is in the English language, kept on. For three days and nights he stayed on the hospital's death list—to the mute astonishment of attaches. The next day the gentleman in black dropped back in weary disgust, and Dunaj won his grim marathon.

Taking It on the Chin For A Hundred Rounds

We wonder if anyone envies the third man in the ring during a college meet. Four thousand or more eyes are focused unceasingly and with unalloyed hostility upon the quiet figure in white. He is no one's pal, and nobody gives a hang whether he's smacked to smithereens by a stray fist. Many would relish such a denouement. To most of the spectators he is an ogre who asserts the defeated with fiendish glee and renders victory with a grudging smirk. To them he is never fair or square, never a capable arbiter, but a bleary-eyed boob who has duped the sponsors that he knows something about boxing. And the referees realize this. Knowing that they are in a tough spot, many of them, although you'll never suspect it, contract bad cases of nerves, jitters, and "ear-to-the-ground." Take for instance the past match with V. P. I. The referee gave an extremely questionable victory to a Tech freshman. Immediately a storm of howls and boos arose that weakened the rafters. In the following bout a W. and L. boxer was awarded the decision after putting up a less clever fight than his preceding team-mate. The growls died down and the referee felt that his soul was pure once more. The scale was balanced. Despite prevalent beliefs to the contrary, referees react normally—just like Presidents. . . .

Our Contemporaries

The Tulane Hullabaloo is sponsoring a debate as to whether it would be best to have free love and nickel beer, or free beer and nickel love. And beer in Lexington is ten cents!

Enthusiasm is running high at the University of Colorado over a proposed mask ball. From local experience we would say that masks are unnecessary. Who can recognize a best friend when all diked out in a jester suit?

Read this and weep! The Buffalo Bee, University of Buffalo, carries an ad of Mas Doel's Drum Bar, with cocktails from twenty-five cents up. Shall we shuffle?

FRONT ROW

By Joe Magee

Cradle Song
Eva Le Gallienne's famous stage success, by Sierra, is an excellent vehicle for the talents of Dorothea Wieck. If you were fortunate enough to see "Miss Fane's Baby Is Stolen," you probably became a member of the German star's fan club. "Cradle Song" was her first American picture, however, and it is superior in many ways to her second opus, which got to Lexington ahead of it. In the first place, the play is a well written one, which is more than can be said of most movie originals. Secondly, as the nun who takes the charming Evelyn Venable under her wing, Miss Wieck is given more opportunity to show her talent and not, as in "Miss Fane's Baby," forced to compete with the scene-stealing Baby LeRoy. The picture is full of pathos, but even the most cynical should enjoy a good poignant drama now and then. Dorothea Wieck receives good support in an excellent cast including Sir Guy Standing, Evelyn Venable, and Louise Dresser.

Son of Kong
This sequel to "King Kong" has just about as many fights between strange animals, unusual and trick photography, and exciting melodrama (with an earthquake thrown in) as did its predecessor. Here, however, is a smaller and much more friendly Kong. Helen Mack and Robert Armstrong are the chief players who get involved in harrowing experiences.

Hips, Hips, Hooray
Regardless of what you think of Wheeler and Woolsey, you must admit that they're funny. Or at least it seems that way, because their pictures manage to get by with more than most movie censorship laws allow. Their present picture is no exception to the rule, for the comedy is broad, very broad. Added to the nitwitted actions of the comedy team is a bevy of hips and many hoorays. Dorothy Lee is petulantly present; Thelma Todd is curvaceously dynamic; and Ruth Etting is a welcome addition with her singing. A perfect type of Saturday entertainment, if you aren't disdainful of low comedy.

Four Frightened People
From the best selling novel of the same name comes a picture not quite all that it might have been. With this small bit of demurring, we pass on to the delightful comedy offered by Mary Boland. When captured by the natives, she manages to wreak such havoc among the ladies of the tribe with her ideas on birth control, etc., that the chief is relieved to get rid of her. William Gargan also turns in some neat work, and Herbert Marshall and Claudette Colbert offer the usual amount of love interest in a pleasant and delectable manner. "Four Frightened People" has something of the "Bird of Paradise" atmosphere in it, but it is nevertheless entertaining.

Flying Down to Rio
This department recently nominated "Flying Down to Rio" as the most ambitious musical of the year. We might have gone further and suggested that perhaps it was the most original departure from the conventional type of Warner Brothers show. Various expressions of disagreement have trickled into the critic's seat, but Tecumseh still favors this picture. Fred Astaire is perhaps the main reason for such glowing approval. In "Dancing Lady" he was given no chance to show either his dancing ability or his excellent sense of comedy, whereas in this picture with Rio as a background he steals the show from such already established veterans as Gene Raymond, Delores Del Rio, and Ginger Rogers. Miss Del Rio has never looked more beautiful. Mr. Raymond has never been less objectionable, and the songs have never been more pleasing than in "Flying Down to Rio." "Orchids in the Moonlight" may be no great shakes as a tune, but certainly its introduction amid pleasant surroundings makes it seem a bit superior. The "Carioca" is probably the best of all rhumba rhythm to date, and the dance accompanying it is the maddest display of abandon ever witnessed on stage or screen. Ginger Rogers does some good work, both in her early song and in her nimble dancing as partner to Fred Astaire, and the foreign menace Doulien something or other is very amicable. All in all, a swell show. No doubt the spectacle of girls dancing on the top of airplanes will be a bit hard to swallow, but buck up, it isn't supposed to fool you into thinking it's real. At least, the photography is so skillfully done that it almost seems possible. For my part, I prefer this to the numerous fade-outs, stairs, groups, and waterfalls of the recent Warner things.

Good old Tim McCoy and Evelyn Knapp are at the Lyric on Saturday in one of these "Westerns that are different."

Highlights of Tucker's Address

Certainly there was never a time when faculty members and college administrators were more constructively critical of college organization and procedure or more actively engaged in their improvement.

Colleges and college faculties have in recent years been confronted with problems which are without parallel in this or any other country.

The number of students attending college more than doubled in the decade preceding 1930, reaching a total of 763,827 in the latter year as compared with 341,182 in 1920. (Graduate or professional schools not included.)

The extreme departmentalization of studies in the lower classes of the college, and the multiplication of technical courses throughout the entire college curriculum have resulted both in the bewildering of the student and in the destruction of the essential unity of the college course.

The student is plunged into a sea of fragmentary bits of knowledge and expected to achieve a unity which the college has apparently been unable to achieve for itself.

Today the atmosphere is becoming cleared, and the colleges have entered upon a period of widespread experimentation and change.

Under the elective system caprice and student gossip are the preponderant influences in determining the student's course of study. The entire procedure tends to degenerate into a book-keeping, slot-machine process by which the student drops in a hundred and twenty ill-assorted credits and triumphantly pulls out a degree.

The so-called orientation courses, proving superficial and ineffective, are now superseded by introductory survey courses in the various departments, and more recently by integration courses.

Scientific personnel work is needed in every institution, large or small.

It is but a truism to say that instruction constitutes the center, the heart and soul, of effective college work.

The older system has been beset with many superficialities—rigidly required class attendance, class assignments and lesson learning, the text-book, time-concept of education, often overlooking the fact that education is a life process and that the really vital factor is what the student accomplishes for himself.

Everywhere the tendency has been to individualize instruction; to break, as far as possible, the lockstep of the older class system and to encourage capable students to enter upon plans of genuine self-development.

The lecture method is being modified and to a great extent superseded by the discussion method, the problem method, and the seminar method, in accordance with local conditions and the needs and advancement of classes.

Whatever the ultimate results may be, the purpose is to challenge the student to an adventure in intellectual achievement and to stimulate the activity of the whole mind without which "judgment is cold and knowledge inert."

Harmony and unity of purpose were once possible under the binding force of the classical concept of college education, but with the introduction of new subjects and new courses, bringing conflicting aims and points of view, we have abandoned the older guiding principle without having gained a new one in its place. The great need is for reintegration and redefinition.

The college must make it possible for the student to "find himself" in the complex structure of the modern world, to carry with him real interests, ideals and appreciations, an enlarged horizon and point of view, along with the mastery of some limited corner of human knowledge.



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REVIEWS IN SPORT

By ANDERSON BROWNE

Captain Mincher and Coach Tilson Favour Modification of "No Cheering" Boxing Rule; Referee Unjustly Criticized

There has been a lot of dissatisfaction around this and other campuses for several years concerning that "no-cheering-boxing-rule" which received such a terrible paning at the V. P. I. bouts here last Friday evening. There has been a lot of unpopular and unprintable things said about this rule, but to date no one has been able to do anything about getting it removed from the books, and so it still rests there—useless and annoying and particularly vexing to the gentlemen who seek a natural outlet for their emotions when the opposing middleweight takes a hammer left to the jaw.

While it was highly distressing to the gentlemen involved, the thumps that the Messrs. Mincher, Davies, and Company bounced off the respective van dykes of their opponents last Friday supplied collegiate boxing with the tonic it has been needing for several years. The tonic not only breathed the breath of life in the heavy-weights, it affected all the divisions down to the very lightest fellows.

A short while ago, collegiate boxing in this town had a lily in its hand. Today it carries a torch, but to be most effective there should be something done about the no cheering rule which just about ruins a good fight for the spectators. It is very disconcerting to see a local boxer rock his opponent with a left and follow-up with a right (or vice versa) and then see the arms of half a dozen managers, two seconds, and a referee wave wildly in the air if a single muffled "OHhhhh!" escapes a few spectators. To say nothing of that particularly nasal "Quiet, please" which continually booms forth from the loud speaker system.

Not trusting ourselves and knowing by a general consensus what our opinion is worth, we have asked Captain Mincher and Coach Tilson what they think about this awkward rule. We caught Mincher in a downtown restaurant Sunday evening, enjoying his one allowed meal of the week, and after ordering a small T-bone steak, we asked Mr. Mincher for his unexpurgated views on this no cheering business. Mr. Mincher was busy eating chicken a la king at the moment and didn't hear the question. We repeated it.

"I think it is absolutely useless, pass the salt."

We handed Mr. Mincher the salt and begged him to continue.

"If a person pays a dime or a dollar to see the fights, he ought to be allowed to cheer all he or she wants to. That's my view."

We asked Mr. Mincher if there was any thing he could say in favour of the rule. He sparred with a baked potato for a moment, swiftly changed over to a dish of waldorf salad, and again continued.

"The only thing about that (blank) rule is the fact that it may sway the referee, but the referee is supposed to be good enough not to be swayed." He speared that rejected baked potato after all and added: "However, very few of 'em are that good."

After asking for a second cup of coffee and waiting for it to cool a little, we ventured to ask Mr. Mincher what he thought of the rule from a boxer's standpoint and would he please pass the sugar?

"Here's the sugar, and as for a boxer's viewpoint, that is the least of all. I am sure the cheering has no effect whatsoever on the boxers. As for me, I have yet to hear a single cheer. I don't hear 'em between rounds, and in fact, I can't even hear my seconds when they talk to me. Oh, Tom, bring me some more of this chicken a la toast, and bring me plenty of it because I don't want no dessert."

We resigned ourselves to the T-bone steak for a moment, and after three mouthfuls we turned around to find Dick Fiske, he of the very nasal "quiet, please", sitting there at the table. Knowing his adeptness at attempting to shut the crowd up during a boxing meet, we were a little leerie about asking his opinion, but finally we ventured it. Deliberately he sipped his coffee, and while we fearfully awaited his words, he set the cup down and quickly said: "It's a lot of hooey and even more baloney."

Coach Tilson Favours Repeal of the Rule

After our very enlightening and filling talk with Captain Eddie Mincher concerning the no cheering boxing rule, we next sought out Coach Tilson

and finally located him, of all places, in the gym, yesterday morning. After a few preliminaries and enquiries concerning each other's health (both are well, thank you), Coach Tilson stated:

"That rule was made to give the visiting team another break. In too many instances the referees are unconsciously moved by the cheering, and since there is only the one-sided cheering, it tends to move the referee considerably in the home team's favour. However, if we could get referees who are strong enough to overcome this, the rule would be unnecessary."

What are Coach Tilson's private views on the rule?

"Personally, I think the rule is a bad one, because excitement at a boxing meet runs high and outbursts are entirely too unconscious and easy, but when only one group does the cheering, it is really pretty hard on the referee."

We asked Coach Tilson about the same handicap in professional fights.

"There is a lot of cheering at professional fights, but everyone knows that professional fights are patronized mostly by a lower element of society."

We assured Coach Tilson that we often went to a pro fight.

"Of course," he retorted quickly, "the finer classes go, too, but they don't always join in boisterously with the cheers."

We remembered one or two things, but said nothing.

"It may be also that this and other stringent rules are placed on collegiate boxing in order to keep it on a higher plane than professional fighting."

What did Coach Tilson think of the chances to get the rule repealed, please?

"It would be pretty hard to get it repealed, because the Southern Conference rules are adopted from the National Intercollegiate Boxing Rules, and to change this feature, which exists in every college, it would be necessary to change the National rules, unless a special concession were made. It would be pretty hard, all right."

Should a Referee Stop a Fight?

Although we do not always agree with boxing referees or motorcycle policemen, we sincerely take the side of Referee Welford for stopping the Berry fight in the first round last week, and we regret that he received such a merciless paning from the crowd for his trouble. The referee made his decision when a hasty examination of Freshman Berry's condition convinced him that to subject him to further punishment might well result in a serious injury for the scrapping Brigadier.

As the bout had furnished some red hot action, the referee's act was greeted by shouts from the many hundreds of customers, which, to state it temperately, were rather derisive. This, of course, was no surprise, for, with the possible exception of a boxer's second, there is no more courageous person than a fight fan six rows back. In short, when somebody else's health is involved, the fan knows "they can't hurt us."

Personally, this attitude of the crowd, crying for more blood than Nero, gives us a pain. Some of the fans commented later on in such a fashion as to imply that they knew more than the referee when the truth of the matter is they wouldn't know the difference between fallen arches and drowning on a clear night. Some of the experts claimed that when the bout was stopped, Berry was full of power and begged to be allowed to continue, but even little Alice back there on the last row knows that in the heat of a battle a boxer is a poor judge of his own condition and will carry on beyond a sensible point.

As a result of the howl raised against last Friday's referee, others among the experts have talked of curbing the referee's power when it comes to such things, of taking away from them the power and right to stop a fight. If they do, we'd like to make a suggestion. Transfer the power to a staff of those punchdrunk, scarred and miserable looking wrecks one encounters along Cauliflower boulevard—those balmy blokes who owe their round-heeled condition to the fact that they were permitted to fight on when in no condition to defend themselves. For even the balmiest of this balmy crew must know the futility of carrying on when you can't even lift your hands.

Indoor Track Teams Set For Triangle Meet

Keydets, Cavaliers, Generals Will Participate In Races At Charlottesville

Washington and Lee's thinclads will open their indoor track season on the spacious University of Virginia's board track when both the freshman and varsity teams participate in a triangular meet in which the Generals, Cavaliers, and V. P. I. Techmen are slated to clash.

According to the present arrangements, the two squads will leave from the gym at 3:30 Thursday afternoon in order to arrive in Charlottesville in time to eat supper, then take a rest before the starter's gun barks out the crack that starts the races of the night.

Several events among the varsity representatives of the three schools are due to afford the spectators a wholesale supply of thrills. One of the feature races of the evening will be the quarter mile in which Captain Harry Hazell is carded against three of his racing rivals of the outdoor cinder path last year. Hazell will match strides with Rutschow and Welford of the Flying Squadron, and Moore, a Cavalier, all of whom pressed the Big Blue track leader in the state meet last spring. Besides Hazell, Browning, winner of the frosh 440 at Virginia in the meet last winter, will represent the Big Blue.

As Dunaj is on the rest list, Virginia will enter the meet as favorites. Washington and Lee and V. M. I. will probably be forced to squabble for second place honors.

Notice

A meeting of all candidates, varsity and freshmen, who are interested in coming out for baseball this spring will be held tonight at 7:30 p. m. in the Alumni building, Captain Dick Smith announces. All men, whether they are out for other sports or not, should report at this time. This meeting will be the first of a weekly group to be held before outdoor work begins.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS SCHEDULE

Today: Freshman swimming, S. M. A., here, 4:00 p. m.
Tomorrow: Freshman basketball, Jefferson high at Roanoke.
 Varsity basketball, N. C. State, here, 7:30 p. m.
Thursday: Triangular indoor track meet, Charlottesville.
Friday: Freshman swimming, Staunton, there.
Saturday: Varsity wrestling, Navy at Annapolis, 4:00 p. m.
 Varsity basketball, Richmond—here.
 Varsity boxing, Maryland, at College Park.
 Varsity swimming, N. C. State here, 4:00 p. m.

Gridders Take Refuge In Gym As Weather Halts Spring Practice

The snow temporarily halted the progress of Coach Tilson's spring football training program, but the mentor had his grid candidates back on the job yesterday in a light workout in Doremus gymnasium.

The practice sessions so far have comprised work of an advanced nature, and just when the snow blanketed Wilson field, an extensive program was beginning to get under way.

The squads have engaged in signal drills each practice period, and few sessions passed without the regular blocking and tackling drills, if not heavy scrimmages.

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Freshmen Split Double-Header

Defeat Emerson But Lose First Tilt of Years to Maryland

Forced to play two games on Saturday because of auto trouble which prevented part of the team from arriving in Washington in time for a game Friday, the Brigadiers defeated Emerson high 26-24 in a hard fought, extra period game late Saturday morning, only to be downed 39-28 by the Maryland frosh at College Park that evening.

This was the first setback of the season for the Washington and Lee freshmen after a perfect record of seven straight victories.

The Emerson game proved to be a repetition of the first meeting of the two teams in which the Washington and Lee frosh emerged victorious by a two point margin. The Brigadiers were leading 17-11 at the half, but Emerson came back strong in the second stage, and the final whistle found the score tied 24-24. The Brigadiers then copped two more points in the extra period to win the game 26-24.

Next Game

The next freshman game will be with Jefferson high of Roanoke Wednesday, February 14.

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Frosh Grapplers Win Two Crushing Victories

Getting six falls and two decisions, the freshman wrestlers rolled up a 36-0 score over Greenbrier Military Academy last night for their second impressive victory in three days. Saturday afternoon, the Brigadiers defeated Woodberry Forest 30-0, taking three matches by falls.

The Cadets from Lewisburg were unable to gain a single second of time advantage over the yearlings, as the Mathis-coached men amassed the highest score that any Washington and Lee wrestling team has had since 1931, when Greenbrier fell victim to another freshman team.

Lowry, Kirk and Arenze scored falls against Greenbrier, throwing Tyler, Barringer and Gilmore, respectively. Bosman, at 126, had a time advantage of nearly seven minutes over March of Greenbrier, and Evans kept Garret at a disadvantage for a total of 5:37.

In the Woodberry Forest meet, Evans at 118, Bosman at 126, Lowry at 135, Kirk at 145, and Arenze at 165, all ran up safe time advantages over their opponents, although the matches were only six minutes long.

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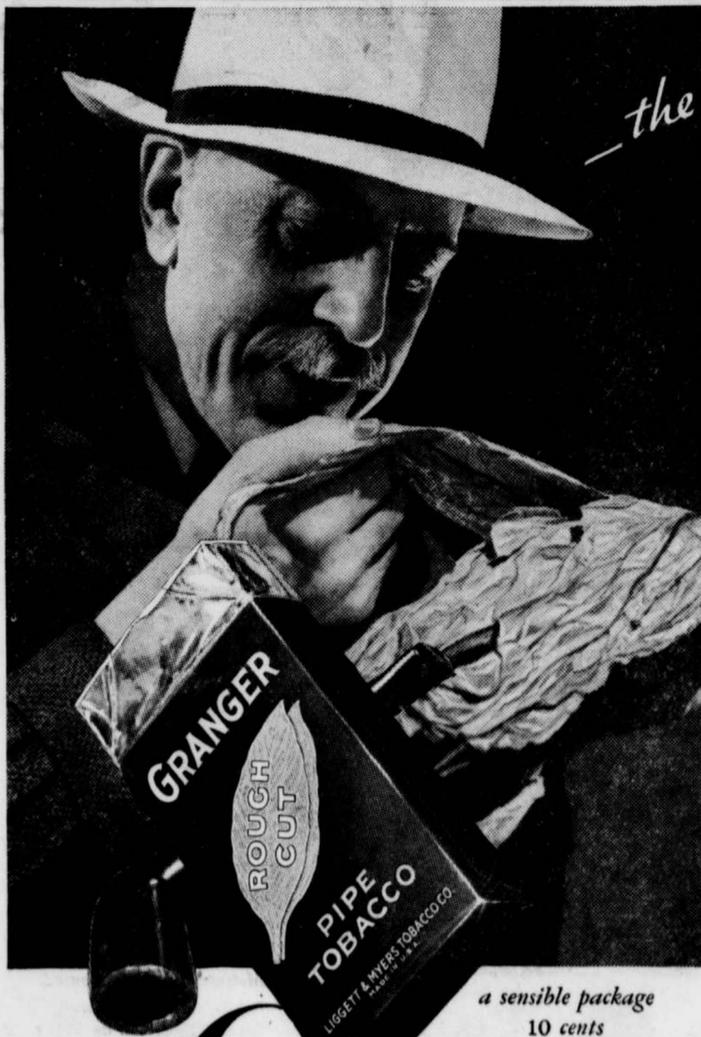
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Mathis Predicts Matmen Will Trounce Navy Sat.

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Co-Captain Harvard Smith has been on the rest list for the past week due to illness. However, today his condition was reported as improved and Mathis hopes that Smith will be on hand for Saturday's matches. Should Smith be unable to compete, Rugeley DeVan, regular 145 pounder, will take the call.

Both of these grapplers have enviable records and either will be a credit to that class. Although Smith has had more experience

and would probably carry a bit more weight against his Middle rival, Coach Mathis stated "that he is not worried about this class if either DeVan or Smith is fighting."

"Buckshot" Ed Seitz, scrappy 165-pound sophomore, who has yet to lose a fight, will fight at 155, the division he fought at in prep school.

Co-Captain Charlie Pritchard will handle the 165-pound berth, while LeRoy Hodges is going to send a torpedo into the Navy 175-pound ranks.

Hugo Bonino, 220 pounds of dynamite and captain of the frosh team of 1933, is slated to fight in the heavyweight class.

Commenting on the Navy team, Mathis said, "They have a good team, but I consider our team this year just as good or better than theirs. If we are at all right Saturday, I believe that we will take them." The General's tutor spoke in the most optimistic tones that he has used in forecasting the outcome of a match in years.

Last year the Midshipmen marred a perfect five-year record for Washington and Lee grappling teams when they eked out a close victory. Since that time the Generals have been determined to turn the tables and "Sink Navy." They hope to down the Annapolis team after the fashion of the drubbing they handed the Army year before last here in Lexington.

Coach Mathis has won 51 out of 52 meets in the last five years, counting frosh and varsity meets. The one loss is a feather in the cap of the Middies that the Generals hope to regain this Saturday.

So far Navy has won three meets. The Tars bested Penn 27-3, V. M. I. 26-8, and Harvard 19-13.

The team will leave Friday morning, probably reaching Annapolis in time for an afternoon workout on the academy mat. The wrestlers will travel by bus along with the boxers, who are facing Maryland on Saturday night.

Stolen Coat Held

A brown camel hair coat that was stolen from Reid Hall is being held by the Chief of Police.

Idle Fellow Says:

By Ed Rankin

Did "Song of Kong" Levine "airplane-whirl" his last opponent and then set him to the mat first because of a genuine spirit of sudden tenderness or did the Strong Man wish to "shine?" Somehow this Idle Fellow just can't imagine Levine a-singing, "I Can't Give You Anything But Love, Baby."... Evans (class V. F. to you, freshmen), Coach Mathis' little 118 pounds of concentrated dynamite, won his fight while working under a great handicap; for the past week he has been receiving medical aid for a maul-burn that has decidedly hampered the use of his right arm... Bussey, V. P. I. boxing captain who received the first K. O. of his career at Mincher's hands last Saturday night, doesn't seem to be overly worried by the affair. If Idle Fellow is able to judge by the number of visits Ed has made to the hospital to see his vanquished foe, Ed too thinks that the nurse is "pretty swell"... Have you heard? Jean has been training these last few days by coasting down Lexington's snow-covered hills in the lovely company of "local talent" of the "fairer sex"... But seriously, look for Jean to star in the approaching Maryland meet; he's bound to show some of the class illness prevented him from displaying during the recent Carolina State encounter...

Jenkin's nose was just nose good after his bout Saturday evening... He'll be good as new shortly, we are glad to report... It's grand to be able to listen to a neighbor's radio while a-spilling this "gore"... Charley "Pop-Eye" Mower delights this fellow when he starts throwing those padded fists of his. If anyone else looks more like an engine getting up steam and plunging with both drive rods to a start, we've never seen him... The boxing-boys think more than highly of Lou Martin; his spirit is an invaluable aid to the squad...

Now, good night, gentlemen, until next time. At that time watch for news of you in this strip.

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Tucker Predicts Bright Future For Liberal Arts

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generation ago prophets were freely predicting that the small college, which is the liberal arts college, was doomed, destined to be crushed between the upper and nether millstones of the professional school and the high school heightened to a junior college.

Declaring that the prophets were wrong, he continued, "But these prophets underestimated the vitality of the liberal arts college. The colleges were in a difficult position then as now, but they seem somehow to thrive on difficulties. They have continued to multiply and increase in size and power."

The meeting was held in Roanoke last Friday and Saturday. Dr. Tucker was elected to the executive committee of the association at Saturday's business session.

Federal Relief Project To Aid Students Here

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Benefits of the fund are limited to "non-profit schools; that is, schools which are supported by endowment and tuition and do not operate for private profit. Washington and Lee, and virtually every other institution of higher learning in the state, comes under this classification.

Employment under the plan will be based on attendance rolls as of October 15, but 25 per cent of the fund will be reserved for students enrolling for the second semester, it was announced.

The grant to the college was an answer to the appeal for funds

forwarded by a recent meeting of the Association of American Colleges.

Any type of "socially valuable" work may be undertaken under the new student relief program, according to authorities in charge. This will include special study, research, library work, and other similar types of endeavor which

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