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## ODK TAPS SIXTEEN STUDENTS, EIGHT ALUMNI

### Shively Signs Kay Keyser to Play for Fancy Dress

#### Set Leader Names Orchestra to Begin Subscription Drive

Announcement Comes At ODK Assembly This Morning

CANVASS IS BEGUN TO SIGN STUDENTS

Orchestra Selected Apparently Meets with Approval of Students

Glenn Shively, president of Fancy Dress, 1936, today opened his financial campaign with a bang by announcing that Kay Keyser's orchestra had been signed for the 30th renewal of the famed social event. A storm of applause greeted the announcement, made today at the University assembly which saw a series of startling announcements. Student opinion in general was well pleased with the selection, despite the fact that Keyser had hardly been mentioned among the "pre-season favorites."

Shively followed a precedent set last year in announcing the orchestra before asking financial support for his dances.

Subscription Drive On

Immediately following the assembly, the campaign for student subscriptions began, and a corps of workers which includes the officers of the set, members of the dance control board, and members of the executive committee, started work this noon.

The campaign, outlined at a meeting last night, calls for an intensive canvass of fraternity houses and eating places, as the first part. Meanwhile, officers will be on duty at several places around town, including the Corner Store, for several days, to accept the subscriptions of students who have not been contacted in the general canvass. If necessary, efforts will be made later to interview each student personally who has not signed.

Price Set at \$9.50

The subscription price this year, as last, is \$9.50, which represents a substantial saving over the total cost of the tickets if purchased individually. The deadline for the "set price" of tickets will be December 20. After that date, the cost of tickets will be \$13.50. Post dated checks and promissory notes, or I. O. U.'s may be dated up to and including January 20.

In his speech today, Shively urged that students sign up for the set as soon as possible. He pointed out the advantages of the lower rate on tickets, and asked for the sake of the committee that those who intend to sign up do so immediately.

Glee Club Will Present Christmas Concert Next Week in Little Theatre

On Wednesday, December 18, the Glee club will present a Christmas recital in the new Troubadour theatre, Charles W. Karraker, president of the organization, announced yesterday. The recital will commence at 5:00 p. m. and no admission will be charged.

In spite of many rumors to the effect that the membership of the Club has been dropping off, Karraker maintains that the organization is still running successfully and hopes to prove this by the recital a week from today. The club, it was announced, will sing mostly Christmas music, including many well-known carols.

Fancy Dress Orchestra Favorite With Schools of Southern Dance Circuit

Kay Keyser, whose orchestra will play for the 1936 Fancy Dress, is widely-known in the South as a popular dance band at college dances. One of the currently popular bands which originated in North Carolina, Keyser has played for numerous college proms in the South. Last year he was selected by the Southern Dance circuit as the favorite orchestra of seven colleges, and played for the mid-winters at Alabama, Auburn, Sewanee, Georgia, Georgia Tech and several others.

He is at present playing at a popular Pittsburgh hotel.

Keyser's band is under the management of the Music Corporation of America.

Refuting the claims of the many who have boasted of "being in the know" in the matter of the Fancy Dress band, Shively said that he had not received confirmation of the contract until yesterday afternoon.

Shively said that he believed Keyser had several other engagements in this part of the country at that time.

#### Last Orchestra Call Is Issued

Dr. Smith Asks All Interested to Report Monday Night

Cheered by a spirited meeting, the nucleus of Washington and Lee's concert orchestra issued a last call for all those interested in instrumental music, for either band or orchestra, to report at an organization meeting next Monday night at 8 p. m. in the gymnasium.

The meeting Monday was held under the direction of Dr. Leon Smith, who seemed enthusiastic over the prospects of forming a concert orchestra at Washington and Lee. Dr. Smith stressed the need for such a group at this school, saying that where there was so much material available that an orchestra could easily be organized.

Several faculty members interested in music will probably be present at the meeting next Monday. All others who can play instrumental music of any sort are urged to attend. The orchestra, when organized, is expected to take part in many public functions here and at neighboring places.

After discussing prospects for the new orchestra the group played several selections under the direction of Dr. Smith.

Prospective Debaters Meet Tomorrow Night

All students trying out for the debate team will meet in Room 110 of the Chemistry building, Thursday, December 12, at 7:30 p. m. While this will be only a preliminary session, it is necessary that those interested be present for a few minutes at least, according to Professor George S. Jackson, who is in charge of the debaters.

Professor Jackson added that he would like to see as many new men as possible at the meeting, as well as those already experienced in debating.

#### Capacity Crowd Anticipated For Troubadour Playhouse Debut Tonight

Large Ticket Sale Reported For Initial Performance Of Dramatic Show

PLAY TO CONTINUE UNTIL SATURDAY

Harry Fitzgerald, as Antonio, Heads Cast Of Twenty-three

Tonight at eight o'clock in the new University theatre, situated at the corner of Main and Henry streets, the Troubadour presentation of "The Merchant of Venice" will open a four-day engagement.

Unusually large ticket sales at McCrum's, where they have been on sale since Monday, indicate that a capacity audience will be in attendance for each performance. Students who have paid their campus tax must secure their reserve seats from McCrum's before the night of the performance. Seats will be reserved for rows only rather than individual seats. Tickets to students who have neglected to pay their campus tax cost forty cents, sixty to outsiders.

Other Schools Invited

Students at Mary Baldwin, Hollins, Sweet Briar, and Randolph-Macon have been invited. Many students and professors at V. M. I. are also expected to attend.

The seating capacity up until a week ago had expected to exceed 256, but a change in the seating arrangements has decreased it to 210.

"The Merchant of Venice" will be produced with the usual omissions for adaptation to the modern stage. It will include eleven scenes, with a ten-minute intermission before the trial scene.

The six changes of scenery necessary will be almost instantaneous. This rapid shifting is made possible by the design of the spacious theater stage which allows scenery to be stored above the stage and lowered when needed.

Watkin Directs Play

The production which is under the direction of Professor Larry Watkin composes a cast of twenty male parts and three feminine roles. Mrs. L. L. Montague, Mrs. George Jackson, and Mrs. F. V. Lund occupy the latter. The male members of the cast include: Harry Fitzgerald, Lewis McMurrin, Vincent Martire, Douglas Lund, William Karraker, Jack Landman, and F. P. Gaines, Jr.

Donald Cushman, Stewart Johnson, Straton Bruce, J. C. Paera, Edward Metcalf, William Hostetter, John Nicrosi, and Thomas E. Landvoigt.

Scenery, said to be the most lavish ever seen on a local stage, represents weeks of hard labor by student artists.

The scenes have been designed by C. James Andrews, Jr., and have been executed under the direction of Souther Tompkins. The latter has been assisted by Chalmers Vinson, Robert Radcliffe, Stanley Barrows, George Logan, George Frank, Douglas Remmers, Bruce Seddon, Howard Hickey, John Lebus, Randolph Rouse, Arch Sproul, Awdry Thompson, and Warren Cromwell.

Pitt Professor Speaks Before Chemical Society

The Blue Ridge Chapter of the American Chemical Society was addressed here last night by Dr. Alexander Lowy, professor of organic chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh, on "The Uses of Organic Chemicals in Law Enforcement."

#### Explains Plans



Amos Bolen, president of the student body, who outlined the plans for the systematization of student activities' finances in assembly this morning.

#### Frenzied Frosh Excitedly Plan For Trek Home

The first exodus homeward is being frenziedly prepared for by 340 freshmen. Thumb-marked dance invitations are being proudly displayed, pictures are being viewed with eager eyes, tailors and barbers about town are hastily catering to the sartorially-minded and the tonsorially-inclined, and the dormitories are the scenes of much hilarity and mirth. Christmas is coming!

Practically each freshman has his own method of keeping track of the time between now and the great migration. One habituate of Graham dormitory, notorious headquarters of the insipid Hammer club, had the misguided ingenuity to devise a huge chart, strung from the ceiling to the floor of his room, on which he checks off the days and adds a few of his witticisms, such as: "Only 14 more days until I'll be home, sweetie pie."

The slogan "There's one in every crowd" is not without its examples in the freshman class. One freshman fearlessly signified his intention of completing his long theme during the vacation period.

Another freshman, slightly underweight, declares he will spend his two weeks of rest by drinking as many egg noggs as he can. "It's been so long since I've had an egg-nogg," he said, "that I've forgotten how they taste. I'm off girls; me for a nice creamy egg-nogg."

Dr. Tucker Is Honored At Annual Convention Of Southern Colleges

Dr. Robert H. Tucker, dean of the University, was elected secretary to the Conference of Academic Deans and was chosen for membership in the Commission of Institutions of Higher Education at the annual convention of the Association of Southern Colleges and Secondary Schools held in Louisville last week.

During the convention Dr. Tucker attended meetings of the Association of Southern Universities, the Conference of Academic Deans, and other divisional meetings of the convention. He was in Louisville from Monday, December 2, until last Sunday, when he returned to the University.

A number of prominent speakers were heard at sessions of the convention, including President Bowman of Johns Hopkins university, Chancellor Harry Woodburn Chase of New York university, and Dr. Trevor Arnett, president of the General Education Board of the Carnegie Foundation.

#### Bolen Outlines New Deal; Probe Into Campus Tax Started by E. C.

Student Body President Explains Financial Set-up At Assembly

RE-ALLOCATION OF TAX FUND POSSIBLE

Functions of Finance Committee Expanded Under New Plan

Outlining a "new deal" in the administration of student funds, Amos Bolen, president of the student body, this morning explained the present campus tax set-up and announced that the executive committee is conducting an extensive investigation of its apportionment among the various organizations in an attempt to determine the necessity of a re-allocation of funds.

Before explaining the "new deal" in administration of the student body funds, Bolen declared that the Executive committee each week is considering the apportionments among the organizations supported by the campus tax in the light of past, present, and future needs.

Student Interest

"General student interest," Bolen pointed out, "is the primary criterion in allotting funds to campus organizations; and student good, the second." He further stated that he deemed the fund to be designed to meet current expenditures rather than to accumulate a surplus for the future.

Until the investigation is completed, probably next Spring, the student body president said, there will be no decision made as to possible reallocation of the fund. Whatever the decision, it, of course will not become effective until next year.

Bolen then turned to a description of the proposed expansion of the functions of the finance committee.

#### May Send Men To SV Meeting

Bolen, Morton Consider Sending Delegates to Convention

Members of the Christian council and other interested students met in Lee chapel last night to discuss the possibility of sending delegates to the convention of the Student Volunteer Movement in Indianapolis from December 28 to January 1.

The convention, called to discuss contemporary problems of sociology and religion, will attract between 3,000 and 4,000 students from the principle American colleges and universities. According to a representative of the Movement who visited the campus yesterday, a representation of at least six or eight students is expected from Washington and Lee.

Amos Bolen, president of the student body, and Dr. W. W. Morton, adviser to the Christian council, intimated yesterday that if sufficient student interest were shown in sending students from Washington and Lee, funds for that purpose might be forthcoming from the student body treasury and the Christian council treasury.

Speakers at the Indianapolis convention will include Francis P. Miller, graduate of Washington and Lee; the Archbishop of York, and Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr of New York.

#### Honorary Fraternity Names 'Cy' Twombly As Faculty Member

Tapped Today

- Alumni  
Waller C. Hardy, 1904  
Thomas S. Kirkpatrick, 1913  
Joseph T. Lykes, 1909  
Basil Manly, 1906  
Francis P. Miller, 1914  
George C. Peery, 1897  
Junius L. Powell, 1914  
Carrington C. Tutwiler, 1896
- Faculty  
E. Parker Twombly
- Students  
Joseph Lee Arnold, 1937  
John Stewart Beagle, 1936  
Porter Duane Berry, 1937  
Hugo Joseph Bonino, 1936  
James Stewart Buxton, 1936  
Norman Perry Iler, 1937  
Edwin Lee Jean, 1936  
Edwin Meyer Marks, 1936  
Fletcher F. Maynard, 1936  
Howard Eugene Melton, 1936  
Joseph John Pette, 1936  
Frank Leib Price, 1936  
William H. Seaton, Jr., 1936  
Isaac Glenn Shively, 1936  
Herbert Elias Sloan, 1936  
William L. Wilson, Jr., 1937

#### ODK to Award Library Prize

Organization Sponsors Fraternity Competition; Suggests Gifts

The creation of an annual award for the best fraternity libraries was announced this morning in the O. D. K. assembly by Angus Powell, president of Omicron Delta Kappa. Powell also suggested the presentation of senior class gifts to the University each year.

The fraternity library award to be given each year will be known as the O. D. K.-De la Warr Benjamin Easter Memorial Award and will be presented to the fraternity on the campus making the largest and most valuable addition to its house library. The award will be made on the basis of both the number of books acquired during the year and the content and merit of these books. Both first and second-place prizes will be given each year.

A committee of two faculty members and one student member of O. D. K. will judge the libraries. The faculty members are Dean Frank J. Gilliam and Dr. Edgar F. Shannon. The student judge for this year is John H. Thomas, senior law student.

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Dr. Gaines Will Attend Meeting of Executive Committee of Board

Dr. Francis P. Gaines, president of the University, will leave tomorrow for Washington to attend a meeting of the Executive committee of the Board of Trustees. It is thought that plans for the fire-proofing and renovation of the buildings will be discussed.

From Washington, President Gaines will continue to New York to meet with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, of which he has been a member for several years. He will return early next week.

The President returned last Friday from a speaking tour of the South, during the course of which he addressed alumni groups in New Orleans, Birmingham, Chattanooga, and Bristol. He reported a very successful and enjoyable trip. Mrs. Gaines accompanied him.

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Leadership Group Elects Nine Seniors, Three Juniors, Five Lawyers

GOV. PEERY AMONG ALUMNI SELECTED

Ten Represent Academic School; Two Commerce And Four Law

Sixteen students, eight alumni, and one member of the faculty were tapped by Omicron Delta Kappa at the annual O. D. K. assembly held in Doremus gymnasium at 11:30 this morning.

The alumni chosen for membership in the honorary leadership fraternity are:

Waller C. Hardy, '04, Charleston, W. Va.; prominent banker and broker; member of Phi Kappa Psi.

Thomas S. Kirkpatrick, '13, Lynchburg, Va.; attorney. He is a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Joseph T. Lykes, '09, New York City; vice-president of Lykes Brothers steamship lines; member of Phi Delta Theta.

Basil Manly, '06, Washington, D. C.; economist with the federal power commission.

Francis P. Miller, '14, Fairfax, Va.; secretary of the National Policy association; member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Mr. Miller was elected to O. D. K. in 1932 but was unable to attend the tapping ceremony until this year.

George C. Peery, '97, governor of the state of Virginia. Governor Peery is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Junius L. Powell, '14, New York City; counsel for the Aetna Life Insurance company.

Carrington Cabell Tutwiler, '96, retired chemist and executive, now living in Lexington.

Twombly Chosen

The faculty member tapped was E. Parker Twombly, coach of swimming and golf, whose teams have won several Southern Conference championships during the past few years.

The students chosen as members are:

Joseph Lee Arnold, Danville, Ky.; football, four years; debating; president of the intermediate law class. He is a member of Phi Gamma Delta.

John Stewart Beagle, Flint, Mich.; business manager of the Calyx; captain of crew; president of Beta Theta Pi; member of Phi Delta Phi. He is member of the senior law class.

Porter Duane Berry, Vinton, Va.; captain-elect of football; president of the athletic council. He is a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity and of the junior class.

Hugo Joseph Bonino, Hawthorne, N. J.; captain of wrestling; football, four years. He is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha and is a senior in the academic school.

James Stewart Buxton, Memphis, Tenn.; vice-president of the student body; president of the Cotillion club; president of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He is a senior in the commerce school.

Norman Perry Iler, Louisville, Ky.; basketball; secretary of the athletic council; president of Alpha Tau Omega. He is a member of the junior class.

Edwin Lee Jean, Washington, N. J.; captain of boxing; dormitory counselor, member of the dance floor committee. He is a senior in the academic school.

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## ODK BECOMES A REAL "LEADERSHIP" FRATERNITY

More important than the ODK tapping exercises at today's assembly, more vital than the announcement of the Fancy Dress campaign, is the revelation that at last, after all these years, ODK is going to do something. At last we may expect real leadership from this leadership fraternity, founded so auspiciously on this campus twenty-one years ago.

The mere announcement that ODK would award annual prizes for the best fraternity libraries is not in itself of overwhelming importance. But as a signification of a new consciousness of the need for a richer cultural life on this campus, especially among the fraternities, it is decidedly encouraging. As much as this fact has been pointed out in the classroom, student publications, and elsewhere, few organizations about the University have sought to do anything about it. With the facilities which it has, ODK may have a great deal of influence in encouraging each of the fraternities to create the nucleus of a library, to which it may add each year, stimulating the tastes of students for the acquisition and reading of books other than those which they are required to read in class.

By encouraging class gifts, the Circle is seeking to establish a custom already strongly implanted at most schools. Well-planned and well-placed gifts, systematically built up year by year may develop into an integral part of the campus or the equipment of the school. Suppose every graduating class in the history of the University had made gifts of trees or boxwood to the school. Imagine the improved facilities of the library if each senior class had presented several hundred dollars' worth of well-chosen books to the library. Think of the handsome scholarship fund that would have accrued if instead this money had been poured into a scholarship fund for deserving students.

Yes, ODK is finally about to make a definite contribution to campus life. No longer will the tapping exercises, and an ODK dance alone justify its existence. At last, it appears, ODK has awakened to the realization that it must do something if it wants to be something.

## AN ARCHIVES ROOM FOR THE LIBRARY

Washington and Lee has a fascinating history. Many of the events connected with the life of this institution are also closely interwoven with the story of this nation and the romance of the Southland. Many of the men who have devoted their efforts to the upbuilding of this institution have also contributed much to the growth of the nation and this state.

Is it not a pity then that there is no central place to house the archives of this university? Some of the valuable records of Washington and Lee are kept in Lee chapel, others are locked in the vaults in Mr. Penick's and Mr. Mattingly's offices. Some, we understand, were lost in the law building fire and many have gotten away from the university are now in private hands.

When the library is remodeled this summer we suggest setting aside a separate room for the archives of Washington and Lee University. Attempts could be made to recover the documents that have been lost to us and within a few years, if concerted efforts are made, we ought to have a collection of historical papers that could rival those of any school in the country.

A history of Washington and Lee would make an engrossing book. But unless our historical papers are collected and added to we fear that the fascinating details of our growth will be lost to posterity.

Ohio State's champ football team brought in \$330,000 at home games this year.

## THE FORUM

### THE FOUNDING OF O. D. K.

By R. N. LATTURE, A Founder

The Omicron Delta Kappa Fraternity was founded at Washington and Lee during the early months of the World War. The idea of an honor fraternity based on campus leadership had occurred to J. Carl Fisher and me in the spring of 1914. When college opened the following September the subject was a topic of live discussion between us. Soon we invited William M. Brown to join us in considering the proposal. When we had agreed upon the general nature and objectives of the fraternity we besought the official approval of Dr. Henry Louis Smith, then President of Washington and Lee. Dr. Smith was favorably impressed with the main purposes as they were presented to him and he encouraged us to continue our plans.

Without delay Fisher and I outlined the whole matter to Dr. De la Warr B. Easter, then professor of Romance Languages. Dr. Easter was ideally qualified by warm interest in student affairs and by rich experience in fraternity matters to give us much needed advice and guidance. He thought that a fraternity such as we proposed had merit and possibilities. Furthermore, he agreed to work actively with us in perfecting the organization.

During the ensuing weeks nine other students and one other member of the faculty became identified with the developing organization. Every one of the fifteen founders had a part in shaping the structure and ideals of the fraternity. Fisher may be called the "spark-plug" of the organization. Brown was the classical linguist who, with Dr. Easter, selected the name and motto. I made the first rough sketch of the key while in class listening to a lecture in philosophy. The outline of the key was a pencil drawing made by tracing around two small coins of unequal size.

The idea of the circle is suggested by the all-round and inclusive character of the membership of the fraternity. The main purpose was to bring together into a working body several outstanding students representing all the numerous and varied phases of student life and activity. A small number of active faculty members were to be associated with these student leaders. Together they were to study the needs of the campus and to promote the best interest of the student body and of the university.

The Circle had two main objectives. It was to give recognition for leadership and usefulness already achieved. More important, it was intended to be a means of stimulating interest and unifying opinion in support of constructive campus enterprises and movements. Members were to be chosen not because they were alike, or thought alike, but because they had different interests and different points of view. It was expected that the intimate association of the members would promote mutual understanding and appreciation and lay the basis for a balanced program of student action.

The first public notice of the existence of Omicron Delta Kappa appeared in *The Ring-tum Phi* on December 3, 1914. William C. Raftery, coach at Virginia Military Institute, Eddie Parks Davis, and the writer of this sketch are Lexingtonians who were listed among the founders. Other members of the founding group were John E. Martin, J. Purver Richardson, Thomas M. Glasgow, Philip P. Gibson, E. A. Donahue, James E. Bear, and Professor David C. Humphreys.

The first election took place in the spring of 1915. Public announcement of the new members was made in Lee chapel. Harry K. (Cy) Young and Dr. James Louis Howe were among those to accept membership at that time.

In 1916 a Circle was organized at Johns Hopkins University and another at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. D. B. Easter was chosen president of the national fraternity.

Twenty-one years have passed since the founding of the fraternity. There are now forty-one circles in American colleges and universities, with a membership of over six thousand members. The official publication of Omicron Delta Kappa is called *The Circle*.

The typical Harvard man is "an indifferent old maggot with a funny accent," says the university's alumni bulletin.

Dime novels got their start toward popularity as Sunday school literature, according to Frank K. Walter, University of Minnesota librarian.

Go ahead and sleep. A C. C. N. Y. professor of philosophy is quoted as saying those who sleep in class learn more.

John and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., sons of the President and Harvard students, have taken a pledge for safe driving. Both have been involved in numerous accidents.

Averaging a full point higher in their grades than their non-working fellows are students receiving NYA assistance.

Harvard has started a course for stammerers.

## CAMPUS & COMMENT

We are in favor of adding a "Course in Conduct" to the curriculum, since over the week-end a misguided freshman went to the dance at Hollins due to an error in invitation, and upon arriving at the dance began wandering around the floor trying to cut on partners. Everybody was pretty embarrassed for a while, but the Floor Committee set him straight.

We suggest as Christmas gifts to father, brother, or other males, the books entitled "So Red the Nose; or, Breath in the Afternoon," and "The Bedroom Companion; or, A Cold Night's Entertainment." Each of 'em have a brilliant array of authors listed, and neither of 'em are the least bit serious. In any event they are a better bet than that tie you picked out which you wouldn't wear yourself.

Another suggestion for Christmas (this is for you to buy for yourself) is that cigarette case which comes with no visible catch to push. You have to know just the right snap in order to open the thing. Guaranteed to be the most perfect out-fumbling contrivance when some one says, "Who has a cigarette?" You can out-fumble your worst enemy and, what's more, he probably couldn't open the case if you gave it to him. Invaluable.

We see that in Cleveland they have developed something for high school graduates. It is a portable pocket-sized diploma, which, when greeting a prospective employer, can be whipped out of the vest pocket in an instant. Instead of the usual fumbling with encyclopaedic-sized sheepskins. This modern age!

A most unfortunate thing happened on Saturday night. One of the boys went into McCrum's and saw some of his friends having a beer at one of the tables. There were quite a number of lads, and an equal number of "empties." He hadn't been seated more than the time necessary to have his beer brought to him, when the friends got up and left him holding the table and the empties, the latter being all in a nice group in front of him. Just then the Dean walked in. . . . Poise is a great asset to the college boy.

Thingumbobs: It's the Juniors at the University of Pennsylvania who carry the canes. . . . And it was McNew who was once seen walking around with a sweater and no coat, nonchalantly swinging his cane, tsk. . . . At this writing it looks something like Kay Kyser for the Fancies, but would we be peevish if there was a contradictory announcement in the meantime! . . . They say that Dan Gregory sounded quite tops at Hollins on Saturday, which leads us to remark that our gym is horrible to fill avec la musique. . . . A restaurant in town has a new attractive waitress to draw attendance from competitors. . . . Wish another of the restaurants would do something about the waitress with the baritone voice. Scaring the customers. . . . The Christmas look the stores have is making freshmen homesick.

Short Shots: Wonder what Hug Bonino does to rate fan mail? . . . Latest reports are that he just got a note from some admiring lass who had not met him, but who had always thought he is "too too ducky for words" . . . The lads who claim to be in the know tell us that Jack Bailey received and refused an offer to play on a Detroit pro football team. . . . Does anyone remember the name of the freshman president? . . . This rag hasn't mentioned him for two or three issues. . . . And the Hammer Club seems to have died a deserved death. . . . To date there have been no repercussions from Sweet Briar or Wahoatown as a result of Landvoigt's "Revenge With Music" in the last issue.

Tonight's your first chance to see the new University Playhouse, and incidentally "The Merchant of Venice" . . . the theater's seating capacity is small, but the stage facilities are fine. . . . the stage is deep and has room for more than a dozen backdrops, thus facilitating scene-changing, and lessening the need for building flats for the sets. . . . The fly galleries, from which the scenery, lights, etc., are handled, are spacious, and extend over the top of the stage on the second floor of the theater building. . . . On the second floor is also the much-heralded music room where the Glee club will practice, to the future peace of advanced biology students and "Y" room devotees, who previously had to listen to the singing or get out. . . . Lots of orchids to Prof. Watkin and all the others who worked to make this idea a reality.

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## THE EASY CHAIR

By COWL RIDER

### Manners and Morons

A student walking down the street saw a lady he knew and tipped his hat to her. A couple of hours later he sat two rows behind her in the theatre and joined cheerfully in the hissing of what was some very good acting, thus disturbing the lady's enjoyment of the picture. The two things do not go hand in hand. The answer to be in this: when is a gentleman not a gentleman? When he goes to the movies.

When a picture is obviously rotten, there is nothing like a lusty boo or hiss to give vent to disgust. At the "horse opera," when the villain stalks into the scene, a chorus of hisses is expected. If it is not forthcoming, the producer has done a bad job in casting the villain. This sort of derision amuses everybody, including the townspeople.

There has been considerable discussion concerning the so-called inappropriate conduct on the part of the student moving picture contingent. Peculiarly enough, much of the criticism has not been voiced by townspeople alone, but by some of the students who happen to enjoy good acting. One student, making an exit from a recent picture, was heard to say that the audience "was the most ill-mannered bunch of morons he'd ever seen."

This disturbing element which religiously attends the pictures may be ill-mannered; it may be made of a group of hardened cynics who think all shows are rotten; it may be made of a group

who attend so often that unless someone is killed every ten minutes they think the picture is terrible. None of these possible reasons for raspberries excuses the fruit.

Often we are tempted to believe that the average student theatre-goer has too low grade a mind to know when he is seeing a good picture and when he is seeing good acting. And yet, when the audience sat silent throughout the whole of Noel Coward's "The Scoundrel," we have to revise our opinion somewhat. A college student is not supposed to be still sticky with the gumminess of adolescence and is supposed to be fairly mature in his reactions. He isn't, if judged by the cinema or "Looking Backward."

The theatre is an institution for amusement. Until some of the boys learn that a human being can be quietly amused as effectively as he can be noisily amused, we shall have acting interrupted by incongruous sounds. With the advent of a stage troupe this week at the New and with the Troubs valiantly putting forth "The Merchant of Venice," the raspberry group will find their powers of restraint put to the test.

For those who delight in showing how sophisticated they are by giving vent to genteel hisses, we suggest that some critic write a book entitled, "The Subtle Art of Hissing; or, Raspberry, Tomato, and Lemon." A bad actor deserves the worst. A good one deserves, at least, attention. Intelligent attention we cannot hope for; discreet silence we would like.

## FRONT ROW

### Looking Forward

By DAVE WHARTON

We feel very expansive this week, what with being able to cover three show houses and one of these a legitimate; and so with a resulting spirit of professionalism imbuing our typographical fingers, we proceed to give you the previews, which we assure you are not colored by any prejudice like Cramoy's stuff as we have not seen the shows.

Opening Wednesday at the University Play House, Little Theatre, or Troubadour Work Shop is William Shakespeare's original play, "The Merchant of Venice." The present engagement is for four days; but if it proves to be the Main street success hoped for, it shall continue indefinitely. Charles James Andrews, the long, esthetic looking gentleman from the Sigma Chi house who believes in philosophy, ancestors, and a king, is instrumental in producing a group of sets remarkable for their beauty of color and simplicity. The rumor along Main street and among the show people is that Shylock's pound of flesh will be by the courtesy of McCoy's meat market; however, McCoy's has not confirmed the rumor. Harry Fitzgerald, whose performance in "R. U. R.," along with the futuristic sets, was the outstanding thing of that production, returns to the stage as the central figure of "The Merchant of Venice," that of the merchant. Vincent Martire, the comic hit of "Richelleu," is again cast. The seating capacity of the theatre has been reduced to 210, so as to insure greatest comfort and beauty of arrangement; so you should make your reservations early if you intend to be a first, second, third, or fourth nighter.

The New theatre is opening the same night with Will Rogers in "Old Kentucky." It will be there for three days. To say that this is considered one of his best, that this is his last is to repeat the apparent, but what might not be known is that in one day in Roanoke it grossed more than the New made all last week, that people were standing in line all day to get in, that it is studded with beautiful horses.

The Lyris presents two shows besides the usual Saturday "mellor." Thursday is "Ship Cafe" with Carl Brisson and Arline Judge. The story is a long and winding one of a singing sailor who wants a ship of his own; but who after a jail scrape, ends up on a ship that has been turned into a cafe and whose only sailing papers are a menu. He is taken in tow by a wealthy old thing, chucks that, finally gets his first mate's papers, and, well you know how those things end when there is a girl involved.

Friday "Sanders of the River" with Paul Robeson and Nina Mae

### Looking Backward

By MARTIN CRAMOY

Kay Francis, still a little girl when pronouncing her R's, made another of her of late frequent visits to the silver screen at the New. And it would have been just as well—no, it would have been much better—if she had stayed in California. I found "I Found Stella Parish," if we can be permitted to forsake the editorial we for the nonce, to be the worst type of melodrama that these much abused eyes of ours were ever forced to view. As one of our professors so pointedly remarked, "We were rather sorry that they did find Stella Parish."

To Ian Hunter, the demon reporter whose big mistake was finding the much-abused actress, we offer our heart-felt sympathy. Not only was he compelled to find Stella and thereby antagonize his public, he was also forced to donate his ample talents to the trite, stupid film. Alas, poor Thespis, what wrongs have been committed in thy name!

Once it was this reviewer's misfortune to view a film called "Shipmates Forever." Yesterday we went to see "Navy Wife" and learned what shipmates do when they grow up. It seems they get married after half a picture of involved courtship, quarrel with their wives, chase beautiful spies, get very lonely, and have an awful time of it, what with nothing but good music, a great deal of wine, hundreds of servants and the alleged spell of the tropics to alleviate their terrible surroundings in the pleasure-land of Hawaii. It is indeed a sad life.

Claire Trevor acts the part of Ralph Bellamy's navy wife, and does so creditably. Ralph Bellamy is a navy doctor who has had a sad life. Ben Lyon is the navy doctor who is used as a spur to hasten Mr. Bellamy's proposal of marriage. The beautiful spy next enters the scene, and is rapidly disposed of in true navy fashion, leaving the actors and actresses right where they were before. The whirring noise you hear is John Paul Jones turning over in his grave.

McKinney. It is not as good as "Emperor Jones," but it is good—a story of tribal warfare over an attempt to stop slave trade. An amusing shot is that of mulatto, Nina Mae, appearing as the daughter of a pure black chieftain. Give your pennies for the missionary work.

### Flournoy Makes Talks

Professor Fitzgerald Flournoy of the English department left today for a two-day speaking tour of the state. Tonight he is giving a reading of his own poems to the Women's club in Danville. He will speak tomorrow before the Norfolk Society of Arts on "John Randolph, Statesman and Gentleman."

## Letters

### In Defense of Drink

Editor of The Ring-tum Phi,  
Dear Sir:

I feel sufficiently aroused by that unfair picture painted in "Sotten Death," appearing in the Forum of last issue to write some sort of a retort in behalf of those of us who know and appreciate the satisfaction which good liquor yields. Such a representation moves me to cry out lest it deter some youth from a noble practice.

If the drinker in "Sotten Death" is typical of the University of Maryland man, I thank Bacchus that I attend a school where men can drink like gentlemen, and, as gentlemen, understand the aesthetic worth of the fruitful grape. Drinking whiskey is great sport. It's great sport if the participant, as in any game, knows some fundamentals of the game in which he indulges. If six drinks make the man sick, make him crawl to his room, fall into bed without taking off his clothes; if they make him waken with temples throbbing viciously like Aztec war drums—he had better stop with four. If whiskey rips his esophagus to shreds, makes him cough and splutter and breathe twice before he is able to speak—he had better mix it with soda.

Don't let this novice, this incipient drunkard depreciate the true art of drinking. It is not all evil whiskey tossed down a thirsty palate from a pint bottle; it is more often a highball or cocktail taken at the correct time and in a leisurely fashion that produces the stimulating effect. Nor is all imbibing confined to whiskey drinking. Beer, ale, brandy, wines of all sorts add to the worldly pleasures men should know.

He who has not experienced the gratification brought about by a correctly mixed drink, taken in company with others, all drinking; who has not entered the sparkling and witty discussions such a group falls into; who has not felt that warm glow, been surrounded by that aura of happiness. . . . he has missed a third of the good things in life, the other two being women and song.

Waste not your hour, nor in the vain pursuit Of this and that endeavor and dispute; Better be jocund with the fruitful grape Than sadden after none, or bitter, fruit.

Omar Khayyam, in Persia centuries ago, discovered the secret of a blissful life and set it down in these lines. Too few, today, accept this ideal philosophy; those who do are the ones who make the world a better place in which to live.

Disciple of Bacchus

### Scores Movie Criticisms

Editor of The Ring-tum Phi,  
Dear Sir:

What are the chances for a new drama critic? One gets awfully tired of the nonsense that flows from Cramoy's machine. I wouldn't mind it so much if he didn't write always in his usual, trite, sophomoric style. After all, George Jean Nathan hates everything, but yet it's pleasant to read him. Cramoy thinks it's smart to be a cynic—to a certain degree, yes. But when he constantly turns in unfavorable reports on some really fine cinemas, and with no constructive criticism, then it's time for him to pull in his ears and go home.

All gags are stale, actors poor or lousy, music bad, to "movie understanding of an actor's performance is remarkable. To quote him in a typical Cramoyian mood: "Janet Beecher, as the vision-seeing mother, did pretty well in a part that seemed easy. . . ." Tell me, has Cramoy ever been a "vision-seeing mother"?

My little brother, age five, hates the movies, too, but he can't write either!

The Spur

### Literary Societies To Hold Joint Debate

Preparations are going ahead rapidly for the debate to be held Monday night between Washington and Lee's two historic literary societies, Washington Literary society and the Graham-Lee Literary society.

The debate will be held on the subject, "Resolved: That the A. A. Should Be Abolished." Graham-Lee will uphold the affirmative side of the question, while the Washington society will speak for the negative.

Held in 105 Newcomb hall at 8 p. m., the debate will be open to the student body and faculty. Professors of history, political science, and freshman English are urging their classes to attend.

## Volleyball Teams Enter Final Lap Of Tournament

Pi Kappa Phi, Phi Gam, S. A. E. and Deltis Enter Semi-final Rounds

The quarter-finals of the intramural volleyball tournament were played off Monday night with four of the most thrilling encounters ever witnessed by Washington and Lee students being a result of the playing. Pi Kappa Phi, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Delta Tau Delta entered the semi-finals amidst the excitement of the night.

In the first engagement of the evening the Pi Kappa Phi aggregation emerged victorious over the Kappa Alpha's after a brilliant three-game match. The steady playing of Russ Doane and the killing shots of Al Szymanski were instrumental in the victory.

Phi Gamma Delta overcame a Beta Theta Pi lead in the third game to enter the semi-finals. Captain Marvin Pullen was the shining star of the Phi Gam's. Dave Garver starred for the losers.

Phi Epsilon Pi threw a scare into last year's championship team, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, before going down to glorious defeat in three games. The kill shots of Jimmy Watts proved too much for the P. E. P. boys.

In the last encounter of the evening, the Delta Tau Delta's downed the Delta Upsilon team. This was also a three-game match and the steady playing of the entire team of the winners proved the undoing of the D. U. crew. Charley Brasher, blond ace of the losers, was the feature player of this game and of the evening with his cross court kills.

## Trackmen Open Season With Terp Meet April 11

The trackmen open the season at home with the University of Maryland on April 11. The rest of the schedule follows: Duke, April 18; Richmond, there, April 25; V. P. I., here, May 2; State meet, May 9.

The frosh will open their season on the Jefferson high cinder track in Roanoke, April 8. Duke will be their next opponent on April 18, and they will go to Richmond on April 25. The only meet on the local track will be with V. P. I. on May 2, ending the season. The State meet will be held on May 9.

## Library Displays Books For Christmas Gifts

An exhibit of books suggested as suitable for Christmas gifts is now on display in the library through the courtesy of Boley's Book Store, Miss McCrum announced yesterday.

One attractive feature of the exhibit, which will last a week, is that good reprint editions are available at reasonable prices.

Among the books displayed there are several which should be of particular interest to students, namely President Gaines' book, "Lee—The Final Achievement—1865-1870." Professor Riegel's book, "The Crown of Glory," "The Lees of Virginia," by Burton J. Hendrick, and "I Live in Virginia," by Julian Meade, a V. M. I. man.

## Students May Secure New W.-L. Auto Tags

University auto tags enameled in blue and white may be secured in the office of the dean's secretary, it was announced today. The tags are available to all students eligible to drive cars in Lexington and to students ineligible to own a car in Lexington, but who have the use of them at home.

## U. of Florida Freshmen Subjects of Experiment

Gainesville, Fla., (ACP)—Freshmen at the University of Florida who are mid-way through their first term are subjects of a new experiment in higher education. The enrollment of the class of 1939 marked the launching of Florida's new General College, organized to administer the work of the freshman and sophomore years from a point of distinctly new departure.

Stuart Manley, University of California sophomore, is a man without a country. Born in Japan of American parents, he is a citizen of neither country.

## Following the BIG BLUE

By ZACH KRAMER

### Present Basketball System of Handling Candidates Best Under Existing Circumstances—Jones And Young Sincere—Idle Thoughts

There has been much discussion about that very well written letter-to-the-editor signed by one Mr. Revel who does not seem to be in favor of our present method of cutting basketball squads. It was easy to imagine that the writer was a freshman, because an upperclassman by this time would have accommodated himself to the system.

As long as we have only one basketball court, one coach, an hour to practice in, and about seventy-five applicants, there seems to be no other way but to cut the group down to a working number of say fifteen or twenty. Yet, it does not appear fair to make such a drastic cut after only a few days of play.

I don't think that even the writer of the letter will argue that there is any other method of handling such an awkward situation as long as the prevailing condition exists. When you have seventy-five men to deal with, the first thing you have to look for is the simplest way of reducing the crowd without losing the best men. So the coach will often look up the prep school record of the candidates, and pay more attention to the fellows with a better record. Then, he will turn to the other boys in hope that he might see some possibilities for development in a few of them, despite the fact that they lack the necessary experience.

Professor McDowell of the law school used to coach both varsity and freshman basketball at Centre College. Although there are only about 450 students there, ever since Bo McMillan's era, the whole student body became sport conscious. So Professor McDowell had the difficult problem of cutting two huge squads all by himself in a gym that was even smaller than ours. There was nothing for him to do, but to scout around at suicide games, look up past records of the players, and then have a pretty good idea who the twenty best were on each squad even before official practice began.

The only real argument the mysterious Mr. Revel has is the point that practice was held only two or three days before the cut was made. This was kind of a tactful error, for Coach Jones should have at least waited until the end of the week, but perhaps with the playing season drawing so near, Chip wanted to begin work with the better players. As everyone knows we use the "roll" here, and it takes quite a while before beginners can get the hang of it. Certainly much applause should be given to Jones for his willingness to have an evening session on his own time, and mind you, without pay, just to give twenty or so yearlings a chance to show their true worth. You have to admit he is sincere.

Don't get the idea that this two-session idea came after the writing of the letter, for, since I was the one to get the story from Chip, I know that it came in simultaneously with Mr. Revel's letter, if not before. Many of the students are unjustly picking on Mr. Young, but if all of you can only remember that Cy Young's chief capacity here, and the only job he is being paid for, is that of Alumni Secretary. His position of assistant football coach, and his job of varsity basketball coach is all done out of the goodness of his heart without any money reward. That is his form of relaxation, and when a man is willing to put so much time in helping out the teams gratis, I feel that the proper appreciation should be shown him.

**IDLE THOUGHTS**—I notice that Coach Mathis has speared a good frosh heavyweight in Captain Joe Oschie of the Brigadier gridmen. Russ Doane broke into print the other day in the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, as a future Sedlitz King. Lanky Bob Spessard is getting over much of his clumsiness. And only three more editions and it is Christmas.

## Courtmen Play Game Thursday

Team Opens Against Roanoke YMCA in Doremus Gym

Washington and Lee's basketball team, runners-up for the Southern Conference title, will see action for the first time this season when they meet the Roanoke Y. M. C. A. on Thursday night in Doremus gymnasium.

The invading "Y" team will be led by "Dirt" Reid and Charlie Turner. Reid, a forward, is a former Jefferson high star, and was an outstanding member of last year's Emory and Henry freshman team.

On Saturday the "Y" lost to Lynchburg college by a close score of 25-20, although they were ahead 11-8 at the half. Tonight the team journeys to Blacksburg to meet V. P. I.'s quintet.

There will be the usual 10-cent tax for students at Thursday night's contest, while general admission will be 25 cents.

Next Monday the Generals will engage in their last game before the Christmas holidays, when they meet the strong National Business college team, city league champions of Roanoke.

The team is still practicing fundamentals, and ball-handling in the daily workouts. Coach Young put the members of the squad on pledge yesterday until the beginning of the Christmas holidays.

Saturday night Coach Young will attend a convention of basketball coaches from this section at the Jefferson hotel in Richmond. The primary purpose of the convention, which is sponsored by the Southern Athletic Supply company, is to discuss basketball play under the new rules.

**Graham-Lee Society Meets**  
The Graham-Lee Literary society had its first book report of the year Monday night, three novels being reviewed by the members.

W. Reeves reported on "Vein of Iron," the scene of which is laid in this section of the country. D. B. Houghton reviewed Christopher Morley's "Parnassus on Wheels," and Alan Snyder gave an interesting talk on the German novel, "Lausbuben Geschichten." Bill Leopold served as critic for the evening.

## Coach Pleased With Showing Of Mat Squad

Team Holds Intra-squad Matches; Shows Improvement

With less than two weeks left in which to practice before the Christmas vacation begins, Coach Mathis announced the Washington and Lee grapplers are rounding into shape nicely. He was pleased with the results of the matches held Saturday and plans another intra-squad match next Saturday.

With Hug Bonino, Southern conference unlimited champion and finalist in the Nationals now out, the varsity is at full strength. The freshmen are improving rapidly, but Mathis has no heavy-weight frosh wrestler.

In the bouts held Saturday, Marty Kaplan, Chester Shively, and Bob Palmer of the varsity, and Charles Eaton and Charles Lykes for the freshmen showed to best advantage. Eaton gained a time advantage over co-captain Rowland Thomas. However, he had a weight advantage over the Southern conference 118-pound champion.

Tryouts will begin on Monday, December 16, for the teams that will represent the Generals against Duke after Christmas. The varsity and frosh teams will be selected before the Christmas holidays.

The results of the matches Saturday are:

Lowry defeated Taylor by a fall in 5:12.

Harper defeated Jacobs by a fall in 1:50.

Crew defeated Kemp by a time advantage of 9:23.

Kaplan defeated Holland by a time advantage of 2:16.

Payne defeated Mehler by a time advantage of 7:09.

Livingstone defeated . . . by a time advantage of 0:43.

Collier defeated Beale by a time advantage of 2:27.

Eaton defeated R. Thomas by a time advantage of 1:24.

G. Shively defeated C. Thomas by a time advantage of 8:47.

C. Shively defeated Secord by a time advantage of 9:36.

Lykes defeated Lebus by a fall in 2:20.

Palmer defeated Allison by a time advantage of 1:02.

Toughest leagues in college football this year were Southwest, Big Ten, and Southeastern conferences.

## Committee Appointed To Increase Interest In Basketball Games

Because of the lull in basketball games, Captain Dick Smith, graduate manager of athletics at Washington and Lee, has appointed a committee on entertainment under the chairmanship of Fletcher Maynard, senior manager of basketball, to devise a way to liven things up at the contests.

Zack Kramer and John Taylor are the other members of the committee, and work has already begun to provide entertainment at the opening game with the Roanoke Y. M. C. A. tomorrow night. Such things as foul shooting contests for the students of the nearby high schools, faculty-student volley ball games, dances, boxing matches, and novelty track meets are all under consideration. The committee will welcome any suggestions from the student body.

## Swimmers Will Begin Defense of S. C. Title Against Virginia Tech

The varsity swimmers will have a big job on their hands this season in defending their state and Southern conference titles.

They will journey to Blacksburg to meet V. P. I. in the first meet on February 15, accompanied by the frosh who will take on the V. P. I. first-year men. On February 19, Washington and Lee comes up against Duke who held the swimming title in 1934, and who probably will give them some stiff competition. This meet will be held in the local pool.

William and Mary is the next foe, the local swimmers going there on February 21. The University of Virginia, one of the biggest rivals of the Big Blue natators, will come here on February 26. Incidentally, this school held the 1934 state championship. The final dual meet of the season will be with Johns Hopkins in Baltimore February 28. The Southern conference meet will be held on March 5 and 6.

## Baseball to Start Early

Baseball season will have an early start here when the Generals meet Ohio State university on March 23 and 24, on the local diamond, it was learned today.

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## Elon May Play Opening Game With Generals

Wofford Cancels Contract Because of Conflict In Schedule

Washington and Lee's opening gridiron tilt of the 1936 season, which was slated to be played with Wofford on September 26, was cancelled early this week, R. A. Smith, graduate manager of athletics, announced today.

Wofford, which has opened the Big Blue season for the past two years, broke the engagement when it was learned that their chief rival, Furman, had no other open date except on September 26. The rivalry between these two schools, and the big gate attraction of the Furman-Wofford contests led to the cancellation of the latter college's scheduled game with Washington and Lee.

The university is, at present, dickering for an engagement with Elon, South Carolina, for the initial contest. Due to the fact that the Generals have an unusually hard schedule for 1936, it is the desire of the Athletic association that they meet a school about the size of Wofford. Since Elon is the most likely prospect, every effort is being made to secure them for September 28.

Further difficulties about the date have also appeared. V. M. I. is scheduled to play the University of South Carolina on the same day, and since both tilts are to be staged in Lexington, there is likely to be a conflict in the

## Five College Students May Represent School In Aviation Contest

Plans, still in embryonic form, are being made for an intercollegiate air meet, to be held sometime this spring, between Washington and Lee and the University of Virginia, and with V. P. I. The representatives of this school will be the five students who are enrolled in the Lexington School of Aviation.

Chris Carper, who is instructor in charge, said today that if the present progress of his students is any indication, Washington and Lee should triumph over her rivals in this new intercollegiate sport.

The meet will consist of formation flying, take-offs and landings, and some elementary stunt flying, and will be judged much the same as a diving contest. Negotiations with the University of Virginia and V. P. I. have been undertaken.

The flying school, which is in no way officially connected with the University, has five men enrolled at present. They are: David R. Phelps, Edward Axton, Lane Baird, Al McClelland and W. Delaplaine.

Instruction is given every Wednesday, or, if the weather is bad, on Thursday. The school is sponsoring chartered flights home for Christmas vacation.

time of the two games. Captain Dick is attempting to arrange with Clarkson of the Institute to have one of the contests played at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and the other at about 4:15. In this way, the followers of these two schools will be able to attend both games.

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# BETWEEN SHEETS

By BILL HUDGINS

Faculty drinking in four of the state-financed colleges of Virginia was severely criticized this week by Dr. J. W. Cammack, president of Averett Junior College in Danville. The charges were so indirect and indefinite, however, that Governor Peery does not plan to take any action.

Dr. Cammack declared that he had been told that some of the state college teachers came to class intoxicated, that others cursed in class, that one college president made a speech while under the influence of liquor, and that still another college president gave a faculty reception from which guests went home drunk. If these statements are true, the conservative Old Dominion must be taking on a new life.

The Governor of Virginia, who is an alumnus of Washington and Lee, said: "It seems to me that when a man makes charges of that kind he should have the facts to support them. I will not investigate such rumors."

Major-General John A. LeJeune, superintendent of V. M. I., one of the state-supported institutions, declined to comment on Dr. Cammack's charge other than to say that he endorsed the position taken by Governor Peery.

Dr. John L. Newcomb, president of the University of Virginia, declined to comment. Other colleges which may be referred to in the charges are V. P. I., William and Mary, and the state teachers colleges at Farmville, Harrisonburg, Fredericksburg, and Radford.

A prominent Eastern school gave its faculty a questionnaire of 41 statements to be checked as true or false. It had as its avowed purpose an expose of the inability of educators to answer questions outside their own field. The highest score was 16 correct answers.

Last week-end formal dances were held at Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg and at Hollins College in Roanoke. Dan Gregory's orchestra, who played for the Washington and Lee Homecoming dances, furnished the music at the Hollins affair. Jelly Lettwich played for the Macon dance.

Lawrence Tibbett said in an interview at Syracuse University: "Music is not as important a feature as it should be in our educational system. Just as Shakespeare is taught in our schools to give an aura of culture, so should music be taught. The knowledge of good music in this country is greatly lacking. European students are far more impressed by the importance of fine music than are the students in American schools and universities."

The students at the University of Pennsylvania recently voted that they preferred blondes because:

1. They hate to squeeze blackheads.
2. They enjoy lighter overhead.
3. Blondes get dirty sooner.

The University of Rochester is building a Cyclotron which will cost \$10,000. The cyclotron, or "atom smasher" will consume 100,000 watts of electricity and will break atoms with a force of 4,000,000 volts.

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# Carelessness Found Cause of Bad Checks

## No Voluntary Violations of Rule Reported by Committee

Cold checks have been quite plentiful at Washington and Lee this year, but out of the thirty-one cases brought before the Cold Check Committee, no voluntary violator of the rules has been found, it was revealed by Chairman Fletcher Maynard late yesterday.

Most of the students who have passed the worthless checks have done so because of some mistake made in filling out their bank stubs, or because they have been careless and have drawn money upon one bank using the blanks of another. In each case, so far, the student has not been intentionally at fault.

Some of the excuses given by the violators are amusing. Despite the fact that the questioned check is shown the students, they are, in most cases, doubtful as to their mistakes, and usually place all the blame on the bank. The rules are that on the first offense, the Committee fines the boy twenty-five cents and the check must be made good within twenty-four hours after the meeting of the committee, which is every Monday night. In case one student is faced with three offenses, he is required to withdraw from the University. The money which has been received so far is going to buy new curtains for the Executive committee room.

According to Maynard, these rubber checks are passed by boys everywhere from New York City to "hick towns in New Mexico." The Texas boys lead all the others with five to their discredit. Freshmen have been the most frequent violators, but this is accounted to the fact that perhaps the majority of them have had little experience in handling their own bank accounts and are apt to make more mistakes than boys who have. Among the other interesting statistics provided by Maynard is the fact that most of the bad checks are passed over week-ends or during dance sets.

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## Campus Comment

(Continued from page two) Several freshmen sitting around the dormitory about midnight last Saturday were a bit taken aback when they were informed that a new student was outside who couldn't speak a word of English. It seems, the story went, that the University was accepting for the next semester an exchange student from France, who had come over to this country early so that he could learn the language before the start of the new term. The upperclassman who was assisting in the perpetration of the rib said that he had been assigned to meet the foreigner at the bus and take him around the dormitories. By then the freshmen were eager to see their new classmate so they ran outside and surrounded the mute, bewildered fellow, who was reverently taking in the sights. Everything went fine until another freshman nonchalantly strolled outside, and greeted the alleged Frenchman, who turned out to be one of his fraternity brothers just trying to be funny.

Tap! tap! tap! Now you know who the campus leaders are.

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# ODK to Award Library Prize

Continued from page one Dr. Easter, in whose memory the award is established, was formerly head of the romance language department at Washington and Lee and was the first national president of Omicron Delta Kappa. Upon his death in the summer of 1933, his large private library was presented to the University.

In suggesting that each class at the conclusion of its senior year present some gift to the University, Powell pointed out that O. D. K. was not directly sponsoring this measure, but was suggesting it in an effort to benefit Washington and Lee and to give more prestige to class officers.

Through the planting of trees or shrubbery, the creation of a new campus walk, or a gift to the library, each class would make a contribution of lasting value to the University, Powell said. Such a gift would be something to which a student, returning after graduation, could point with pride. The increased responsibility which would devolve on the officers of the class would add to the prestige and importance of these offices, according to Powell.

## ODK Taps 16 Students, 8 Alumni, 1 Professor in Assembly Exercises

Continued from page one Edwin Meyer Marks, Brownsville, Tenn.; Executive committee member from the intermediate law class; honor roll. He is a member of Zeta Beta Tau.

Fletcher Fitzgerald Maynard, Clarksdale, Miss.; manager of basketball; honor roll. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Melton Honored Howard Eugene Melton, Oklahoma City, Okla.; president of the Interfraternity council; president of the National Undergraduate fraternity association; president of Sigma Nu. He is a senior in the academic school.

Joseph John Pette, Rockville Center, N. Y.; captain of basketball; baseball. He is a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and of the senior academic class.

Frank Leib Price, Washington, D. C.; president of Finals; president of the dance control board; president of sophomore and junior classes; track team. He is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha.

William Hervey Seaton, Jr., Charleston, W. Va.; football, four years; Phi Delta Phi; Sigma. He is a member of Phi Kappa Sigma and is a senior law student.

Isaac Glenn Shively, Chambersburg, Pa.; captain of wrestling; president of Fancy Dress. He is a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and of the senior class in the commerce school.

Herbert Elias Eloan, Clarksburg, W. Va.; editor of the Calyx; wrestling team; honor roll. He is a member of Phi Kappa Sigma and is a senior in the academic school.

William Laney Wilson, Jr., Cumberland, Md.; manager of football; president of the junior class. He is a member of Kappa Alpha.

## College Editors Hit Censorship

### Opposition to Faculty Control Expressed at Conference of Editors

New York—American college editors want no control by faculty members, no matter how far it may be from actual censorship.

That was the opinion vigorously expressed at a conference of more than 50 editors held recently in New York under the auspices of the National Student Federation of America.

"Faculty advisers," said one editor, "usually wind up being autocrats instead of advisers," and the subsequent discussion brought out a smoldering resentment against existing forms of faculty control and a wide demand for more freedom of the undergraduate press in many directions.

Other sore points were the matter of remuneration of editorial and business staffs and varying methods of choosing workers for top staff positions.

The editors were told they ought to be increasingly aware of their opportunities for moulding intelligent opinion along social, political and economic lines.

The so-called "Vassar point system" for remuneration of business staff members, which calls for distribution of a certain number of points for each advertisement sold, and division of the profits at the end of the year in proportion to points amassed received general approval.

## Dillon, McGehee Chosen Debate Team Managers

After a keen competitive fight, Barclay H. Dillon, Jr., of Birmingham, Ala., was chosen debate manager by the Debate Council. Professor George S. Jackson, chairman, announced yesterday. Dillon, who is a councilor in Graham dormitory and is on The Ring-tum Phi editorial staff, won the position on the merits of a series of exemplary letters and suggestions on how he would handle the position, submitted by each man trying for the position.

Henry R. McGehee, of Reidsville, N. C., was chosen assistant manager with the understanding that he will automatically become manager next year.

## Yale President Scores Grid Commercialization

New Haven, Conn.—Football is Big Business in over 70 per cent of American colleges, according to President James Rowland Angell of Yale, who charges that in these schools it is the crowd—the winners—the receipts—that count above everything else connected with the game.

Should college football, with its sub-rosa subsidization of players, lose out in the competition for popularity with the professional teams, and follow college baseball into obscurity, there are three possible solutions for schools that refuse to countenance any but strictly amateur procedure, Dr. Angell says.

The three ways out cited by the Yale president are: Endowments rendering the athletic program independent of gate receipts; discontinuing some or all sports as financial responsibilities of the colleges and leaving them up to the students; or the abandoning of the whole program of "college sports as public spectacles" with a return to the informal games of the pre-Victorian era.

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One ride to Cincinnati, Chicago, or any ride in that general direction. David Hancock, Delta Tau Delta house.

One ride to Washington, Philadelphia or New York. Frank Glenn, 13 University Place.

One ride to New York City—James W. Fishel, 221 Lees or Z. B. T. house.

One ride to Dyersburg, Tenn., or Nashville, Jackson, or Memphis—Everett Amis, 340 Lees.

One ride to Boston—R. M. Cox, 13 University Place, or Phi Kappa Sigma house.

One ride to Montgomery, Alabama, or point on the route to Montgomery, through Charlotte, N. C., Greenville, S. C., Atlanta, Ga., etc. Alfred Hendricks, 427 Graham dorm.

One ride to either Washington or Baltimore. James McElroy, Jr., 227 Graham dorm. Phone at Phi Kappa Sigma.

One ride to Washington, D. C., Henry Busby, Pi K. A. house.

## Riegel to Talk On Propaganda

### Dr. Odegard and Professor Riegel Will Be Speakers at Ohio State

"Is Propaganda a Menace?" will be the subject discussed by Prof. O. W. Riegel, director of the Lee School of Journalism here, and Dr. Peter H. Odegard, professor of political science at Ohio State university, next Monday before the Columbus, Ohio, chapter of the Foreign Policy association, it was learned today.

Although Prof. Riegel and Dr. Odegard will not hold a formal debate, they will take opposing sides of the question, the former maintaining that propaganda is a definite menace, and the latter holding that it is not. After each has presented his prepared address, the speakers will lead the group in a round-table discussion.

Not only does Mr. Riegel teach a course in Public Opinion here, but with the publication of his "Mobilizing for Chaos" last year, an intensive study of "the new propaganda" both in this country and abroad, he has become recognized as an authority on the subject. He has made numerous trips abroad to obtain first-hand material on propaganda and its effects in Europe, and has had articles containing his observations published in several periodicals; the most recent being "The Propaganda Balance Sheet" in The New Republic, and "Puppets of Propaganda" in The Quill. The Richmond Times-Dispatch also published a series of articles by Mr. Riegel on his observations while abroad last summer.

The Washington and Lee professor was recently invited to lead a symposium on "News of Europe as Seen in American Newspapers" at the joint annual conventions of the American Association of Schools and Departments of Journalism and the American Association of Teachers of Journalism to be held in Washington December 27-30.

Dr. Odegard, at present head of the political science department at Ohio State, was formerly instructor in government at Columbia university and assistant professor of government at Williams college. He is the author of "Presure Politics" (1928) and "The American Public Mind" (1930).

## Ohio State Committee Mixed up; No Band Signed

Columbus, O.—Because a mix-up prevented the signing of top-notch bands, an Olympic Fund dance planned for December 6 at Ohio State was indefinitely postponed.

It seems that the dance committee was under the impression that the Casa Loma orchestra had been signed for the event, but did not find out until almost too late that it was unavailable.

University of Kentucky students were recently lectured on "How to Tell a College Man From the Birds and Fishes."

The United States at present leads the world in scientific research, according to Arthur H. Compton, 1927 Nobel Prize winner.

## Bolen Outlines New Deal Here

Continued from page one mittee of the Executive committee, pointing out that each organization will be required to submit a budget for approval by the committee. After approval of the budgets, the organizations will be required to limit their expenditures in accordance with them. This will be accomplished, he said, by requiring approval by the finance committee of all requisitions.

Incur Debts Organizations may, he continued, incur debts for current expenditures so long as they are within the approved budget. The money, however, will not be released, he said, until the requisition has been okayed by the finance committee.

In order to insure a more permanent set-up of the finance committee than has been the case in the past, a faculty member will be appointed to the committee to serve as a continuing member for a term of three years. He will have no vote, but will serve largely in the capacity of an adviser, and to lend stability to the body, Bolen said.

Bolen refuted the charge that the new plan will set up a policy-forming body or will replace the publications and dance control boards, declaring that it is designed primarily to prevent graft and inefficiency in the administration of the funds.

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