

Stephenson Foresees Great Social Week For Spring Dances

Set Leader Stephenson Looks For Crowd Of 1,200 In Gym

Two-Day Set With James And Goodman Will Fea- ture Spring Motif

A brilliant round of social events was forecast for the coming dance week-end today as Cotillion club president Steve Stephenson announced final plans for the spring dances this Friday and Saturday.

Approximately 1200 people are expected to crowd Doremus gymnasium for the dances which will climax an intense political week on the campus.

The two-day set will feature the music of Harry James and Benny Goodman with Goodman providing a novel feature with a special concert and tea dance on Saturday afternoon at five.

Private Parties Planned

In addition to the regular university dances, Stephenson said that a number of individuals had told him they were having small private parties. Each of the nineteen fraternities were also expected to entertain large groups during the two days of festivities.

The set will feature a spring motif which has been designed by Fred Lynch of Philadelphia. Lynch was the designer of the Williamsburg ballroom at the Fancy Dress ball, and has provided most of the decorations at recent Washington and Lee dances.

Opening dance in the set will be the "13" club formal on Friday night. The joint concert and tea dance on Saturday afternoon will be sponsored by Phi Gamma Delta fraternity while the Cotillion club will hold its annual spring formal on Saturday night.

Approximately 450 subscriptions were sold to the dances, Stephenson said today, despite the track team trip to Richmond and lacrosse trip to Swarthmore. The president said that this establishes an all-time high for subscriptions to a Cotillion club dance.

Dance Regulations Stressed

The dance committee also reminded students today of regulations in effect at the set in respect to checking, parking of cars, visitors, and smoking.

All students will be asked to go up the stairs at the office end of the gymnasium and exit from the gymnasium at the pool end of the gymnasium when descending from the balcony.

Regulations on parking will also be enforced and any cars found within prohibited areas will be hauled away at the owner's expense. Taxis will load at both doors of the gymnasium to facilitate the handling of the crowds expected.

No outsiders will be admitted to the dance without being vouched for by some member of the student body, who assumes responsibility for their conduct.

Walls, Moseley, Dr. Stow Will Judge Photo Exhibit

Dr. M. H. Stow and F. S. Walls of the Washington and Lee faculty, and Colonel T. A. E. Moseley of the VMI faculty have been selected as the judging committee for the annual spring photo salon sponsored by the Camera club.

The salon goes on exhibit Friday, April 21, and will continue throughout the following week.

All pictures must be in by Thursday night at the time of the regular meeting. They must be mounted on regulation cardboard backs all ready to be classified.

The regular meeting of the club will be held Thursday night at 7:15 in the Journalism library. The pictures will be discussed and classified for the salon.

Physics Club Meeting

Last Friday night at the meeting of the McCormick Physics society lectures and demonstrations were given by Gardiner Derr and W. J. Cronin.

Derr, who is a senior student in chemistry, spoke on "Dipole Moments," with a discussion of the experimental methods of their measurement.

Advanced Reporting Class To Edit Rockbridge News

Members of the advanced reporting class under the direction of Professor R. P. Carter will edit the weekly Rockbridge County News this week.

The class will have complete charge of the editorial department of the paper, writing all news, editorials, and features that appear in the edition. The paper will retain its own staff to handle the advertising and printing.

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Taylor, Szymanski Nominated For Student Body Presidency

Avery Chosen For President Of Convention

New Chairman Emphasizes Executive Committee Rulings

By HAMILTON HERTZ
The convention was called to order by Vaughan Beale, president of the student body, at 2 o'clock, with approximately 130 delegates answering the roll call.

Hugh Avery and Bob Watt were nominated for permanent chairman of the convention, and Bill Brown moved to close the nomination.

Avery, a Lambda Chi, was overwhelmingly elected chairman of the convention by a standing vote. Delegates were sworn in by Avery, before nomination were called for.

Less than half of the delegates returned to the convention after a fifteen minute intermission. Convention officials attributed the exodus of the delegates to the lack of "interest and fireworks" in the nominations.

The regulations for campaigning and election in full, emphasized by chairman Hugh Avery are as follows:

"No candidate shall spend more than 25 dollars for electioneering means or materials. This maximum includes expenditures by candidate's friends.

"Each candidate must submit two statements of all expenditures to the executive committee . . . the first of these statements to be presented to the committee not later than 6 p. m. on the day before the election, and the second and final statement to be presented by 9 a. m. the day of the election.

"The use of intoxicating liquors as a means of soliciting votes is absolutely prohibited, and any violation will disqualify the candidate."

Polls Open At 8:30

The polls on election day will open at 8:30 a. m. and will close at 3:00 p. m. Voting will take place in the Student Union building.

Hal Kemp To Play Two Nights For VMI Finals

Hal Kemp and his orchestra will provide dance music for the last two dances in VMI's Finals set on Monday and Tuesday, June 12-13. No band has been signed as yet for the first dance on Saturday night.

Announcement that Kemp had been signed was made at the dance Saturday night. Finals will mark Hal's third set at VMI and his eighth appearance in Lexington in the past four years.



Al Szymanski—nominated to oppose Taylor for presidency of student body by Dick Southworth; second by Schriver.

Nine-Fraternity Alignment Seen By Commentator

By ART BUCK, JR.
What looks like an alignment sought in effect at the convention today. Here, briefly, is an interesting sidelight on the situation. Nine houses are in complete control of the coming elections. These are Beta, SAE, Phi Delta, Phi Gam, Phi Kap, ATO, PIKA, DU, and the Deltas.

Out of the seven major offices sought in the convention the winners, with one exception came from the following houses: ATO, Delta, DU, PIKA, Phi Kap, Pi Phi, and Phi Gam. The seven nominations came from Beta, ATO, Phi Kap, DU, SAE, PIKA and ATO.

Out of twenty-five seconding speeches made for these men eighteen were from the above listed houses. The tie up is quite obvious and if anyone is surprised at any of these men getting beaten it will be us.

Another point of interest in the convention is the fact that in Al Szymanski's case all of his house's delegates voted against him. That may be explained by the fact that Ronnie Thompson was later elected president of the athletic council and that a couple of the younger men in his house, Vanderwater and Searfoss, to be exact, are looking forward to class offices under the direction of the hand of destiny.

The Deltas and non-fraternity boys played it rather smooth, taking little or no part in any of the proceedings except where there were unopposed candidates. Other than that, and seeing that the ed and make-up boys (smells like Moses) left us no room we vacate . . . probably for good.

Bobby Hobson Is Unopposed For Finals Job

Jack Watson Coasts To Fancy Dress Post By Acclamation

Receiving 129 of 130 of the votes of the nominating convention, Bobby Hobson was nominated without opposition to run in the student body elections for the presidency of Finals.

Bill Saunders launched the nominations for president of Finals, when he called upon the delegates to support Bobby Hobson as nominee for the office.

After five speeches urging the nomination of Jack Watson as candidate for the president of Fancy Dress had been given, convention delegates nominated Watson by a vote of acclamation.

The president of the junior class was the first man to be nominated by acclamation in the afternoon's voting.

Digging up past history of their early school days life, Bill Brown described Hobson's qualifications for the position.

"There is sincerity in everything he does," Brown said, "and enthusiasm in anything he undertakes." Hobson's nomination was seconded by Baldwin, Sigvartsen, and Fielden Woodward, speaking from the floor.

A motion to nominate Hobson by acclamation, made by Hugh Thompson, was blocked by Leonard DeVita in a last-minute opposition vote.

De Vita Blocks Motion For Acclamation Move

De Vita appealed to the delegates to "nominate a second man and let the student body choose the next president of finals." There was no opposing vote cast in the roll call, but Hobson was not officially nominated by acclamation.

Speaking before the convention for the third time this afternoon, Bill Brown opened the nomination speeches supporting Jack Watson, president of the Junior class, for president of Fancy Dress.

Brown described Watson as "one grand fellow who is not affiliated with any political group on the campus."

Watson's nomination was supported by a second from Reid Brodie, who asked the delegates to nominate "one of the best presidents of Fancy Dress this school will ever have, namely, Jack Watson."

Also speaking in favor of the Watson nomination were Kelley Litteral, Tom Moses, Charlie Chapman, and Johnny Hawkins.

Three candidacies for positions on the athletic council were filled by votes of acclamation of convention delegates. Ronnie Thompson was nominated to run for the presidency unopposed, while Bill Whaley and Bob Gary were named for the vice-presidency and secretaryship, respectively.

Bob Gary was swept into the candidacy for secretary on the acclamation vote wave, which washed out opposition in several major office elections this afternoon.

Gary was nominated by Tom Bradley, with Emory Cox placing a second to the nomination before the acclamation vote was asked.

One of the few office nominations to show a spark of competition was that of member-at-large to the council. In the final vote, Sidney Lewis led the field with 85, which Jimmie Humphrey and Charlie Curl polled 67 and 66 vote, respectively.

Lewis, Humphrey, and Curl will fight it out in the school election on Thursday, in which two will be elected members-at-large.

Ray Russell and Eljam Hogue were supported by convention delegates as nominees for the cheerleader post. Russell drew 57 votes while Hogue amassed 47. The names of both men will be placed on the official ballot.



Cecil Taylor—nominated, as expected, for presidency of student body by Tom Moses; seconds by Brown, Ragon, Arnold, Bradley.

Troubs Refuse To Stop Show

Tennant Denounces 'Loyal American' As Production Reaches Opening

In an outspoken statement to The Ring-tum Phi today, Tom Tennant, president of the Troubadours, denounced the "Loyal American" who wrote in to the editor last Friday requesting the dramatic club to voluntarily withdraw their play from production. The writer accused the Troubadours of presenting "propaganda."

Tennant declared that whoever the author of the letter might be, he was guilty of the worst kind of misstatements and indiscretions. This play, he pointed out, "was presented in New York city by professional casts with remarkable success. It has been produced by college groups all over the country, and has been unanimously praised. We intend to present it on the Washington and Lee campus, whether the Dies committee, Adolf Hitler and the 'Loyal American' like it or not."

Follow Student Opinion

Members of the Troubadour organization, he added, will base this and all future productions on their reception by the students. "Our aim," he said, "is to give the students the best entertainment we are capable of. It will be up to those who see the play to decide whether or not it is propaganda, and if the production was worthwhile."

The play which has been the object of this discussion is "Squaring the Circle," by Valentine Kataev. First produced in Moscow in 1927, it was a hit from the start. It has had two separate runs on Broadway, and also has been played by several road units.

Its theme is the trials and tribulations which happen to two roommates in a single room in a Russian co-operative apartment when they both come home with wives. The difficulties are said to be settled in accordance with good communist ethics.

Play Opens Wednesday

Production of the play will be Wednesday and Thursday nights of this week in the Troubadour theatre on Main street. Curtain time has been set for eight o'clock.

The setting for the play represents the dirty drab room in which Vasya and Abram live. Artisticly supplied by designer Ken Moxley with cracks, dirt, cobwebs and dust, it is in direct contrast to the beautiful sets which were designed by Moxley for previous Troubadour performances, but is said to be just as effective for its purpose.

As usual, Tom Tennant will direct the cast, which includes many veterans of Troubadour shows. Johnny Alnutt and James Faulkner play the leading male roles of Abram and Vasya, respectively, the roommates. Dolly Burks and Esten Cooke have the feminine leads, the former playing the kittenish Ludmilla, wife of Vasya, and the

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Vice-Presidency Candidates Are Reinartz, Read

Jack Jones Is Eliminated In Balloting After Nomina- tion By McCorkle

Cecil Wood Taylor, freshman law student from Lynchburg, Virginia, was nominated today as candidate for the president of the student body of Washington and Lee by an overwhelming majority vote of the delegates meeting in Doremus gymnasium for the annual nominating convention. Al Szymanski was nominated to oppose Taylor in the regular elections.

Taylor received 114 votes for nomination as against 16 cast for Szymanski.

Jack Jones was eliminated from the vice-presidency race when convention delegates cast 68 votes for Reinartz and 35 for Bill Read as against 28 for Jones. An election ruling of the executive committee allows only the names of two candidates to appear on the ballot, a fact which Chairman Avery pointed out earlier in the afternoon.

In the much discussed secretaryship nominations, Louis Plummer polled 66 of the delegates' votes as against 64 cast for George Melville, Plummer, a last minute candidate in the race, will oppose Melville in Thursday's elections.

Tom Moses opened the convention's nominations when he outlined the qualifications of Cecil Taylor, president of Alpha Tau Omega, for president of the student body. Moses asked the delegates "to prevent the presidency from deteriorating to a stagnant office."

Brown Seconds Taylor

The seconding speech for Taylor brought Bill Brown to the speakers' platform. Brown saw Taylor exemplifying "the living spirit of the 1939 Washington and Lee campus."

Rallying to Taylor's nomination was Heartsill Ragon, who repeated the history and background of the candidate during his college career.

Tom Bradley followed Ragon to the speakers' stand, adding his second, while Bob Arnold gave another rousing second to Taylor's nomination.

Recalling the regime of "the old clique," Dick Southworth introduced the nomination of Al Szymanski to the convention. Szymanski, he said, had no other platform than to "continue the work for campus reforms."

Bud Schriver, non-fraternity senior, added his support to the Szymanski nomination, "echoing Southworth's sentiments" as to the qualifications and suitability of the former football star.

The ballot carries the names of Taylor and Szymanski as candidates for the presidency, Avery said.

Homer Weidman opened the nominations for the vice-presidency by pointing out the importance of the office and submitting Bill Read for nomination, saying he was "uniquely qualified to fulfill the requirements of the position."

Urging delegates not to make "the job fit the man," Hugh Thompson urged delegates to nominate Read, "a man to fit the job." Also supporting Read's nomination was George Foote.

Fielden Woodward, president of ODK, was recognized by the chairman to nominate Leo Reinartz for the vice-presidency. Describing the political burial that usually comes to vice-presidents, Woodward assured the convention that "like Theodore Roosevelt, Leo Reinartz will be heard from again." Adding seconds to the Reinartz nomination were Grover Baldwin, Chip Robinson, and Chris Keller.

Sam McCorkle placed a third candidate in the vice-presidency race when he named Jack Jones for the office. Approximately the subject from a humorous point, McCorkle urged the delegates "to get behind" Jones. Johnny Dill sec-

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Official Convention Vote	
PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT BODY	
Cecil Taylor* 114	Al Szymanski* 16
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT BODY	
Leo Reinartz* 68	Bill Read* 35
Jack Jones 28	
SECRETARY OF THE STUDENT BODY	
Lou Plummer* 66	George Melville* 64
PRESIDENT OF FINALS	
Bobby Hobson* 129	
PRESIDENT OF FANCY DRESS	
Jack Watson* 130	
CHEER LEADER	
Ray Russell* 57	Lige Hogge* 47
PRESIDENT OF ATHLETIC COUNCIL	
Ronnie Thompson* 130	
VICE-PRESIDENT OF ATHLETIC COUNCIL	
Bill Whaley* 130	
SECRETARY OF ATHLETIC COUNCIL	
Bob Gary* 130	
MEMBERS-AT-LARGE ATHLETIC COUNCIL	
Syd Lewis* 85	Jimmie Humphrey* 67
Charlie Curl* 66	

All men marked (*) are nominated by the convention to participate in the general election Thursday.

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TURN OUT AND VOTE

As this paper goes to press, men will have been nominated for eleven of the campus' most important student positions. In some cases the nominations were hotly contested, in others only one candidate rose to bid for the jobs offered.

It is definitely too late to comment on the numbers of those who attempted to gain nomination and it is just as definitely not the policy of this paper to take sides for one candidate or another, but it is time for a sharp warning to political leaders to conduct their campaigns in accordance with the provisions of the student constitution and also to encourage the entire student body to vote in the election on Thursday.

Suffrage is the most certain guarantee that students possess for the protection of democratic institutions. The exercise of that privilege is a duty which every student should make whether he favors any or all of the candidates who have been nominated.

We do not know at this writing who will be the candidates for office in Thursday's elections but we are hopeful that the students will enthusiastically go to the polls on Thursday to mark their choice of student body officers. Last year 96 per cent voted. There is no reason why this year should not be as good.

COLLEGE WAR JITTERS

While news from Europe brings word of impending war between the totalitarian and democratic states, America's million college students are stirred with the most serious case of war jitters in twenty years as they wonder if and when they must lay themselves as sacrifice on the altar of an insatiable Mars.

Even at Washington and Lee, where men are given to absorb modern ideas by degrees rather than at a gulp, ears are nightly tuned to word from Europe—wondering if Hitler's newest grab will be the last straw, if Britain will finally stop accepting the territorial aggrandizement of the dictators, if France will decide she had better act now or never, if Mussolini will try to cut the British life-line in the Mediterranean.

As the men who must fight if war should come to America, it is only natural that men here should be keenly aware of conditions which very possibly could lead America to war. But is war jitters the best reaction that college students can have to

European threats to American peace? Frankly we cannot feel that this reaction can lead to anything but war. Men who think of war and who are only separated from it by the thought of how long they can stay out are easily influenced into an attitude demanding war. What the college students of America need today is a determination to keep America out of foreign war by a willingness to make the sacrifice demanded of economic as well as political isolation.

Unfortunately our national government under the leadership of a president, who apparently will do anything for personal gain, has already committed itself to two acts in the past 72 hours which make this isolation practically an impossibility and probably give good reason for the war jitters that sweep the campus now. These acts were the peace demands to the dictator nations and the dispatch of the fleet on emergency orders to Pacific stations.

To condemn Mr. Roosevelt for his attitude is of course futile. His demagogic grin will win him the popular power he needs to involve this nation so deeply in foreign affairs that the people will forget the waste and failure of the New Deal at home unless the intelligent minority in America stand against the ill-advised European foreign policy of the president and his court.

America—particularly its college men—can well give their answer to the ambitions of our president with a quiet and firm demand to keep his hands and head at home. There is considerable less disorganization and considerably less suffering for all in isolation than in conflict.

HELL RAISING MINORITIES

We were recently impressed by an editorial in the Arkansas Traveler, student publication of the University of Arkansas, on the influence of various student groups in the formation of public opinion of American college life:

"People expect older students to spend most of their time drinking whiskey, staying up at night playing cards, and otherwise doing everything except studying. . . . The movies and magazines are responsible for a lot of this. . . . It is an unfortunate fact that the student who studies regularly, goes to bed before midnight, and otherwise leads a normal life, usually goes home and keeps quiet about it."

We, too, might comment on public opinion of Washington and Lee, which we hope is of a somewhat higher nature than that apparently held of the state University of Arkansas. Frequent letters on student courtesies are confirming evidence of our faith in Washington and Lee. But editorials like that in the Traveler are significant warning for the student body to thwart any efforts of a hell-raising minority to lower public opinion of this university.

THE FORUM

Der Fuehrers Day

There is something delightfully ironic in the date set by the United Student Peace committee for its peace strike. It happens to be the same day that Germany will celebrate the fiftieth birthday of Adolph Hitler—April 20. What the Peace committee intends to do with a strike for peace escapes us. Peace is not gained by sitting on the lawn listening to a professional pacifist tell why we shouldn't fight for anything. Peace, it has been proven by current events, can be maintained only by a large wide-awake army and navy and a foreign policy of shaking the mailed fist, so long as madmen ruel two of the major European powers.

Democracy must fight if it is to survive. It cannot stop armed lunatics with a philosophical discourse on the rights of man. When reasonable regimes have gained control of the present war-bent countries, perhaps it will be possible to sit down and talk coolly and calmly about peace. But the Peace committee will probably go through with its plans for the demonstration. We fervently hope it doesn't hit this campus. It'll serve 'em right when the German papers headline: "American Students See the Light; Celebrate Birthday of Der Fuehrer.—Silver and Gold."

Personal OPINIONS

Ten years from now you will be far away from Washington and Lee, and your college days will be nothing more than a fond memory stored in some dusty closet between the pages of a diary, yearbook, or Ring-tum Phi. But what will Washington and Lee be like in 1949? You will be fat, bald, and absorbed in market quotations, but will your alma mater retain her youthful figure and her educational life as you knew it. We wonder what the freshman class of 1949 will find here. Here is our guess:

Washington and Lee will have become a smaller college, dropping the word university from its name. . . . Emphasis will be stronger on undergraduate work, with the graduate school policy abandoned. . . . The commerce school will not remain as such, but will be broken up and spread among the arts and social science courses. . . . Students will still be half asleep in the 8:30 classes. . . . Professor Barnes' jokes will remain unchanged, a little older of course. . . . Bismark, Jr., will replace his father as watch-dog of the chemistry building, when the foul aromas tuck the old man under, and by 1949 he should have mastered the art of sleeping in class. . . .

Out on the football field the coach will still be worrying about patching the Fighting Generals' line, and stopping opponents from paving a highway through it. . . . Flies will, no doubt, be troublesome to the baseball team, if it is still around. . . . Lacrosse and crew will be big sports here. . . . The alumni will be heard from today, and every day via the coaching situation. . . .

New blood will keep Lexington social life going, with Washington and Lee turning coed. . . . A fantastic thought, but girlish giggles shall reverberate in the halls of Washington and Lee. . . . The Troubadours will get over the red scare, and the feminine stars will be the same. . . . The post office will still be putting slugs in the boxes at the end of every quarter. . . . Tom Moses will Campus Comment while waiting for a diploma. . . . Lynchburg will still be uphill. . . .

We expect to find the politicians politicking, and the "Czar" ruling the 11th ward in New Jersey with an iron hand and a black cigar. . . . Yes, The Ring-tum Phi will still be here to heckle the boys in the back room, although Buck will be sniping them in happier hunting grounds. . . . The Governor will be ridden out of town on a pole, the big cynic. . . . The boys on the Calyx will again hit the jackpot, it will be a tradition by then. . . . And the Washington and Lee band will still be struggling with "Dark-town Strutters' Ball."

The honor system will live forever on this campus. . . . And the commerce library will be a place where old friends get together and study in taboo. . . . Sunday movies will be here at last. . . . Tim Landvoigt will be president of Southern Sem, and Ernie Woodward, now the father of a family, will still be wondering how Simone Simon can get along without him very well. . . . Late dates will be a dime a dozen (wishful thinking). . . . The song hit of 1949, "I'll Be Back To Get You In a Pushcart Honey," as played by the Southern Collegians.

The housing system will have replaced the fraternities, and the spirit of Robert E. Lee will still be the guiding light for the sons of Washington and Lee. . . . Sundays in Lexington will be deader than ever. . . . Herb the dogman will be a high-pressure salesman for some livestock company. . . . Gil Gardiner and Time will be married and live happily ever after. . . . They'll have a son named Life who will make a Fortune while Gil and Time march on. . . . (Now have we earned our subscription, Gil?) . . . Oh, we'll be junked along with the rest of the old typewriters, but we won't be lonesome because Uncle Tom Moses will be right beside us. See you in hell, Tom.

HAMILTON HERTZ.

The Middle American Research Institute of Tulane university is conducting a campaign for funds to reproduce on the Tulane campus the great Maya pyramid in Mexico.

The University of Minnesota's Speech clinic patients must tell the "Story of Arthur the Young Rat" as part of their diagnosis. This is a yarn evolved by a speech expert in which every sound in the language appears at three places, at the first, in the middle and at the end of a word.

Campus Comment

By TOM MOSES (Believe It Or Not)

Returning this week after a protracted siege of something or other, we find that this department has suffered little, if any, from our absence. Frankly, this is something that makes us feel more than a little bad, for we had come to believe that we are the only branch of the newspaper business that exists purely on the ability of the man in charge.

Woodward has done an admirable job of shoveling the dirt in our absence and it is more than obvious that he is really a columnist at heart and is wasting his time with the mechanics of the newspaper.

About this time of the year there are several things that occupy one's mind. First and foremost, is who will inherit this column when there is a change in the higher-ups. To us Louie Schultz looks like the only logical contender, since he was the boss in these parts until academic took a fall out of him. He says that Muldoon is almost sure to be back in the fall and that combination should be sure fire for another year.

Another thing that makes us stop and think is how the King of Swing is going to stack up with maestro Larry Clinton in popularity. Although Harry James (we still insist has a good band) will be here, it is obvious that the real battle for popularity will be between Clinton and Benny Goodman, who will do a bit of polite rocking in Doremus gymnasium next Saturday.

Up to now Larry Clinton has given the best exhibition for dance bands in these parts in recent years, and with the added attraction of Ben Wain, who is nothing short of sensational in her moaning renditions of the popular ditties, he has made quite a mark for Benny to shoot at.

Before coming to Lexington last Friday, Clinton stopped two days at the University of Virginia Easter Week, at which event he favored the Wahos with a stirring arrangement of the Washington and Lee Swing during their figure. It has been said that the ground shook for miles when T. Jefferson began revolving in his grave.

From no less a source than Mademoiselle, Easter Week is said to be the one event that no debutante should miss. This is probably very true if you happen to be the kind of debutante who likes to drink out of a Mason Jar. It is also rumored that the student body gets marks across the bridges of their collective noses from indulging in that activity.

Editor R. J. Watt of the Calyx promises to have his book on the news-stands on or before the 25th of May. Quoting Watt: "This year it will be bigger and better than ever. With the addition of Blondie as a daily feature we hope to triple our circulation." This may be all very true but somehow it has a vaguely familiar ring.

Tomorrow, Art Buck can pack up his typewriter and go back to the bush leagues. After a brief stay in the limelight as the caustic commentator on the political situation, he will find himself dethroned when politics has run its annual tail chasing race. All the hopes, aspirations, etc., of some twenty boys will be dashed or something when the pious, unbiased nominating convention meets tomorrow to name the people's choices.

This year the whole affair has been rather flat and tasteless because the logical candidates were just the logical candidates and no more could be said. It is not unlikely that there will be a great deal of whooping and yelling around in the assembly tomorrow which may give the affair some glamour that it has been lacking up to now.

With Dodge City showing at the State it is better than even money that gunfire will echo up and down the corridors of the DU house for the next week or so. Those boys really take their movies seriously, for if we remember rightly, after "Algiers" came, the third floor of that house was converted into the Casbah and through blue lights and incense smoke the brothers slunk addressing each other as Pepe le Derr, Nicholas, etc.

Sheriff Wade Hatton will undoubtedly slay the villainous Jeff Surret time after time in the dining room, and hangings will occur in the bar, but if the boys try to pull any of the big cattle drives through the living room, it will probably meet with some serious objections from the house mother.

There may be some New Jersey psychology connected with that sort of thing, but personally we feel that maybe if we were out of touch with civilization like that, anything could amuse us.

Tomorrow night those nasty old Troubadours will present to a war-weary world their most recent concoction of "propaganda." And just think that not so long ago we actually knew and were friendly with that arch-plotter Tennant. We always thought that that hissing sound under the bed was nothing more deadly than a rattlesnake, and were unknowing that it contained bombs.

Personally, we suspect the fine hand of a publicity man somewhere in this business. Isn't Tennant in that propaganda class?

The Governor Says

Thespian Tom Tennant comes back today to lay our "Loyal American" of letter-writing fame in the aisles. Who knows, maybe "Squaring the Circle" is not propaganda. Probably the safest way to clear up the situation is to inquire into our renowned propaganda class.

What are these ominous signs that have appeared on the campus, sinisterly inquiring "Are you a red-blooded American?" Perhaps, the Troubs would know—they, too, are "Loyal Americans."

After last week's stinging by-line, columnist Tom Moses has again favored us with his presence. Perhaps the column will return to the obscurity which Moses has left.

Letters to the Editor

(All contributions to this column should be limited to 150 to 200 words. No anonymous letters can be accepted, although writers may remain anonymous if they wish. All correspondence should be addressed care of Letters to the Editor, The Ring-tum Phi.)

Lexington, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Probably more than one person was shocked and a little amazed to see bursting into full bloom on the front page of last Friday's issue a letter to yourself in which a man who signed himself a "Loyal American" asked me to voluntarily withdraw the production which I am now helping to present.

I imagine there were quite a few people that were surprised. I can't keep from thinking that the author of that indictment was a little surprised to see it himself, because he could scarcely have thought that such a piece of unmitigated drivel had the slightest chance of ever appearing in print.

Certainly the great majority of the students on this campus were astounded at the nerve of one person who set himself up as an authority on the drama after reading a play once, who lays down the law in no uncertain terms, and proceeds to tell us what we can do and what we can't do (because it might hurt the American system). Most of us on this campus are too broad-minded, I firmly believe, to subscribe to any such notion of personal omniscience.

The faculty of this university was surprised to wake up one morning and find under their very noses a great plot to overthrow the government. In fact, they were so surprised that they refused to believe it, and have stated, many of

them, their belief in the aims of the Troubadours' dramatic society, and have been kind enough to give voice to their good wishes.

And I know that I was dumb-founded to find myself being accused of being a communist agitator. The idea I had always had of myself, while possibly too flattering, was certainly not that I was a bomb-throwing Bolshevik with long beard. And if I have been serving all these years for Boss Stalin, he has certainly underpaid me.

Of course, we all realize how silly this is. I don't think anybody could take this crank seriously, and I sometimes doubt if he does himself. The fundamental question of any college production, as for that matter, of any professional play, is the audience's reaction. If the students of Washington and Lee are afraid that their little minds will be dirtied by "Squaring the Circle," then they will stay away, and will register their protest more effectively than would be possible through the columns of the newspaper.

Anyway, the Troubadours are going to present "Squaring the Circle" Wednesday and Thursday nights. The U. D. C., the D. A. R. and all the rest may holler as they please.

If this be propoganda, make the most of it.

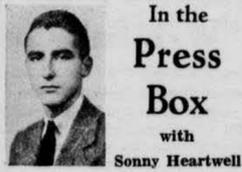
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In the Press Box with Sonny Heartwell

By BUD LEVY

Joe the Pro . . .
Joseph Herman Oehsie, known locally as "the Oesch" and in Southern conference circles as one helluva good tackle, will join the ranks of professional football players within the next couple of weeks. Joe will sign with either the New York Giants of the National League, or the Paterson Panthers, a top-notch independent outfit.

The Giants have the inside track to date, but Oehsie will hear a final word from Paterson before he signs away his services. New York has offered him a contract which calls for well over a hundred bucks a game, but Joe said the other night that he would go with his home town Panthers if they come through with a satisfactory figure. The fact that Paterson practices at night would allow him to go after a master's degree at Columbia in preparation for a career in teaching and coaching. And he could make home his headquarters, too.

Riley Smith, who wore the livery of the Washington Redskins before joining the General coaching staff, helped Oehsie make up his mind in favor of a crack at the pro game. . . . Among other teams which made bids for the big tackle's signature were the Pittsburgh Panthers, Cincinnati Bengals, Richmond Arrows, and Cleveland Rams. . . .

Track Talk . . .
Track Coach Forest Fletcher probably did a lot of tossing about in bed Friday night, but he must have enjoyed a good sleep the following night after watching his track team pile up a 78-48 triumph over William and Mary in its inaugural meet. The Generals looked pretty good, although most of their performances in terms of stop watch and tape were nothing to write home about, and they ought to have a pretty good season.

Cliff Muller, making his varsity debut, turned in a swell race in beating **Bill Murray** and **Flash Harvey** to win the half mile. . . . **Harvey's** 50-second performance in the 440, which brought him home ahead of teammate **Heart-sill Ragon**, was the day's best time. . . . Another fine job was turned in by **Mike Crocker**, who looked like his old self in copping the two-mile grind. . . . **George Murray** did a good afternoon's work by taking the mile and placing second in the two-mile. . . . **Bill Whaley** came through as expected to take both hurdle events and ought to do a lot of point winning for the Fletchermen this spring. . . . Broad jumper **Bob Nicholson** and high jumper **Bill Gwyn** featured the Generals' show in the field events.

Crew Notice
Henry Braun announced that freshman crew practice will start on Wednesday. Braun urged that there be a good-sized turnout.

W-L To Face Maroon Nine In State Tilt

Maroons To Open Season Against Blue Nine This Afternoon

James Or O'Connor Expected To Start For Generals

The Washington and Lee baseball team is scheduled to return to state diamond wars today, when Roanoke college's nine invades Lexington for a joust with the Big Blue.

Cap'n Dick Smith is undecided about the starting moundsman for the Generals, but the assignment is expected to go to either Ernie James or Oke O'Connor. Either Kiah Ford or Jack Dangler is to handle the slants behind the plate. The contest is the first of the season for the Maroons, and their strength is very much of an unknown quantity.

The same lineup that opened against North Carolina, with the exception of the pitcher, is to take the field for Washington and Lee. Coach Smith was pleased with the work of Ronnie Thompson and Johnny Dill around the keystone sack in the North Carolina game, and he intends to keep the combination intact.

The game with Roanoke will have a distinct bearing on the state title race. To date, the Generals have a record of two wins as opposed to three setbacks, and today's encounter was counted on as a chance to pull the Generals' average up to the .500 mark.

Radman Stops Blue; Allows Four Hits

George Radman turned the Washington and Lee baseball team back with four widely-scattered hits to best Bob Gregerson in a hurling duel, as the North Carolina diamonders edged the Generals out, 2-1, on Wilson field last Friday.

Mixing a fine curve ball with a clever change of pace, the Tarheel flinger was scored to the utmost, because Gregerson pitched great ball for W-L. North Carolina collected eight safe blows—all singles—but barely escaped with the decision after all. The Generals wasted a fine opportunity to knot the count in the last inning. Dill, first man to bat for the Big Blue in the ninth, touched Radman for a base hit which dropped into right field for two bases. Gregerson then grounded out, as Dill scampered to third. Then, with the all-important score reposing on third base, Cap'n Dick Smith attempted a squeeze play which failed. Dill raced for home with Radman's pitch. Dangler, who was batting, attempted to bunt, but he missed the ball completely, and the runner was trapped.

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Generals Begin Track Season With Impressive Win over W-M

W-L Sweeps Places In Mile; Whaley Cops Two Firsts In Hurdles; William and Mary Keeps In Running By Taking Field Events

Washington and Lee's Big Blue cindermen made an impressive debut last Saturday afternoon by downing a scrappy track squad from William and Mary college, 78-48.

The Generals dominated competition in the track events, taking seven out of eight first places, and exhibited unexpected power in the field events.

Blue Commands Lead
The Generals took an early lead when George Murray, Jim McConnell, and Rose Hersey finished one, two, three in the mile run which was won in 4:45. "Flash" Harvey and Heart-sill Ragon continued the Blue scoring as they placed first and second in the 440 yard dash. Bill Whaley flashed some championship form, stepping over the 120 high and 220 low hurdles to cop first place in both races, while George Melville and Hunt Collins turned in nice races in these events.

Cliff Muller, newcomer to the Blue squad, used his long stride to coast to an easy victory in the 880 yard run in the fast time of 2:00.6 with Bill Murray and Harvey finishing second and third.

W-M Score
William and Mary kept in the running by gaining a number of points in the field events. Aside from the beautiful running of the Indians' dash ace, Harry Glick, winner of the century, second in the broad-jumping, and third in the 220 yard run; William and Mary took first in the discus, the javelin toss, the shot, and captured the pole-vaulting when Bob Rawl soared over the bar at 11 feet 6 inches.

Charlie Curl and Ragon lengthened the Generals' lead by taking first and second in the 220 yard dash and Mike Crocker and George Murray took the first two places in the long two mile jaunt.

A 21 feet one and a half inch leap by Bob Nicholson won the broad-jumping for the Bluemen, and Bill Gwyn took first in the high jump, getting off the ground 5 feet 9 and a quarter inches.

Although hampered by bad weather for the past few days, the Generals have been working out indoors in preparation for their

forthcoming meet with University of Richmond at Richmond next Saturday afternoon.

The summary is as follows:
Shot put—Walker, W-M; Oehsie, W-L; Whitehouse, W-M. 44.10.
Javelin—Peterson, W-M; Bryant, W-L; Friedman, W-L. 159.
Mile—G. Murray, W-L; McConnell, W-L; Hershey, W-L. 4:45.
440—Harvey, W-L; Ragon, W-L; Suke, W-M. 50.
Discus—Walker, W-M; Douglas, W-M; Whitehouse, W-M. 123.8.
100—Glick, W-M; Curl, W-L; Maisch, W-M. 10.3.
120 high hurdles—Whaley, W-L; Rowland, W-M; Collins, W-L. 15.2.
High jump—Gwyn, W-L; Hedgecock, W-M; Peterson, W-M. 5.9 1-4.
Pole vault—Rawl, W-M; Kately, W-L, and Gilvert, W-L, tied for second. 11.6.
880—Muller, W-L; W. Murray, W-L; Harvey, W-L. 2:01.
220—Curl, W-L; Ragon, W-L; Glick, W-M. 22.7.
Two mile—Crocker, W-L; G. Murray, W-L; Alley, W-M. 20:22.2.
Broad jump—Nicholson, W-L; Glick, W-M; Dudley, W-M. 21 feet 1 1-2 inches.
220 low hurdles—Whaley, W-L; Duke, W-M; Melville, W-L. 25.3.

Brigadier Runners Face Strong Spider Cindermen In Richmond Saturday
Washington and Lee's freshman tracksters leave for Richmond this Saturday to face a strong Spider team.

According to Coach Forest Fletcher, the Brigadier runners' chances of winning are not bright at all; in fact, there is such a lack of freshman runners that Coach Fletcher seriously doubts whether he will be able to make entries in every event.

The only men who seem sure bets to start are Russ Browning in the dashes and hurdles, Art Koontz in the hurdles, and Bill Jennings in the half mile. All other positions are wide open for competition.

Coach Fletcher made an urgent request for any freshman with any track ability whatsoever to see him immediately.

Blue Golfers Play 2 Matches This Week-end

Play Host To William And Mary Squad Saturday

The Washington and Lee varsity golf team, under the tutelage of Coach Cy Twombly, terminated a strenuous four-day practice session last week, in an effort to round into top form to match shots with the Apprentice school of Newport News, Thursday afternoon, and the William and Mary linksmen Saturday afternoon.

The Big Blue linksmen opened their season last Thursday afternoon and went down to defeat at the hands of a fine Boston college quartet. The match was played under very unfavorable weather conditions, and the Big Blue had little chance to really make a showing against a Boston team that had already met three of the finest golf teams in the South, and lost only one of the three matches. The cold wind was so severe that both teams had a great deal of trouble in gripping the clubs, and with two boys on the Big Blue squad from Florida, the match really gave Twombly's charges little chance to show their true merit.

The match with the Apprentice school of Newport News should cause the Blue and White little difficulty, and if the weather is good, the team may chalk up a clean sweep.

William and Mary's high-riding four-man team from Williamsburg, looms as a major threat for the coveted Southern conference title. Fresh from an easy victory over one of the best University of Pennsylvania teams in years, the green and yellow undoubtedly will offer the Big Blue one of the stiffest matches of the season, when they meet Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p. m. on the Lexington golf course.

Bill Avent will probably start in the number 1 man position for the Generals. Fresh from a victory over Boston college's "Porky" Shelly, Avent will probably hit his stride Thursday and he should come through with at least two points.

The number two man match will feature Earl Morgan for the Generals. Although he lost a tough two and one match to Roddy of Boston college, Earl is a consistent

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Burkholder Beaten In the Final Round Of Golf Tourney

Washington and Lee figured prominently in the Mason-Dixon Amateur golf tournament which ended last Saturday, with Spence Kerkow going to the semi-final round and Jimmy Burkholder penetrating to the final round before losing to Al Dollins of Covington, 5-3.

The tournament got under way last Tuesday when approximately 32 men qualified. In the first round Burkholder turned back Frank Woodward 7-5, while Kerkow eliminated Shawnessy 4-3. The second round saw both W-L men come through with little difficulty. Burkholder won on a default from Lund, and Kerkow trounced Foley 5-3. In the semi-final round Burkholder turned back Kerkow 2 up.

Winning Streak Halted
Burkholder's winning streak was abruptly halted in the finals when he lost to Dollins. Throughout the 36 holes the driving and approach shots of both men was excellent. However, Dollins excelled on the greens with his putts all the way, and his flawless putting was the turning point in the match.

Although ineligible for varsity service, both Burkholder and Kerkow have distinguished themselves for the past year. Last year Burkholder won both the all-school tournament and the intramural competition.

May Meet Again
Both are planning to participate in forthcoming tourneys this year. If exams do not interfere, Burkholder plans to enter the Old Dominion tournament at Hot Springs. Kerkow aspires to qualify in the National Open tournament, which will be held in Richmond beginning May 22.

Freshmen Lose In Roanoke 15-1

Strong Jefferson Baseball Nine Gather 12 Hits Off Brigadiers

The freshman baseball team journeyed to Roanoke last Saturday afternoon, and came out on the short end of a 15 to 1 score, at the hands of a surprisingly strong Jefferson high school team. Jefferson bunched some twelve hits to pound out a well-earned victory over the inexperienced Brigadier nine.

Two Jefferson pitchers held the Baby Generals to two hits in administering their seven-inning victory. Jack Fisher, playing left field for the Blue and White, broke the ice by doubling deep to center. He stole third and raced home on a passed ball for the lone General tally. Bob "Sluggo" Cavanna accounted for the other Brigadier hit by punching a single to left in the seventh.

Harrell Morris toed the slab for the Brigs for the first two innings, and after giving up three runs gave way to Ed Korry. Korry fared little better as he gave up three runs also, and marched to the showers at the end of the fifth. Gus Essig and Pete Yeager pitched an inning apiece to wind up a rather disastrous day for the Baby Generals.

The freshman tennis team has been practicing this week in preparation for its first match.

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Carolina Leads W-L Net Team

Rain Saves Blue Netmen With Score 4 To 0 Against Them

Rain saved Washington and Lee's tennis team from almost certain defeat at the hands of mighty North Carolina yesterday afternoon as play on the Chapel Hill courts was halted with the Tarheels ahead four matches to none. In the four completed matches Charlie Rider defeated Dick Clements, 6-4, 6-4; Carl Rood, at No. 2 turned back William Washburn, 6-3, 6-3; Walter Meserole, in the No. 4 match, downed Peck Robertson, 6-2, 6-3; and Bill Rawlings, No. 5, walked through Bob Porter, 6-3, 6-3.

Pinck Wins, Loses

Dick Pinck, playing No. 3 for W-L, had won the second set from Bill Rood, 6-3, after dropping a close first one 8-6. But Rood was leading in the third set. In the No. 6 singles, Charlie Midelburg and Carolina's Ashton Beadles had split sets and were just going into the third.

Rider and Rawlings, playing No. 1 doubles for the Tarheels, won the first set from Clements and Robertson 6-2 and the score in the second was tied at one-all.

Remaining Doubles Unplayed

The two remaining doubles matches never got under way. The Generals today were scheduled to play the second match of their two-day trip against North Carolina State. Not so strong as Carolina, the State team was expected to succumb to the unusually well-balanced General racquet men.

The two easy 9-0 victories over Manhattan and Hampden-Sydney which the Generals achieved last Thursday and Friday bore out pre-season expectations of successful team after the shaky showing in losing to Michigan 6-3 last Monday.

'Dodge City' Presents Errol Flynn In Colored Horse Opera At State

By HAROLD GADDY "Dodge City," technicolorful and adventure-packed saga of Kansas in the 1870's, appears at the State theatre today and Wednesday.

The plot revolves around the efforts of Sheriff Wade Hatton, played by Errol Flynn, to rid Dodge City of its gang of outlaws and killers. In the end, his courage and resourcefulness clean up the city and win lovely Olivia DeHavilland as his bride.

Bruce Cabot as the ruthless outlaw king, Frank McHugh as the city editor, and Alan Hale as the sheriff's right-hand man all turn in outstanding performances which help to make the film the success that it is.

"Dodge City" is a new kind of western—one which presents adventurous action, thrills, tears, and even comedy in a skillful and absorbing manner.

On Thursday and Friday the State presents a very much decorated version of the "Ice Follies of 1939."

Lacking an individual star like Sonja Henie, the producers of this film have brought in a whole bev-

of skaters, including the International Ice Follies. About half of the show is taken up with excellent shots of these skaters in action. The remainder deals with a rather dull romance between two skating artists who never skate. Joan Crawford and James Stewart. The supporting cast includes Lew Ayres and Lewis Stone.

As a beautiful spectacle on the ice, "Ice Follies of 1939" is worthy of your time.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the Lyric theatre presents still another crime scoop. This one is entitled "Persons in Hiding." The emoting in this little drama is done by Lynne Overman, Patricia Morison, and J. Carrol Naish. Parts of it are good, but unfortunately the same cannot be said of the entire production.

The usual western holds sway at the Lyric on Friday and Saturday. This time it's "Home on the Prairie," which presents Gene Autry, who is still America's most popular singing cowboy. His supporting cast includes Smiley Burnette, and June Storey.

W-L Golfers Play This Week

Continued from page three and brainy golfer, and if his short game is on, he should win his best ball match with comparative ease.

The number three and four man positions are wide open, with Mac Wing, Captain Bill Brown, and Ed Brown vying for starting honors. Twombly is not yet certain as to just who will start, although Wing and Bill Brown faced Boston in the opener.

Coach Cy Twombly is amazingly optimistic concerning the team's chances this year, contrary to his usual pessimistic outlook. Although Jimmy Burkholder was lost to the team through ineligibility, Twombly believes he has a good bunch of consistent and heady golfers.

Troubs Fail To Heed Voice Of 'Loyal American' Kicker

Continued from page one latter as Tonya, who is a serious party worker.

Others in the show include Francis Sugrue, said to excel himself as the muscle-bound poet, Emilian; and Johnny Friedlander and Ernest Woodward II, who play Rabinovitch and Novikov, respectively, both influential members of the Communist party.

Phi Alpha Delta Initiates Six Tomorrow Evening

Six law students will be installed into the Phi Alpha Delta fraternity, honorary law society, at an initiation tomorrow night beginning at 6:45. Following the initiation, a banquet will be held at the Robert E. Lee hotel.

The banquet is scheduled to get under way at 8 p. m. Clarence Meadows, attorney-general of West Virginia, will be the principal speaker of the evening. Meadows is an alumnus of Washington and Lee. His subject is unannounced.

The pledges to be initiated are Charles B. Smith, George M. Smith, Clifford Curtis, Rufus Shumate, and Pedro Rodriguez.

Officers for the coming year will be installed at the banquet. They are George M. Smith, Justice; Rufus Shumate, vice-justice; John Goodin, clerk; and Charles B. Smith, treasurer. About 35 members are expected to attend.

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300 Loyal Americans to help picket Troubadour Theatre Wednesday and Thursday nights.

W-L Religious Leaders Laud Emphasis Week

According to Harry Phillipott, director of religious activities, and Bill Read, president of the Christian council, Religious Emphasis week went off "very well."

This year the Religious Emphasis week had a larger number of students attending the morning assemblies than ever before.

Delegates Pick Reinartz, Read

Continued from page one onded the Jones nomination, outlining the qualifications of the candidate. Neil Houston picked up where Dill left off in seconding Jones. Lee Kenna also spoke for Jones, whom, he said, was "an athlete as well as a scholar."

At this point, Bill Brown added further support to Jones' nomination and Bob Summerall supported Reinartz in talks from the floor. Hugh Avery explained that the two candidates receiving the highest vote for the vice-president office in the convention would be listed on the student body election ballot. By this ruling, one vice-president nomination would be eliminated from the election.

The convention turned to the work of nominating candidates for the secretary-treasurer post, when Fred Bartenstein named Lou Plummer to fill for nomination. "He has carried on full time work but still participated in student activities," Bartenstein declared. Sam McCorkle and George Murray seconded the nomination of Plummer.

In urging George Melville's nomination, Bud Arnold cautioned delegates to vote "according to common sense and good judgment." If you do, he said, "you will vote for Melville. Numbering among Melville's nomination speakers were Chip Robinson, Tom Bradley, Bob Howard, and Jack Gillespie.

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The band has been on tour for over a month, and she has literally not had time to hear herself sing. She explained that after the band made a record, only the "bad takes" were played back, and, consequently, she had not heard the finished products.

Larry Clinton's orchestra pleased all and sundry at the VMI dances. Clinton played a number of good dance tunes, and did not over-emphasize the swing department. Bea Wain was there, of course, and was as pleasing to the ear as are her recordings.

All in all, Bea was in a loquacious mood at the record store. She denied all rumors to the effect that she was leaving Clinton's band, but did, however, state that she was going to make a few recordings of her own in several weeks. Since Clinton left Victor over a month ago, he has not made any recordings, but he expects to make several when the band returns to New York about the first of May.

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Radman Stops W-L Ball Club

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