

THE WEATHER
Tonight—some cloudiness, diminishing winds, low in teens,
Saturday—some cloudiness, high in 40's.
Sunday—fair and cold.

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New Officers Assume Posts In Fraternities

During the past two months, 13 of W&L's 18 fraternities have held elections for the upcoming semester. Kappa Alpha, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Gamma Delta, Pi Kappa Phi, and Sigma Nu plan to select their leaders within the next month.

Only three incumbent presidents were reelected for next year, including Hugh Gaugher (Phi Kap), John Reynolds (Sigma Chi), and Herbert Crenshaw (SPE). Last year there were five presidents reelected.

The officers and the fraternities involved in the recent elections are as follows:

Beta Theta Pi—Pres.: Houston Kimbrough; V-Pres.: Ben Johnson; Treas.: Lee Halford; Sec.: Gil Burke.
Delta Tau Delta—Pres.: John Carrere; V-Pres.: Clarke Carter; Treas.: Reinhard Fischer; Rec. Sec.: Milton Long; Cor. Sec.: Charles Stewart.

Delta Upsilon—Pres.: Roger Clarke; V-Pres.: Reeve Kelsey; Treas.: Tom Atkins; Sec.: Wise Kelly.

Kappa Sigma—Pres.: Allen Tomlin; V-Pres.: Haskell Dickenson; Treas.: Wade Sample; Sec.: Henry Hills.

Phi Delta Theta—Pres.: Rick McMillan; V-Pres.: Nelson Head; Sec.: Andrew Blair; Treas.: Jay Meriwether.

Phi Epsilon Pi—Superior: Mike Hawkins; V-Superior: Donald Smith; Treas.: Steve Unti; Rec. Sec.: Bill Ober; Cor. Sec.: Paul Wilber.

Phi Kappa Psi—Pres.: Gary Wilkinson; V-Pres.: Lars Holton; Treas.: Charlie Tomb; Rec. Sec.: Pete Nowick; Cor. Sec.: Frank Fowles.

Phi Kappa Sigma—Pres.: Hugh Baugher; 1st V-Pres.: Bucky Cunningham; 2nd V-Pres.: John Miller; Treas.: Guy Glenn; Rec. Sec.: Chuck Garten; Cor. Sec.: Ned Powell.

Pi Kappa Alpha—Pres.: Jay Passavant; V-Pres.: Homer Gamble; Treas.: Rick Dunlap.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon—Pres.: Will Ridley; V-Pres.: Chris Hart; Sec.: Howard Capito; Treas.: Whitlow Wyatt.

Sigma Chi—Pres.: John Reynolds; V-Pres.: Dick Thomas; Sec.: John Massey; Treas.: Marty Bass.

Sigma Phi Epsilon—Pres.: Herb Crenshaw; V-Pres.: Bob Entzinger; er; Rec. Sec.: Bill McCullough; Cor. Sec.: Joe McDonald; Treas.: Chris Friend.

Zeta Beta Tau—Pres.: Mark Eaker; V-Pres.: Ron Kessler; Sec.: Mark Evans; Treas.: Steve Tabakin.

Platform Committee Announces Hearings

The Platform Committee of Washington and Lee's Mock Convention announced today that the six subcommittees will hold public hearings during the week of March 18 to 22.

Drew Colclough, Chairman of the Platform Committee, said that the announcement of these hearings was being made at this time, "in order that all those interested in testifying before one of the subcommittees will have time to inform us of their interest." Anyone interested in appearing before one of the six subcommittees—Foreign Affairs, Military Affairs, Economic, Judiciary, Agriculture & Urban Affairs, Health Education and Welfare—should either come by the convention headquarters or call at 463-5198. He will be notified later of the time and place to appear.

The subcommittee hearings are preliminary to the hearings of the full Platform Committee which will be held April 10th and 11th.



U.S. SENATOR STROM THURMOND emphasizes a point during his talk Thursday evening in Lee Chapel. Before his speech, he spoke at a dinner at the Robert E. Lee Hotel and attended a reception at the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. —Photo by Fulghum

GOP Choice To Be Nixon Says Senator Thurmond

By PAT AREY

It looks like Richard Nixon will be the Republican Presidential nominee this year, said South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond Thursday.

Thurmond, a Republican, visited Lexington under the sponsorship of the South Carolina delegation to W&L's Mock Republican Convention and the Young Republican club.

Sen. Thurmond said he didn't think New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller could get the GOP Presidential nomination. If anything happens to Nixon, he added, California Gov. Ronald Reagan will be the party nominee.

On the effect of Gov. George Wallace in the election, Thurmond said the GOP would have done well in the South if Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen had not supported the Civil Rights Bill compromise.

Wallace, he said, will hurt the Republicans in the South and the Democrats in the North.

Thurmond said he didn't know who the Republican vice presidential candidate might be, but he described a Nixon-Reagan team as a "very strong ticket."

Thurmond made these remarks at a banquet in the Robert E. Lee Hotel. He also attended a reception at Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, of which he is a member.

After the banquet, Thurmond spoke in Lee Chapel.

Thurmond said that the threats to freedom in the country today are concentration of power, excessive spending, lawlessness, and ignoring the communist menace to the world.

Thurmond said that although he has generally supported President Johnson's Vietnam policy, he differed with the President because we aren't fighting for a clear military victory.

Once we go into war, Thurmond said, we ought to "clobber" the enemy win the war, and get out.

MOCK CONVENTION

Meetings of state chairmen for the Mock Convention have been changed from Wednesday to Thursday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. due to a conflict with ROTC Corps Day exercises.

Each state must be represented by the chairman or his appointed delegate at every meeting.

Secretarial meetings will remain at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Meetings of special committees will be announced.

Concerning the peace march on the Pentagon, Thurmond said, "hard core communists led the assault."

Thurmond was presented with a souvenir tray by Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and the mock convention's South Carolina delegation. He received special awards from the W&L Young Republicans and the mock convention.

Will Perform Prokofieff "Eighth Sonata"

Thomas Brockman Schedules Recital



BROCKMAN

Concert pianist Thomas Brockman, well-known to Lexington audiences from his past appearances here, will perform the Prokofieff "Eighth Sonata" as the major work in his recital Wednesday night (March 6).

Brockman will be presented by the Concert Guild at Lee Chapel. The concert will begin at 8 p.m.

The program chosen by Brockman is the same one which won him his first big success in New York and which he also played to critical acclaim on one of his European tours.

Although the Prokofieff sonata, written during World War II in Russia, was introduced to the United States by Vladimir Horowitz, it was Brockman who gave it its first performances in such cities as Vienna, Berlin, Munich, Amsterdam, Oslo, Copenhagen and Stockholm in addition to England's "third programme" on the BBC.

The Spanish composer, Albeniz, will be represented by one of his best works—"El Albaicin" from the suite, "Iberia."

The program also will include two sonatas of Scarlatti, "Bunte Blatter (Colored Leaves), Opus 99" by Schuman, Handel's "Suite in D Minor," Debussy's "L'isle joyeuse," and "Lauder, Opus 171" by Schubert.

Professor From Brown U. Will Be Visiting Lecturer, Discussion Groups Planned

Dr. E. A. Mason of the Department of Engineering/Chemistry at Brown University will serve as a visiting lecturer Thursday and Friday.

Dr. Mason, a graduate of Virginia Tech, will deliver a public lecture on "Molecular Rainbows and Glories—Waves and Particles" at 8 p.m. Friday in the New Science Building, Room 201.

He also will meet with students and faculty members at a Thursday afternoon physics seminar. During his two-day stay he will meet informally with the students and faculty to discuss curriculum and research problems in physics.

Novice Debaters Set Record By Capturing Eleven Trophies

Washington and Lee's novice debaters won eleven awards Wednesday afternoon at Roanoke College's seven-school, three-round novice debate tournament held in Salem. Never before in the history of W&L have Washington and Lee debaters won so many trophies at the same tournament.

The four man team of Stacy Eastland, Joe Wich, Bill Radigan and John McCardell won six of six debates to win the tournament while the W&L team of Kevin Baker, Danny Leonard, Bill Payne and Ken Walden won five of six debates to come in second place. This was the first time ever that either Walden or Leonard had been in a debate either on the high school or the college level.

Kevin Baker was chosen to top negative speaker of the tournament, as well as the top speaker of the tournament. Stacy Eastland was the top affirmative speaker in the tournament, while Bill Radigan was the second best negative speaker, and John McCardell the third best negative speaker. Joe Wich won an award as the fourth best affirmative speaker.

Along with the eleven awards that Washington and Lee won, the remaining eight awards of the tournament were divided among VMI, University of Richmond and Bridgewater College.

Last weekend Andrew Wyndham and Kevin Baker, both freshmen, debating in the varsity division of the Atlantic Coast Conference Debate Tournament at College Park, Md., University of Maryland, won two of three debates on the affirmative side of the National Debate Topic to tie with South Carolina and George Washington University for second place in the tournament. Over-all, the

Wyndham-Baker team came in third place with a 3-3 record.

At the same time, Tom Baremore at the University of Pennsylvania Tournament in Philadelphia tied for fifth place speaker position out of a field of over a 100 debaters. This was remarkable considering that the Washington and Lee team there lost five of eight debates in this tournament.

Alan Stedman To Be Candidate For Director Of Region III YR'S

Alan Stedman, a W&L junior and president of the W&L Young Republican club, has announced his candidacy for director of the Region III College Republicans.

Region III includes about 100 college Young Republican clubs in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, and the District of Columbia. Election of Region III officers will be at the region convention in Staunton on March 15-17. The W&L YR club is hosting the convention.

Stedman announced his candidacy in the latest issue of the YR newsletter "TUSK." Since the announcement, he has attended YR state conventions in Maryland and Kentucky. He is a member of Sigma Nu

social fraternity. He is also a member of the Glee Club, the Conservative Society, and is chairman of the New Jersey delegation to the Mock Convention. Stedman was elected president of the Young Republican club at W&L last spring. Previously he had served as team captain coordinator of the club. He was elected YR of the Year for 1967.

Members of the W&L YR club will attend the Virginia state YR convention in Newport News this weekend. About 25 students will make the trip as delegates.

The YR's have hired a Greyhound bus to carry delegates from W&L, VMI, Sweet Briar, Mary Baldwin, Madison and Randolph-Macon to the convention.

The W&L club has made entries for several club awards at the convention. Entries were submitted for best club, best newsletter, and best YR for the year. The W&L club has been named best club in the state for the past two years.

Geology Group Expands Scope

A new student activity has established itself on the Washington and Lee campus in the form of the Geological Society. The group's primary purpose is to allow students who are interested in geology to discuss various topics which are not, as of now, dealt with in class. Composed entirely of students who have had at least three semesters of some form of geology, the society numbers some eleven members, the great majority of whom are geology majors.

Most of the discussions and lectures given are student initiated, with students choosing certain topics either relating to their theses or of particular interest to them. As geology is not a pure science, the discussions often end up taking the form of debates, in which the pros and cons of certain theories are argued.

Meetings are scheduled irregularly to allow the attendance of as many members as is conveniently possible. Last Monday, Steven Maslansky delivered a discourse on Speleology. This Monday, an address entitled "Supernovae an Evolution" is planned, to be presented by Jim Rush.

Dr. Brush Joins Medical Staff To Expand Infirmary Services

Dr. E. V. Brush, the infirmary's new permanent physician, is a veteran of 29 years of private practice in the Lexington area.

Greater demands placed on the infirmary staff over the past years finally necessitated the hiring of Dr. Brush. The second physician to join the infirmary staff on a full-time basis, Dr. Brush will work with Dr. Fred A. Feddeman. The two are also associated in private practice.

Since Dr. Brush joined the infirmary staff, the amount of time that the infirmary is supervised by a physician has been increased by two hours. Dr. Feddeman is now on duty from 8:30 to 11:30 in the morning, while Dr. Brush fills the post from 4 to 6 in the afternoon. Previously Dr. Feddeman served from 9 to 11 in the morning and from 5 to 6 in the afternoon.

Dr. Brush remarked that he has been discussing the possibility of joining the infirmary staff "for some time," but decided only recently that "it would be possible to work this into my schedule."

A native of Westchester County, New York, Dr. Brush came to Lexington to set up his practice in 1939 directly after completing his residency requirements. He is a graduate of the Medical School of the University of Virginia, having attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and the University of Virginia, where he studied pre-med as an undergraduate

Auto Rally Registration

Registration for the auto rally Saturday will be at 1:30 p.m. For further information see story, page 3.



THE NEW INITIATES into Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honorary society, are (Row 1, left to right) Joe Tompkins, John Bowie, Richard Kampf, Will Manley, (Row 2, left to right) Craig Bow, Steve Haughey, James Easterlin, Harry Phillips, Mickey Mixon, and

Pat Keen. Not pictured are William Wilkinson and sophomores Robert Weed, James Smith, Ronald Albright, Hugh Guill, Thomas Bewley, William Gottwald and William Wiseman.

—Photo by Edwards

WEEKLY CALENDAR

March 1, 1968 through March 7, 1968

TODAY (March 1, 1968)

5:00 p.m.—Chemistry Seminar. T. K. Slabaugh will speak on "Building a Bacterial Virus." Howe 401. Tea at 4:30 p.m., Howe 402.

MONDAY (March 4, 1968)

4:30 p.m.—Faculty Meeting. New Science 305.
8:00 p.m.—Geological Society presents Mr. James D. Rush, who will speak on "Supernovae and Evolution." Howe 206. Coffee and donuts.

WEDNESDAY (March 7, 1968)

8:00 p.m.—Concert Guild presents Thomas Brockman, Pianist. Lee Chapel.

THURSDAY (March 8, 1968)

5:00 p.m.—Physics Seminar. Dr. E. A. Mason, Professor of Physics at Brown University, will speak on "Molecular Footprints—Diffusion Instabilities" in New Science 201. Coffee at 4:30 p.m.

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Washington and Lee University's Twice-Weekly Newspaper
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Not Wise. Not Honest.

Back in December the EC voted 7-1 to reject membership in the Virginia Association of Student Governments (VASG), on the grounds that the organization was too new and its aims as yet undefined; that W&L would have little to say in guiding its course; and that W&L has so little in common with other Virginia schools that it would "no doubt gain very little" from an association with them.

"At the present," wrote EC President Richard Nash in an article in this paper, "the disadvantages appear to far outweigh the advantages of our joining the Virginia Association of Student Governments. However, should the organization, at a later date, prove to be of potential value and service to Washington and Lee, we will always have the option of joining then." Elsewhere in the same article, he had said, "It would not be wise to 'jump in' without finding out more about the organization."

At the time, we remarked that we thought the EC had acted in good faith in adopting a "wait-and-see" attitude. And at the time, that may have been true. Executive Committee members Steve Sandler and Danny Leonard had attended the Fall Conference of VASG, presumably to find out whether W&L could and should join. Mr. Sandler apparently came away impressed, and cast the single vote in favor of joining. Mr. Leonard, although he voted in the negative, suggested that it wouldn't hurt to wait and see how the organization developed.

All of that was well and good. But two weeks ago, on Feb. 17 and 18, VASG held its Winter Conference at the University of Virginia. Sen. William B. Spong Jr. of Virginia was the guest of honor; guest speakers included W&L's own dean of students, Edward C. Atwood, and administrators from U.Va. and Virginia Tech. Our Executive Committee was invited to send a delegate. No one went. At least one EC member said he was unaware that there had even been a conference. We suspect he was not the only one.

The EC is making a serious error. It should have been apparent back in December that a significant number of students feel that W&L can benefit from VASG. Whether deliberately or from apathy, the EC is both arbitrarily ignoring their interests and dishonoring its own promise to continue investigating.

Sending observers to the conference would have in no way committed us to anything. Furthermore, it is significant that of the two EC members who attended the first conference in the fall, one came back completely in favor of membership, and the other in favor of at least keeping an eye on the organization. Perhaps other EC members, if they had bothered to attend the Winter Conference, could have come back with similar conclusions—or at least been better able to judge the organization from first-hand experience.

If, as Mr. Nash has written, "it would not be wise to 'jump in' without finding out more about the organization," it is also true that it is neither wise nor honest to ignore the organization's existence. It is not wise, because it is by no means certain that W&L would not benefit from membership in VASG. It is not honest, because the EC is ignoring its promises to keep an open mind.

Student Body Will Participate In Mock Convention On May 3, 4

By BOB ENTZMINGER

While in the past months developments concerning the Mock Convention have been highly publicized and its past claims to national recognition exhumed and retold, most of the activities surrounding this event have been performed by a relatively small number of students. The great majority of the student body has seen only the results—i.e., speaker engagements, delegation assignments, etc.

As convention time—May 3 and 4—nears, the number of active participants continue to grow until ultimately the entire student body will be asked to perform a role—mostly as delegates to the convention.

The focal point of this spiralling number of people is, as everybody knows by now, Chairman Steve Saunders. Around him operates the Secretariat, eleven people who oversee specific tasks necessary to the success of the convention.

Jim Lowe is the secretary, and he handles most of the paper work. Mike Miles is chairman of the finance committee, a major problem at present. Part of this difficulty should be alleviated by the Journal, a collection of features in the midst of huge quantities of expensive ads (well, that's the aim of Editor Ron Kessler, at any rate). Kim Ladewig, Stex Meixner, and their committee will have the unenviable task of decorating the gym and surroundings. Overcoming W&L's lack of universal



Saunders

renew is Ed Allen's specific job. As director of publicity he has been working closely with John Hughes of Information Services to assure maximum news coverage for each new occurrence. Val McWhorter, director of protocol, is to keep the visiting dignitaries as contented as possible and relatively shielded from mobs, overripe fruit, and such.

Tom Baremore, director of state delegations, and his small staff are responsible for seeing that the state delegations behave as they ought, which means that he collects monthly reports concerning progress and division of duties within each delegation from each state chairman. It is he who must pressure the chairmen so that they in turn will make demands upon the individual delegates. Basically each chairman is to determine, along with the Secretariat, whom his delegation's counterpart in Miami will support. To assure the accuracy in prediction for which the W&L convention is noted, Staff Keegin has been named chairman of the Republican National Committee for the Mock Convention. He has been maintaining a liaison between convention headquarters and the county chairmen. He is responsible for polling the latter, and on that basis he will advise the chairmen about voting. The chairmen, at least on the first ballots, will control the voting of their delegates.

The individual delegates will be allowed more freedom concerning the proposed platform, which is being composed by a committee of about 40 headed by Drew Colclough. In addition to this nucleus, each delegation has a liaison to this committee.

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Mock Convention History, Part II

Wrong With Harmon In 1912

By PAT AREY
Mock Editor

"All of Asiatic Europe, as one man, has risen up within the last few years and demanded the rights of local self-government, and this is Democracy..."

"Today... we see the spectacle of a divided Republican Party, caused by the old ship of state striking not an iceberg (It was the Year of the Titanic) but the great rock of Gibraltar..." so chorled the first issue of The Democrat.

It was 1912. The second W&L Mock Convention again would name the students' Democratic candidate for President.

Both of the national parties were divided over potential nominees.

President William Howard Taft was dismissed by the mock convention's newspaper, The Democrat, with the sentence "Nobody loves a fat man." Theodore Roosevelt was



Judson Harmon
Nominated on Fifth Ballot

addressed as such: "Hail to the Chief. Chiefest of his own ambition and estimation... A vulture feeding on the carrion of open notoriety and callous abuse..."

Leading Democrats included Woodrow (The Collegian's Candidate) Wilson, Governor of New Jersey; Champ ("the Democratic Party has more lives than all the felines on Cat Island") Clark, Speaker of the House of Representatives; Judson ("he is too conservative and is almost reactionary") Harmon, Governor of Ohio; and Oscar Underwood of Alabama.

Said one Wilson supporter, "This is an age when it is a joy to live, and be a Democrat."

After some question as to if there would even be a mock convention, sponsorship was undertaken by The Forum, W&L's newly formed civic club. The convention was called for Tuesday, May 14.

Preconvention Maneuvers

Gov. Wilson and Speaker Clark were the leading candidates. Clubs had formed supporting all the Democratic candidates and competition was high.

Great debates raged in the Credentials committee over delegations. Fraud was alleged in the Missouri delegation, Clark's home state. It seems, reported the Democrat, that the delegation chairman called a clandestine meeting of Clark supporters, had himself elected permanent



Theodore Roosevelt
"Hail to the Chief"

delegation chairman, and committed the delegation to Clark.

Needless to say, the Wilson supporters were disturbed. Proxies, reported The Democrat, were called from delegates throughout the whole of Western Virginia. But to no avail. The chairman ruled them invalid. He had the votes; the Wilson men were cast out, so to speak, and the chairman was last reported disappearing 'down the road.'

Motion To Adjourn

Most notable of the first session on Tuesday was the entrance of the Kentucky delegation. The permanent convention chairman was speaking. "The Kentucky delegation entered the hall with a large banner on which was pictured Champ Clark and the things for which the State is justly famous."

The chairman was also given the power to fine any delegate a sum not to exceed one dollar for any "undue disorder."

The platform was adopted, calling for, among other things, election of senators by popular vote, publicizing

campaign expenses, adoption of a parcel post, and a graduated income tax.

Nominations were now in order. Nebraska moved to adjourn. Motion denied.

"Nine Rahs for Wilson"

Alabama yielded to Arkansas, Arkansas to Hawaii. Amid the cheers of Clark supporters, the Islands nominated the Speaker of the House.

Next, New Mexico would make a nomination. "Then bedlam broke loose," said The Democrat, "for every supporter of Wilson knew that Col. R. C. Dow, of New Mexico, had been slated for days to present the name of his candidate to the convention. Amid the wild thunder of hand-clapping and shouts of 'Wilson forever!'"

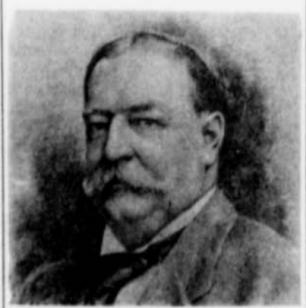
A second motion for adjournment was made, and ignored.

"And in the noise that rocked the whole chapel and was heard far over the campus, Col. Dow went back to his seat..." One over-zealous New Jersey follower led "nine rahs for Wilson."

The Clark men, not to be counted out: "the huge form of P. C. Rogers appeared out of the confusion and his voice was heard above the din calling the W&L yell for Champ Clark."

The first ballot was called. It finished with 311 votes for Wilson, 227 for Clark. Under the rules, 2/3 of the votes were needed to nominate.

As the second call began, Alabama nominated Oscar Underwood. Utah and Tennessee seconded. In the New York and Pennsylvania delegations



Wm. Howard Taft
"Nobody Loves a Fat Man"

'Granma,' Official Newspaper Of Cuba Sent Gratis To US Campus Publications

By MIKE DUNN

Granma: Weekly Review of the Official Organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba. Published at Havana, Cuba, in English, French, and Spanish. English edition available free, Ring-tum Phi office.

Those of you who thrive on Marx, or whose red-bound copies of The Thought of Chairman Mao Tse-Tung occupy a place of honor on the book shelf next to Norton's Anthology of English Literature, will greet with pleasure the arrival on this campus of the official organ of the Party in Cuba—a newspaper whose views provide a refreshing alternative to the drab British, French, German, Russian, and American periodicals given official recognition in McCormick Library.

Granma arrives each week free of cost at newspaper offices of most campuses in the United States, where, unfortunately, it is seldom given due attention or any wide circulation. I hope by this review to rectify the situation.

Granma's overall layout and design represents the best in revolutionary journalism, utilizing an artistically pleasing red-black-gray color scheme. Only a few short articles occupy each page, allowing an easy digestion of important facts. For example, on Page One of the February 18, 1968 ("Year of the Heroic Guerrilla") issue we find three articles, one of which is worth quoting in its entirety:

"EMIL BODNARAS... VISITING OUR COUNTRY: Comrade Emil Bodnaras, member of the Permanent Presidium of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Romania and Vice-President of the State Council of the Socialist Republic of Romania, is visiting our country accompanied by Dumitru Lazar, interim member of the Central Committee and assistant chief of the Central Committee's Foreign Relations Section. The visitors met with the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba on February 11."

Thus does Granma rebuke the fatuous Western bureaucracies! And



Woodrow Wilson
"Nine Rahs"

revolts spring up, but the chairmen held their delegations in line for Wilson and Clark. The second ballot finished with Wilson, 327; Clark, 184; Underwood, 32.

At the fourth session that night, the chairman pointed out to the delegates that the convention must elect a nominee as the faculty had allowed only one day without classes for the convention.

Few changes came on the third ballot: Wilson, 318, Clark 199; Underwood, 29.

A trend seemed to start for Clark on the fourth ballot with 225 votes for Clark; Wilson down to 202, and Underwood hanging on to his 29. 2/3 rule be suspended. No dice side Clark men.

The convention plodded into a fifth ballot. No surprises seemed coming, even when Nebraska nominated Gov. Harmon. The switch came when New York went over to Harmon with 45 votes. Pennsylvania followed, then Virginia. Vermont tried to shift the convention to Mayor Gaynor of New York City, but no chance.

Tennessee then moved to change its votes to Harmon, and it was all over. With many delegations recasting their votes, Harmon won with 375 of 546 votes.

In the closing moments, the vice presidential candidate was nominated. Sen. Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma (a W&L Alumnus) won over Oscar Underwood of Alabama, Foss of Massachusetts, and John W. Davis of West Virginia (who would carry the convention another day).

The motion to adjourn was made as delegates left the hall.

so much for the front-page news. General news can be found on Page 3. Cinemaddicts will regret having missed the world premiere of The Adventures of Juan Quin Quin in Cienfuegos last week.

Anti-imperialists, however, will be glad to know that:

"The recent victories obtained by the PAFL fulfill the pledge taken by the entire Vietnamese people in response to the death of heroic Major Che Guevara."

This statement was made by Comrade Hoang Bich Son, representative of the National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam in Cuba. "Comrade Hoang Bich Son made this declaration while speaking to volunteer workers at the Heroic Vietnam Nursery in the Havana Green Belt, where he participated in the planting of coffee seedlings."

The features are even more interesting, if possible. "A GUERRILLA DOCTOR WILL ALWAYS REMAIN A GUERRILLA DOCTOR," for example. The most important article begins on page 4: "TOWARD A PRESS REFLECTING THE REVOLUTION'S STATURE." The author takes a frank, open look at the goals of the socialist organ—and the possible pitfalls awaiting it.

Not the least of these pitfalls is the conspiracy inevitably directed against the publication of Truth in the imperialist countries. As the author so rightly observes:

"Our enemies try to give a distorted meaning to what we do or do not publish, or to the form in which we publish something. Imperialists and pseudo-revolutionaries scrutinize each word, each comma, each headline, each expression of our revolutionary press in order to try to confuse and misrepresent our firm and clear position in all fields."

This means, of course, that the revolutionary press must strive for absolute objectivity, just as in the great days of the Revolution in Cuba:

"But now, much more is needed to be objective. Our journalists must have a solid background in journalistic technique, national and international politics, and the social

Faculty Voices Its Approval Of Pass-Fail

By BERNIE FELD

The latest innovation to the curriculum, the "pass-fail" system, after one semester of operation has received the overwhelming approval of the faculty.

Under "pass-fail" a junior or senior may take one free elective a semester without receiving a letter grade and still receive credit for the course provided he passes it. The system, which is in use in a number of colleges throughout the country, was proposed by the Executive Committee and was approved by the faculty in the spring of last year.

Last Semester 54 students took courses pass-fail. Judging from the reactions of a number of faculty members in various departments questioned this week, the new program seems to be a success.

The main objective of the program was to encourage students to branch out and take courses which they have been afraid to take under normal circumstances.

As English professor Robert Huntley said, "Most of those who took it in my class did not want to compete with English majors."

He said the program is "getting you back to the idea of a liberal arts college. Nobody wants to expose himself today, they tend to stay in their own narrow fields. Now this brings a lot of guys out of the weeds."

One of the major fears of the program was that students would take advantage of it not to work hard, however, this does not seem to have been justified.

Professors found that most students would have made A's or B's had they taken the course for grades. There were a few instances in which pass-fail students made F's, but this was the exception.

Only one professor expressed disappointment with the system.

"I'm in favor of the effort to take pressure off grades," he said, "but I'm not sure this is the way to do it." He called the program nothing more than "a faint effort to tinker with the system."

At any event, the program is becoming entrenched in the W&L curriculum. This semester 88 students are taking courses pass-fail, more than a sixty per cent increase over last semester.

sciences, and, in particular, they must have a Marxist-Leninist base that permits them to understand our experiences and those of other countries or the unexplored path of building communism.

"It is absolutely necessary to reject schemata, superficiality, and cliches."

(He adds elsewhere, "Sometimes we believe that it is enough to use a 'political slogan' with exaltation, or just repeat that 'The Imperialists are bad, and the revolutionaries are good,' until it becomes tiresome. In many cases nothing could be less political, so false and unproductive as the use of the so-called 'Political slogan'.")

In short, we need "a profoundly anti-imperialist press, to reflect the heroic struggle against underdevelopment," and "to show the inner workings of the imperialist nation," in "a struggle against the lies of the past."

The revolutionary press can even use the imperialists' own newspapers and books against them, explains the writer—Truman Capote's In Cold Blood, for example.

"This sordid story of crime and violence, taken straight from real life, is a faithful portrait of the inner workings of imperialist society... This work and others of its kind should be useful to our literary critics and journalists in general in writing interesting articles which not only draw conclusions about imperialism but move the reader as well."

"Moreover (he continues) we have not been able to provide the public with the fullest possible coverage of opinions expressed by the capitalist and imperialist newspapers on a number of topics, articles which are not only worthwhile and interesting, but can be used as evidence in showing—by counterposing them to the ideas of the Revolution—the force, meaning, and superiority of our own ideas."

How fair! How just! How revolutionary! In this, the Year of the Heroic Guerrilla, how can we do otherwise?

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Rallymaster ROGER CLARKE Displays rally trophies on his XKE.

Wonders Of Rockbridge 1968 Ready For Inaugural Running

By ROY CARLTON

Amid mass confusion, wild costumes and cars of every description, Washington and Lee's first automobile rally will begin at 2:45 tomorrow afternoon. Messrs. Roger Clarke and Bob Gastrock have been working hard for several weeks to shape an event that could very well become a spring rite on the level of Goshen or Natural Bridge. Should this initial rally meet with a good response, another one will be planned for sometime in March with several more to follow after Spring Vacation.

Because of the time and record-breaking difficulties, this first rally will be limited to some fifty cars. Positions for the start will be awarded on a first-come-first served basis. However, if there are a significant number of cars above the limit, a second rally will be held tomorrow

night with the approval of the drivers.

Trophies will be given to both the driver and navigator of the first three cars. All fifty participants in the first rally will also be given dashboard plaques for their cars with the inscription "Seven Wonders of Rockbridge 1968," the official title of the rally.

While certainly most of the contestants will be working hard to win, the sponsors of the rally hope to see some preparation by the participants in other areas. "We hope that

the entrant will add color to this spectacle in the form of decorated cars and costumes," commented Assistant Rallymaster Gastrock. Both he and Rallymaster Clarke expect to see a number of drivers wearing goggles and scarfs or whatever they can find. Gastrock continue to say that "We're not limiting the number of people per car...we're hoping that any advantage that drivers may have in extra passengers will be offset by the added confusion."

Actually the rally will in no way (Continued on page 4)



Thunder's Theories

Putting The Supergame On The Roundball Court

As the two post-season basketball tourneys continue their bidding for participants, the sports fan can see a definite disparity between the teams chosen for the NCAA tourney and selected for New York's NIT.

Conference champs among major college designated teams automatically get a bid from the NCAA officials, who will then fill out their field with at-large picks. The National Invitational Tournament, then, loses some of the powers that might produce a more exciting match-up. It is left with the independents, and often, not even the high ranking freelancers, such as Houston's Cougars.

Last year's NIT showed this graphically. Of the four semi-final teams, one was not even of major college standing, while the other three had made only brief flirtations with any sort of national prominence. Although the tournament produced some fine basketball and outstanding performances of such stars as Walter Frazier, Bob Lloyd and George Stone, many factors kept it from being a "national" tourney able to compete with the NCAA.

One is the predominance of north-eastern based teams found in the NIT; this naturally produces fan support for the tournament. However, when southern, midwestern, or western teams come to New York to display their wares, their victories become rather meaningless if gained at the expense of easter independents with 19-9 records.

Independents' Plight

In addition, what conference-affiliated teams the New York festival does land are usually only runners-up. The big boys are all entered in the NCAA regional runoffs. At the same time, the plight of most NCAA at-large independent selections should be mentioned. More often than not, they serve merely as warm-ups for the prestige teams from the conferences. Very few of the non-affiliates can expect much success against the

battle-hardened conference champs, because most independents can't hope to secure the rugged regular season schedules that would hone them for the March tourneys.

Now, to take the previous statements and make the iron-clad declaration that no independent belongs on the same court with, say, a Big Sky Conference champ is only a little short of ludicrous. Loyola of Chicago's victory over Cincinnati a few years back and Houston's strong position, not to mention St. Bonaventure, this year speak well for the individual independent team once and a while. But to throw an independent that has coasted to a good record on a (Continued on page 4)

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Szlasa Opens W&L Career As Head Lacrosse Coach

By STUART PORTER

With 56 boys turned out so far, 15 of whom are returning lettermen, lacrosse coach Dick Szlasa is very optimistic about his first season at Washington and Lee, and hopes to better last year's 4-5 record.

Unofficial practice began on February 4; attendance was not compulsory, but Coach Szlasa was very pleased with the turnout. Practice officially starts Monday on Alumni Field.

Coach Szlasa is being assisted this season by three law students—Carroll Klingnerhoffer, who will handle the B team; Butch West, who will work with the goalies; and Jim Crawford, who will handle the inexperienced players.

The material Coach Szlasa has to work with is abundant and experienced. Returning lettermen include goalie Dave Johnson; Midfielders Terry Griffin, Bart Goodwin, Ralph Schenkel, Clark Carter, Hugh Baugher and Jay Merriwether; defensemen Charlie Stewart, Harold Stowe, Ned Coslet, and Holmes Raker; and attackmen Chip Chew, Jim Chance, Tom Pittman, and Joe Wich.

In addition to all the returning varsity lettermen, Szlasa is optimistic about the chances of 8 returning B team members; John Miller, Stan Lipse, Tom Mullenix, Ben Schwartz, Landon Quinn, Howard Capito John Thomas, and Dick Capron.

There are four outstanding freshmen prospect out, also. They include Bill Brumback, Frank Brooks, Jay Knupp, and Whit Morrill. Other strong freshmen are Bill Ingersol, goalie, who did a fine job in the box lacrosse game against U.Va. a few weeks ago; Bob Radcliffe, Bill Bal-



Coach Szlasa

lard, and Rocky Kimball. Bob Frost and Tom Groton, both ineligible last year, are also potential starters.

The team will have five unscored, controlled scrimmages before its opening game, which will be away against Hofstra on March 19. These will include back-to-back home games with Adelphi and Ohio State and a pair of Lexington contests with Yale. Dartmouth will come in for a scrimmage on March 25.

After the Hofstra game, the team travels to Loyola of Baltimore. The remainder of W&L's lacrosse season will be played at home on Wilson Field, with the exception of the Duke game on May 11. A highlight of the season should be the April 18 Notre Dame game.

Washington and Lee is a member of the Strobhar League of the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association. Other members of the league are Washington College of Chestertown, Maryland, the defending champions; Loyola; North Carolina; Duke; and Towson State, the school where Coach Szlasa coached last year.

Szlasa plans to change the style of play this year. There will be much more running, and the team will be using four midfielders instead of the usual two or three.

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Wonders Of Rockbridge

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be a race. In fact, recommended speeds will be suggested well below the speed limits of the roads. Also larger penalties will be given to those arriving at check-points early than to those coming in late.

The rally will be conducted according to three variables: time, speed, and mileage. Before beginning, each car will be given instructions. The route will not be given, just two variables from which the navigator must direct the driver. For instance, the directions might read, "travel three miles at thirty miles per hour and turn right at the red barn." From these instructions the driver must figure where to turn and be careful to arrive on time.

All Students Participate

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and he will be called in for hearings on proposed planks when issues begin to crystallize. The only restriction on individual freedom here is the requirement that each delegate vote as he feels his counterpart will do in Miami.

In addition to this scholarly preparation, the delegations must also provide for the color and revelry of a real convention. The arrival of beauty queens and dignitaries and favorite con campaigns, as well as decorating a headquarters (or at least hanging out an apparent sign), will play a large part, but the parade is to be the most elaborate element in the superficial trappings. Parade Director Bob McLaughlin has been working with a float director from each of the 53 delegations—the states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia—to assure a minimum of problems. For instance, in 1964 nine floats were left half completed as the parade began.

Much of this is expensive, and the chairmen must rely heavily upon their delegations not only for the manpower to build floats and occupy headquarters, but for sources of revenue. Moreover, each state has been assigned an advertising quota for the Journal.

Post-Season Tourneys

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week schedule into the lions' den of competition with some of the stronger conference champs almost inevitably wrecks its dreams of glory. Likewise is the case of the champion of a mediocre conference.

In an attempt to remedy these unfortunate situations, I would propose a slight revision of the two post-season tournaments. The basic tenet of this change would be to make the present NCAA play-off a strictly conference-oriented affair, while allowing today's NIT to be a true "invitational," since all other teams would be free for the picking. This would allow the New York group to get whatever good conference second, or even third place finishers, in addition to all the good independents.

Then, rather than proclaiming an NCAA and NIT winner, why not a super-game pitting the victors? This would seem to solve more than one problem. The tournaments would be of more even strength, and the chances of more Loyolas enhanced.

There will be several checkpoints along the course. At the finish, the car having the fewest penalty points will be declared the winner.

While the event may well last until dark, every car is requested by Rallymaster Clarke, not to bring beer or any other alcoholic drinks. This rally has the sanction and permission of the State, County and City Police, and should any car be found by police to have alcohol, this might well prove to be W&L's first and last rally. Knowing full well the condition the drivers will be in after the contest, Clarke is arranging a location for a beer party to be given for all entrants after the rally. Results of the rally will be announced at the party.

The rally will be held regardless of the weather.

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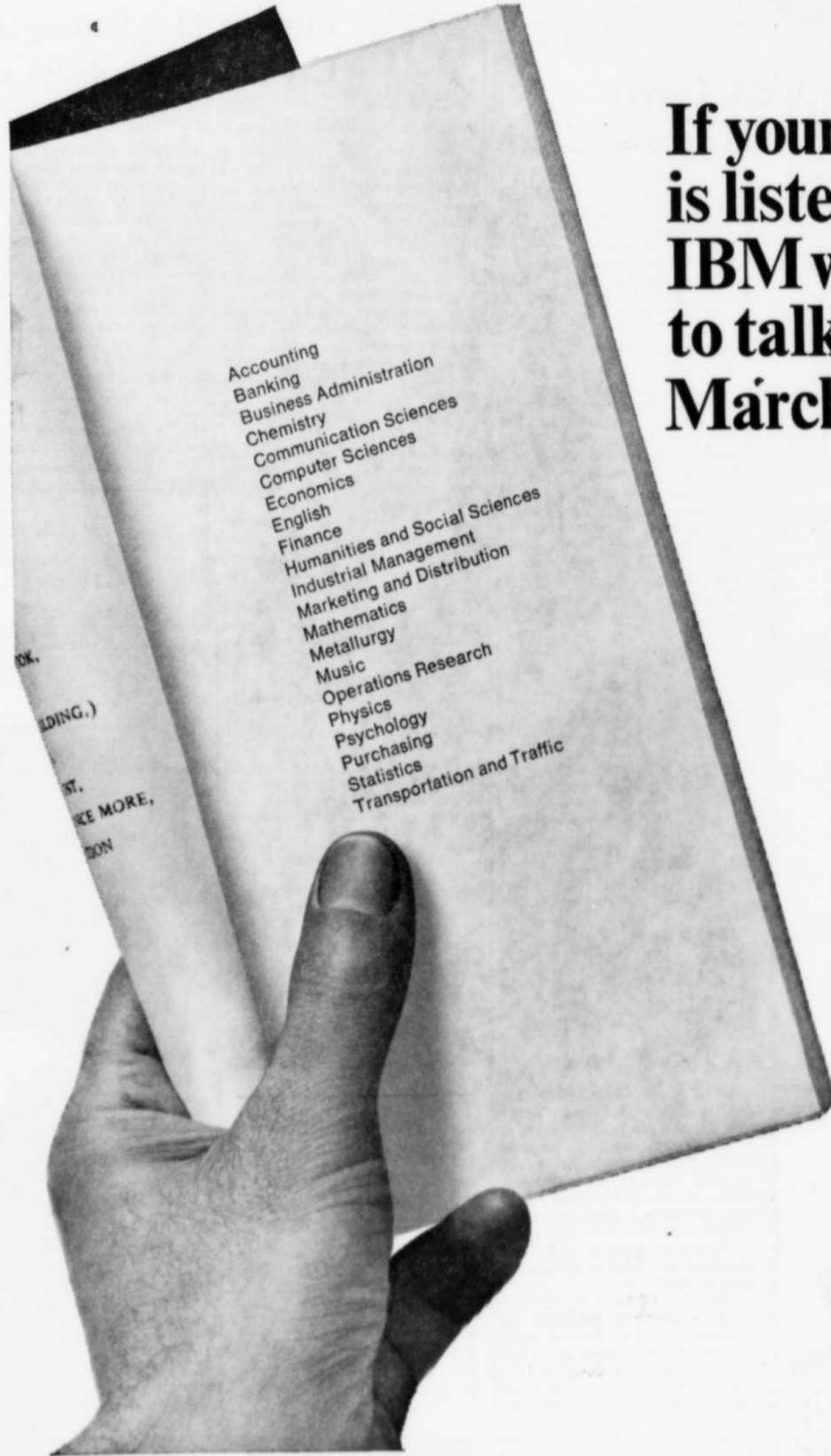
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