





# Old Doremus Gym Refuses to Cooperate, Drops on Heads of Folklorers; My, My

## Singers Drink Spiker And Dwight Fiske Bring Down House

LEXINGTON, VA., March 29 (Special)—Plans for a new gymnasium and recreational center to replace Doremus Memorial gymnasium, destroyed this afternoon by vibrations from the voices of Folklore society vocalists, are now being considered by the Athletic trust of this university. Angered at the destruction of the gym, scene of several breathtaking speeches by nationally-known notables (compulsory but they did not take up names), among them Virginia's Governor Price, the gymnasium collapsed this afternoon after star vocalists Drink Spiker and Dwight Fiske had swung out on their solos and begun to try duets.

When Spiker and Fiske had reached high C in the middle register and were just trying for two G's in the cash register, the building suddenly fell in.

Significant was the fact that parties raking the wreckage this afternoon discovered that over 34 persons were killed—the largest crowd to ever attend non-compulsory assembly in the gym, much less to be squashed to death there.

### B-U-L-L-E-T-I-N!

News has just been received here that the Washington and Lee Alumni association and board of trustees, aroused to action by the Folklore tragedy, has voted:

(1) To rebuild Doremus gymnasium on the site of the old 32-acre structure, placing a large statue of Victory in the center of the basketball court with the words inscribed thereunder: "Sic Semper Folklorus etcetera" (translated, "We'll get 'em all next time, dammit!").

(2) To buy a drinking fountain and watering can for the library.

(3) To rebuild the dormitories, just for the hell of it, putting in additional leisure and game rooms.

Angered at the destruction of Doremus gymnasium, Captain Dick Smith of the \$4,500,000 Washington and Lee Athletic trust jumped up from the checks (for paid athletes) he was signing in his palatial office just off the University pool and bowling annex to the now non-existent Doremus gym, shouting, "Who did it?"

When told that the Folklore society had caused the whole mess, Cap'n Dick became even more irked.

### Was Prominent Member

"This folkling around has got to stop!" he said.

When informed that both Vocalist Drink Spiker and Co-Vocalist Dwight had survived the debacle, Folklore officials gave three loud cheers and took off for the hills around Lexington, where they made contact with several Folk and recited several pieces out in a clearing where the vibrations wouldn't shake anything loose.

B-U-L-L-E-T-I-N!

It has just been disclosed that Bismarck was not buried beneath fallen Doremus!

What students had hoped for proved to be true:

For the slumberous canine, his sleep disturbed by the vocal efforts of Messrs. Spiker and Fiske, turned tail and slunk away shortly before the structure collapsed.

He was discovered just a minute ago asleep in the ladies' room of the new gymnasium, built while you were reading this.

When Cap'n Dick heard that both vocalists and the greater part of the society itself had escaped, he just stomped his foot and said, "Shucks."

### Stop! It's Wonderful

The student Aid-to-Suffering Animals-and-Buy-More-Bear society set out immediately to sift the ashes of Doremus in their search for the remains of Bismarck, reportedly sleeping in the gymnasium in spite of the noise.

All University classes for next week have been called off in reverence.

### LETTER TO EDITOR

To the Editor,  
February 29, 1940.  
Dear Sir:  
(See Richmond Times-Dispatch, March 6, 1940.)  
Sincerely yours,  
BILL BURNER.



SHOWN HERE IS W&L'S NEW GYMNASIUM, a magnificent piece of modern architecture now being constructed on the campus, which will rival the athletic plants of many of the colleges in the country. (Architect shown in inset.)

## Warriors Slug Hitler on Blandford's 19-Hit Hurling; Duce Loses Crap Game

**Tilson Loins De Gridmen Ta Articulate**

By PORKY AND BESS

The sudden soaring of Washington and Lee's football fortunes up to rock-bottom this spring can be attributed to the outstanding work that Tex Tilson has done in teaching his squad of good Irish lads some of the language that we use in this country—often referred to as the English language.

As the assortment of alleged representatives from the Emerald Isle reported to Head (and we mean that with all sincerity) Coach Tex Tilson for spring practice, the outlook was dark, literally and figuratively. The gathering of trick knee and Irish names resembled very closely the get-togethers at the League of Nations, among the Erin delegates, of

### That's What I

course. The lads from the New Jersey, Bronx, Brooklyn, and East Side sections of Ireland had mastered the Irish version of the English language, but they encountered some difficulty with the American method of speaking the tongue. There was an abundance of good material, and their only fault was their lack of understanding of just what Coach Tilson was trying to teach them. So Mr. Tilson set to work.

Day in and day out he drilled the words "cat," "dog," "pass," "Yehudi? Who's Yehudi?" "punt," and "pray" into his hard-working pupils. At first the problem appeared to be insurmountable, but as the days rolled by, definite improvement was noticed. The boys, after catching on, learned rapidly, until today they are almost finished products.

We saw definite proof of this after the final scrimmage of spring practice on Wednesday. Walking across the footbridge from Wilson field we met a group of Tilson's mental giants and received the following greetings: "Hi ya Butch," "Bo," "Whadda youse says?" and

### Keep Telling Them

"Whaddaya hear from de mob, for variety, two advanced pupils hailed us with "twenty-three, skidoo" and "oh youse keep." A fine job Coach Tilson is doing, isn't it?

There is rumor afoot that Judge Landis is going to crack down on the Richmond university, Wake Forest, and Duke baseball teams of the Southern conference for committing the cardinal sin in the Judge's rule book—that of covering up ball players. Rumor has it that the three schools have a number of top-flight ball players in school who have proven their ability with higher ranking clubs, but the authorities of the institutions won't let them break their contracts and go into faster ball.

If the recalcitrant individuals don't give the boys a break in the

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ing rocks at the pitcher and tossing pepper in the eyes of the infield. Undaunted when spiked by Bob Keim when rounding third base, Mussolini spiked Keim right back—breaking his cleats on the Richmond Red-head's knee.

BY INNINGS: First: INT. Stalin walked, Hitler walked, Mussolini walked. Chamberlin pounded one out with his umbrella to the pitcher's box—Blandford hurriedly completed a quadruple play, unassisted.

WARRIOR: Melville walked, Tompson walked, Gary walked, Keim walked, Dangler ran, and Mangan rode. Then three pop-ups, two home-runs and a strike-out left the umpire wondering what-the-hell had happened. Eight runs, no hits, millions of errors.

Second: INT. Daladier walked, Troubs Missed Cue

Reynaud walked, King Carol walked, Hitler and Mussolini played pinocchio with Joe Stalin. At the end of the games after the lights were turned on, Hitler lost his pants, Stalin his shirt, and Mussolini his other pair of socks. Winner for the evening was Umpire Mattingly and the mighty Dangler who each got a sock and buskin.

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Mangan ... 16 15 14 13  
Brown ... 12 11 10 9  
Blandford ... 8 7 6 5  
Eccleston ... 4 3 2 Bingo

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straightened itself out when the Internationals finally pushed a run across, wheeling substitute Prince Michael around in a baby carriage. Inning ended with Hitler left on base arguing with umpire Mattingly on the subject of sufficient quality credits to be eligible to play Southern conference baseball.

### Airplane Crash Kills 11

WARRIOR: Nobody in particular batted, nothing particular happened except Melville was hit by a pitched ball, then hit the pitched ball back. Cap'n Dick pinch-hitted for Slugger Mangan, knocking a long fly ball up into the press box on the stadium. Umpire Mattingly ruled it foul ball; then the Cap'n popped up to King Carol on the tennis courts. No runs, no hits, nothing.

Fourth: It started to rain like hell—so everybody climbed into the dugouts and forgot about the baseball game. Two crap games began, one poker game started, while Hitler and Mussolini played pinocchio with Joe Stalin. At the end of the games after the lights were turned on, Hitler lost his pants, Stalin his shirt, and Mussolini his other pair of socks. Winner for the evening was Umpire Mattingly and the mighty Dangler who each got a sock and buskin.

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## Groan Artists Win Nationals At Bad Water

Coach Archie Mathis and his boys, after a two-week vacation, hit the mats again this week in a come-back attempt, sweeping all events in the annual National Intercollegiate wrestling tournament at Bad Water, California.

Led by stars Braun and Fuller and star Graham, as well as star Farrier and star McInerney, the wrestlers, clad in their blue pajamas, had little trouble in pushing their way through the ninety-four competing first-rate teams. Closest to Washington and Lee's 2,499 points was Sweet Briar college with an earned run average of .1 per inning.

In the 102-pound class, flyweight Graham scrapped eight opponents at one time, to set a new world's record. He downed them all by pins in eight minutes, 59.4 seconds. No one was hurt in the melee, although Graham received four broken ribs, had an eye gouged out, and lost one arm.

### T Miss Minnie!

In the 102-pound class, George McInerney, the handsome one, stiff-armed two Colorado men, then flipped a coin with the Oklahoma A&M squad to win the title. He wasn't hurt—in fact, the mat took an awful beating.

Next came Farrier, next went Farrier—he went that way—but got back on the mat in time to win over his two opponents. Human interest arose in the story when Farrier's girl (and generally the sweetheart of Sigma Chi) showed up for the last match. Braying mightily, the mighty Barney had no trouble at all with his opponent, carrying into battle his fair lady's silk silks.

When Dick Boisseau refused to wrestle heavyweight because of his bad eye-sight and flat-feet, Coach Mathis stepped into the breach vacated by the mighty Dick and walked to his 91st straight title. Boisseau, one of this year's finer mat artists, wasn't scared he said—he just hadn't eaten his wheaties.

Amigo Braun growled twice and his opponents ran—spent most of his time at the tournament showing off three automobiles and two dogs—in addition to two other dogs he had as dotes. He was nonplussed by the whole thing, saying "It was in the bag" as they carried him off the mat.

Choate champion Tom Fuller showed them all how it was done, dancing the Conga and wrestling two Alabama men and a Kansas State football tackle with one arm while he wrote a letter with the other. At the same time he was busy dictating another letter.

Coach Mathis was quite pleased with his charges at the end of the tournament. He stated, "Our team is red hot, red hot, red hot, red hot—yea!"

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# DICTATOR SMILEY SMITH DECLARES MILITARY RULE!

## Harrangues Class in Spiel From Desk

Following the examples of Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Herman Goering and other benefactors of humanity, Smiley Smith, self-appointed codifier of the Washington and Lee honor system, this morning announced martial law for all his classes for the rest of the year.

Standing on the desk of his classroom, the Codifier thundered out his pronunciamento, edict, and Sermon on the Mount:

"I want you pupils to note (don't borrow them) that in the future we will salute with a broad smile and the conventional greeting, 'Heil, Oh High and Mighty 79.99999 (or 'C') Codifier!'"

"We must preserve order!"

(Here the Codifier launched another one of his beaming smiles and began a summary of his moves since the croup-de-taste when he seized the reigns of power in the W&L economics soviet from Retiring Comrade Crobaugh.)

"From the first," he chortled, cracking a deep, benign smile, "I have stood for the principles we learn in our kindergartens. In fact, as you students know, I have consistently run my class like a kindergarten!"

"Consistently," the Great De-Emancipator bellowed as the room echoed back his words, "consistently I have carried out these kindergarten principles to the best of my ability!"

"You will remember my laudable act against freedom of the press, that perfidious, democratic practice, when I forced Charles Chapman, the agitator, to leave my classes for reading The Ring-tum Phi."

(Cheers, shouts, "Watch on the Rhine" sung wildly.)

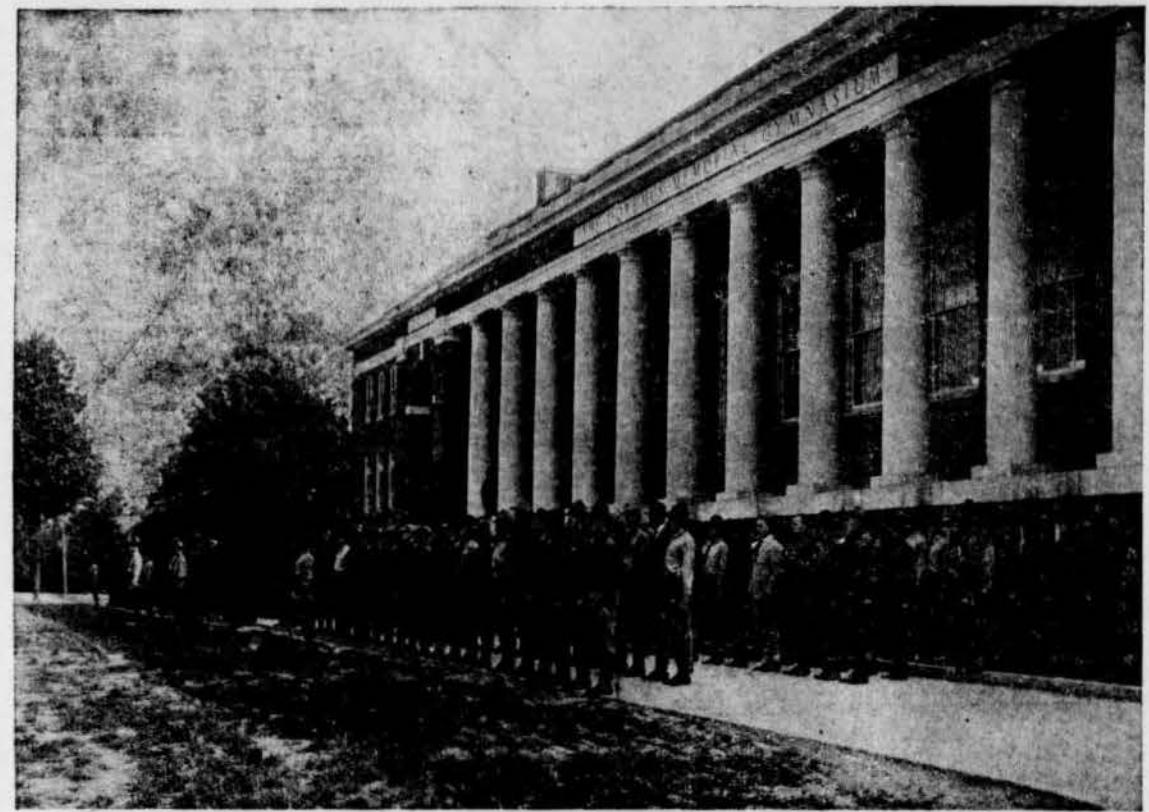
"Yes, and how I demanded—and got—an apology from that low felon for his dastardly attempt to gain minority recognition! Kindergarten über alles!"

(More wild cheers.)

"Yes!" the Smiling Dictator continued, working himself up to a hysterical peak, "and how—in the greatest test of my career—I threw the gauntlet back into the faces of the thousands of W&L gentlemen who formed the W&L honor system by my one, ingenious act!"

"Tomorrow," he announced solemnly, "we will continue our policy of 'Kindergarten über alles' by introducing a new discipline. Tomorrow all my followers will be going to school our new badge of supremacy—a large, yellow pencil box!"

**Captions**  
Seriously, this is serious. Under its constitution the NFU must have notice of this in the RTP. There will be a meeting of the NFU Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock in the Student Union to elect delegates to the nomination convention."



Latest photograph of Codifier Smiley Smith's "Kindergarten Über Alles" Legion, lined up for inspection before what used to be Doremus gymnasium. (Charlie Chapman was banned from the picture.)

## Dirty Politics Exposed By Frosh Squealer

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you didn't get Glenn Miller. After all, what have the Wahoos got that you haven't got?"

Cameron Dean hadn't heard about the incident yet and was amazed. "It's something that's never happened before. Here everything seemed about ready to take a change for the better, but I had to find a favor that was left over from the Junior Prom and I can't figure out who didn't get one."

### Wheat Prices on the Up

Henry Roediger, who is about to run for the forgotten man of the campus job, commented briefly. "I think the Yankees are a cinch, but in the National league it's different. It looks like a tossup between the Reds, Giants, Cubs, Bees, Dodgers, Pirates, and Cardinals. But if you want a real dark-horse, watch the Phillies. Now take their pitching . . ."

### Don't Worry About Taylor

Jack Fisher, sophomore executive committee man, when interviewed in the showers after having shut out Roanoke with two hits, said, "It was my fast ball that got 'em. It was so fast they couldn't see it."

### Cecil Taylor Doesn't Want to be Quoted

Cecil Taylor, president of the student body, who is visiting in Lexington today, told a Ring-tum Phi reporter that "I think it is inconsiderate of the freshmen not to speak, but after all, what can you do about it?"

### ODR Pledged Seventeen

"I recommend that when upperclassmen see a freshman who refuses to acknowledge his greeting the upperclassmen thereafter refuse to speak. That ought to teach them."

"Why the hell should people speak on the campus anyhow? It's just a lot of trouble. Boys at Virginia don't do it."

Taylor, however, asked not to be quoted.

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## New Zealand Parley Will Re-elect Lauck

Harold C. Lauck, laboratory instructor in journalism, left this morning for New Zealand where he will attend a meeting of the National Graphic Arts guild, of which he is the president. Purpose of the convention is to elect officers for next year. This ceremony will be just a formality, as Lauck is certain to be unanimously acclaimed to succeed himself.

Long recognized as the outstanding printer in America since Gutenberg, Lauck has distinguished himself by being elected president of the America Institute of Graphic Arts, the Washington club of Printing House Craftsmen, the Bibliographical Society of London, ditto of America, and the Chicago Society of Typographic Arts.

Lauck is also a member of Sigma Delta Chi.

## Ring-tum Phi Comic Section



IKE: Why does a chicken cross the road?

MIKE: To keep his pants up.

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