

## 75 Floats To Mass for Parade Monday

The first session of the 1960 Mock Convention will convene at 4 p.m. Monday afternoon. The keynote address will be presented by Mr. Truman in the Doremus Gymnasium at that time. Only 1700 persons, including Washington and Lee's 1,100 students will be admitted to the gym, although loudspeakers will be set up outside the building to accommodate the expected overflow crowd.

Mr. Truman will be elected as temporary chairman, and will be presented to the Convention by his former assistant Attorney General and W&L alumnus, H. Graham Morison.

Immediately following the keynote address, Mr. Truman will dedicate a bronze plaque given in memory of his close friend Alben W. Barkley, who died here in 1956 while delivering the Mock Convention's keynote address. The tablet will be presented to President Cole by student body

president Frank Surface. After President Cole has accepted in behalf of the University, the tablet will be placed near the spot where Senator Barkley fell in Doremus Gymnasium.

Preceding the keynote address the traditional parade through Lexington will be held. At 2 p.m. the VMI band will lead the parade from the athletic field of the old Lexington High School at the foot of Houston Street to Doremus. The route of the parade will be down Main Street to Washington, where it will turn in toward the University and pass by the reviewing stand which will be on President Cole's lawn.

Mr. Truman will ride in the last great Duesenberg automobile ever built, which has been supplied to the convention by the Museum of Motoring Memories in Natural Bridge. The car will follow the VMI band in the parade. The mile-long parade will be

made up of 75 floats from 50 states and territories, plus 15 bands and marching units. Lynda Lee Meade, Miss America for 1960, will ride on the New Jersey Delegation's float.

Senator Henry M. Jackson will open the evening session, scheduled to begin at 8 p.m., with a partisan political speech. Roll call will then

begin, with the floor open for nominations for presidential candidates. A dozen candidates are expected to be nominated by the various states.

The five major candidates in contention are: Senators John Kennedy, Hubert Humphrey, Stuart Symington, Lyndon Johnson, and the veteran of two campaigns, Adlai Steven-

son. There will be one nominating speech and two seconding speeches for each of the major candidates. Ten to fifteen minute demonstrations are expected after each nomination. All nominations must be made at this session.

Senator Kennedy is expected to start as the strongest candidate, with almost 500 of the 760 1/2 votes needed to win the party's nomination. He will pick up quite a few votes from states who shift on the second ballot from their favorite son nominees. It is quite likely that he will pick up all or most of Humphrey's support on the third ballot, but should this not occur, he will begin to lose some support after that. It seems safe to guess, however, that Kennedy could very likely receive the nomination on the third ballot.

Senator Johnson will be Kennedy's closest contender, with at least 425 votes on the first ballot. He will also

pick up votes from states switching from their favorite son nominees on the second ballot. It is possible that some border states will give him their votes on the third ballot if he is in strong contention at that time. Johnson's biggest drawback is the northern states.

Humphrey's supporters will stay with him for two or possibly three ballots, and then will switch to either Kennedy or Stevenson. Both Stevenson and Symington will start weak, and can hope for the nomination only if there is an unresolved deadlock between Johnson and Kennedy.

After the presidential nominations, the vice presidential nominations will be received. It is expected that Senator Jackson will get this nomination, though he will be faced with competition from Pat Brown, governor of California, Luther Hodges governor of North Carolina, George Smathers, senator from Florida.

### Monday, May 2, 1960

2:00 p.m.—Pre-Convention Parade

4:00 p.m.—Address by The Honorable Harry S. Truman; Dedication of Memorial Plaque; Election of Permanent Chairman.

8:00 p.m.—Address by Henry A. Jackson, U. S. Senator from Washington; Reports of Committees; Nominations and Roll Call for President of the United States.

### Tuesday, May 3, 1960

9:30 a.m.—Balloting for President of the United States (to continue until candidate has been decided upon).

3:15 p.m.—Continuation of Balloting for President or Nominations for Vice President of the United States.

7:30 p.m.—Balloting for Vice President and Closing of Convention.



Delaware state delegates prepare for the convention.

## Truman Will Keynote Mon. Afternoon Session

### Ex-President Leads Parade; Reviews Floats

The thirty-third President of the United States, Harry S. Truman, will arrive in Lexington Monday, May 2, to kick off Washington and Lee's Mock Democratic Convention. Mr. Truman's visit will highlight the week of political events. The former President will be honored at a luncheon held in Evans Dining Hall at 12:00 on Monday to be attended by the Steering Committee and the State Delegation Chairmen.

Truman will ride in a car behind the VMI band which will lead the parade onto Main Street at 2 p.m. He will leave the line-up when his car reaches the reviewing stand on President Cole's lawn to view the rest of the procession. On the stand with Mr. Truman will be Dr. Fred C. Cole, President of Washington and Lee; Mr. H. Graham Morison, former Assistant Attorney-General of the United States; and Mr. Charles S. Murphy who conducted Truman's whistle-stop tour in the 1948 presidential campaign.

Following the parade, Mr. Truman will deliver the keynote address at the opening sessions of the convention. He will be introduced by the Honorable H. Graham Morison.

After the speech, Mr. Truman will take part in the dedication of a memorial plaque honoring Alben W. Barkley.



Harry S. Truman

### NOTICES

All state chairmen must check by the ODK room in the Student Union at least twice daily from now on until the Mock Convention begins.

Elections for class officers for the 1960-1961 session will be held Monday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m. in places to be announced by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the Student Body and the Steering Committee of the Mock Convention remind the student body that rules regarding drinking in public will be observed and enforced during the 1960 Mock Convention.

### Ray Robrecht To Head Dorm

The six-man Student-Administrative Committee has named Ray Robrecht to a second term as Head Dormitory Counselor. R. K. Morton and J. M. Lemmon will be Assistant Head Counselors for the 1960-61 season.

Named as freshman dormitory counselors were J. A. Broadus, Jr., M. Brownlee, R. Carpenter, T. E. Fohs, J. H. Hyatt, R. W. Ide, R. C. Ketcham, M. Lassman, W. M. Martin, W. D. Outman, R. Page, W. D. Rhinesmith, S. W. Rutledge, P. D. Sharp, and S. L. Thompson.

First alternate is Ned Ames; second, Robin Wood; third, George Honts; and fourth, Charlie Baucum. R. J. Funkhouser and J. S. Wilbourn were named counselors in Baker Dormitory.

Dean Gilliam has requested that the counselors be present at his house at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4. At that time coffee will be served and next year's policies will be discussed.

Any student who is interested in a job as a waiter at the dining hall next year should file his application in the Treasurer's office not later than Saturday, May 7.

There will be a short but important meeting of the Virginia delegation at the Delta Tau Delta house tonight at 7 p.m.

## Senator Jackson of Washington, Possible Nominee, Will Speak



Sen. Henry M. Jackson

By DAVID BEVANS

U. S. Senator Henry M. Jackson, a democrat from Washington state, will address the second session of the W&L Mock Convention at 8 p.m. Monday, prior to the nominating speeches for Democratic presidential hopefuls.

Sen. Jackson will be accompanied by Mr. Russ Holt, his legislative assistant, and Mr. Michael Cafferty, a counsel for one of the senator's sub-committees. The Steering Committee, Pi Sigma Alpha, and the Washington delegation will sponsor jointly a dinner party in honor of the 49-year-old senator.

He is a member of four major committees in the Senate. These include Armed Services, Government Operations, Interior and Insular Affairs, and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. As a member of the Interior and Insular Affairs committee he was instrumental in guiding the Alaskan and Hawaiian statehood bills through the Senate.

Sen. Jackson has been mentioned

All members of delegations must see the chairman of their delegation to obtain their admission tags for the Mock Convention.

Compulsory meeting of the Arkansas delegation tonight at 7:00 in the Sherwood.

There will be a meeting of the Pennsylvania Delegation at the KA House at 4 p.m. on Sunday. Free beer.

Illinois Delegation meeting Sunday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dutch Inn. Delegates must pick up passes for the convention.

The Louisiana delegation will meet at 7 p.m. tonight at the Sherwood Restaurant.

There will be a Stevenson Beer Rally tonight at 8:00 in the Dutch Inn. Everyone is invited.

as a strong possibility for the vice presidency by Sen. Mike Mansfield (D.-Mont.) and Gov. Edmund Brown of California.

Al Corwin, PEP sophomore and campaign manager for the senator, said that Jackson was a favorite son candidate for the presidential nomination, and in the event that the senator fails to win this nomination, he believes the "senator will be selected as the vice presidential nominee."

Sen. Jackson will be nominated as the favorite son of Washington for the Presidency by J. P. Campbell, W&L senior, and will be seconded by Bob Frank, freshman law student.

## Enthusiasm of 1908 Event Continues

When Washington and Lee University held its first Mock Convention in 1908, the event was marked by fist-fights among delegates on the convention hall floor.

Temper have been considerably calmer in ten subsequent conventions, but a newspaper description of that first affair will probably be as accurate following the May 2-3 event this year as it was in 1908.

The Lexington Gazette reported on May 6, 1908:

"The young gentlemen entered into the meeting with the zest of seasoned politicians plus the enthusiasm of collegians."

The first convention is said to have stemmed from a visit to Lexington by presidential candidate William Jennings Bryan in the spring of 1908. The political fire of his speeches built under eager students resulted in the idea of a Democratic mock convention. Bryan was the students' first ballot nominee, the only time in history that the candidate was decided so swiftly.

By 1912 the bitter fights of 1908 were forgotten, and students again entered into their convention plan-

ning with enthusiasm and spirit. As in 1908, a special convention newspaper, "The Washington and Lee Democrat," came out weekly for a month preceding the convention. The convention met in Lee Chapel, and the faculty granted a full day's holiday for the event, a tradition that still stands. Governor Judson Harmon became a dark horse candidate on the fifth ballot after Woodrow Wilson had narrowly failed in a fourth ballot duel with Champ Clark. To date, Harmon's nomination is the only wrong guess Washington and Lee men have made for the Democrats.

In 1916, the tradition of holding the convention for the party out of power was established when students voted to conduct a GOP nominating session. "The Washington and Lee Democrat" gave way to "The Clarion," and Charles Evans Hughes was Washington and Lee's sixth ballot choice as well as the Republicans' that year.

After no convention was held in 1920 because of the aftereffects of World War I, the affair was resumed

in 1924. A balloting record was established when it took students 23 roll calls to nominate Washington and Lee alumnus John W. Davis.

A month later the Democrats set a record of their own in New York when the national convention went 103 ballots before deciding the college boys were right in the first place. They nominated Davis, too, and the Washington and Lee convention began to draw real interest from the nation's politicians.

In 1928, the convention was correct in its choice of Al Smith on the 17th ballot, and in 1932 Washington and Lee students put themselves out of business with Democrats for a long time by nominating Franklin D. Roosevelt on the ninth ballot.

The Eisenhower boom caught on at Washington and Lee in 1952 as it did across the nation, and the popular general was a swift fourth ballot choice. When 1956 rolled around, the stage was set for the first Democratic Mock Convention in 24 years. No one foresaw the tragedy that was to make this convention the most dramatic of all.

April 30 that year was unseasonably warm, with the temperature running close to 90 degrees. Doremus Gymnasium, jam-packed with some 1,700 students and spectators, was stuffy and uncomfortable when Sen. Alben W. Barkley stepped to the podium as the convention's temporary chairman and keynote speaker.

He told how he hadn't been planning on going to Chicago that summer for the big convention, but that the spirit of the students had made him change his mind. "The old fire-horse hears the bell," he told wildly cheering delegates.

The convention hall air grew stuffier, and some who were there say Senator Barkley seemed to be hurrying to conclude his remarks. He was recounting his own political experiences.

And then he said: "For I would rather be a servant in the House of the Lord than sit in the seats of the mighty."

A cheer went up from the crowd that died in its throats. For Senator Barkley took one step backward and collapsed, dead of a heart at-

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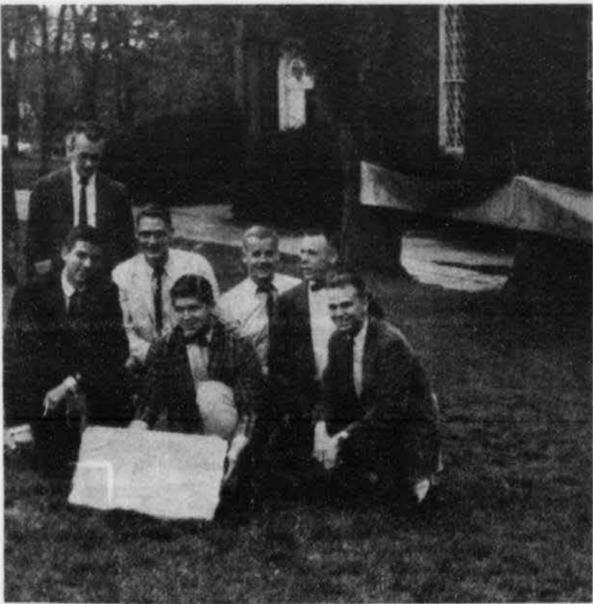
### Parsons Asks Student Help

No matter what happens at the Mock Convention Monday or Tuesday, students and all other university personnel are urged to do nothing to interfere with the activities of press photographers covering the event.

This is advice from Frank Parsons, head of the Washington and Lee News Service, who remembers the 1956 convention when a press photographer was forcibly restrained by students from taking pictures following Senator Alben W. Barkley's death.

As a result, Washington and Lee was deluged with protests from the National Press Photographers' Association and other related organizations. These groups hold that all interference with legitimate press photographers constitutes encroachment on the guarantees of a free press as stated in the first amendment to the United States Constitution.

# Sharlin, Buice Get Nods By Big Clique for Sr. EC



Students Celebrate Grant's Birthday

## Not Even Old Ulysses Is Taken for Granted

By ROGER PAINE

Every year the twenty-seventh day of April passes as just another day of the week, with no special notice given to it. Too many people remain ignorant of the fact that one of America's leading historical figures was born that day—naturally, I refer to Ulysses S. Grant, commander-in-chief of the Army of the Potomac and President of the United States.

Most people tend to dismiss Grant as nothing more than a perpetual drunkard—a man with little intelligence, alleged to be both lazy and without principle. Well, I personally consider these to be very admirable traits. If for nothing else, Grant is surely to be commended for having reached such a high plane of pure lethargy.

### Yankees Emulate Grant

With all the pomp and circumstance which was demonstrated at the birthday of Robert E. Lee, who was a disgustingly capable and temperate man, it seems to me that something should also be done to honor Grant. I felt that I was shiftless and lazy and enough of a drunkard to merit the task of upholding the Grant philosophy of life, and it wasn't long before I found several others who also ascribed to it. It was, therefore, with a great deal more vigor

## Farmer Elected To Head Party

John Farmer, rising Phi Delta Theta senior from Montgomery, Alabama, has been elected head of the University Party in the "big clique" meeting held Wednesday night.

Farmer is a member of the IFC, served as vice president of Spring Dances, is a member of Scabbard and Blade, "13" Club, and Sigma. He has also served as a fraternity officer and as Rush Chairman of his fraternity.

As the new University Party head, Farmer will be in charge of publicity and management of the party's candidates for class offices. He will also represent the party as its official head and take charge of all party clique meetings.

Farmer succeeds Steve Miller, ZBT senior, who occupied the position this year.

## Law Students Are Honored For Services to Law School

Thursday afternoon thirteen members of the Washington and Lee law school were honored in a special assembly for their interest in the law profession and for their service to the law school itself. Each man received a book in recognition of his service.

Those who received the awards were Bill Bath, Frank Bozeman, Bill Abeloff, Tom Bryant, Gerry Smallwood, Bob Shepherd, Bo Bare, George Fralin, John Hills, Hugh White, Bill Ling, Paul Speckman, and Jim Buchholtz.

## Page, McCord Also Named For EC Posts

The University party, fresh from its overwhelming victory in the recent "Big 7" elections, last night established its slate of candidates for the coming class elections in a clique meeting which was presided over by new party chairman John Farmer.

Heading the University party slate are the four nominees for membership on the Executive Committee: Richard Sharlin and Bill Buice representing the rising senior class, Rosewell Page the juniors, and Charles McCord the sophomore class.

**SHARLIN**, a ZBT, is a Dean's List and Honor Roll student, Business Manager of next year's Calyx, a member of the Student Service Society and a fraternity officer. He is also a member of the Publication's Board, Scabbard and Blade, the Fraternity House Managers' Association and the Commerce Fraternity.

**Buice**, an SAE, is vice-president of his fraternity, a member of the IFC, sports editor of the Calyx, and vice president of the White Friars. He has also played varsity basketball for two years and is state chairman of the North Carolina delegation to the Mock Convention.

**Page** also an SAE, is a Dean's List and Honor Roll student, and he won the IFC's "Outstanding Freshman" citation last year. He has played varsity football, baseball and wrestling. He is a member of Phi Eta Sigma, freshman scholastic society, and he has recently been chosen as a freshman dormitory councilor for next year and is editor of the Tuesday Edition of *The Ring-tum Phi*. He is currently serving as president of the sophomore class.

**McCord**, a Beta, is a Dean's List student and a member of the Calyx staff. Athletically, he has played freshman soccer and is a member of the varsity lacrosse squad. He is also a member of the IRC.

**THE UNIVERSITY** party candidates for senior class officers are led by presidential nominee Carter Fox, a KA.

The other University party candidates for senior officers are: Ed Ladd, Beta, for vice president of the commerce school; Darracott Vaughan, Sigma Chi, for vice president of the science school; Ned Olds, SAE, for veep of the liberal arts school; Brian Vitvyl, ZBT, for secretary; and Jack Atwell, PIKA, for Historian.

For President of the Junior Class, the "Big Clique" is running Charlie Commander, a Phi Delt from Jacksonville, Florida.

In other junior class nominations, Bill Ide, a KA, will seek the vice presidency while Jack Vardaman, Sigma Nu, and Grantham Couch, Beta, are running for the posts of secretary and historian, respectively.

From the present freshman class, the following men are seeking posts in sophomore class elections: Tommy Edwards, Phi Kap, who is a member of the freshman football team, varsity track, the Glee Club, IFC, and an Honor Roll student holding membership in Phi Eta sigma; Danny Markstein, ZBT, is running for vice president; Dave Bevans, PIKA, for secretary; and Ham Emory, Phi Kap, is seeking the post of historian.

## AED Initiates 12 at Banquet

Last Monday night the Virginia Beta Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta, honorary national pre-medical society had its annual initiation and banquet. The events were headed by the initiation ceremony in the Student Union at 5:30, followed by a cocktail party at the Mayflower Hotel at 6:00 and a banquet at 6:30.

The speaker at the affair was Dr. William Old, a general surgeon in Lexington, who spoke on the life of a doctor outside of the office. He emphasized hobbies and other avocations which are important in relieving the strain of the medical profession.

Those students who were initiated were Herbert Salomon, Charles Riley, George Hickam, William Moseley, Stephen Chernay, John Bradford, William Dick, Charles Niemeyer, Joseph Goldstein, Clarence Whitehead, Jr., Simon Painter, Jr., and Henry Holland.

## The Ring-tum Phi

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## 'Great Expectations'

The coming week at W&L promises to be one of unprecedented magnitude. Amid the clamor accompanying the 1960 Mock Democratic Convention, the tireless efforts of Chairman McCormick and his steering committee should reap outstanding success.

The distinguished gentleman who will keynote the convention, former President Harry S. Truman, being one of the great statesmen of our century and probably the strongest voice in the Democratic Party today, gives the convention national significance.

To assure the convention's unparalleled success, each student should contribute his time and enthusiasm. The opportunity is ours to enhance the prestige of W&L's Mock Convention and this is only possible through overwhelming student support.

### Letters to the Editor

## Blame Lies With Whole Party

To the Editor:

In the Tuesday edition, Mr. Rowe wrote an editorial entitled "Why?" In reply to Mr. Rowe, I ask an equally interrogative "Why?"—why did you overstep your bounds in making certain accusations which I, as a member of the Independent Party, believe to be without sound foundations?

In making his criticism of the apparent laxity of the Independent Party regarding the past "Big 7" elections, Mr. Rowe seemed to point an accusing finger at one individual upon whom the blame should be placed—Bill Young, Independent Party Chairman. Granted, the Independent Party should be criticized for not having a checker at the polls and for not forcefully seeing to it that all of the Independent Party members exercised their voting "duty." However, I do not believe that Bill Young should be made to bear the brunt of this criticism.

It is the Independent Party itself which is to blame. Perhaps, we candidates are at fault for not campaigning with unbending vigor and enthusiasm and for not marshaling adequate support. Perhaps the officers of the eight Independent fraternities are at fault for not urging strongly enough that their members go to the polls and support our candidates. Perhaps it is the fault of the sixty Independent Party voters who failed

to vote because they were "too busy" or too far above the world of Washington and Lee campus politics.

One thing, however, is certain. The blame cannot be attributed to one man. It is very wrong and uncalled for by Mr. Rowe to make Bill Young the "whipping boy" because the Independent Party did not make a strong enough showing. Through Bill Young's leadership in last year's elections, the Independents put up a vigorous (albeit fruitless) campaign. Because we had this capable leadership, was there any reason that we should "change horses in the middle of the stream?" Moreover, was there anyone else who eagerly volunteered to accept the demanding and not-too-desirable position of party chairman?

Thus, I believe that Mr. Rowe has misconstrued the facts and has made uncalled-for allegations. The Independent Party is open to criticism for not capitalizing on its opportunities during the past elections, but Bill Young does not deserve to be made the scapegoat. The responsibility rested upon the Party en masse.

I hope that this letter will clarify my feelings regarding Tuesday's editorial as well as, I am sure, those of the Independent Party.

Respectfully,  
STEPHEN W. RUTLEDGE

## 'Scholarship or Dollarship'

Dear Sir,

Steeped in the sacred religion of the Honor System which engulfs our souls on this campus, I felt impelled to register my moral dissent at the SWMSF's (for Stocks Which Make Sure Fortunes) latest "business investment" in the light of the recent launching of their corporation. I stand guilty of appointing myself as the Gaddy of the campus for this purpose but I must admit that my thoughts are shared by others similarly situated.

It appears that the Corporation has, under the guise of efficient service, sought to charge \$3.50 for Caps and Gowns. By and by (after the first 10 buyers) business was so brisk that the "directors of the board," after a short open meeting, came to the profitable conclusion that the price ought to be raised to \$5.00. The "directors" thought this was an excellent method of offsetting last year's losses.

It seems not only unethical to penalize this year's graduates for last year's drop in earnings but that the present tab is indeed unreasonable. If we are to assume that SWMSF is providing such an unprecedented favor for us in distributing these robes of distinction, I still question their ALLEGED RIGHT to amass their dividends at my expense. To the best of my knowledge, I have not given them any implied or expressed authority to commit my money to their fat treasury.

As in most corporations during their early days, there was abundant confusion on the part of the members of the board in regard to questions on the sudden change of price, purpose and legitimacy of this "Black Adventure." Their answers were merely confusing, vague, incoherent (they all spoke at once) and uninformative. Fearful of my life, I began to depart the arena of free discussion, when a divine voice kept whispering to me in Greek, "seek ye the chairman and he shall set ye free," whereupon I returned to amphitheater only to find the hefty, Madras-decked "Chairman" of the

Board sipping a soft drink.

The casual-looking Chairman made a few of his usual broad, evasive, and inconsistent statements in a rather boisterous fashion (seems he learned to whisper in a wind-tunnel). Upon strict cross-examination, he

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"broke down" and testified that the Dean of Students gave him express authority to launch his lucrative enterprise; (with the attendant approval of \$500 per share) a fact which the Dean did not know of and has not known of. This is, of course, a violation of SEC rules and may subject the corporation to ouster from the Buena Vista Stock Exchange.

Presently the wealthy-looking Chairman left me rather hurriedly but not before he cast a few scurrilous epithets which "gentlemen" are prone to address one another in an atmosphere of heated cordiality.

In the last analysis, no one will question the SWMSF's rightful mission on earth, but I can find no ethical or legal justification for them to charge more than the necessary expenses incurred in providing the seniors with caps and gowns. By all rightful standards, contributions should be voluntary and not forced under the cloak of benevolent service.

Traditionally, it has been generally understood by the various charitable organizations that their existence is due solely to volunteer contributions and therefore, a realistic appraisal of the SWMSF's basic plan offends recognized standards of business conduct. To my mind, officers who indulge in these practices lose their own self respect, undermine student confidence, and bring disrepute on the organization they apparently represent.

In closing, may I ask that if the "Board of Directors" believed so fervently in their noble purpose and scheme, why have they not paid like all of us other "volunteers"???

GEORGE E. ANTHOU

## Pity the Poor High School Lad In SIPA Swirl

by hugo hoogenboom

S.I.P.A. is here for its annual visitation, much to the delight, I imagine, of lonely freshmen and sophomores. Even the older men enjoy the charming sight of bright-dressed pretty girls fluttering about the campus like so many butterflies. But few people give any thought to the plight of the boy-delegate who is forgotten by the girls who prefer the glamor of college men and completely overlooked by the students.

At any rate, for three days, Washington and Lee becomes a high school campus, which many of us, for a variety of reasons, probably enjoy.

### Life Looks at Albert Swanson

**YOU CAN BET** that, back in 1790, when the country was much simpler than it is now, people didn't bother about penicillin allergies. We doubt that anyone even thought about penicillin. But this is just one of the many problems facing Albert Swanson this week.

In fact, Albert Swanson is going to be pretty interesting this week. He just bought a new madras jacket, and he is very pleased with it. We think it is just about the best cover ALBERT SWANSON has ever had. Next week, ALBERT SWANSON will be at the mock convention, and the curious anomaly is that he will be the only delegate without a vote. In the meantime, why don't you go buy a copy of ALBERT SWANSON? He is available at all the better beer joints in town. Come to think of it, why don't you take out a subscription to him? This way, you'll be filled in on all the interesting things that happen every week.

**I TRIED** to watch the Jack Paar show a few nights ago because it had been announced that Jonathan Winters was to be on. A woman called Arlene Francis was taking Paar's place, and did so very effectively, starting with an extremely dull recital of the origin of New York names and degenerating from that peak. After a succession of guests had traded banalities with Miss Francis, Winters finally came on, and, true to form, Miss Francis managed to step on every funny line this extraordinarily funny man said. It seems to me that the Jack Paar show is a vehicle for minor celebrities to spew out their mental debris for the benefit of the viewers (most of whom, I understand, watch in bed). I am sympathetic to Jack Paar in a few of his causes, however. The treatment he gets in weekly magazines serves to illustrate the snide quality of their reporting, and I can't blame him for attacking them. Dorothy Kilgallen is one of the most obnoxious women in the public eye, although her lack of chin probably has nothing to do with it.

But to hear Jack Paar, a man of little brain, lecture on world affairs, tell people how nice he is, and talk, talk, talk is rough on the liver. He is, in the main, a purveyor of bland, inconsequential commonplaces, or, in short, banal.

**NOTICE**  
The Dean of the University has called attention to the fact that students will only be required to attend two of the three Tuesday sessions of the Mock Convention. There are no restrictions placed upon the Monday session because of the interest of the students.

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# Polo Comes Back To Lexington

## VMI Revives a Colorful Sport

By STEVE GUILD

One of the more unusual sports has been revived in the Lexington area by the cadets at VMI. A polo team has been formed at the school under the leadership of third classman Cadet Pete Pattersall and several others.

Polo was played at VMI for about twenty years until, in 1948, the Army retired the services of its horses which were used in the games. The sport died out and was forgotten until Pattersall took an interest in the game and wanted to revive it at the Institute.

The first problem was where to obtain the polo ponies. Through the cooperation of friends and alumni several ponies were given to the school and the remaining number were borrowed from a horse dealer in Staunton.

The school's only competitor this year has been the University of Virginia, which has been playing for about six years. A large number of the UVA. participants are alumni who still have an active interest in polo.

The Keydets' first encounter here in Lexington was last Saturday when they played UVA. According to Pattersall the interest on the campus is quite high, although the attendance at the game Saturday was dampened a bit by the cadets' dance weekend with the Dukes of Dixie-land.

The team now consists of 24 mem-

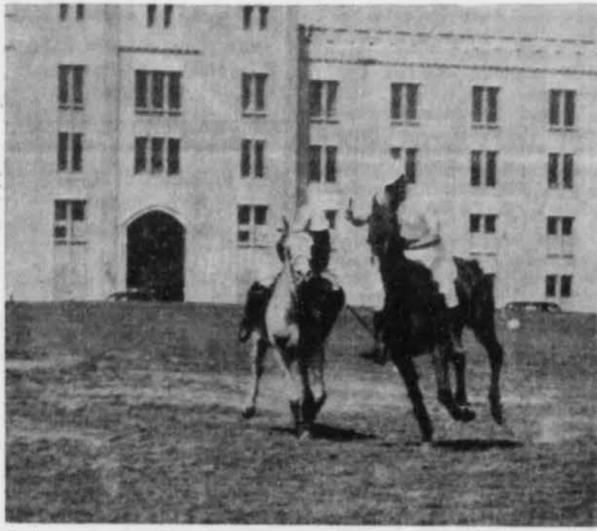
bers, although only eight of them participate. Four of the members are now ready for competition and the remainder of the team members are now practicing or are starting at the bottom as stable boys to gain experience.

The VMI polo team's mainstay this year has been Dr. Herb Jones from Charlottesville. Dr. Jones also coaches the University of Virginia, but Pattersall said that the feeling between the two teams was quite good. The members spent their spring vacation this year at UVA. getting in some concentrated practice and fundamental points.

The only other school in this area which has a polo team is Georgetown. However, Pattersall hopes that enough interest can be stirred up in the area and, perhaps, competition can be held on a triangular scale with W&L.

Since polo is primarily an Ivy League sport as far as colleges are concerned, the Institute is trying to arrange a schedule for next year which will include Harvard, Cornell, Yale, Princeton, and others. However, the main problem is that VMI does not have enough ponies to furnish the opposing school which would play in Lexington. Pattersall felt, though, that they will be able to get about twenty by next fall.

The polo team's next game will be on Monday, May 14 on VMI's parade ground. All W&L students are invited to attend the match



A close action shot from the recent UVA.-VMI polo match held on the VMI parade ground.

## Lacrossemen To Challenge Hopkins Here

This Saturday afternoon Washington and Lee's lacrosse team plays Johns Hopkins University at 2:30 p.m. on Wilson Field.

The Generals, fresh from two victories in the Carolinas, will be facing the nation's defending champion. Hopkins was involved in a triple tie with Maryland and Army for the championship last year.

The W&L squad bowed to Hopkins last year by a score of 22-1. However, two years ago the Generals gave Hopkins an extremely tough time only to lose in the last period, 14-11.

The Hopkins team has three candidates for All-American honors. Attackman Jerry Schmidt, midfielder Henry Ciccarone, and defenseman John McNealy are the Hopkins standouts.

W&L's squad will be hampered by injuries incurred last weekend. Walt Toy and Tom Andrew will probably not see action this Saturday. Toy has a back injury and not been able to practice this week, and Andrew is suffering from a pulled muscle.

Coach Bob McHenry plans to shift his line-up slightly to compensate for the injuries. He will move Ray Miller to second midfielder and keep Ray Gordon at attackman. Although not completely pleased with practice sessions this week, McHenry hopes that the team will be able to give Hopkins a good game Saturday.

## Baseball Team Wins Its First Game, 2 to 1

Breaking a 12-game losing streak, the Washington and Lee baseball team defeated Lynchburg College last Tuesday afternoon, 2-1, for the first victory of the season. Good hitting on the part of Jack Daughtrey and Roy Carpenter and fine pitching by Phil Sharp were part of the reason for the day's success.

Starting pitcher for the Generals was Sharp who continued until the 7th when he was relieved by Jack Daughtrey. During his stand on the mound, Sharp only gave up one run which was Lynchburg's homer by their second baseman. Daughtrey pitched the rest of the game and gave up no additional runs to the Lynchburg nine.

The Generals main strength lay in the long ball and faultless record in the infield. Both of W&L's scores were made by home runs of Daughtrey and Carpenter. The best infield performance was Mike Monier's excellent first base play.

Coach Joe Lyles was very pleased with the team's showing Tuesday and felt that this was the turning of the tide. He commented that "the rest of the games that we play should come easier now that we have a victory under our belts."

## Netmen Face Roanoke, Richmond

With a win-loss record of 4-2, the Washington and Lee tennis team faces its next three opponents with high expectations of increasing the record to 7-2. With such mainstays as McWilliams, Detering, and Hubbard the team has steadily improved from its slow start this year.

For the fourth straight match, though, the principal stalwart of the team has not been able to participate. Charles Bowie upon whom Coach Bill Washburn was banking for strengthening this year's team has had a shoulder ailment the last three or four weeks. As of yet the medical office has not said whether Bowie can start playing again or whether he will be out the rest of the season.

The team's next two matches are with Roanoke today and Richmond Saturday. The match which was to be played with Randolph-Macon Tuesday has been postponed because of the Mock Convention.

Last year's netmen beat both Roanoke and Richmond, 9-0, and basing his opinion on last year's showing and this year's team Coach Washburn said that "we shouldn't have any real trouble with these teams."

The freshman team, Washburn said has not had any real chance to show itself this year. They have had only two matches which were with VES and Woodbury Forest. The first was below the standard which we play and Forest was above the standard, being one of the strongest teams in Virginia. As of now W&L's record stands at 1-1. However, Washburn was quick to point out that the team has many possibilities for the makeup of next year's varsity.

## Track Team Defeats Hornets; Rohnke Competes In Penn Relays

Washington and Lee's undefeated track team ran its streak to six straight Tuesday afternoon by downing Lynchburg College in convincing style, 81 2/3-53 1/3.

Jim Hickey and Jim Parker were double winners for the Generals. Hickey took first in the 100 yard dash and the 220 yard dash while Parker won the high jump and tied with Ed Meyers for first in the pole vault. Hickey turned in two of his best times of the season with a 9.9 in the 100 and a 22.4 in the 220.

Other winners for the Generals were Mike Shank in the mile, Ken Kowalski in the hop-step-jump, Jack Blakeslee in the 440, Tom Edwards in the broad jump, Chip Day in the discus, and Captain Skip Rohnke in the javelin.

The meet was never close. The Generals swept three events which established a lead that the Hornets could not match. The clean sweeps came in the 440, pole vault and broad jump.

Lynchburg had individual stars in Earl Himmelleber and Barry Barnes. Himmelleber won the shot put with a fine toss of 46' 8" to defeat W&L's Dave Monroe, and placed second in the discus behind Chip Day. Barnes was a double winner, taking both hurdle events. He was followed by J. J. Smith in the high hurdles and Al Corwin in the low hurdles.

This weekend W&L will send two entries to the Pennsylvania Relays to be held in Philadelphia. Skip Rohnke will throw the jave-

lin and a mile relay team including Jim Hickey, Fred Nelson, Tab Bunkley, and Jack Blakeslee will run in the college division, mile relay. Rohnke placed second in the college division javelin throw last year.

The team winds up dual meet competition next Wednesday afternoon with a meet against Randolph-Macon here. Last year the Generals had little trouble defeating the Yellow Jackets.

The 1960 Track finale will come on May 7 with the state meet in Lynchburg. W&L will be one of 12 state schools entered in the meet which already has a total of 453 individual participants entered. Coach Norm Lord has full freshman and varsity teams entered and feels that if the teams perform up to par, W&L men will do well in the meet. Anyone interested in tickets for the meet can purchase them from members of the track team.

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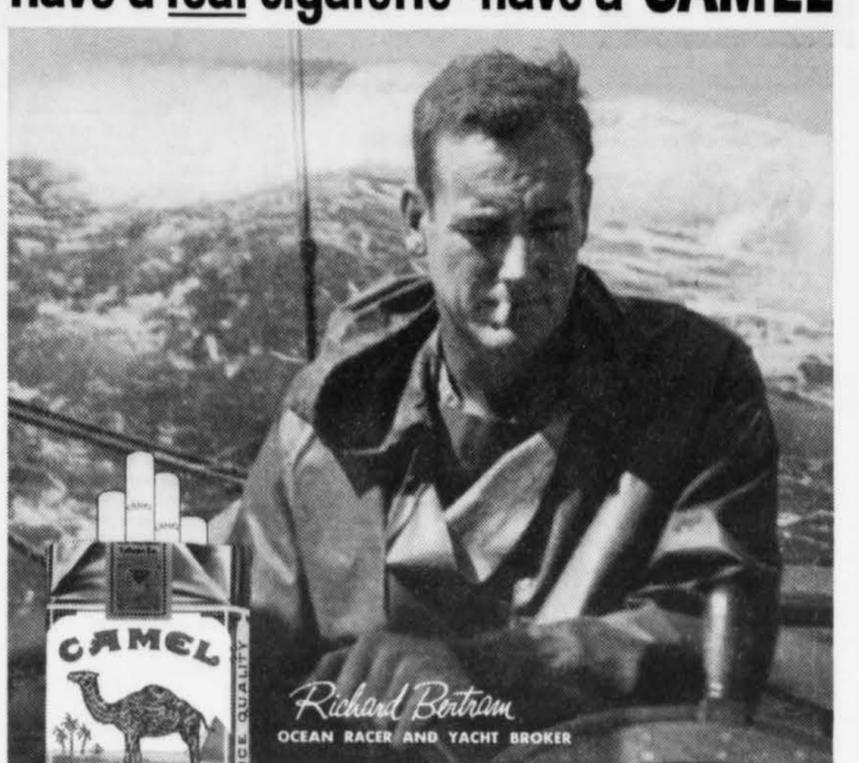
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# SWMSFC Replies To Charges

To the Editor of the Friday Edition:

There has been a great deal of criticism on the Washington and Lee campus in the past week concerning the Student War Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee's sale of caps and gowns to graduating seniors. We should like to clarify the several matters that seem to be in question.

The Student War Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee is authorized by the Executive Committee of the student body to handle cap and gown sales. This authorization was presented to SWMSFC because the Executive Committee felt it best to let an organization with a worthwhile purpose receive the annual profits from these sales.

The Committee was established for the purpose of raising funds for scholarships to be presented in memory of the men who died while defending their country in World War II. Through profits received from the sale of class rings, sponsorship of the Corn Bowl, and presentation of the annual Spring Musical, SWMSFC was able to amass ten thousand dollars. This money was invested by W&L, and the interest received each year from this money will keep a boy at W&L (under full scholarship) for as long as our investments bring in revenue (forever, we hope).

The Committee is now in the process of raising money for our second scholarship. We have collected over five thousand dollars. Profits from this year's cap and gown sales and the continued support of the student body are necessary if we are to reach our goal.

The recent criticisms of several members of the student body concerned the price the Committee asked for each cap and gown. It has always been our policy to give, upon request, the wholesale price of any article which we handle for profit. In accordance with this policy, we would like to publish our prices for each cap and gown. We pay three dollars for each cap and gown rental, plus tassel. We rent each cap and gown for five dollars.

Several seniors were disturbed because a rumor developed that a few students paid a rental fee of only \$3.50. Several caps and gowns were rented for \$3.50, due entirely to misinformation on the part of one of the members of the Committee. The

members of the Senior Class who purchased the caps and gowns at the lower price have been contacted and have paid the dollar and a half they owed the Committee. We apologize for this mistake.

Last year SWMSFC handled the rental of garments. Due to the fact that a number of seniors damaged or failed to return their garments, we suffered a ninety dollar loss. Although we aren't trying to make up for last year's loss, we have found it necessary to raise our rental prices to prepare for any loss which we might incur this year.

The Committee is performing a service for the seniors by making the contact with cap and gown distributor, taking the measurements required, placing the orders, distributing the caps and gowns prior to graduation, and collecting them afterwards. We do not feel that the small amount we are asking the seniors to pay above the retail price is too much to ask for this service.

Thus far we have taken in \$876.75 for caps and gowns. We hope to make a two hundred dollar profit on this year's sales. In the near future there will be two students on our campus because of SWMSFC's scholarships. We thank the students for making our dream possible, and we hope they will continue to support the Committee in the years to come.

CHARLES BUFFUM,  
Chairman, 59-60  
DAVE LEFKOWITZ,  
Chairman, 60-61

# Death Mars '56 Convention

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tack.

It was Senator Barkley's widow who insisted the convention not be suspended permanently. "You have unfinished business," Mrs. Barkley told convention chairman Carl D. Swanson.

A week later, the delegates reconvened, managed to recapture some of the old enthusiasm, and proceeded to nominate Adlai Stevenson on the fifth ballot, again a correct choice for the Democrats.

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## A GUIDE FOR THE LOVELESS

Gentlemen, take warning. June is almost upon us—June, the month of brides. Have you got yours yet? If not, don't despair. You don't have to be rich or handsome to get a girl. All you have to be is kind, considerate, thoughtful, and obliging—in short, a gentleman.

For example, don't ever call a girl for a date at the last minute. Always give her plenty of advance notice—like three months for a coke date, six months for a movie, a year for a prom, two years for a public execution. This shows the girl that she is not your second or third choice and also gives her ample time to select her costume.

And when you ask for a date, do it with a bit of Old World gallantry. A poem, for instance, is always sure to please a young lady, like this:

*I think you're cute,  
Daphne La France.  
I'll put on a suit,  
And take you to a dance.*

In the unlikely event that you don't know any girls named Daphne La France, try this:

*I think you're cute,  
Winifred Jopp.  
I'll put on a suit,  
And take you to a hop.*

In the extremely unlikely event that you don't know a Winifred Jopp either, try this:

*I think you're cute,  
Isabel Prall.  
I'll put on a suit,  
And take you to a ball.*



If there is no Isabel Prall, Winifred Jopp, or Daphne La France on your campus, it is quite obvious why you've had trouble finding dates all year: you've enrolled in an all-male school, you old silly!

Next let us take up the question of etiquette once you are out on a date with Isabel, Winifred, or Daphne. The first thing you do, naturally, is to offer the young lady a Marlboro. Be sure, however, to offer her an *entire* Marlboro—not just a Marlboro butt. Marlboro butts are good of course, but whole Marlbos are better. You get an extra inch or two of fine flavorful tobacco—and I mean flavorful. Do you think flavor went out when filters came in? Well, you've got a happy surprise coming when you light a Marlboro. This one really delivers the goods on flavor, and when you hand Isabel, Winifred, or Daphne a whole, complete, brand-new Marlboro, she will know how highly you regard and respect her, and she will grow misty and weak with gratitude, which is very important when you take her out to dinner, because the only kind of coed a college man can afford to feed is a weak and misty coed. Latest statistics show that a coed in a normal condition eats one and a half times her own weight every twelve hours.

At the end of your date with Isabel, Winifred, or Daphne, make certain to get her home by curfew time. That is gentlemanly. Do not leave her at a bus stop. That is rude. Deliver her right to her door and, if possible, stop the car when you are dropping her off.

The next day send a little thank-you note. A poem is best. Like this:

*For a wonderful evening, many thanks,  
Isabel, Winifred, or Daphne.  
I'll take you out for some more merry pranks  
Next Saturday if you'll haph me.* © 1960 Max Shulman

*We can't give you rhyme but we'll give you good reason why you'll enjoy Marlboro and Marlboro's unfiltered companion cigarette, Philip Morris. One word says it all: flavor.*

# Harvey Allen Looks at LIFE



the dorm, after the switchboard closes? It works!

Anybody that's absolutely desperate for a gimmick to attract droves of people to a house party might check LIFE's article and pictures of the 12-foot anaconda snake, which has become the hit of at least one cocktail party in New Hope, Pennsylvania.

The snake wouldn't really be any trouble at all, especially if you got him just after he'd been fed. You'd want to know if he had or had not, or how soon he was due to eat again. The reason I say that is that his owners, twice a month, feed him a whole chicken, which he swallows, feathers and all.

A few other things you might like to know, before contacting his owners, are that he is nonpoisonous, though a water snake cousin to the deadly boa, strangles animals that he eats, and is "relatively harmless to humans." Just how relative though? His owners advise not treating him like "a big, friendly dog." Remember he's still a 12-foot snake called Adam.

Doubtless many of us know seniors planning to get married or engaged, soon after graduation in June. Don't lose sight of that other big wedding that's coming up soon too, Princess Margaret's.

If you want a real shock, just check what are taken to be hints of some of the new British styles that probably will be part of her trousseau.

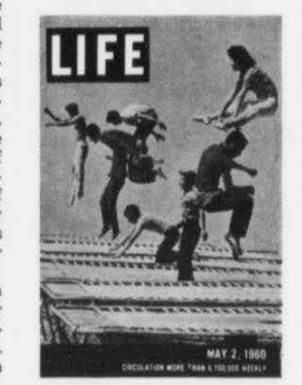
Ordinarily, we wouldn't direct attention to such things, but some of these dresses and things are really frightening. In particular, the "splashy prints." They don't just splash, they make a tidal wave.

One good thing for us, these most modern styles don't usually make it to the rank and file women of the world, so we'll possibly never see one, except on the pages of a magazine. There are even equally amazing hats, to go with these latest creations.

Glancing through the section depicting various statues and places in France, telling a picture story of that country's history, we were reminded of the burst of activity and spirit that fills the entire quad of the freshman dorm, every spring.

One particular statue recalls this, that on page 23, of the 1809 Grenadier raising his arms and rifle high above his head, and shouting. Shouting, water bombs, and loud hi-fis and stereos, make the complete picture of the freshman quad, just after dinner, in the new commons, that they know and love so much.

This gives you a rough idea of this week's LIFE. Better check the pictures of the rioting by the university students in Korea and the nomination of Al Smith, at the Democratic Convention, while you're flipping the pages of this LIFE.



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