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Tennis Courts Ready For Play Tomorrow; 7 New Ones Started

Only More Showers Can Keep Players Off Now

"EXCELLENT JOB," WILLIAMS STATES

Extra Courts Expected To Be Completed Within Five Days

The reconstructed tennis courts under the bridge will be ready for the first swarm of impatient racket swingers tomorrow afternoon or before. W. C. Coffey, contractor for the work, announced late this afternoon as he was putting the finishing touches on his job.

Prof. C. E. Williams, who was on the courts this afternoon supervising the work of laying them off, declared the playing surface to be in excellent condition.

The old intramural field is already being torn up at top speed, and seven additional courts there will be ready to take care of the overflow within five days, that is, is the almost incessant rains hold off.

Of course, rain tonight or tomorrow morning will delay the opening of the courts under the bridge, just as it has delayed their completion for so many weeks now. If weather conditions had been favorable, the courts would have been completely finished by the end of spring holidays.

Mr. Williams seemed highly pleased with the appearance of the courts, as he explained that, with a few improvements made necessary as spotty places develop, Washington and Lee students from now on will be afforded excellent tennis facilities.

Glee Club Ends Successful Year

Professor Graham Pleased With Record; Has Hopes For Next Year

Last Friday's joint concert with Sweet Briar College brings to a close the activities of the Washington and Lee Glee club for this year. As customary, the organization, despite its intermittent existence, has held three recitals: the first a Christmas program with Harrisonburg here, a return engagement with the same singers there on April 17, and the concluding program with the Sweet Briar club here last Friday.

Commenting on the organization this year, Professor John Graham, who directs the club, said that on the whole the year was very successful and that he considered the last concert a "very excellent one." The club has attempted to interpret recognized "masterpieces for college glee clubs, did them very well and seemed to enjoy it." An innovation which he pointed out as gratifying is the fact that for the first time the glee club has an auditorium of its own. This year the group inaugurated the practice of holding the local concerts in the Lee Memorial chapel and charging no admission.

Although Prof. Graham is very pleased with this year's group he hopes for a larger and more experienced club next year. He also anticipates more co-operation and hopes that the 1935 club will have a continued existence. Three concerts have been planned for next year with Harrisonburg, Hollins, and Sweet Briar.

There will be no more meetings of the club this year, as the Six-choir Festival planned for this spring was postponed until next year. The clubs invited to this festival are from Sweet Briar, Randolph-Macon, Hollins, University of Virginia, Washington and Lee, and Hampden-Sydney.

Alumnus Gets Scholarship
Mr. Charles Leigh Riley, B.A., 1924, has been awarded a fellowship "for study in the field of humanities" by the General Education Board. Mr. Riley is the son of the late Professor Franklin L. Riley of the Department of History at Washington and Lee University.

FERA Money Here

Approximately \$960 in FERA money will be distributed to students on the government's payroll from the Dean's office beginning next Tuesday, Dean Frank J. Gilliam announced this morning. This sum is in payment for work done during the month of March. Students here have already received about \$240 in FERA money, which was paid for work during February. The March money was expected several weeks ago, but its arrival has been inexplicitly delayed.

Checks will be all ready for delivery when students call for them Tuesday.

Davis Plans To Attend Reunion Of Old Grads

Prominent Alumnus Expected Here For Meeting of Phi Psi's

John W. Davis and a number of other distinguished alumni of the University who were members of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity here between 1888 and 1898 are planning to hold a reunion in Lexington on May 11 to 13. Although it is not known yet just how many will be definitely able to attend, there are at least fifteen who are hoping to come.

Mr. Davis has reported that he is making every effort possible to get away from his many duties and attend the reunion.

The old grads will make their headquarters with the Misses Barclay, on Lee avenue.

Those who are hoping to attend are:

E. W. Wilson, Philadelphia; Edward Asberry O'Neal, Chicago; T. Kennedy Helm, Louisville; Rees Turpin, Kansas City; Frank A. Nelson, Chattanooga, son of the late Prof. Alex. Nelson, member of faculty here; Braden Vandeventer, Norfolk.

Henry Anderson, Richmond; J. N. Veech, Louisville, father of Alexander Veech of the faculty; E. R. Preston, Washington; S. W. Frierson, Florence, Ala.; Hale Houston, of the faculty; William Reynolds Vane, for many years a member of the faculty and now at Yale.

James Quarles, Washington, formerly a member of the faculty; John W. Davis, New York, member of the board of trustees; and Ross McCain, president of the Aetna Life Insurance company of Hartford.

Two W.-L. Boys Go To New York With Band

Two Washington and Lee students are playing with the V. M. I. Commanders, Keydet dance band, and will make a trip to New York with the orchestra tonight. Both of these students are freshmen; one is Mike Perna, drummer, and the other James Wilde, trombone player.

The V. M. I. band leaves for the metropolis after playing for the second-class show, part of the Keydets' dance set, tonight.

CCC Boys Ask Student Teacher Of Latest Ball Room Etiquette

An earnest call was sent down out of the mountain fastness of the Blue Ridge today for a Washington and Lee man to appear at CCC camp number 1368 and give the boys some lessons in ball room etiquette. Sherwood Wise, president of the student body, received the plea, and announces that all who have paid their campus tax are eligible to try for the job, but insists that rigid qualifications must be met.

The dance is slated for tonight, and will be given at the camp, nine miles from New Castle, in Craig county. So whoever takes the job will have to work fast if he is to get there in time to get

E. C. Approves 14 Amendments To Constitution; 5 Voted Down

Proposal For Complete Enfranchisement of Student Body Defeated

STUDENTS MUST VOTE ON CHANGES

No Definite Date Yet Set For Balloting on Revision of Document

Fourteen definite amendments to the student body constitution last night safely leaped the first barrier toward adoption when the Executive committee approved all but five of nineteen suggestions made by the special committee on the constitution. Before becoming a part of the fundamental law of the student body, however, the changes must be approved by a majority of the campus tax payers. No definite date has been set for this election because three of the five suggestions of the constitution committee were referred back to the committee for further consideration.

Only one proposal, suggesting the complete enfranchisement of the student body except in the case of publications officers, was turned down flatly by the Executive committee, seven members voting against the change. The chief objection raised to the amendment, which was the most radical brought up, was fear of causing a drop in campus tax receipts.

The matter of campus tax apportionment, with particular reference to the funds allowed the Christian Council was left untouched, since the Executive committee already has discretionary power of varying the ratio of funds among the organizations interested. This matter was not specifically recommended by the constitution committee, but was

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Delegates Go to Meeting at VPI

Prof. Latture, Three Students Attend Convention of I. R. C.

Four representatives of the Washington and Lee International Relations club are in Blacksburg this week-end, attending a state convention of such organizations. Prof. R. N. Latture, faculty advisor of the local group, is leading the delegation from here, which includes Ben Thirkield, president of the club, James L. Price and Latham Weber.

Prof. Latture has been selected by the V. P. I. club, which is sponsoring the conference, to lead a round-table discussion during the Saturday morning sessions. His subject has not yet been selected, but will probably concern some phase of Fascism in Italy or Hitlerism in Germany.

It is hoped by the sponsors of the conference that a state organization may be effected, in an effort to co-ordinate the activities of the various clubs.

The Washington and Lee delegation has made plans to invite the delegates to come to Lexington for a second conference next spring. The move has the support of the University administration, and it is hoped that the invitation can be accepted.

On The Way

Wallis Goes to Work On Bands Promised For Ball

It's almost unbelievable, but campaign promises are beginning to materialize.

Just as Don Wallis promised to the accompaniment of loud cheers at the rally Monday night, letters went out on the early morning mail yesterday to Fred Waring, Glenn Grey, Guy Lombardo, Ozzie Nelson, Isham Jones, and Hal Kemp, one of whom will play for Fancy Dress, as Wallis assured the student body during the campaign.

Long applause greeted Wallis' announcement that one of these six bands would play for the famous ball if he were elected, and it broke out again stronger than before when he said the band would be named before any financial drive started.

Cast Is Selected For New Troubadour Show By Watkin

Date For First Showing Set as May 15 Or 16

With the final announcement of a definite cast for the first and second acts of his own comedy, "Mr. Painter's Palace of Pleasure," Prof. L. E. Watkin today indicated that intensive practice for the show would begin immediately. Due to the great difficulty in choosing a cast, only a few hap-hazard rehearsals have been held during the past week.

The cast, as chosen by the author and director, is as follows: Mrs. Painter, Miss Blanche McCrum; Mr. Painter, George Foster; Bayard, Bill Hawkins; Jack, Charley Mower; Vera, Mrs. Shirley Hurt; Kitty McFetrich, Mary Monroe Penick; Gwendolyn, Mrs. Ralph Daves; and Dawn Laverne, Thelma Zimmerman. A radio man and his assistant, two furniture movers, and an Irish cop still remain to be cast, and this is expected to be completed sometime during this week.

Mr. Watkin expressed himself as more than satisfied with the cast and that the final success in getting such accomplished actors more than repaid for the great difficulty which was experienced in choosing the players.

The play will be presented by the Troubadours at the Lyric theatre on either May 14 or 16, it was announced today. The original plans called for the show to be given on Friday, May 11, but as this date conflicted with the convention plans of the School of Commerce, the dramatic organization moved its date ahead until the next Monday or Wednesday. The definite date has not been chosen as yet.

The construction of the sets for the play has already been begun, and the sets for the first and third acts, which are exactly the same, have already been completed. The set for the second act is yet to be done, but Jim Wallace and his assistants expect this to be completed in short order.

Gaines Resigns CWA Post Because of Duties As University President

Duties as president of the University have forced Dr. Francis P. Gaines to resign from the chairmanship of the Virginia state emergency relief committee, a position he has held since this phase of the new deal machinery was organized nearly a year ago. The resignation was announced Monday night by Gov. Peery.

Dr. Gaines explained in a letter to Governor Peery that his work connected with the University would not permit him to continue with the relief work.

Dr. Gaines was also appointed as chairman of the state civil works committee by Gov. Peery last fall.

Ring-tum Phi Meeting
All men interested in working on The Ring-tum Phi next year are expected to attend a meeting in the Journalism room at 7:30 Monday night. Men will be lined up for staff positions for next year, so it is important that all who expect to continue Ring-tum Phi work or wish to take it up should attend.

350 More Must Sign For Finals Immediately To Have Jan Open Set

Party Lines Expected to Hold In Coming Class Elections

Simmering Political Pot Will Again Boil May 7 When Liberals Renew Fight Against Progressives; Barbarians Strengthen Organization

The feverish political activity that kept the campus in a hub-bub up until last Tuesday night seems to have subsided for the moment, only to be ready to break out with renewed energy when the annual class elections roll around. Every indication is that there will be two complete tickets put in the field, probably along party lines similar to those that made the recent campaign, the hottest in years.

Although no definite announcements have been made from any quarter as yet, a group of non-fraternity men met Wednesday night in an effort to strengthen their organization, an integral part of the Liberal Reform party, so that it will be effective in the class elections. Leaders of this element promised to name their complete ticket by next Friday at the latest. A similar move is expected from the other side.

At the non-fraternity meeting last night an "executive council pro tem" was chosen to direct po-

litical activities until the class elections have been run off. The members are Lewis McMurrin, chairman, Walter Johnston, Rudolph Lofstrand, Awdry Thompson, and William Robinson.

This newly organized committee will appoint five non-fraternity men in each class to act as "party whips."

Class elections will be held on Monday, May 7, at 7:30 p. m., according to Richard W. Grafton, secretary-treasurer of the student body. The classes will meet as follows to elect their officers for the coming year:

Intermediate Law Class—Tucker Hall.

Freshman Law Class—Tucker Hall.

Sophomore Class—Newcomb Hall, Room 105.

Freshman Class—Geology room. Because senior class officers also represent the freshman law class of next year, this year's junior class will not meet until next fall for an election.

Dunaj Elected After Recount

Wise Declares Track Star Secretary-Elect Over Davidson

Dick Dunaj was officially declared to be secretary-elect of the student body by President Sherwood Wise after a recount of the ballots last night. The latest count, which will stand as official, is 293 for Dunaj and 290 for Charles Davidson, who had been announced as the winner after the first tally.

Immediately after it was announced that Davidson had won over the track star by one vote, Dunaj demanded a recount. An unofficial count later Tuesday night showed that a mistake had been made and that Dunaj would probably be declared winner after the executive committee meeting last night.

Davidson was a Progressive and Dunaj a Liberal Reformer. Dunaj's victory brought the Liberal Reformers' total up to four as Jack Ball, Don Wallis, and Purnell Diggs had already been declared elected.

Literary Societies Plan Joint Banquet May 4

After eight months of anxious waiting, the Graham-Lee and Washington Literary societies have arranged their annual banquet and will take place on Friday night, May 4, in the main dining room of the Robert E. Lee Hotel.

A six course dinner featuring steak, and chocolate sundaes, plus some entertaining speeches by distinguished Virginians will occupy the time of these future orators. All members, ex-members, and aspiring members are invited. There will be a charge of one dollar per plate. The affair will be informal.

Alumnus Licks Long Machine In Louisiana Political Fight

While Progressives and Liberal Reformers were battling for political control of the campus, a young Washington and Lee graduate scored a significant victory Huey Long and his machine in the Louisiana congressional elections.

National attention was focused on the race in which Jared Young Sanders, Jr., a student here in 1912, handed a "significant set-

back" to the political power of the Long forces.

Sanders was elected to congress from the sixth Louisiana district over candidates put up and backed by the Kingfish. This victory is being used to presage the end of Long's domination of the state. Sanders is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He is now a member of a law firm in Baton Rouge.

Choice of Any First-rate Band, Decorations Depend on Signing Now

JACK BALL PLEADS FOR MORE SUPPORT

No Hope For Garber Unless Subscriptions Reach 550

Unless the number of subscriptions to Finals reaches 550 by the end of this week, the chances of securing Jan Garber for the first two nights of the dance set are exceedingly remote, Charlie Pritchard, president of Finals, said today. To date, only slightly more than 200 students have signed up for Finals.

The Finals Week Committee is continuing its canvass of fraternity houses and student eating places, but the student response to the campaign has been slow.

If 550 students have not promised their support of the Finals Week Committee by Saturday night, Pritchard says that it will be necessary to give up hope of signing Jan for the first two nights. According to Pritchard, the Committee will have to select some other orchestra from the number still available for the opening nights of Finals. The selection of the orchestra will depend largely on how many more students sign up this week.

With Finals only a little over a month away, it will be difficult to secure a first-rate orchestra unless the Committee receives immediate support from the student body, Pritchard declared in urging students to sign up at once.

The decorations for the dance set are also dependent upon student support. Unless more students subscribe for Finals, the Committee will hardly be justified in spending the usual amount on decorations.

President-Elect Makes Plea

Jack Ball, president-elect of the student body, issued the following urgent plea this afternoon:

"If we are to have any kind of a Finals this year, it is absolutely necessary that all students lend their financial support immediately. With only a few subscriptions, it is impossible for your Finals President and his committee to sign any contracts or make any arrangements.

"At this time last year, all contracts were signed and the Committee had everything arranged. With only five weeks remaining, if we hope to have a successful set of dances, we must respond to the Finals Drive. Money is always short at this time of the year, but with the liberal arrangements for payment that have been made, there is no reason why the entire student body should not co-operate, now.

"I have always felt that Finals are, in a sense, a graduation present to the Senior class and their parents, alumni and friends. It is an obligation which all the students owe to the Seniors.

"As president-elect of the student body, let me make an urgent appeal to all of you to support the Finals Week Committee immediately.

"J. W. Ball"

Four in Hospital

Owing to inclement weather conditions a large number of students were treated at the Jackson Memorial hospital this week for colds, flu, etc. Many were dismissed yesterday, but Giles Scheller, Harry Hiller, R. J. Bishop, and George Reynolds are still registered. Turner Morison and Joe Walker were dismissed this morning. Frank Hague is still improving.

Judge Lyman Chalkly, '89, professor emeritus of the University of Kentucky law school, died last Saturday in Lexington, Ky., of pneumonia, after a week's illness.

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THE POLITICAL ARMISTICE ENDS ERE IT BEGINS

The sudden subsiding of political activity after last Tuesday night was a terrific let down, but the armistice is only a temporary one, and already the guns are beginning to boom on the class-elections front. Although it has not been decided as yet whether senior elections will be held on the first Monday in May along with the others or in the fall as customary, every indication is that the races in the lower classes will furnish excitement enough.

Complete tickets for the class elections were drawn up by Progressives and Liberal Reformers before the general elections, and already the candidates are at work, still rather guardedly. The line-up on both sides is already pretty generally known, and each faction is expected to announce its ticket publicly.

The non-fraternity element met Wednesday to make plans for perfecting its organization for the coming fight, and especially in the freshman and sophomore classes this group's ability to hold together will be an important factor in the eventual outcome.

In a number of ways, these class elections are going to be almost as important as the general elections, for a great deal of weight is attached to the executive committee positions, and class presidencies are always a juicy political plum. Furthermore, these elections will be a crucial point, an anti-crisis, in the battle for political domination that has waged this spring.

LET CLASS OFFICE SEEKERS BE ANNOUNCED

Now is an appropriate time for hammering away again on a reform that has already been proposed in these columns several times. This reform is to have candidates for class offices, president, executive committee, etc., file their candidacies with the secretary of the student body several days prior to the date set for the election, just as the constitution compels candidates in the general elections to do. There are three certain, definite benefits that would arise from such a change in election methods.

First, a great deal more interest in the campaign would be aroused. In previous years candidates with fraternity backing have been told to keep quiet and let the politicians manage things, with the result that most voters went to the meeting without knowing who were running beside the men whom they had just been instructed to vote for. But with candidates announced ahead of time there would be earnest campaigning, so that many more would take an interest in the elections and in their class government.

Second, this necessity for campaigning would assure that class members know the men for whom they are voting and would encourage potential class officers to become acquainted with a much larger number of their classmates. The advantages of this wider acquaintance are obvious; moreover, there would be a feeling of greater responsibility on the part of officers when called upon to make a direct appeal to their classmates for support.

The third and probably most important benefit of having candidates file prior to the election is that it would then be impossible for an organized minority to railroad its candidates through, as everybody knows has often been done under the present system. The organized minority nominates its man, sees to it that enough opposition candidates are nominated to split the opposition vote, and then moves that nominations be closed. All is confusion and disorder. Names are scrawled on the blackboard and the ballots are counted. An ideal situation for the politicians who want to run things their own way without opposition.

Such a change would be in keeping with the platforms of both "parties" in the recent campaign, for both expressed approval of the "announced-ticket" idea. There can be no objections

to it, unless it be from those who want to keep class politics under cover, and current developments are going to show that this cannot be done anyway. Perhaps for some of the minor offices no candidates would file. Then provision could be made to have nominations made from the floor for positions for which there are no announced candidates. The suggested change would not mean turning-over class elections to the supervision of the executive committee, for this committee already maintains this supervision, and rightly so.

Suggestion of this reform is appropriate now because the subject of class elections is coming to the fore, and more particularly because the executive committee is now engrossed with the problem of constitutional reform. With so many arguments in favor of this change and no unselfish ones against it, it deserve the serious and immediate consideration of the executive committee.

GIVE EVERY STUDENT VOTING RIGHTS

Constitutional revision, in the form of removal of ambiguity and contradiction, is well on the way toward success, if the actions taken by the Executive committee last night can be used as a standard. Of nineteen suggestions made by the special committee on the constitution, only one was definitely voted down—but it was upon that one change that real reform could have been based. The accepted changes are necessary for the clarity of the document, but they are revision—not reform.

The opponents of abolishing the campus tax requirement for voting argue that the move would weaken the campus tax, causing hardship to the publications in particular. They point out that the voting clause was incorporated in the campus tax plan as a "whip," designed to assure greater success of the plan. They believe that without this added privilege granted to the tax payers, the financial organization of all campus groups would be seriously impaired—that there would be a distinct drop in the number of subscriptions.

On the other hand, the proponents of complete enfranchisement argue that every student, whether he has paid his campus tax or not, is vitally affected by the student government; that he is subject to the rules and regulations set down by the campus administration and is expected to live up to the honor system; and that therefore he should have a voice in choosing the officers of the government.

The opponents of enfranchisement counter with the question of whether or not students should be allowed to vote for officers whose main duty is the handling of campus-tax funds, particularly publications officers. In the meeting last night, as in the platform of the Liberal Reform party, the concession was made that constituents of editors and business managers be limited to campus tax payers or subscribers. But even so, the proposal failed.

But despite the strength of other arguments, the whole controversy boils down to a single difference of opinion: whether the removal of voting restriction would effect the campus tax subscriptions.

While the objection sounds logical at first glance, it hardly seems plausible that the privilege of voting is the real reason for payment of the campus tax. When the subscribers receive a \$6.00 annual, a \$3.10 newspaper, a \$1.00 magazine, two forty-five cent plays, a couple of Glee club concerts and debates, three or four assembly speakers, a Y. M. C. A. room and a University band for less than the combined cost of the annual and the newspaper, can anyone believe it plausible that he hands over \$9.00 for the mere privilege of voting—and that he takes the other advantages without thought? In view of the lack of interest in elections during past years, when in some cases little more than two-thirds of those eligible appeared at the polls, it certainly would seem that the privilege of voting is not regarded very highly, at least not to the value of nine or ten dollars.

Why not look at the matter sensibly and logically? The student body officers, the executive committee, class officers, dance officers and publications officers are all a part of an organization with which every single student is concerned; then let every single student have a vote for these officers. It is the only just thing to do; there will be a negligible effect, if any at all, on the campus tax, and the government will probably be improved and will certainly receive better support from the students.

CAMPUS TAX RECORDS COMPILED

Several weeks ago critical comment was made to the effect that there was no official record of the students who have paid their campus tax, a situation bad enough at any time but doubly so on the eve of a heated political fight, since non-payers of the tax are denied the right to vote. Since then, however, and prior to the election, Richard Grafton, present secretary, has compiled a complete record of those who have paid. It is only fair that notice be made of this and that he be commended for the feat he has accomplished, for feat it is said to be. Aside from the political significance, it is a satisfaction to know that the student body records are being efficiently kept.

THE PARAPET

By Richard Fiske

Enough Is Enough...

So much has been written about the recent election by reporters, by feature writers, by editorial men, by who enjoy the sensation of thinking themselves columnists, that it seems advisable to forget the whole darn thing and not devote a paragraph to the unsatisfactory and satisfactory results of the election, which was more or less a shot in the arm to the jaded organization called the student body. Effervescing politics has furnished plenty of material to write about in the past week and there are still angles upon which even the most enterprising of this sheet's staff have failed to pounce. And unless great care is taken this columnist, so called, will find himself piling words and more words upon words and words in a discussion of the late polling. But it's not advisable. Enough is enough in any man's country, or for that matter, newspaper or column.

An Inquest...

Often a vague wondering has wandered through the writer's mind about just why in the world or The Ring-tum Phi, which are not synonymous, this column should exist anyway. It's not exactly a misstatement to say that even when it may be fairly well written it certainly isn't read with avidity or consistency. The regular incumbent can sling words around a pin point, building an excellent paragraph about nothing, astonishing the reader with his facile skill and ability in creating a void in the midst of black and white, which may be unfair, but which, nevertheless, is true, as he himself will admit. It's necessary at times and he shouldn't be blamed. The reason is that this space starts at the top of this page and extends to the bottom and must be filled with something. The person with the vocabulary, with the ability of using words, is usually chosen for the task of linking a sufficient number of nouns and verbs and plenty of adjectives together to do the job.

Sometimes it's hard and at other times it's easy. But it's rather difficult for the average individual to park himself in front of a typewriter and pound out a lot of phrases about nothing.

Ideas as to just what the column should be are vague. If it is Winchellish everyone reads it, but if it is literary or wise no one does. An attempt has been made this year to make it more or less—and it has been mostly less—a review of campus of life, a chain of feature stories. However, interesting events on the campus are very often covered by the regular staff members and, in addition, it is practically impossible for one man to see all and know all, unless he plays at being Winchell, which is like sticking his head into a buzz saw. There may be something in the idea that a man should be admired for the enemies he makes—but most of us would rather do without the admiration if enemies come along in the same package.

The editorial attitude may be adopted and an attempt at being intelligent can be made, but most readers have an aversion for intelligence, although it may be hard to admit, particularly when it emanates from someone who is known well. For an undiscovered reason, unsigned wisdom, or wisdom from the brain of someone not personally known, is often not acceptable, which is peculiar. Perhaps the biggest reason for not attempting a Solomon attitude is modesty and a feeling that it would not be read nor appreciated—but most likely the reason is a fear of failing to be intelligent.

Humor could be the main theme, but funny men are rare and acceptable ones practically non-existent, in spite of the fact

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FRONT ROW

Looking Back
By HERBERT RUDLIN

His Majesty in Majesty

"Death Takes a Holiday" may be taken, perhaps, as the shining example of an unspooled picture. Wantonly subjected to omniscient dangers in the way of an impossible plot, a moral with the fervor of an organ, a depressing, dream-like atmosphere, and the crossing of real with imaginary emotions, it nevertheless turned sour notes into thrilling "overtones", effecting a conclusion that "Death Takes a Holiday" nearly raised the screen to the level so jealously walled and guarded by the giants of the legitimate stage. In other words, we mean to infer that "Death Takes a Holiday", through superb acting, and understanding treatment of script, became so convincing that the dimensional barriers of the screen were swept away—and that is true art, for Hollywood.

Wreathed and entwined in a theme of black fantasy that might easily have become a theme of absurd horror, eminently distasteful to the spectator, such was the brilliance and magnificence of Frederic March's performance that one was forced to hypnosis, to sit enthralled and believe all the mysterious impossibilities that are ridiculed at bright noon. Evelyn Venable, symbolizing the blind strength of love, was well-nigh faultless, her portrait of a confused, troubled, puzzled young girl accepting the one great emotion despite penalties to achieve mental happiness and the reassurance of her soul, deserves the utmost in praise.

Somehow or other we have an adolescent urge to delve brazenly into allegorical references and the deep ramifications of life and death, of happiness and misery, of fear and courage that were brief, flashing, steely chapters of philosophy bearing on the final, fearful destination of man. Probably the greatest unending bull-session could be held on "His Majesty", and one could circle and circle and always come back to the post-stone that is a monument to our obvious ignorance. A fine picture, well-written, well-acted, and beautifully photographed, with dialogue that was superior to seventy-five per cent of the year's output.

Best Shot: Katherine Alexander's discovery that she had offered herself to Death.

Arty Line: "Would you insult the stars because you dislike your destiny?"

Play-Boys and Play-Girls

Besides being a fairly good picture, "Riptide" provoked two engaging thoughts. Whence and whyforth comes this abundance of handsome males with plenty of filthy lucre and leisure to perennially sport in dinner dress from Biarritz to the Riviera and back to Grant's Tomb? And how come such comely and wealthy ladies, as Norma Shearer portrayed, remained unhitched until the one big passion, ostensibly along about twenty-five of thirty years after the first blessings? We have noticed in a number of pictures of the same type, particularly "This Man is Mine", where the heroes are totally unconcerned with the distasteful phases of making a living and the worries thereof. Sometimes, somewhere in the picture there is given the hasty inference that the young men work—but don't hold it against them. If you will recall, in "This Man is Mine" there wasn't a single scene in the entire picture, if we remember correctly, in which Ralph Bellamy and Charles Starrett weren't tripping around in spotless full dress or dinner jackets. Even at noontime there was Starrett in starched formal shirt and various bits of formal paraphernalia. And that there are so many classy dames (ha!) over the border of twenty-five, with Park avenue apartments and the ability to fall in love with the right man, must be pleasant informa-

tion to the collegiate coterie who have sworn single-blessedness until their fortune is made, but doubt the wisdom of this upon noticing—off the screen—how every good-looking eighteen-year old is quickly carted off to the minister's study. But enough of that; mere ruminations with a loose beginning and a worthless conclusion.

That "Riptide" was another bewhiskered morsel from the stale loaf of stubborn husband and misunderstood wife was granted by everyone who saw the picture. But a great many said they liked "Riptide," which proves that it had something on the ball after all. From all considerations the saving graces of the picture were the really fine dialogue and the excellent performances of Norma Shearer and Herbert Marshall. Shearer, acting with unconscious ease and spontaneity, proved that she has just as much right to the cognomen of "first lady of the screen" as anyone else. Which reminds us of our pet ambition, that of seeing Norma Shearer, Katherine Hepburn, and Constance Bennett cast in the same picture in which the script calls for a free-for-all between the three. . . .

Best Shot: "May I!" asked the charming Herbert Marshall.

Chaste Humor: Marshall as the animal kingdom.

Horse-opera: The child running in to make fins.

Gaines to Visit Chicago Alumni

"Cy" Young Will Accompany President to The Meeting

Dr. Francis P. Gaines, president of the University, and Harry K. "Cy" Young, alumni secretary, will attend on May 2 an organization meeting of alumni living in Chicago and neighboring suburbs, it was learned today. Dr. Gaines will make an address.

According to Allen D. Symonds, '33, acting secretary, there are about 100 alumni of the University living in Chicago and vicinity. The leaders of the movement to organize a permanent association there point to the aid it would be in attracting a desirable class of students from the Middle West and in persuading outstanding athletes from that part of the country to enter the University.

Charles J. Faulkner, Jr., '96, general counsel for Armour and company, is expected to act as toastmaster for the banquet. The organization committee in charge, in addition to Symonds and Faulkner, consists of William B. McCluer, '79; Herman P. Davidson, '13; and Reuben A. Lewis, Jr., '16.

Dr. James L. Howe was recently named commissioner to the general assembly at Montreat, N. C., on May 24 by the Lexington presbytery, which met in Staunton last week.

Job Campaign Started Here

Fraternities, Faculty And University Asked to Co-operate

University authorities and faculty members are asked to co-operate in a nation-wide "Odd Jobs Campaign" that is expected to give at least temporary aid to many unemployed local workmen recently released from the government's emergency payroll, Carl W. Ruble, director of the local office, announced today. The drive is already well under way.

In urging collegiate support for the campaign, Mr. Ruble said: "With the simultaneous arrival of spring and property-overhauling time on the local campus, it is believed by those sponsoring the campaign that fraternity houses, the college authorities, and members of the faculty can lend potent assistance to the citizens and business people of Lexington in cutting wide swaths in the ranks of the unemployed by the creation of sundry jobs which will provide badly-needed work for many of those individuals registered with the National Re-employment Service."

A brief telephone call to the National Re-employment Office, located on the second floor of the First National Bank building, No. 127, will be all that is necessary to obtain the desired workers.

North River Plea May Be Settled by Sand Co.

A petition to the State Department of Game and Fisheries to halt the pollution of North River is still being circulated among Lexington sportsmen, but, according to Sam Rayder, one of the leaders in the movement, no further action has been taken. However, it is understood, Rayder says, that the sand corporation, whose plant was responsible for the pollution, has agreed to install settling vats to purify the water from sediment before it is allowed to flow back into the river, provided the petition is not sent in.

Custis-Lee Society Plans Banquet at Last Meeting

Members of Custis-Lee Society, local chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, witnessed the motion-picture, "Copies," at a meeting of the organization held Tuesday night in Reid Hall.

Tentative plans were made to hold a banquet at Forest Tavern May 10. This is the annual banquet of the society.

I. G. Wallace read an article, "Electricity at \$45 a Kilowatt Hour," which was followed by the film, dealing with mimeographing and its development.

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Runners Leave Today For Tilt With Spiders

Varsity Slated to Win Meet By Very Close Margin

Combined varsity and freshmen track teams left early this afternoon to travel to Richmond where they will face the Spider squads tomorrow with their hearts set on avenging the double defeat that the Dobson outfits forced upon the Fletcher runners here last year.

According to comparative records, Richmond, with a 76 1-3 to 49 2-3 loss to Maryland already against their credit, will battle the Generals on even ground throughout the meet with the Big Blue runners. Maryland beat V. P. I. 72-52, a little less than the margin over the Spider contest. Washington and Lee beat the Techmen by a narrow 65-61 margin. According to this set-up, the Generals are four points better than V. P. I. and 11 odd points superior to the Richmond squad.

Locals Favored

However, the actual comparison of the individuals shows a 64-62 win for the locals tomorrow. Dick Dunaj, who will be forced to run the mile, two mile, and 880 provided the scoring is at all close in the early part of the meet, is expected to repeat his triple victory in these three events which he scored first in last year. Richmond has no outstanding distance ace.

Sawyers and Heiserman are expected to score high in the century with Price taking the lead in the 220. Peterson, who runs the quarter in 51.6 and won this event in the Washington and Lee meet of last year, is favored over Browning and McGeory. Peterson also runs the dashes.

Schuhle in Hurdles

Schuhle, undefeated in the two hurdle races this year, is picked to best the field in the 220 low timber race when he out-strides Leverton and Chaltain to the tape. However, Chaltain, with a 15.1 120 high hurdle record to his credit, is due to beat Schuhle and Leverton in this event.

Hanley and Dyer should throw the shot and discus to victory over Humphries, Dobson, and Coulehan. Clark, who tosses the javelin in the neighborhood of 187 feet, will be backed up by East and Dobson. This trio will probably beat Hodges of the Generals.

Strong in High Jump

West, Joyce, and Gallier all clear six feet or thereabouts in the high jump and leave only a possible tie for third for Washington and Lee's Strong. Corbett, Clements, and Laird will have to battle West and Joyce in the pole vault. Washington and Lee has a chance of gaining five and Richmond four points in this event.

Chaltain and West are better broad jumpers than Sawyers, according to the records. This lineup gives the Generals about a 12-point margin in the track events and an 11-point deficiency in the field games.

Spiders Won Last Year

Last year Richmond won 65 1-4 to 56 3-4 and the young Spiders also took the honors 73 1-3 to 43 2-3. In this meet Joyce was the star performer for Richmond. He won the broad jump, and tied for first in the high jump and pole vault.

This will be the second meet of the year for the Brigadiers. In view of the strong showing that the Little Generals made in their opening meet when they met the V. P. I. frosh 75-42, they should be in excellent position to gain back the honors which the 1933 Brigadiers lost.

Varsity Enters Triangle Meet

Track Team Will Compete With Maryland, V M I In Washington

Washington and Lee will make a track trip to the District of Columbia on May 12 to engage in a triangular meet with the University of Maryland and the V. M. I. Keydets, according to an announcement made by Coach Fletcher today.

Originally the Generals were carded to face the Terps on May 5, but it was later found that this date conflicted with the Virginia State meet to be held in Blacksburg on that day. As the Diamondbacks had a full schedule for the rest of the year, it was necessary that Washington and Lee gain permission to make their meet with Maryland a three-way affair.

This meet places three consecutive trips in the middle of the track schedule. After meeting Richmond university on April 28 at the home of the Spiders, the Generals will travel to V. P. I. on May 5 for the State meet.

REVIEWS IN SPORT

By ANDERSON BROWNE

Being a Cursory Glimpse Of The Freshman Short-stop Who Spurned the Senators



We took an afternoon off away from term papers and the like Wednesday and trekked over to Wilson field to see the freshmen play a game of baseball. It seems that the continued rains are going to keep us away from varsity games, so the freshmen logically prove next best.

Emerson Dickman proved his ability to go a long way on the mound Wednesday by hurling thirteen innings of what should have been scoreless ball. His other long game was the A. M. A. contest some weeks ago that ended 5-all after about the same number of innings.

Russell Peters, the much feted shortstop who is reputed to have spurned the Senators in favor of Cy Twombly, was as usual the featured attraction of the Brigadiers, but he must have been suffering from spring fever or something. Judging from Peters' recent appearance, the Senators should thank Mr. Twombly.

Everybody has an off day, or even a whole series of them, and freshman Peters had his all at once against Virginia Poly's yearlings. His misjudging of a pop fly was responsible for the lone Gobblet tally, a fly that even we might have been able to spear, and his day at bat was considerably negative.

A day at bat is a small thing and few players are able to maintain a good appearance in the box score there from day to day, but it was Peters' extremely erratic fielding, not only on one occasion, that aroused unfavorable comment in the sparsely crowded stands. Bad days come to every player, even the alleged best, so

Dickman Hurls 12-Inning Win

Frosh Nose Out Virginia Tech Yearlings For Second Victory

Emerson Dickman, sensational freshman moundsman, pitched a thrilling twelve-inning victory over the V. P. I. yearlings Wednesday winning by a score of 2-1. This was his second twelve-inning game of the year, the other being a twelve-inning tie against A. M. A. In Wednesday's game, Dick's curve ball was working to perfection and his control was just as good. Twelve Goblets struck out, only three received passes, and seven scattered hits were made.

V. P. I. scored in the first half of the sixth inning on two hits and an error. The Brigadiers knotted the count, however, in the same inning by cashing in on an error and a walk plus a hit by Russ Peters. Neither team scored again until the twelfth.

Bricker, the first man up, singled to left and was advanced to second by a bunt by Wishnew, which he beat out. Cochrane was safe on an error by Callahan, filling the bases. Harris, who up until then had pitched a fine game, went to pieces and threw Mills three straight balls. A strike was called and the next was too high. Mills was passed and Bricker with the winning run was forced in.

This was the second victory of the year for the freshmen; they have also lost two games and tied one. Wednesday, the Virginia

Pette Opposes Wahoo's Star

State's Star Hurlers Clash Today; Virginia Title Depends on Outcome

Washington and Lee will play its first away-from-home game since the Easter trip when it meets the University of Virginia nine at Charlottesville today. Following this game, the William and Mary Indians will be engaged Tuesday here.

Today's game will see the two most effective pitchers in the state face each other, Joe Pette, the Generals' sophomore speedster, and Orlin Rogers, the Wahoos' shut-out king. Joe has a record of three wins and one defeat this year, and 45 strike-outs for 39 innings. Rogers' ability to scatter his rivals' hits has given the weak-hitting Charlottesville team a number of victories. Recently, against V. M. I., he went in to hold a lead, and struck out four of the seven men that faced him.

William and Mary is third in the state race, but has given all the contenders powerful opposition. This is a return game, the first being won by the Big Blue, 5-4, as the result of errors made by the Indians.

While hope for the Southern conference championship has been somewhat dimmed, there is great possibility that another state championship will be gathered in this time by the aspiring Generals. The contest to be played today and the William and Mary game Tuesday will be deciding factors in the race.

THE PARAPET

Continued from page two that some students of Spanish may think otherwise. If the attempt were made to be humorous this job would very soon degenerate into a scissor-wielding affair—which very likely might be more acceptable.

If a mistake hasn't been made—there is no reason for the existence of this except the one hinted at in the first paragraph. It is because there are those men who enjoy the sensation of thinking themselves columnists—a kind of self-complimenting rather pleasant.

It's difficult to ascertain whether or not the existence of this column has been successfully explained away. If it has, it is time to quit. But just what is wanted or what would be acceptable to you is still up in the air. Column fillers can be found—but readable and read columns are as scarce as snow storms in...

Hler, 2b	4	1	4	4
Dickman, p	4	0	1	5
Moore, cf	3	1	2	0
McIntosh, 1b	5	0	10	0
Bricker, 3b	5	1	3	1
Wishnew, c	4	1	12	1
Totals	39	5	36	11

*Batted for Johnson in 9th.

frosh will be met for the second time on Wilson field.

The box score:

V. P. I.	ab	h	o	a
Garrett, lf	6	2	5	0
Hilahan, 1b	6	1	11	0
Stowe, cf	6	2	2	0
Jones, c	5	1	7	2
Price, rf	5	1	2	0
Callahan, ss	4	0	2	0
Catlett, 3b	4	0	2	3
King, 3b	0	0	0	0
Johnson, 2b	3	0	2	2
Harris, p	5	0	0	6
*Harmon	1	0	0	0
Long, 2b	0	0	0	0
Totals	45	7	33	13

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Peters, ss	5	1	3	1

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Frosh Runners Seek State Title; To Make Strong Bid, Says Coach

The freshman track team went to Richmond today with the intent of making a victory over the Spiders just another stepping stone to the state title which they seek. After handing V. P. I. a 75-42 lacing, the frosh have only the meet tomorrow in their way before closing their season in the state meet on May 7.

Coach Fletcher, in commenting upon the team said that "this year's freshman squad is distinctly above the average." His interest seems to be centered on the state meet, which has been dominated for years by Virginia. Coach Fletcher stated that "the squad has an even chance of winning, and for the first time in years we will be able to make a strong bid for the freshman state track championship."

G. W. Lowry, who won second place in the Southern Conference indoor meet for the hurdles, has been the main stay of the team, winning three events and placing second in one in the V. P. I. meet. Charlie Brasher took seconds in his four events.

"Tubby" Owings is expected to take the shot put in all the meets that he enters this season, while Berry holds the same enviable position in the javelin event.

"Horse" Richardson took three third places in the V. P. I. meet and promises to be a very strong contender in the coming meets,

in both the hurdle events and the pole vault.

Munhall, yearling high jumper, won his event and will probably continue to keep his record clear. Munhall might be lost to the varsity next year if he follows his plan of transferring to a Northern university next semester.

With these men in good form, the outlook for a successful season is very bright, and the boys are already counting on bringing the state championship to Lexington, where they say it belongs.

Wrestling Practice Will Be Continued to May 11

Spring wrestling practice will continue until May 11, according to Coach Mathis.

John Capito, senior manager-elect, states that a number of freshmen are out for wrestling managerships. They are Jack Swan, S. A. E.; Erskine Sproul, Phi Gamma Delta; Red Vickers, Lambda Chi Alpha; and Horace Kramer, Phi Epsilon Pi.

Capito stated that he expects to see more men out in the near future.

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Netmen to Play Here Tomorrow

Generals, Fresh From Trip, Will Face St. Johns

Returning from a northern trip with no victories and two set-backs, the tennis team settled down to earnest practice for a match with St. Johns here Saturday. The Generals were slated to play the Johnnies Tuesday on return match with St. Johns here tomorrow. The Generals were leading the Johnnies 2-1 Tuesday but the match was called when rain began to fall.

Wednesday the netmen faced the strong Virginia team and were whitewashed 9-0.

Monday, the Generals were a little more successful against Maryland than they were with Virginia and managed to cop one singles match and two of the doubles tilts. Prugh defeated Mely 6-1, 6-3 in the locals' only singles victory. In the doubles Levinson and Reynolds defeated Edmonston and Beall, Diamondback racquet swingers 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. In another doubles engagement, Garber and Thomas of the Generals defeated Ruppert and Brown 8-6, 4-6, 6-1 in the hardest fought match of the day.

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Crews Call For Additional Men

Plans For Race at Richmond Are Almost Completed

With two weeks of practice behind them, the Albert Sydney and Harry Lee crews are continuing their daily workouts in preparation for their annual Finals race in June. Up to date, the turn-out of candidates for this sport has been very disappointing. "Pee Wee" McNew, captain of the Albert Sydney, said. McNew said that he could use more men and urges everyone who is interested to come out immediately because it is not too late.

McNew also announced that plans for a race with the Richmond Boat Club have been almost completed. This meet will take place in Richmond the first part of May. Joe DeMotte of Richmond was in Lexington Wednesday to make arrangements for the meet. McNew is planning on taking two complete crews to Richmond for the race.

Harry Lee leads in the number of candidates who have thus far turned out. Twelve men have reported for this crew. They are: Captain Brennan, Middlekauf, Terhune, Swink, Beagle, Weinstein, old men, and Robbins, Seely, Martin, Lustbader, Sillik, Levine, Fish, and Foltz, freshmen.

Only ten are out for Albert Sydney. Captain McNew, Kelly, Moore, Fox, Hoyt, Seligman are the old men who have reported, and Forbes, Lund, Magoon, Cleek and Carmody, the new candidates.

Last week's workouts were featured by two turnovers, one by each crew. Most of the time has been spent rowing the two-mile course on North river. The new men are first shown the fundamentals of crew work on the bank, then put in a shell with three older men to gain experience in actual competitive rowing.

E. C. Approves Fourteen Changes in Constitution

Continued from page one merely brought up as a result of recent discussion at Finance committee meetings.

Six of the amendments passed were little more than changes in wording, all made largely for the sake of clarity and removal of ambiguity.

Of the other amendments passed, probably the most important was that specifying the mode of electing officers, by striking out Article XIII, and placing all elections under the provisions made for student body offices, in Article V. A section 8 was added to the Article concerning the Executive committee, providing for the conduct of elections of committeemen. Two other additions to the constitution approved last night made specific provision for the formation of Dance Control and Cold Check committees, both of which have heretofore existed only by custom.

Articles VI and X of the By-laws were combined as Article VI, bringing under a single title the regulations concerning class standings in both the college and the law school.

The only other change of any importance specified that juries in public honor system trials should be chosen from "members of the student body above the Freshman class," thereby providing the Executive committee with a definite basis for selection, which they had not had previously.

Of the suggested amendments returned to the constitutional committee for further consideration one related to the composition of the Freshman council, and the others concerned the time of elections of class officers and executive committeemen. The committee found only minor differences in connection with all of these provisions, but it is hoped that the constitutional committee will be able to iron out the difficulties in its next meeting.

The meeting of the Executive committee, usually held on Tuesday night, was postponed this week when committeemen were kept late counting ballots in Tuesday's general election.

The students on the constitution committee are: Eli Finklestein, chairman, Meredith Graham, Ed Pewett, Everett Tucker, and Ben Thirkield. No date has been set for their next meeting, but a second report is due Tuesday night.

2 Tilts Remain On Golf Card

Club Swingers Close Season With Richmond And Duke

The golf team will end its regular playing season next week with return engagements against Richmond University and Duke. The club swingers have been pointing for these two matches with revenge in their hearts every since the Spiders and the Blue Devils trounced them earlier in the season. Duke won 15-3 and Richmond took a close match last week 10 1-2 to 7 1-2.

Coach Twombly is expecting more trouble from Richmond than Duke next week. When the Generals met Duke, they did not play the good game they did against Richmond last week and consequently lost to the North Carolinians by a larger margin. Richmond, on the other hand, defeated N. C. U. who in turn beat Duke. The Tarheels are said to have one of the strongest groups of college golfers in the South.

Today, the team is playing V. P. I. at the Boonesboro Country Club in Lynchburg. This is the first meeting of the two teams this year. Last season, the Generals walked off the links with a 16 1-2 to 1 1-2 victory over the Gobblers. McDavid, Cohen, Watts,

Alexander, and Cross will compose the line-up for the match today.

Two days after the Duke match, the Southern Conference tournament will be held at the Cascades Club in Hot Springs. Twombly will enter the entire Washington and Lee team in the singles matches.

Banquet For Varsity And Frosh Wrestlers Will Be Held Monday

Washington and Lee's fighting wrestlers will finally receive their due reward for their glories of the past year at the annual banquet definitely scheduled for next Monday night at 8:00 p. m. in the dining hall.

This banquet was originally scheduled for several other dates, but last minute interferences always caused its postponement. With the hopes that everything will be in readiness, including the awards and prizes, Coach Mathis has announced this new date.

All members of the freshman and varsity team in 1934 have been invited. Also, all of the managers that rendered service last year are asked to attend. Sherwood Wise and Slick Johnson, former senior managers are invited.

At this banquet the awarding of monograms, numerals, and several other prizes are features of the program.

Dr. Hancock Will Return To Work in Two Weeks

Arrangements for conducting Dr. Glover D. Hancock's classes during his present illness were announced by Dean Robert H. Tucker today. Although Dr. Hancock is said to be improving rapidly, he is not expected to resume academic duties for ten days or two weeks.

Prof. Donald F. Martin will take over Dr. Hancock's course in elementary economics, and Prof. Lewis K. Johnson will conduct the classes in business finance and in investments.

Thesis work of commerce students will be directed by Prof. William Coan and Prof. Johnson. Questions of students and other routine administrative matters of the School of Commerce, of which Dr. Hancock is dean, will be handled by Prof. M. O. Phillips.

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Tickets for the dance set, with the exception of the dansant which is extra, will be \$5.00 and may be obtained at the gate tonight. The prices for the separate dances are as follows: Friday night dance, \$3.50; Saturday afternoon dansant, \$1.00; Saturday night dance, \$2.50. Only the dansant will open to members of the University student body, the other two dances being open only to Seniors.

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