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Campaign Nears End as Leaders Of Fancy Dress Plan for Dance

Final Subscription Drive To Be Held First Three Days of Next Week

CUT PRICE DEADLINE SET AT WEDNESDAY

Costuming Work to Continue in Hygiene Room Through Wednesday

With but three weeks remaining before the 30th, when Fancy Dress Ball swings across the floor of Doremus gymnasium, the committee led by President Glenn Shively, moved into the final phase of the intricate preparations necessary for the staging of the event.

Plans were virtually complete today, with the only job remaining involving merely the tying up of loose ends. Shively today announced the final subscription drive would take place the first three days of next week, when members of the committee will make their third visit to fraternity houses and eating places in an effort to complete the drive. Representatives of the committee will also be on duty at the Corner store on Tuesday and Wednesday to receive checks of those who have not been contacted otherwise. Wednesday has been set as the absolute deadline for the cut price subscription.

Meanwhile, costuming will be continued until Wednesday, and members of the committee will be in the hygiene lecture room at the gym to take measurements and orders. Wednesday will be the last day on which costumes may be ordered.

The costumers this year have been making an effort to have the entire ball dressed in the manner of the theme, which represents a scene at the court of Elizabeth of England. Those who desire, however, to be dressed differently may make their choices from a list which will be on hand next week.

Printing Books To Be Displayed

Lauck Plans Exhibit Of Books in Observance Of Printing Week

A special exhibit of limited editions and books on printing from the personal library of C. Harold Lauck, head of the Journalism laboratory press, will be a feature of the observance of Printing Education Week at the University. Miss Blanche McCrum, University librarian, is co-operating with Mr. Lauck in arranging the exhibit which will be shown in the library during the week beginning January 13.

Printing Education Week is sponsored by the National Graphic Arts Education Guild and is observed annually during the week of the anniversary of Benjamin Franklin, the first great American printer. Mr. Lauck, who is serving as state chairman for the third year, has sent out letters to all schools in Virginia in which printing is offered, suggesting the preparation of special programs and exhibits to further the appreciation of good printing. He states that the response has been gratifying.

In connection with the observance at Washington and Lee, Prof. O. W. Riegel, head of the Journalism department, has issued a cordial invitation to students and others to visit the laboratory and become acquainted with the work performed by students in the Mechanics course, required of all students majoring in Journalism.

Fletcher at Notre Dame

Mr. Forrest Fletcher, professor of hygiene, was elected recently to the alumni monogram committee of Notre Dame.

Mr. Fletcher left yesterday for South Bend, where he will attend the alumni convention for the next several days, returning to the University next week.

During his absence his hygiene classes will not meet.

Jan. 18 Named Deadline For Calyx Photos by Sloan

Only 370 Students Have Had Pictures Taken, Editor Announces.—Contrast Between Classical And Modern Athletics to Be Theme

All Calyx pictures must be taken by Saturday, January 18, Doc Sloan, editor of the annual, disclosed today. No more pictures will be made after that date, he said.

At the same time that he announced the end of the campaign for picture-taking, Sloan revealed that the art work for the 1936 Calyx is practically finished. With a modernistic athletic theme, the art sketches show the contrast between classical and modern athletics.

The art work is being done by Howard Henry of Nashville, Tenn., outstanding commercial artist of the South, whose work has been acclaimed at numerous southern exhibitions. Sloan described the sketches which have already been accepted as "the best in years."

Only 370 students have thus far had pictures made for the Calyx. Last year at this time 480 individual pictures had been made. The decrease this year, Sloan explained, is apparently the result

of the slow response of the upper classes to the drive for pictures.

Two members of the senior law class and very few seniors and juniors in the academic school have had pictures made.

"We need the active support and co-operation of every student in having his picture taken immediately for the Calyx," the editor declared. "Only with such co-operation can an annual be produced which will be truly worthy of Washington and Lee."

The Andre studios on Nelson street will be open every day from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. until the last day of classes this semester for the taking of pictures. Payment may be made by cash, post-dated checks, or I. O. U.'s. Checks may be post-dated as late as March 15th.

The cost of pictures is as follows: freshmen, \$2.50; sophomores, \$3.00; juniors, \$4.50; seniors, \$8.00; freshman law, \$3.00; and intermediate law, \$4.50.

2 W-L Alumni Win Fellowships

F. B. Lewis, H. R. Mahler Honored by Theological Seminary

Two of the four fellowships awarded this year by the Union Theological Seminary of Richmond, Va., were given to Washington and Lee graduates, it was recently announced by Dr. Ben R. Lacey, Jr., president of the institution. Frank Bell Lewis, '31, of Lewisburg, W. Va., and Henry Richard Mahler, Jr., '31, Waynesboro, Va., were the alumni from this campus honored.

According to President Lacey, "These fellowships are awarded annually by the faculty to members of the graduating class on the ground of distinguished merit and exceptional promise of efficiency in ministerial work." They entitle the holders to continue education without charge at some American Graduate school. Both Lewis and Mahler will continue their studies at the Union Theological school.

Lewis graduated from Washington and Lee in 1931 with honors and received his master's degree here the following year. While at this institution, he held consecutively the Young Scholarship in Philosophy, the German assistantship, and the Mapleson graduate scholarship. He was a member of Delta Upsilon, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Upsilon and Tau Kappa Iota. At Union Seminary, he is student director of intellectual life, Latta Scholar, library assistant, and member of the student cabinet. During the past two summers he has served in home missions work in West Virginia, and Continued on page four

Kay Kyser and Band Looking Forward to Fancy Dress Set

By BOB INGRAM

"Both the band and I are looking forward to a most pleasant Fancy Dress at Washington and Lee," drawled the soft, lazy voice of Kay Kyser last week, when I talked to him in his Pittsburgh hotel. "We plan," he continued, "to do our utmost to make this event a memorable one."

For the past three months Kyser and his eleven-piece band have been playing to capacity crowds at the William Penn hotel in Pittsburgh. Twice daily the celebrated orchestra broadcasts from Pittsburgh radio stations and twice weekly over a nation-wide radio network.

Unique orchestrations rendered in a clever, entertaining style have been largely responsible for the rapid rise in popularity of the North Carolinian and his musical aggregation. It was Kay Kyser who first began introducing song titles by singing rather than announcing them. Sixteen big-name bands throughout the country

Famous Westminster Choir to Give Concert In Lexington, Feb. 12

The Westminster Choir of forty-two voices will appear at the Harrison-Waddell High school in Lexington on February 12 at 8:00 p. m., under the auspices of the Christian council. Although Washington and Lee students will be admitted to the performance free of charge, townspeople will be asked to pay a small admittance fee.

This chorus of young people from the Westminster choir schools of Princeton, N. J., is under the direction of Dr. John Finley Williamson.

Two years ago the group was selected by Leopold Stokowski as the one chorus in America best equipped to sing with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra in a performance of Bach B Minor Mass.

"I am more than pleased that such an outstanding chorus is being brought to Lexington," Professor John A. Graham, who has been largely responsible for securing the group, declared yesterday. "If I were asked," Professor Graham reiterated, "what one of the major musical attractions of the United States I would rather have in Lexington, I would say not the Metropolitan Opera Company, but either the New York Philharmonic Orchestra under Toscanini or the Westminster Choir under the direction of Dr. John Finley Williamson."

During the past week the Beta fraternity house has undergone several renovation improvements in its interior. The work has been centered on the enlargement of the dining-room by the tearing out of a pantry wall between the kitchen, and the addition of a new window.

Riegel Writes Review Of Three War Books For "Southern Review"

Reiterating the warning he made in "Mobilizing for Chaos," Prof. O. W. Riegel, director of the Journalism school here, in a review of three books in the current issue of "The Southern Review," declares that taken together they show the race of man to be "the prey of forces which condemn him to an apparently endless succession of increasingly murderous and barbarous conflicts beside which humanitarian and cultural progress is empty vanity."

The books reviewed are "The Road to War," by Walter Millis, "The Causes of War and the Conditions of Peace," by Quincy Wright, and "Propaganda," by Leonard W. Doob.

"No sane man," writes Mr. Riegel, "can remain neutral toward the appalling fact of the threat of war, for war is the central and greatest danger of our time."

Although expressing doubt that the present concept of neutrality, that of "closing and locking the national frontiers and forbidding all economic and cultural intercourse with the rest of the world . . . will keep us out of the next holocaust," the reviewer concedes that such a policy "may . . . delay our entry so long that the war will be less destructive to American life and wealth than to the human life and resources of other belligerents."

'Foolscap' New Southern Comic Placed on Sale

By TIM LANDVOIGT

The long-heralded, but late-arriving "Foolscap," the Southern Comic, super humor magazine of the combined Virginia colleges, has finally put in its appearance on this campus with fair promise of a successful and lengthy career. In spite of the unsteady manner in which this unprecedented project has staggered into actual existence, the first issue is surprisingly good to the wary eye of a pessimistic reader. Excusing the inevitable faults of any magazine's debut—lack of advertising, small faults in make-up, and the like—we were sufficiently impressed to resolve to put "Foolscap" on our regular reading list.

The initial issue bears the designation, "Rushing Number" and a cover design which might be titled "The Quiet Before a Storm," portraying a single small goat surrounded by several smiling brethren carrying concealed weapons. Somehow, we believe that a humor magazine of this type should bear a cover with plenty of appeal either to the sense of humor or the appreciation of feminine appeal. Since the magazine also serves our sister institutions, a lovely young lady would not go so well on the cover unless a compensating cover of Clark Gable appeared the next month, so we would advise the Foolscape captain to make his covers a wee bit funnier in the future.

Taking the inside of the Comic as a whole, and it is not so bad for a start, nothing in conspicuous bad taste, nothing nambypamby, we find first a page of experts from the other "alleged" humorous publications of the country. Some are funny, some ain't, but what the—

Next, we find a bit of self-introduction by the editor—sort of an apology for having started the thing. Maybe, says the ed, we Continued on page four

Dr. James Brown Scott To Speak Founder's Day

Dr. James Brown Scott, secretary of the Carnegie Peace Endowment, will be the guest speaker at the annual Founder's Day assembly on Monday, January 20. The regular Founder's Day program, with a compulsory University assembly at 11:30 a. m., will be followed in commemoration of Lee's birthday.

The trustees of the University will meet in the morning, preceding the assembly. The tentative plans for the renovation and fireproofing of Washington college, Newcomb hall, and the library will be presented to the trustees for their approval at that time. The detailed program for the Founder's Day celebration will be announced next week.

Big Blue Quintet Meets Maryland In Opening Tilt Of SC Schedule

Clash Tonight Will Test Power of W-L's Conference Entry

TWO SOPHOMORES SLATED TO START

Pette, Ellis, Spessard, Iler, Heath Comprise First Lineup

By CHARLIE WILLIAMS
One of the most promising teams in Big Blue court history makes its debut in Southern conference competition in Doremus gymnasium tonight with a strong University of Maryland aggregation furnishing the opposition.

The team that Coach Young will throw against the Terrapins tonight includes two all-Southern men from last year's teams—Captain Joe Pette, a forward, and Norm Iler, a guard. Two stars from last year's crack freshman outfit, Bob Spessard and Wes Heath, and the veteran, Bill Ellis, will complete the starting lineup.

The Generals go into their conference schedule with a clean record, having defeated the Roanoke Y. M. C. A., the National Business college, and Elon college in their first three starts.

The opening games have revealed that the big weakness of the 1935 team—a lack of capable reserves—will not worry Coach Young this year. Carson, Woodward, Doane, Young, Tomlin, and Frazier will be ready for reserve duty tonight.

Despite the array of stars in the Big Blue line-up, the Terrapins are generally regarded the favorites, since they practiced most of the holidays while the Generals have put in only two days of practice since the holidays.

Vic Willis, lanky end in football and forward on the basketball team, led Maryland in a crushing victory over V. M. I. in the Diamondbacks' only game so far. They won over the Keydets by a much larger score than did the Navy court team the night before.

Washington and Lee meets another of the strongest teams in the conference, North Carolina, tomorrow night.

Moreland's Condition Better

Dean W. H. Moreland, of the law school, who has been ill for some weeks, is considerably improved, Mrs. Moreland said today. Mr. Moreland, who was taken to the University of Virginia clinic for examination on December 19, returned to his home several days ago, but is not expected to meet any classes for about two months. In his absence his classes are being conducted by Professor C. E. Williams and Professor Light. No arrangements have yet been made for the 2nd semester.

Baker Urges Students to Build For Future on Lessons of Past

The following article, by one of the most distinguished living alumni of Washington and Lee, was written especially for The Ring-tum Phi.—Ed.

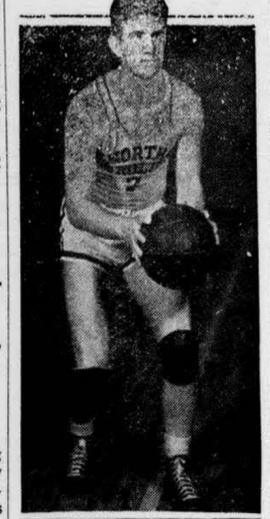
WHOSE COUNTRY IS THIS?

By Newton D. Baker

I have been very much interested in recent years to find the extent to which college and university students are organizing themselves and expressing group opinion upon all sorts of governmental problems. Nothing could be more useful than that college students should take an early interest in problems of government. It will give them a mind-set which in later years will make them far more valuable citizens and it is certain that the continuance of democratic government among us will finally depend upon the amount of intelligence, knowledge and conscience which educated people are willing to devote to our common interests.

But something, I think, ought to be said about the spirit in which college and university men approach governmental problems. After all, the boys now in college

Leads Phantoms



CAPT. MCCACHREN - GUARD

Captain Jim McCachren, who will lead North Carolina's White Phantoms when they clash with Washington and Lee tomorrow night in Doremus gymnasium. He has been all-Southern for two years and is considered by many as the outstanding basketball player in the South this season.

Special Story For Collegian

Thomas Sugrue, Alumnus, Writes Article for Fancy Dress Number

An article, "Sometimes Reporters Go Nuts," by Thomas Sugrue, Washington and Lee graduate of 1930, will appear in the Fancy Dress issue of The Southern Collegian, it was announced today by Dick Fiske, editor.

Sugrue in the few years since his graduation has achieved much prominence in journalistic fields through his work as reporter and interviewer for a New York daily paper and his writings in the capacity of regular staff member in the editorial organization of the American Magazine, national periodical.

"Sometimes Reporters Go Nuts" is a breezy and readable account of his impressions and experiences in meeting hundreds of individuals, men and women from every stratum of life, presidents, writers, actors, opera singers, criminals, and even a left-handed fiddler.

His last assignment for the American Magazine was to write an article upon the "baby derby" in Canada. He is the author of the recent series of "silhouettes," character sketches of famous personages, appearing in the American.

In 1928 and 1929, while a student at Washington and Lee he, with several others, revived The Southern Collegian, the publication of which had been suspended during the World War. He was also editor of the Calyx during his senior year.

College Prexies Discuss Question Of Subsidization Of S C Athletics

Gaines Attends Meeting Today of Presidents Of S. C. Schools

PLANS TO SUGGEST REVISION OF RULES

Report to Be Given Students at Assembly Monday

The subsidizing of athletics will be discussed today in Richmond at a conference of the presidents of the colleges which are members of the Southern Conference. Dr. Francis P. Gaines went to Richmond this morning to represent Washington and Lee.

A general discussion of the proposed rules for purifying conference athletics was scheduled for the meeting, and it appeared probable that numerous suggestions for revision of these rules would be advanced by the college presidents.

Dr. Gaines plans to offer several suggestions for the revision of the proposed rule providing for the publication of the reductions in tuition allowed to athletes.

Although thoroughly in sympathy with this move to purify intercollegiate athletics, the administration feels that the rules and regulations as proposed would be highly impractical, it was revealed today. If adopted, the rules will be strictly observed at Washington and Lee, and every effort will be made to make them successful.

At a special, voluntary assembly at 11:30 Monday morning, Dr. Gaines will explain the outcome of today's conference to the students of the University. The assembly has been planned to give students an insight into the situation and to clarify the meaning of the various proposals that have been made.

S.D.X. Award Given to Riegel

Fifty Dollars Given Journalism Director for Research Work

For "the most outstanding piece of research in the journalism field during the current year," Prof. O. W. Riegel, director of the Lee Memorial School of Journalism here, was awarded the Sigma Delta Chi research award at the joint annual conventions of the American Association of Schools and Departments of Journalism and the American Association of Teachers of Journalism held in Washington December 27-30. The award of fifty dollars was made to Professor Riegel for his "Mobilizing for Chaos," a study of the "new" propaganda in the press both here and abroad, published last year.

The announcement of the award was made at the final banquet by Tully Nettleton of The Christian Science Monitor, national treasurer of Sigma Delta Chi. The contest, which attracted about twenty-five entries, was in charge of the research committee of the fraternity.

Mr. Riegel led a round-table discussion at the convention on "News of Europe as Seen in American Newspapers."

Richard P. Carter and C. Harold Lauck, of the journalism faculty, also attended the convention.

As a feature of the meeting, the journalism teachers attended a special "press conference" with President Roosevelt at the White House—the first of its kind in history.

Junior Dues Deadline

January 15 was set as a deadline for the payment of Junior dues by Billy Wilson, president of the Junior class, today. No more Junior dues will be accepted after that date, according to Wilson, who urged any Juniors who are planning to attend Fancy Dress and had not yet paid their dues, to do so immediately. The drive this year for payment of the dues has been unusually successful.

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THE COLLEGE PRESIDENTS CONSIDER SUBSIDIZATION

To deal with the growing menace of commercialized athletics in colleges, the presidents of schools associated with the Southern Conference are meeting in Richmond today to formulate a general attitude of that group towards the situation. The heads of our universities must decide whether they will allow collegiate athletics to continue along the road to professionalism, or whether an attempt will be made to restore amateurism to its rightful place on our college teams.

Since athletics, and especially football, became the chief and often the only magnet for undergraduate and alumni loyalties, there has been a growing tendency in the universities of this country to subsidize their athletes. While paying lip service to amateurism, schools devoted thousands of dollars every year to subsidization, thousands of dollars are invested in equipment to further the football mania, and millions are taken in as gate receipts by our larger universities. Athletic prowess has come to be the first requisite of a campus leader, and Saturday games have taken on the aspect of vast Roman gladiatorial combats. All this and more, are the almost terrifying outcroppings of the original intention of football to supply recreation and exercise for students who were at college.

While this unprecedented domination of campus life by a single activity may or may not be a bad thing, as loyalties vary between scholastic ambitions and social ambitions, it is undeniably a bad thing when college presidents and boards of trustees loudly prate about purity and honesty in athletics as well as in the broader fields of life, and athletic authorities turn about and hand out fat subsidies to pig-skin toters, at the same time making them eligible for "amateur" contests. A strange definition of amateur it must be. Perhaps someone can explain why, if it is dishonest to sign a pledge to a test after having cheated on that test, is it not dishonest to claim to be amateurs when half your athletic teams are receiving subsidies which make them definitely professional? The sad part about the entire situation is that it shows that there is about as much honesty and integrity in our American universities as there is in a Sing-Sing poker game.

When our college presidents gather in Richmond today they will have the privilege of making a courageous decision. Either they will dare to run contrary to public mania and end commercialization in Southern Conference athletics, or they can drift along with the prevailing tides and let matters stand as they have these many years.

Any college which needs a successful football team to attract students is hardly worthy of the name. And any college that needs a winning team to hold the loyalty of its undergraduates and alumni is not worthy of that loyalty.

As the Carnegie investigators reported, "There may be some question as to the cause of the present system, but there can be no doubt as to where the responsibility lies to correct the situation. The defense of the moral and intellectual integrity of the college lies with the president and the faculty. With them lies the authority! And what is more important, the duty!"

MORE HELL-WEEK CASUALTIES THIS YEAR?

Redolent of high school high-jinks is the still-surviving fraternity Hell Week which will presumably be celebrated this year as always before directly after mid-year exams. During that period the freshmen will be compelled to go through all sorts of pathetically ridiculous acts to prove that they are worthy of entering the brotherhood. It is a curious fact that college fraternities still aspire to be humorous in their initiations—have their goats dress queerly, eat with hand-carved spoons, and address the old men in different "funny" ways. All such stunts are very cute, as everyone must agree.

There are, however, two really objectionable features to some of the initiation programs of local chapters. In most cases freshmen are too fatigued after all-night ordeals to make any progress at all in their courses, and most of them are compelled to cut promiscuously, and sleep

through the classes which they do attend. Of more import even than this, however, are the casualties which come as a result of the rougher kind of horse-play. Last year one boy was laid up for ten days with an injured foot, and others sustained bad colds, always an invitation to serious disease. Fraternal affection, in our judgment, is poorly evidenced by mid-night beatings and mid-winter immersions in the North river.

Abolishment of the V. C. was a long step forward in the elimination of hazing at Washington and Lee, but not until some of the grimmer aspects of Hell Week are done away with will our slate be clean. The advisability of altering their initiation programs should receive the careful consideration of each fraternity on the campus in the next few weeks. It will be a matter of some interest to note what houses show evidence of progressive thinking and leadership in the matter of their induction of new men.

THE FORUM

THE CONSTITUTION IN AMERICAN POLITICS

By OLLINGER CRENSHAW

Last September 17 Constitution Day was celebrated by various patriotic organizations throughout the country, an occasion for loud and bombastic speeches in defense of our sacred Constitution against any proposed change. Former President Hoover took opportunity in a speech at San Diego to view with alarm alleged encroachments on individual liberty by those whose militant espousal of new theories served as a denial of "American principles." Throughout his address, which was largely an impassioned defense of the imperilled Bill of Rights of the Constitution, Mr. Hoover placed himself on the side of virtue, reason, and law; by obvious implication the policies of the Roosevelt administration were made to be synonymous with slavery and Medievalism. Nor was the distinguished ex-President the sole orator on such a felicitous occasion. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, speaking in New York City, modestly referred to the Constitution as "the noblest work of government that has come from the human race," and issued a solemn injunction against tinkering with the Constitution, while a State Senator of Texas urged his party to preserve its principles and to beat back wild schemes of Socialism. Constitution Day was indeed a veritable field day for that type of oratory, but since 1933, and especially after President Roosevelt's famous comment on the "horse-and-buggy" philosophy of the Schechter decision, defense of the Constitution has reached a tremendous and hysterical volume.

But as Charles A. Beard reminds us in the October Virginia Quarterly Review, in facing political issues, men dislike to speak on their own authority, preferring to appeal to something more awe-inspiring than themselves, something mandatory which will enable them to assume loftily a desired position. Thus men say, "the Constitution" compels us to take this attitude; but the question arises, What is the Constitution? Secretary Roper, on the very same day that Mr. Hoover spoke in California, elsewhere made a vigorous plea for a flexible Constitution, denounced the wailing cry "Back to the Constitution," and gave evidence of holding views far from those expressed at San Diego. To Mr. Roper the Constitution meant one thing, to Mr. Hoover it meant something else. But men dislike to admit that, "this is my view of the Constitution"; they insist in saying, "this is the Constitution." Even the final arbiter of the document under our system, the Supreme Court, is frequently divided as to its true meaning, and furthermore has been known to reverse itself.

Throughout American history the political parties have held divergent views as to Constitutional interpretation, and like the Supreme Court, have been inconsistent as changes became necessary in party policy. To choose but one example of many, the Republican party in the Reconstruction era favored excessive centralization, but later has become very tender for the Rights of States, the old dogma of the pro-slavery Democrats. The Democrats have likewise abandoned their old allegiance, and today stand as champions of centralization. When during his term as President, Mr. Coolidge could speak kindly of the States' Rights doctrine, one may well inquire as to the reasons underlying such a phenomenon.

Let students familiarize themselves with the realities of American politics, past and present. Men do not espouse abstract doctrines like States' Rights because they love such theories *per se*; they do not plead for the mere parchment of the Constitution; rather do they use these impressive shibboleths to defend or attack economic interests: it has ever been so in our history, in spite of the fact that it has been only recently that historians have been discerning and courageous enough to point out the fact. Whether or not they favor or oppose the New Deal, let students ask themselves, the next time they read a ranting Hearst editorial on the Constitution, or the next time they listen to an unctious Liberty League lawyer blare forth an appeal for the Constitution into the microphone, *Whose Constitution?* The Constitution of the National Association of Manufacturers, or the Constitution of the laborers and farmers? What economic interests lie behind the catch phrases of the writers and orators?

CAMPUS COMMENT

By BOB WEINSTEIN

Alone . . .

Once again this column experiences a change in management. In the early fall of 1934, yours truly and Cowl Rider decided to collaborate on Campus Comment, which was then being written by various members of the editorial staff. Through the year we worked and worried to find material about which to write, and it was not always easy. However, in spite of all opposition, we managed to at least stay in print every issue—you can decide whether that was a good or bad thing. This year, as you know, Cowl Rider is also writing the Easy Chair. Recently he decided that both columns were too much work, so he has retired to his easy chair (which often becomes a hot seat) to grind axes for his public. The field is now left to this writer, who will endeavor to carry on in the same manner in which the column has been conducted in the past. We hope you like it!

'Round and 'Round . . .

"The Music Goes Around and Around"—you whistle it and you sing it, you like it and hate it, you hear it all day and all night—and it's the greatest popular song sensation that this country has ever seen, barring none. And it all started in a little night spot on 52nd street in New York.

One night, Mike Riley of the Onyx Club orchestra relates, he pulled out an old French horn, just as a gas. As he walked up to the bar, holding the complicated-looking instrument, a lady stopped him and asked whether the thing was hard to play. "Why, no," replied Mike, "you just sing into it. You blow through here, and the music goes around and it comes out here." The lady thanked him, and he continued his journey to the bar.

But Mike's sidekick, Ed Farley, overheard the conversation and thought that the "blow through here" business had a good swing to it. So it wasn't long before Riley, who plays the trombone, Farley, the trumpet player, and Red Hodgson, the buck-toothed banjo-player, got together to write a song. Riley and Farley did the music and Hodgson did the lyrics. And they introduced the song at the Onyx Club one night in the latter part of last summer. It didn't catch on so well then, but now the whole country has it ringing in its ears. To the perpetrators of that musical plot, the best part of the whole story is that dollars are flowing into their pockets from royalties on the tremendous sale of records, sheet music, and orchestrations.

The band, itself, deserves some mention. There are about six of them in the outfit and nobody seems to lead it, although Riley and Farley appear to be the master-minds. They wear no evening clothes, although the majority of guests at the club do, but dress in any way that they please. While playing their dubious music, they think nothing of getting up and walking around.

The Onyx Club, which is reminiscent of the speakeasy of not so long ago, is in the fifties, where most of the bars and night clubs of New York seem to be situated. You have to walk down a couple of steps to get in, and once you do get as far as the hat-check room, you usually have to wait a few minutes to get in. The place isn't as long as our own Southern Inn, and just a little bit wider. Tables are all over the place, so there is no aisle and no dancing, even if you could dance to Riley and Farley's music. Waiters, fighting their way through tables and the smoke filled air, almost bump their perspiring heads on the low ceiling. And about every twenty minutes through that mad atmosphere, floats "Round and Round" from the trumpets of its creators. The Onyx Club Boys, as they gaily call themselves, really put on a fine act when they play that song, and have some clever parodies to it, which are not allowed over the air, because children may be listening.

Before we left, Mike Riley told us that his new song, "Gonna Clap My Hands," is going to be as popular a song as "The Music Goes Around and Around." We told him that we hoped for the best.

At Child's, near Union Terminal in Washington, the checks have, at the bottom, the following lineup:

Total . . .
W. & L. . . .
Total . . .

We haven't been able to figure that one out either.

THE EASY CHAIR

By COWL RIDER

Books, Demagogues, and Illiteracy

Peculiarly enough, there are a good many men on the campus who have not read a book of their own accord since they used to read about Tom Swift. There are a great many more (and we are concerned with these) who, while at college, have no time for reading other than required books and the texts. I do not mean necessarily reading for relaxation; almost any one has time to browse through a weekly magazine.

It does not seem that the college curricula allows men enough time to devote to expanding their mind and interest outside of the somewhat narrow bounds of the four, five or six courses they are taking. Perhaps it is assuming too much to think that many men have intellectual curiosity enough to know what is going on in the field of contemporary literature, for example. Not all men are interested in literature.

Though not all men are interested in books, there is an appreciable number who enjoy reading, not only detective stories or light novels, but books by such men as Priestly, Powys, Shaw, the Gibbs, or Carrel. The question is, in a well filled course of study requiring a fair amount of work, when can a man find time to do any reading of this type?

One value of a wide reading is an accompanying insight into one's self, into one's personal problems which only too often the average group of college courses fails to provide. Often reading will open out the idea for a career, thus making the shaping of an education more simple and

more profitable. A high percentage of college men are uncertain as to their future life work.

Though you are probably tired of the incessant harping on "careers," the very fact that the remaining fifty or more years of your life will be spent in association with that career should make it important enough for more than a casual consideration. And the fact that the first few years out of college are usually spent in a struggle for some sort of a living which leaves little time for any extensive reading seems to point to the obvious conclusion that if you want to read, now is the time to start.

Recent radio broadcasts which feature "the man on the street" tend to show the amazing illiteracy and narrow confines of the average mind. In a way it is pathetic, this narrow outlook. Increasing reading by no means guarantees increased intelligence, but it does aid understanding of people, events, and of the individual reader himself. The more you know, the less apt you are to be swayed by a spell-binder.

For the most part, the people who followed the late Huey Long and who clamor for the Townsend plan and who follow at the heels of other demagogues are illiterate and unintelligent; that is why such demagogues are dangerous. But we seem to have slipped from the question of reading. Having pointed out that too many men have not the time to become well-read, we cannot offer a solution. Reading is just another of the many keys to culture; if you have time for it and overlook it, you are the loser.

FRONT ROW

Looking Forward By DAVE WHARTON

Tomorrow, Sylvia Sidney is typed in "Mary Burns, Fugitive," a good tale of a gangster's moll, a part for which she is eminently fitted. Too bad she isn't allowed to laugh and cut up throughout as she does in the opening sequences. But she is typed as a sufferer and will suffer to celluloid eternity. Pery Kelton, as Sylvia's cellmate, and later stooge for the government, again proves her worth as a top trouper. The most original role is that of Melvyn Douglas, a snow-blind explorer recuperating in a hospital where Sylvia is working. He falls in love with her coffee, her voice, and finally her. The story is notable for some unique twists which stop you from guessing the finish.

Ethiopia Again

The Ethiopian conflict has become a background for modern affairs rather than a modern affair in itself, but it is still of vital interest, so that "Wings Over Ethiopia" Monday should be on your calendar. It is not a news reel, but it would come under the category of non-fiction rather than fiction, giving a comprehensive understanding of the resources and conditions of this ancient monarchy.

Also billed with it is "The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo." Ronald Colman plays the old water-stuff, to which the world does not thrill quite as much since the blow-up of the Coolidge prosperity. Joan Bennett is reported to walk through her part with "porcelain brittleness, like flat champagne—goldenly beautiful but utterly lacking sparkle." The supporting cast is good.

Tuesday and Wednesday

Since the beginning of films, Cecil deMille has burned a Roman candle on the altar of the box office, but his soul has been with Elbert Hubbard on the side of the angels. He is the films' arch conservative. He has established a celluloid classic tradition. Confident, serene, he will probably film the Life of Saint Francis in television for our children's children, with all the fowl of the air and a pretty maid or two. "The Crusades," like all the rest of his masterpieces, is a spectacle first and a narrative quite incidentally. Loretta Young, Henry Wilcoxon, Ian Keith and Katherine deMille live against an elaborate and colorful background. The theme affords pictorial sweep, epic dignity and widely acceptable human emotions. Loretta Young in a white robe is sufficient, men being what they are, to start or end several crusades, if not a world war. The reports from the coast are that Katherine deMille played a very nasty princess so realistically that she was almost censored. It is a picture, not a play.

Looking Backward By MARTIN CROMOY

A new character actor came to the screen at the New and carried along the full weight of a very difficult characterization on his hefty shoulders. He was Peter Lorre, the French Charles Laughton.

Aided by likable Edward Arnold, the French star portrayed the role of a criminal criminologist and seemed to step fresh from the pages of Dostievsky's novel. As a character study of a very unusual character, "Crime and Punishment" has few better. Though not always entertaining, the picture is one that leaves a lasting impression.

"Crime and Punishment" was the first directorial assignment of Joseph Von Sternberg under the Columbia banner. Although the direction does not lack anything, it is evident even to the casual observer that this film is of the type that directs itself.

Charm School

Jack Oakie, the perennial heck-raiser, gets better and better with each succeeding picture. "Collegiate," in which he makes his latest appearance, despite the fact that it bears such names as Frances Langford, Joe Penner, Ned Sparks, Betty Grable and Lynn Overman in its cast, is all Oakie's. As the Broadway playboy, who, through his aunt's will, but against his, inherits a girls' school, Oakie is swell.

The story, which, of course, is nonsensical and consequently funny, concerns the efforts of the playboy to put the school on a money-making basis. He hires song-writers and dancers, renovates the school, and puts himself at the head of what he calls a charm school. Some phoney checks given to him by amnesia-stricken Joe Penner complicate the plot, but, needless to say, the picture has a happy ending.

Frances Langford, as a girl who loves Oakie, is our favorite movie canary. She sings only one song, "You Hit the Spot," and sings it very well.

Ned Sparks and Lynn Overman, the movie's best cynics, act as Oakie's cronies, and bring most of the laughs. Betty Grable, playing the second feminine lead opposite Penner, is cute, and sings and dances well.

"Collegiate" was an innocuous little picture that never has you rolling in the aisles, but never fails to hold your interest or to entertain.

Melodrama Minus

Lloyd Nolan, whose laurel wreaths, garnered on the legitimate stage, are numerous, acts well in "One Way Ticket," and so does Peggy Conklin, also of Broadway, but the old, too familiar story of the railroad convict who escapes and then returns to prison because he loves the warden's daughter strikes us, at this

Letters

Opposes "Goating"

Editor of The Ring-tum Phi,
Dear Sir:

In view of the approach of Hell Week, that illegitimate offspring of kindergarten clubs and prep school puerilities which last year peopled our hospital with injured and the dean's office with delinquents and which has taken from so many of our fraternities the right to be considered associations of men, I would like to call your attention to an unfortunate incident which I witnessed immediately before we separated for the holidays—an incident which illustrates superbly some of the deplorable aspects of "goating" as it is practiced by a few of our more juvenile social fraternities, perhaps more justifiably called "anti-social."

At the one and only rehearsal of the Glee Club for its Christmas program, called for the purpose of testing the acoustics of the auditorium and of ironing out several unfortunate rough spots, one of the soloists, entrusted with important passages to perform and also involved in most of the aforesaid rough spots, put in his appearance five minutes before the end of the rehearsal, thereby making impossible a finished performance. He had been detained by his fraternity for a goat meeting.

Such action on the part of a fraternity at W. and L. seems to me, a W. and L. alumnus and a fraternity man, a three-fold betrayal of trust:

1. Towards its Alma Mater, by selfishly nullifying the results of long and arduous team-work on the part of some thirty or forty other participants and deliberately jeopardizing the successful appearance in public of a recognized organization of the University in order that some poor freshman may be catheched on the location of the chapters of dear old Alpha Beta and have his pants dusted by some sadistically-minded so-called brothers.

2. Towards the pledge himself, whose successful career on the campus is hindered by the very organization which has sworn to help him.

3. Towards the fraternity itself, by bringing down upon its own head the resentment of the other helpless individuals harmed by its short-sighted and selfish policy, and by incurring the ridicule of all grown men.

Sincerely yours,
John A. Graham, '14.

Gaines Will Give Talks At Meetings Next Week

As the feature address of a four day speaking tour next week, President Francis P. Gaines will make the principal address at the Robert E. Lee birthday celebration in New York held by the important Southern societies in the city, it was learned today.

Dr. Gaines will be in New York on January 15, 16, and 17 to attend a meeting of the Association of American Colleges and will speak at the Lee birthday celebration on the evening of the 17th.

On his return trip, Dr. Gaines will stop in Washington to address the capital city's alumni association at a banquet held in the Mayflower hotel on January 18.

An engagement to speak before the Lynchburg Alumni association on January 21 is tentative.

Library Group Session Is Attended by McCrum

Miss Blanche Pritchard McCrum, librarian, attended a meeting of the College Library Advisory board, of which she is chairman, during the Christmas holidays.

The convention was held in the Drake hotel, Chicago, from December 28 to January 1. The board discussed various topics of general interest to college libraries throughout the country.

Mrs. George S. Jackson, also of the library staff, did research work in the Library of Congress during the holidays.

Present Magazine to Library

A subscription to The German-American Review, a magazine devoted to art and literature, has been given to the Washington and Lee library by Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Rider, parents of Maurice C. Rider, a junior here, Miss Blanche P. McCrum, librarian, announced today.

late date, as being the height of nonsense.

"One Way Ticket," even with Walter Connolly as the warden, just doesn't jell. The audience laughs when it should cry, and chuckles un sympathetically when faced with the thwarted lovers most heart-rendering scenes.

We would like to see Nolan in a good part. Also Miss Conklin.

Generals to Wrestle Blue Devils in Opener Tomorrow Afternoon

Match Originally Scheduled For Monday Is Moved Up

MEET TO BE HELD IN GYM AT 3:30

When Freshmen Will Face Duke Is Still Indefinite

The Big Blue wrestling team will meet the Duke grapplers in Doremus gymnasium tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 p. m., as a result of a last-minute shift in plans. The meet with Duke was originally scheduled for Monday night. The change in dates, moving the meet up to tomorrow, was made at the request of Duke, because of a conflict with the examination schedules at that institution. Capt. Dick Smith, director of athletics, and Coach Mathis announced the change this morning.

The date of the meet between the Duke freshmen and the Brigadier wrestling team is still indefinite. This match was originally scheduled for Monday, and the Duke freshmen were to accompany the Blue Devil varsity on the trip. A message received at the athletic offices this morning said that the freshmen would not accompany the varsity, however, to wrestle here tomorrow. Whether the freshman meet will be cancelled or postponed was uncertain today.

The Big Blue line-up for the initial meet of the season will see Palmer in the 118-pound class, Rowland Thomas at 126, George Lowry at 135, Glenn Shively at 145, Carl Arenz at 155, Bob Holland at 165, Marty Kaplan at 175, and Tubby Owings in the unlimited.

By mutual agreement between the teams, there will be a two-pound leeway in each class.

The Duke line-up has not been received and little is known concerning the calibre of the Blue Devil team, except that a majority of their last year's varsity has returned.

Stephenson at 118 and Ardolino at 145 were both finalists in last year's Southern conference meet. Ardolino, whom Shively defeated in two extra periods in the conference meet, will again face the co-captain of the Generals. Stephenson will not, however, be able to meet Rowland Thomas, who has been moved up to the 126-pound class this year.

Freshman Five To Open Season

Weakened Team Opposes Jefferson High In Roanoke

The Washington and Lee freshman basketball team will open its season Saturday night when they play Jefferson high school in Roanoke.

Coach Jones has been forced to change his line-up for the contest because four of the members of the squad have been declared ineligible by the faculty on account of low scholarship. Of these two men, Bob Mefford and Frank Wiley were on the first team, while the others, T. I. Legare and George Parsons were substitutes. The places of Mefford and Wiley have been filled by Ray Craft and Bob Allen.

According to an announcement by Coach Jones these boys will be out of the first four games, two of which are with Jefferson high, one with Virginia, and one with V. P. I.

The Brigadier schedule now includes eight games as follows: Jefferson High (2), Virginia (2), V. P. I. (2), and Greenbrier. Captain Dick is now trying to arrange games with A. M. A. and Ashland High school of Ashland, Kentucky.

The line-up for the Jefferson high game will be as follows: Center, Borries; forwards, Allen and Craft; guards, Craft, Lindsay, or Bob Howard.

Lauck Prints Insert on First Printing in Virginia For Vienna Publication

A sixteen-page brochure on the subject of "The First Printing in Virginia," by Douglas C. McMurtree, printed at the Journalism Laboratory press here by C. Harold Lauck, will appear as a special insert in an early issue of "Phil-

Selection of W-L As Host of NCA Tourney Ratified

Rules Committee Expects Event to Be Biggest Yet Held

Washington and Lee University was officially selected as the site for the 1936 wrestling tournament of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, when that organization met in New York during the holidays, and acted upon the unanimous decision of the rules committee.

A letter from Dr. R. G. Clapp of the University of Nebraska, chairman of the N. C. A. A. rules committee, which conveyed the official announcement, also carried the sentiment that it was the belief of the committee that the 1936 tournament, which will be the ninth in the history of the association, will be the biggest yet held.

Last year's tournament, which was held at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., on March 22 and 23, brought forth 142 competitors from 42 colleges, which was almost twice as many as entered the previous year's tournament. Oklahoma A. & M. entered a well-balanced team and won the team trophy with a total of 36 points, Oklahoma University taking second place with a total of 18 points. Indiana and Illinois tied for third place, running up a total of 15 points each. Washington and Lee tied Cornell College of Iowa for sixth place with 5 points. V. M. I. took ninth place with two points.

Rex Perry of Oklahoma A. & M. took the 118-pound championship of the tournament for the third successive year, but only by a slight margin over Duffy of Indiana, a sophomore, who is expected to give plenty of trouble to candidates in that class in this year's meet. Ross Flood of Oklahoma A. & M., and three-time champion, was tops in the 126-pound division, also winning the coaches' trophy for the most outstanding wrestler.

Vernon Sisney of Oklahoma U., captured the 135-pound championship for the first time, and is expected to be a favorite to repeat, as is his team-mate, Wayne Martin, in the 145-pound class, a two-time winner.

Frank Lewis, 155-pound champion from Oklahoma A. & M., is expected to retain his title this year. Howard Johnston, a senior from Penn State, took the 165-pound title last year. Ralph Silvestein of the University of Illinois, took home the 175-pound title, while Charles McDaniel, of Indiana university, captured the heavyweight championship. Both of the latter are favored to retain their titles.

Oklahoma A. & M. has dominated the tournaments since they first was held in 1928. Their prospects of again capturing the title will be definitely endangered by strong teams from Illinois and Indiana. Since 1929 Oklahoma A. & M. has lost once, tied once, and won five times. In 1929, 1930, and 1931, the tournaments were held at Ohio State, Illinois, and Brown University, respectively, and were all won by the Oklahoma school. When the tournament was held at Indiana in 1932, Indiana University captured the championship. In 1933, the tournament was held at Lehigh, and Iowa State tied Oklahoma A. & M. for the championship.

"obiblon," book collectors' magazine published by Herbert Reichner, Vienna, Austria, it was learned today.

The work was designed, composed in Linotype Baskerville and printed by Mr. Lauck in December and the booklets have been shipped to Vienna. It is a brief of "The Beginnings of Printing in Virginia," by the same author, which Mr. Lauck published this summer. The publication of this 56-page brochure attracted international attention, and Mr. Reichner requested Mr. Lauck to prepare a brief of it for insertion in Philobiblon as he thought it would be an excellent counter-part to an insert entitled "Early Printing in Canada," which appeared in the September issue.

Among other examples of early printing, the work contains a facsimile of the title page of the Journal of George Washington, the first of his published writings, printed at Williamsburg in 1754 by William Hunter.

Big Blue Five Opens Season With Victory

Basketball Squad Defeats Elon College by 40-30 Score

GENERALS TONIGHT MEET MARYLAND

Spessard High Scorer of Game, Followed by Carson, Pette

With only two days of practice since the Christmas holidays, Washington and Lee's varsity basketball team opened their collegiate season with an impressive 40-30 victory over Elon college, of Elon, North Carolina, Wednesday night in Doremus gymnasium.

The visitors got off to a flying start and rolled up eight points before the Generals realized the situation. Earl Carson then sunk a field goal, which started a furious and thrilling scoring spree, that did not end until Washington and Lee had chalked up ten consecutive points.

Led by Captain Joe Pette and Norman Iler, who played the type of ball that earned them all-Southern positions, the Generals gradually forged ahead, and were leading the Carolinians 25-18 at the half.

Elon did not make any serious threats during the second period, as Coach Cy Young's pupils bottled up their attack neatly. The Generals played good defensive ball, but their offense was a trifle spotty at times, which may be attributed in part to their lack of practice.

Bob Spessard was high scorer of the game with 12 points, followed by Carson and Pette with 9 and 8, respectively. Iler made 7 points and Heath chalked up 4 to complete the Generals' scoring. Captain Pette left the game with four personal fouls.

Tonight at 7:45 in Doremus gym the Generals meet the University of Maryland in their first Southern Conference tilt. The Terrapins in their only game to date have trounced V. M. I.

On Saturday at 8:15 Washington and Lee plays host to the strong University of North Carolina team, last year's Southern Conference champs. Although the Tar Heels lost three regulars by graduation, they have strong reserves and sophomores to fill the gap, and Saturday's clash gives promise of being the feature of the local court season.

| W. and L. | G | F | T |
|-------------|----|---|----|
| Pette, f | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| Ellis, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carson, f | 4 | 2 | 9 |
| Spessard, c | 5 | 2 | 12 |
| Iler, g | 2 | 4 | 7 |
| Heath, g | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Totals | 17 | 8 | 40 |

| Elon | G | F | T |
|------------|----|----|----|
| Smith, f | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Askew, f | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Senter, f | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Bradley, c | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Roy, g | 4 | 4 | 10 |
| Cameron, g | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Lillian, g | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 12 | 11 | 30 |

BETWEEN SHEETS

By BILL HUDGINS

From Charlottesville comes the message that it is possible to add ten years to your life and double your working capacity. The fluid from the adrenal gland possesses those powers and experimental attempts are being made at the University of Virginia to produce this extract synthetically.

Murat Willis Williams, who was awarded a Rhodes scholarship last month, has a brother who early this year completed work at Oxford also as a Rhodes scholar. The only other brothers known to share such a distinction are the Morley brothers of Haverford, Pennsylvania. Christopher Morley, the author, won a Rhodes scholarship in 1910, while his brother, Felix, now editor of the Washington Post, went to Oxford as a Rhodes scholar several years later.

Incidentally, Williams is a first cousin of Murat Willis, Jr., member of the sophomore class at Washington and Lee, and was named for Murat's father, the late Dr. Murat Willis. Williams graduated from the University of Virginia last year, where he was editor of "College Topics." His brother, John Page Williams, who recently returned from Oxford, is

Following the BIG BLUE

By ZACH KRAMER

Ex-General Star Signed by Athletics—Clements Now At Amherst—High School Tourney Stars Make Good—Frosh Wrestling

I see where the Philadelphia Athletics purchased Russ Peters from the Albany International League team during the Xmas vacation. Quite a break for Russ, and even though he didn't go sensationally last summer, there is a very bright baseball future in store for him. To make things easier for him, Connie Mack has sold every veteran on the team of any ability except Pinkey Higgins, the third baseman, and Bob Johnson, the slugging outfielder. If Peters can get hot during the winter session, we may find a Washington and Lee man playing shortstop for the Philadelphia Athletics.

For a long time Dick Clements, brilliant frosh tennis player of last year, has been reported missing, but he has been discovered finally at Amherst. Big Blue sport fans were looking forward to seeing him play No. 1 on our tennis team, especially after he walked through our intramural tournament winning every match 6-0, 6-0, except in the Meir match when George extended him to 6-1, 6-0. Much to everyone's surprise, Clements was Beaten in the final round of the Amherst fall tournament by the captain of their varsity team, Al Winston (you see their tourneys are open to all) in straight sets. The Amherst Student Union said that Clements was noticeably off his game.

The sophomore stars on the North Carolina Tar Heels are two boys named Ruth and Mullis. Those of us who are juniors and seniors will remember them as the stars of the Charlotte High team which upset the dope and beat Eastern to go on to win the South Atlantic Scholastic basketball tourney held here in 1934. Ruth is supposed to be even better than all-Southern Jim MacCacharan, and in 1934 he was chosen by the experts as a guard on the all-Tournament five, while Mullis made the second team. Two other members of the second all-tourney team that year will also see action this week-end.

Wheeler, former Emerson prep star, who gave Iler, Woodward and Doane and Co. plenty trouble their freshman year when the Brigadiers took two one-pointers from Emerson. Wheeler also participated in the tourney and was picked on the second team. He was the boy whose elbow swelled up so badly during the contest against Greenbrier that he had to be taken to the hospital. Wheeler will play for Maryland on their very powerful quintet.

Bob Spessard played in the tournament that year too, and now an instructor at Groton school.

After all, most any jail will do for accommodations in a pinch... Traffic jams cause fewer accidents than pickled drivers... The more patient pedestrians, the fewer pedestrian patients... Familiarity breeds contempt.

Alumni groups throughout the country gave dances for the present V. M. I. corps during the Christmas holidays. On December 23rd the cadets were invited to attend a dance in their honor in Warrenton; Christmas Day both an afternoon and evening dance were given in Fredericksburg with Dan Gregory, Washington and Lee Homecoming band, playing; the V. M. I. Yankee Club held a get-together at the Hotel New Yorker on the 26th with Ted Fiorio furnishing the music; on December 27th, a dance in Petersburg; on the 30, a dance at the John Marshall in Richmond with the cadets from all over the state present en masse; and on the following day Jelly Leftwich played for the V. M. I. Club in Lynchburg.

A writer for the Purdue Exposition confesses his girl is very similar to a typewriter. If you touch the wrong spots, you get terrible words... Life says, "Even the best of friends must park."

The O. D. K. circle at Duke university is relentlessly working to bring about changes in the rushing system at that institution. At the present time, no man can be pledged at Duke until the second semester. The O. D. K. members on the Durham campus propose a six-week deferred rushing system to be substituted for the present system.

The school paper, student government, inter-fraternity council,

as the star center on Jefferson High of Roanoke, he made the second team. Bob seems to have improved in every game, and his performance Wednesday night was smacked with class. Although many of the so-called experts figured him to be too awkward to amount to anything, ask any of his opponents about his potentiality. Not only has he scored more than fifty points in three games, but he has held his men to less than ten. Tonight, Spessard meets a man nearer his size in Willis, the six-foot-five center of the Terps, and the battle between the giants ought to be very interesting.

The possibility of the football team playing the University of Arkansas next fall at Little Rock, on November 20, ought to prove very desirable to our Southwestern students and alumni. The game will be played on the one hundredth anniversary of something or other, and should draw a pretty big crowd. Arkansas, you'll remember, was the only team to outgain Southern Methodist during the regular season. Porky Dickinson, giant sophomore tackle, is a resident of Little Rock.

The first wrestling meet of the season takes place Monday night, when the Generals and Brigadiers take on Duke. Duke will be no push-over, and in addition to the return of Stephenson, finalist in the 118 Southern Conference tourney last year, Ardolino, who pushed Captain Shively to fifteen minutes in the 145 final, and McGowan, the only man ever to pin Butch Levine, the Blue Devils have a new coach.

Coach Mathis is pretty sad these days because, for the first time in all his years of coaching, he will have to forfeit a bout. It seems that he has no frosh heavyweight with courage enough to stay out. Of the last two he nabbed, one went out for basketball, and the other was declared ineligible. He still has two wonders in Kemp, a champion bantamweight, and Eaton, a crackerjack lightweight. Likes, in the 175-pound class, has plenty of experience, while MacInerney, Hays, Livingston, Bowles and Harper are all coming along fine. The Brigadiers have a record to be proud of, so let's hope that this yearling group continues the undefeated record of those of the past.

We notice that Bill Downey, 1935 V. M. I. basketball captain, is playing on the Richmond Medical College team. That means that he is teaming up with Jack Jarret, former General ace, and with both of them on the same team, the Medicos will be something to fear.

and various honorary societies are backing the movement. This is certainly a noble example for the parent circle at Washington and Lee. If O. D. K. led a movement to change the abominable system which we have to a two or three week deferred system with definite rushing hours, its leadership would be definitely established.

The rising generation retires about the time the retiring generation rises... About the only line the modern girl draws is with her lipstick... Time spent in getting even would be better spent getting ahead.

Question: Does the student executive committee allow students to attend its meetings? If not, why not? The Senate of the United States does.

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Elon to Open '36 Grid Season

Replaces Wofford as First Opponent on Generals' Schedule

To take the place of the cancelled Wofford game, Elon college of North Carolina has been signed for the opening game of next year's grid season on Wilson field September 26.

Erskine college of South Carolina, alma mater of Dr. Moffatt, was also under consideration for the initial date, but at the last moment the committee decided in favor of Elon.

The University of Arkansas offered the Generals a contest on November 20 at Little Rock five days before the Maryland contest at Baltimore, but the faculty refused to approve the game. However, this is not final, and there is still a slight possibility that Washington and Lee may accept the offer.

The University of Florida is also anxious to play Washington and Lee December 5 there, but the faculty has taken a stand against any games to be played after Thanksgiving.

Cy Twombly Gloomy Over Tank Prospects; More Our for Squad

Return from the holidays found Coach Cy Twombly as gloomy as ever over the prospects of this year's swimming team. He did say though that the squad was look-

ing better and he "may have a fair team."

During the vacation several meets were hoped to be added but the dates for them could not be arranged because of conflicts. However, one more meet is hoped to be scheduled in the near future.

Many new men reported after the holidays. Clark Winter, Paul Lavietes, and Jim Griffin are all working out. Coach Twombly has even got the junior manager practicing every day with the team, in the event that he doesn't get another back-stroker to swim with Lavietes.

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New Law Building Changes University Skyline



The new skyline of what John Drinkwater, noted British poet, termed "the most beautiful campus in America." To the right is shown the new law school on the site of old Tucker hall, destroyed by fire in December, 1934. The building is fast nearing completion, and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy February 1. The addition of the new Tucker hall, it may be seen by the picture, completes the symmetry of the colonnade, balancing Newcomb hall and harmonizing architecturally with the college.

W & L Alumni Win Fellowships

Continued from page one as assistant pastor of the Church-of-the-Covenant in Greensboro, N. C. Mahler received his A. B. degree from Washington and Lee in 1931 and his M. A. in English the following year. While in college he was captain of the cross country team, a member of the track team and belonged to the Monogram Club. He was a Phi Beta Kappa and graduated with honors. At Union Seminary, he has held the Latta Scholarship for three years, and assisted the librarian. He has done summer work in Waynesboro, Va., and in the Ashe county Presbyterian home mission work in western North Carolina.

Honor Society Initiates Four Commerce Students

Four commerce students were initiated into Beta Gamma Sigma, honorary commerce fraternity, at the annual initiation exercises of the organization Wednesday night at the Dutch Inn. The students were Bob Brown, Omer Hurst, Bob Hutton, and Stuart Miller. Brown, Hurst, and Hutton are juniors and Miller is a senior. Five professors in the commerce school attended the meeting. They were Dr. Robert H. Tucker, dean of the University, Dr. Glover Dunn Hancock, dean of the commerce school, Mr. Rupert Latture, Mr. E. H. Howard, and Mr. M. O. Phillips. Albert Burks, '33, was an honor guest. Dr. Hancock is president of the organization, and Mr. Howard is secretary.

Two More Issues

Two more issues of The Ring-tum Phi will be published before the staff retires to study for examinations.

Win Fellowships



FRANK B. LEWIS



HENRY R. MAHLER

Lewis and Mahler, graduates of Washington and Lee in 1931, received two of the four \$500 fellowships awarded for superior ability at the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond this week.

J. M. Sheridan Dies In Richmond Hospital After Holiday Crash

John Sheridan, a freshman, and son of Mrs. C. W. Sheridan of Lexington, died in Richmond Memorial hospital last Monday, January 6, as the result of a brain injury suffered in an accident on December 26.

Riding with Miss Frances Hutcheson, a student at Farmville State Teachers College, and Thomas Mosely, both of Lexington, Sheridan was thrown from the car after it crashed into the stone wall that separates the V. M. I. campus from the recently widened road to the new bridge. Sheridan was driving.

It was believed that the icy condition of the road caused the car to skid in making the turn to go up the hill to the V. M. I. mess hall. Miss Hutcheson, who was riding in the front seat along with Sheridan, broke several bones; Mosely escaped serious injury.

Sheridan was removed to Richmond, where Dr. C. C. Coleman, noted brain specialist, performed an operation to remove a concussion. He died January 6.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning from St. Patrick's Catholic church here. Burial was in Lexington cemetery.

Heed Lessons Of Past, Baker Tells Students

Continued from page one is a continuous process and no group of men, whether adults or youths, can hopefully expect to forget the past and make a fresh start which will avoid ancient errors and create no new griefs. The philosopher John Locke once wrote a constitution for the State of South Carolina. He was the greatest political philosopher then living but his constitution was utterly unsuited to the people who had to live under it and work it, and as a consequence it was never adopted even experimentally. In matters of government and social and political institutions, just as in our private lives, we are all controlled by what the novelist Sudermann calls the "undying past."

The students in American universities and colleges, it seems to me, should regard their approaching responsibilities with a good deal of humility and anxiety and prepare themselves as one would for a long and dangerous exploration in a remote and little known country. If one were about to start off to explore one of the polar regions or the heart of Africa, he would not be satisfied with self-confident opinions however much they might be born of a good heart and a sound head. He would first try to accumulate all the knowledge he could about the experience of others in meeting the conditions he was about to face, the ranges of temperature, the prevalence of disease, the perils from unfriendly natives and the means of foreseeing and combating the difficulties and dangers which would beset his path.

The parallel is apt. Those students will serve their own day best who most critically and exhaustively study the experiences of men even from the earliest times as they sought to form organized societies and provide rules and laws by which conflicts of interest were to be harmonized. Why did the Athens of Pericles perish? Why did the Roman Empire decline and fall? What is the secret of the dominance of the British Empire in the modern world? Why has the United States had one hundred and fifty years of successful democratic institutions with constantly rising standards of living for its people? When questions like these are asked and intelligently answered, it is possible to generalize the experience of the race into a few relatively simple political virtues which may not solve every problem or quiet every doubt, but which will prove to be the rough best that mankind has yet been able to devise and at the same time will prove to be the only foundation upon which a better structure can be erected for the future.

I hope I will not be misunderstood in what I have here said. I welcome college men into the field of political thought, discussion and action. Their very inexperience is a corrective to the disillusionment of the older men. The generosity of their emotions is a valuable antidote to the self-concern which is likely to absorb those of maturer years. Their courage is a fine answer to many of the doubts which disable older men, but I am quite sure that youth will make a greater contribution just in proportion as it speaks in a soft voice, is not too

Exams Begin With G

The following is the schedule for First Semester Examinations—January 21, 1936, through January 30, 1936:

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| Tuesday January 21, 1936 8:30 A. M. | All classes in Block G M. W. F. 11:30 A. M. |
| Wednesday January 22, 1936 8:30 A. M. | All classes in Block H T. T. S. 11:30 A. M. |
| Thursday January 23, 1936 8:30 A. M. | All classes in Block A M. W. F. 8:30 A. M. |
| Thursday January 23, 1936 2:30 P. M. | All classes in Block J T. T. S. 1:30 P. M. |
| Friday January 24, 1936 8:30 A. M. | All classes in Block B T. T. S. 8:30 A. M. |
| Saturday January 25, 1936 8:30 A. M. | All classes in Block C M. W. F. 9:30 A. M. |
| Monday January 27, 1936 8:30 A. M. | All classes in Block D T. T. S. 9:30 A. M. |
| Tuesday January 28, 1936 8:30 A. M. | All classes in Block I M. W. F. 1:30 P. M. |
| Tuesday January 28, 1936 2:30 P. M. | All classes in Block K M. W. F. 2:30 P. M. |
| Wednesday January 29, 1936 8:30 A. M. | All classes in Block E M. W. F. 10:30 A. M. |
| Thursday January 30, 1936 8:30 A. M. | All classes in Block F T. T. S. 10:30 A. M. |

Students Attend SVM Meeting

Vinson, Philpott, Brown Attend Student Convention

That modern college students must broaden their outlook to include world problems and must not center their interest at home was the keynote of the Student Volunteer Movement convention held during the holidays in Indianapolis. Twenty-five hundred students from most of the colleges in the United States and Canada attended the conference.

Washington and Lee was represented by Jack Vinson, president of the movement in Virginia, Harry Philpott, president of the Christian council here, and Morton Brown, member of the council. They reported a very interesting meeting and brought back many ideas for the furthering of Christian work on the campus.

Convention sessions were featured by such noted speakers as the Archbishop of York, Dr. Kagawa of Japan, Dr. T. Z. Koo, John R. Mott, and Robert Speer. Discussion groups were also held with the main emphasis being placed on problems of the modern college students. An alumnus, Francis P. Miller, who spoke here several weeks ago, delivered one of the convention addresses and led a discussion group.

Delegates from Virginia colleges met at a luncheon and discussed various problems of their own. cock-sure of the soundness of its impulsive judgments, and only takes a stand when it is sure that a moral principle is involved or, upon a question of expediency, after it has exhaustively studied and acquired the lessons which are to be learned from the history of others.

NYA Workers Better Call For Checks—Or Else

The several N. Y. A. workers who have not yet called by the Dean's office for their month's pay checks had better chase themselves up to the second floor of Newcomb immediately, according to a veiled threat said to have come from Miss Margaret Wilson, secretary to the Dean. "They contain sufficient funds for a nice little party in the Dean's office," she declared today.

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Continued from page one shall discover another Benchley, Mark Twain, Wolcott, etc. We only hope he doesn't discover six or seven P. G. Wodehouses in his forthcoming efforts. About this time you find out the vital facts that "Foolscap" is a publication of the Virginia Intercollegiate Press Association; the editor, Ben Bane Dulaney; also the staff. Editorials are lightly written on subjects of interest to the collegiate reader.

Among the actual articles by the cream of Virginia's talent is flying view of the ridiculousness of college education, "A Masque of Education," by George Ira Allen. Jay Reid, one of our own boys, shoots us a nonsensical bit on the sex life of an atom, "Hydrogen Sulphide and Tutti-Frutti." The trials of bus travel are only too vividly recalled in the adventures of one Ishmael F. Harmonquirp, author unexposed. Miss Adelaide McCormick is the contributor of one of the few actual short stories, a "Collier's" type, boy-girl affair which we have to let pass since she names her hero Tim. Another unknown threatens the "Esquire" monopoly with a "Tale for the Evil-Minded," which of course is a trap since it isn't evil, not even "Risqué." A little bit of timely advice, "Usefulalia," polishes things off by explaining the intricacies of obtaining a job in a relief bureau. The procedure greatly resembles that which we followed in obtaining a driver's license in the District of Columbia.

Among the features of the magazine is a review of Sinclair Lewis' "It Can't Happen Here." "Foolscap" proceeds with caution where Professor Barnes says "rush in." The Hall of Fame contains a cigar store Indian, which, we are assured, is Dr. John Lloyd Newcomb, University of Virginia's "forgotten man." Opposite is Amos Bolen, Washington and Lee's student president. "Foolscap" even ventures to include a professorial joke department, but they at least

have the etiquette to warn us that said wit is the product of faculty humor. Such an inclusion is regrettable since everyone in the world has told the joke except Eddie Cantor by the time the prof relates it. "The Tune Tatter," Mac Trawick, passes on the benefits to be derived from spending two-thirds of one's college life listening to the fraternity victrola, also a bit of radio. Finally, a gentleman at Columbia bursts forth with the one thousand nine hundred and ninety-ninth New York Letter, which of course only makes us wish we could be there taking in "Jubilee," "Jumbo," and June Knight, but since we can't for all practical purposes, the value of the letter is little.

Every comic magazine must have its cartoons. It's regrettable that while the editors of "Foolscap" are hunting for Mark Twain and Wolcott, they might pick up a Petty or even another child prodigy such as "Henry" and "Philbert," but we can't have everything and a few of the "Foolscap" drawings fill the spot pretty well.

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