

## I-F Council Proposes Audit Plan

### May Withhold Grades For Students Having Unpaid House Bills

A special Interfraternity council committee, appointed last Tuesday evening to draw up details of a plan whereby University action would be taken against fraternity members who fail to pay house bills, last night outlined for the Ring-tum Phi the provisions which will be presented to members of the council for consideration next week.

The plan drawn up by the committee provides for a monthly audit of all fraternity accounts by an independent accountant, probably Sam Rayder, treasurer of the W. and L. student body. Statements will be turned in to the accountant on the 15th day of the month following their rendition to members, and a letter of warning will be sent immediately to any member whose payment has not been received. Delinquent members will be given two days in which to settle the account.

If a student, upon receipt of such a letter, fails to make the required settlement, a letter will be sent to his parents. If no reply is received from the parents within a reasonable time, the delinquent's name will be turned over to the University registrar, who will withhold all grades, credits and diplomas until payment is made.

Only a unanimous vote of a delinquent's chapter will keep his name from being turned over to the registrar if his parents fail to make the required reply, the plan states.

An agreement between parents and the fraternity, in which the former must agree to be responsible for all room and board payments, will be signed when a student pledges a house, according to another of the plan's provisions. Formulation of such a plan was suggested to the Interfraternity council at last Tuesday's meeting by Dean Gilliam, who has studied similar programs in effect at other schools. The University Board of Trustees recommended regular auditing of fraternity accounts last February.

Appointment of the committee to draw up details for formal presentation of the plan next week followed a discussion by fraternity representatives at last week's council session. On the committee are Dr. Trotter and Mr. Mattingly, of the administration; Sam Rayder, of the Rockbridge National bank; council members Bill Soule and Syd Lewis; and house managers Herb Woodward and Tom Martin, of ATO and Delta Tau Delta, respectively.

Council members, after hearing the committee's report next Tuesday, will be asked to present the proposal to their respective houses in chapter meetings next week. A vote on the measure will probably be taken the following week.

## Coming Up...

**TONIGHT**  
Freshman Council meeting, Student Union, 7:30 p. m.  
Non-Fraternity Men meeting, Student Union, 7:30 p. m.

**SUNDAY**  
Lee Dinner Forum, meeting at Dean Gilliam's home, 6:30 p. m.

**MONDAY**  
Cottillon Club meeting, Student Union, 7:00 p. m.  
Forensic Union meeting, Student Union, 7:30 p. m.  
Pi Alpha Nu meeting, Student Union, 7:30 p. m.  
Ritz Trumpeters, concert, Lexington high school auditorium, 8:30 p. m.

**TUESDAY**  
Camera Club meeting, Payne hall, 7:30 p. m.  
Christian Council meeting, Student Union, 7:30 p. m.

**NOTICES**  
All graduating seniors who want to apply for caps and gowns or Finals invitation, concession must turn in their names to Lou Plummer, secretary of the student body, before 6 p. m. Tuesday.



The Ritz Trumpeters, who will play here Monday evening.

## Ritz Trumpeters to Present Program at High School Monday

Four versatile musicians, well-known as the Ritz Trumpeters, will present a lengthy and varied program in the Lexington high school auditorium Monday night under the sponsorship of the Washington and Lee fine arts department. The concert will start at 8:30, following an hour's program by the Lexington junior drum and bugle corps.

The group, composed of Ben Ritzenthaler, who takes turns on the sax, clarinet and bassoon, Richard Cooley, trombonist, Joe

Lloyd, who specializes on the trumpet, and Pianist Burke Morrissey will open its program with a group of three ensemble numbers: King's "Opening March," Balfe's "Bohemian Girl," and "Chocolate Soldier," by Strauss.

Solos by Mr. Ritzenthaler, who will play his own "Enchantment" on the saxophone, by Mr. Lloyd, who will present an old trumpet favorite, "Carnival of Venice," by Mr. Cooley, who will give a trombone version of Pryor's "Thoughts of Love," and by Mr. Morrissey, who will give a selected piano solo, will feature the first half of the program.

Sandwiched around the solo efforts will be other ensemble numbers. These will be Popper's "Morning, Noon and Night," Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance," Thomas' "Raymond," Dora's "Zampa," Rossini's "William Tell," Herbert's "Gypsy Love Song," Liszt's "Second Hungarian Rhapsody," Suppe's "Light Cavalry," a medley of Fritzi's "Songs of the Vagabonds" and "Sympathy" and Victor Herbert's "Italian Street Song."

The second part of the program will be opened with a clarinet solo "In the Gloaming" and "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" with bass accompaniment.

Operatic excerpts from Donizetti's "Sextette from Lucia di Lammermoor," Verdi's "Home to Our Mountains," Verdi's "Quartette from Rigoletto" and Wagner's "Overture to Lohengrin" will follow.

The balance of the concert will be made up of Digo's "Serenade," a medley arrangement of "Jolly Robbers," "Poet and Peasant," and "Orpheus," and the finale, "Your Land and My Land."

## Lauck Attends Council Meeting at Carnegie Tech

C. Harold Lauck went to Pittsburgh last Saturday to attend a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Graphic Arts education which was held at Carnegie Institute of Technology in conjunction with the annual reunion of graduates of Carnegie's Department of Printing.

Mr. Lauck is an associate member of the council which is composed of representatives of twenty-five allied national graphic arts organizations. Mr. Lauck represents the National Graphic Arts Education Guild, of which he is president.

W&L's lacrosse ten won their second conference game by overwhelming Virginia today 10-1.

## Modern Conveniences in New Dorm Will Outshine Elevator, Washstands

"The new dormitory building is... just what has been sadly needed for many years."

Thus ran comment in The Ring-tum Phi in October, 1904, shortly after members of that year's freshman class had moved into newly-constructed Lees dorm, and similar declarations will probably be made next fall when work on the current dormitory building program is completed.

Dormitory facilities at Washington and Lee were poor at the turn of the century. Some students were housed in a building which stood where the Student Union now stands, but there was need for a new and larger structure. So Lees dorm, the older of the two present buildings, was built in 1904. It was named for Mrs. S. P. Lees, of New York, whose bequest had provided means for its construction, and it was then the very latest thing in dormitories, a building "pleasing to the new students as well as the old."

One of the features of the new Lees was the provision of a bath for every six rooms. The tubs which were installed have long since been removed and replaced by showers—a shower for approximately every thirty rooms. Also included in the equipment was a "stationary washstand" in every room. Those stands—those that remain—are now used, in most cases, as typewriter tables. Whether or not the architect forgot to provide closet space is not known, but small wardrobe cabinets were provided in their stead.

Lees suited the University needs until 1920, when Graham dormitory was built to accommodate additional freshmen. One of the features of the newer structure was an elevator, installed to lift trunks and baggage to the upper floors, and now no longer in use.

Graham, unlike Lees, was not divided into sections. A corridor ran from one wing to the other, but noise and an inclination to use the long hall for a "bowling alley" brought about the construction, a few years ago, of a dividing partition.

Both dorms were nice enough when they were new, but their "modern conveniences" are no more and when next fall rolls around, and the new triangle is completed, everybody will probably agree that "the new dormitory buildings are... just what have been sadly needed for many years."

Next fall, new freshmen will be greeted by a 'new era' in the dorms.

## Professor's Wife Killed In Auto Crash

### Rites to Be Held Tomorrow; Johnson's Condition Is Fair

Funeral services for Mrs. Raymond T. Johnson, who was killed late yesterday afternoon in an automobile accident in which her husband, a member of the Washington and Lee law school faculty, was injured, will be held tomorrow at 5 p. m. at Lexington cemetery.

The condition of Dr. Johnson, who received scalp lacerations and possible internal injuries in the collision, was described as "satisfactory" late this afternoon by an attendant at Jackson Memorial hospital. The full extent of Dr. Johnson's injuries is not yet known, but his condition is not considered serious.

Mrs. Johnson was killed when the car in which she, Dr. Johnson, and their nine-year-old son, Charles, were riding collided with another on the Lee highway about three miles north of Lexington. Charles escaped with minor cuts and bruises, but the occupants of the other auto, Percy Wooden and Elmer Robinson, both of Buena Vista, were injured and were taken to Jackson hospital.

The Johnsons' car was headed north when the machines side-swiped each other. Mrs. Johnson was driving at the time.

Sheriff E. Gwynn Pole and Corporal E. P. Tompkins, of Rockbridge county, began investigation of the accident yesterday.

Members of the Washington and Lee faculty will serve as pallbearers at tomorrow's services for Mrs. Johnson. Lawrence E. Watkins, L. C. Helderman, Charles R. McDowell, Clayton E. Williams, Robert W. Dickey, C. P. Light, and Harry K. Young will be active bearers, while Allen Penick will serve as honorary bearer.

## Phi Eta Sigma Initiates 15

At the society's last meeting before election of new officers, which will take place early next month, Phi Eta Sigma last night initiated 15 freshmen whose grades average 90 for the first seven months of the session.

Bill Shannon, president of the fraternity, conducted the initiation of the following students:

William Henry Armstrong, Christchurch, Va.; Carlyle Westbrook Barritt, West Pittton, Pa.; George Sartwell Barrows, Lexington; Richard Earl Cooke, Grandville, Mich.; Stuart Moore Faison, Lexington; Joseph Franklin Ellis, Jr., Clarkdale, Miss.; Donald Everett Garretson, Winnetka, Ill.

S. L. Kopald, Jr., Memphis, Tenn.; Morrison Ray Nelson, Louisville, Ky.; Edward Howard Scherr, Petersburg, Va.; Jay Armand Silvenstein, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Albert Daniel Tull, East Point, Ga.; Thomas Cayle Wilson, Columbus, Ohio; Norman Francis Wysat, Petersburg, Va.; and Edwin Albert Zelnicker, Mobile, Ala.

While pledging this week, the new men wore yellow and black ribbons as a sign of their affiliation with the organization.

## Hobson Names Committees For Finals; Plans to Sign Bands in Next Two Weeks

### Brodie, Baldwin, Boisseau, Day and Booth Are Officers

Bob Hobson, president of Finals, today said he would probably be able to announce the bands for the set within the next two weeks.

Among the tentative plans for Finals is an open-air concert in front of the school to replace the customary tea dance.

Hobson asked for student opinion on the concert idea, which he is considering because students in the past have protested about the heat and stuffiness of day-time dances in the gym.

The proposed concert would find Finals attendants scattered about the front lawn of the campus in informal dress about dusk, with the band ranged along the lower end of the space. The concert would last for two hours, probably 5 to 7 p. m.

Concerning the bands Hobson said, "To be perfectly frank with you, the longer we hold off, the better band we are likely to get. Right now we have something good on the fire, which ought to break in about a week. There will be a definite announcement of the bands as soon as we can manage it."

"Stories are always acceptable for examination," Thigpen said, "and I wish that anyone who thinks he can write would get in touch with me, because we want as many stories as possible to choose from in order that we might have a better quality of literature in next year's Collegian. After all, the magazine is for the students, and if they are at all interested in it, they should be willing to help us out if they have any ability."

The policies of the new Collegian have not been formulated as yet, the editor declared, but it is expected that they will conform for the most part to that of last year's, edited by Sluggie Sugrue.

The new issue of the Collegian under Thigpen will appear about the middle of May, and the contributions made to this issue will largely determine the staff for next year, although it was pointed out that tryouts will also be held in the fall for freshmen and any other students who are interested.

The next issue will use as usual several short stories, articles, and a collection of poems written by students. The issue will be a significant one, since it will not only determine part of the staff, but the new art editor as well.

## Convention Keynote Is Gained Luncheon Guest

Dr. and Mrs. Francis P. Gaines entertained Mr. James W. Wadsworth, keynote speaker for W&L's Republican Mock convention at a luncheon on Tuesday. Prominent guests representing the Republican party in Virginia were the Hon. Frederick W. McWane of Lynchburg, Va., and Major Henry A. Wise of Kiptopeke, Va. Other guests at the Gaines' home were members of the W&L Executive committee.

A plea for the employment of practical means of securing peace was made by Harry Philpott, director of religious education, in a chapel address to the students of Mary Baldwin college last Friday morning.

Philpott urged his audience to forget "silly sentimentality and mere lip service to peace" in favor of more realistic methods. Nations will have to make sacrifices, he asserted, but they will be justified by future progress.

There will be an important meeting of all non-fraternity members of the sophomore class in the Student Union building Tuesday night, April 26. The meeting will begin at 7:00, at which time candidates for next year's junior offices will speak to NFU members.

## Bridges Named Vice-President

Washington and Lee's eighth Mock convention came to a close at 12:45 Thursday morning with the nomination of Senator E. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire as the convention's choice for vice-president.

Bridges' nomination came on the third ballot by an overwhelming majority after he had led on the first two ballots by a small margin over Frank Gannett, New York publisher, and Wendell Wilkie, southern industrial head.

The nomination of Bridges completed the work of the convention, which had previously okayed the Republican platform and had nominated Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon for president on the 17th ballot as a compromise candidate between the deadlocked forces of Senator Robert Taft of Ohio and District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

## Music by Graham, Heard in Lynchburg, To Be Played Here

Compositions by Professor John A. Graham, member of faculty of the Language and Music departments, was featured in Lynchburg last week-end, and will be heard in Lexington again Monday night.

An arrangement for string ensemble by Professor Graham, "Choral and Descant," will be included on the program of the Drum and Bugle corps at the Harrington-Waddell high school in Lexington Monday night.

Another of the professor's compositions, "A Child's Song of Christmas," was featured at the annual Junior Choral festival at the Randolph-Macon auditorium in Lynchburg last Sunday. This composition was played in Lexington last year by the Virginia Symphony orchestra.

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## Convention Box Score

Ballot	McNary	Vandenberg	Taft	Dewey
1	46	113	113	180
2	47	106	136	187
3	108	127	332	187
4	235	179	220	198
5	65	190	325	275
6	38	198	299	323
7	121	162	356	224
8	9	46	380	405
9	64	164	369	151
10	364	364	319	8
11	317	58	437	12
12	55	270	108	29
13	0	309	434	47
14	1	438	316	13
15	175	0	405	214
16	386	0	338	35
17	624	0	107	12

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## Who Is This Chap McNary?

McNary is the Republican nominee for President of the United States. Hooray!

Then all the students went home for dinner, and started discussing him.

Just who is this man McNary? What does he stand for? How well do his views fit in with the platform we adopted? Is he "the friend of the farmer?"

Nobody seems to know. The chairman of the Oregon delegation, who nominated him, is rather vague on the subject.

Somebody says he is the author of the highest protective tariff ever submitted to Congress.

Somebody else says he is the author of a bill which forced farmers to buy their machinery in a protected market, but sell their produce in a world market.

Somebody else says he is a swell fellow.

The only thing certain is that over 75 per cent of the fellows that elected him never knew more than his name when they got through.

If the Republicans exhibit the same sort of fuzziness this June, the Grand Old Party will be in a sorry state.

Or, considering the clarity of the average voter's mind, it will probably do as well as it would have under other circumstances.

## The Tar Heel Blitzkrieg

The Daily Tar Heel, UNC's campus paper recounted in a rather braggart sort of way the tennis sortie of last week-end in which the Carolinians whitewashed us pretty badly. Dick Wright gives his views on the account in his new column on the sports page. In disagreeing with both of them, there are a number of things that might be said.

First of all, that the Tar Heel pen pushers overlooked two of the most important canons of news writing—they weren't objective, and in their eagerness to turn out a cute story they forgot to say when the match was played. But that is beside the point.

But Wright seems much too hurt about the matter. He feels we are "humbled," and wails that "it's bad enough to be beaten, needless to say laughed at."

### Steamshoveling a Molehill

Our chief emotion was surprise and wonder. Carolina has long been known as one of the outstanding centers of tennis education in the country. We have never bragged of our netmen. They are just fellows who go to school and play tennis for fun in their spare time.

If the two schools had been long-time, close-matched court rivals, the write-up would be comprehensible. But we cannot understand the reasoning which prompted them to train their verbalistic guns on a team which has long been conceded to be pushover competition. The fact that their crack tennisists added a weak No. 10 to their string of victories stands as a testimony to itself. That W&L got only one

set could be mentioned without gloating as obvious credit to NCU's netmen. Why the linotype blitzkrieg?

### And So What?

As reduced to its essentials, what does the overwhelming victory indicate? Simply that among the students of the University of North Carolina there can be found six young gentlemen who are much more proficient at slamming a fuzzy rubber ball with a wood-and-catgut implement than are any who inhabit the environs of Washington and Lee university. What about that does Wright discover so humbling?

And if students who prefer to spend their afternoons smudged with printers' ink rather than red clay relate the event in a style calculated to make their brethren snigger at our ineptness, what is "bad" about that?

The result was a foregone conclusion. We could have refused any dishonor with no more effort than that required to write the Tar Heel manager that our team was unfortunately confined to bed with a collective stomach-ache on that particular Saturday afternoon.

If our boys enjoy playing a game enough to risk boring spectators with their exhibition, there is little degrading in the process.

And if schoolmates of the winners resort to epithetical rhetoric in their struggle to fill up half a column of type—well, we're still not excited.

## Are Freshmen Smarter?

Phi Eta Sigma broke all its four-year records by initiating 15 freshmen last night.

This proves one of three things:

1. Freshman work is getting easier.
2. Modern freshmen are smarter than they used to be.
3. They are studying harder.

The true explanation of the phenomenon probably lies somewhere in the vicinity of number three.

It is hard to think that the genus homo vertus is actually improving in mental calibre. A more reasonable explanation would be that it is arriving at colleges better prepared, with more efficient study habits. Or perhaps that its head is turned less violently by the antics of upperclass Joe Colleges, who are becoming saner and less spectacular in their caper-cutting.

It is certain to anyone who has spent much time in the dorms in the past two years that their inhabitants show more purpose, more realization of what they came for than they did of yore.

At any rate, if these Phi Eta Sigmas have the same academic wearing qualities that former ones have had, scholarship at Washington and Lee is definitely on the upgrade.

We'd still like to know what is behind it.

## THE FORUM

### The Missing Lynx

News of a little booklet entitled "Personal Magnetism!" (the exclamation point is not ours) has worked itself up through the mass of material on our desk. One chapter of the thing deals with "Timbre Quotations." "Timbre Quotations," the man says, are of the utmost importance if we are to have a magnetic voice. We will include here those "Tone Qualities" which the man says "are most useful in ordinary life."

The First Quality is Bright.—The Quotation is: "My happy heart with rapture swells."

The Second Quality is Dark.—The Quotation is: "Her death was sadly beautiful, and her soul was borne upon the perfume of earth's drooping lilies to the land of flowers that never fade."

The Third Quality is Neutral.—The Quotation is: "Though they smile in vain for what once was ours, they are love's last gift."

The Eleventh Quality (we skipped a few here, the man said they were "relatively unimportant") is Bright Guttural.—The Quotation is "I loathe you in my bosom!" (We rather liked this one.)

The Twelfth Quality is Dark Orotund.—The Quotation is: "Toll, toll, toll, thou bell thy billows swung!"

We listened to ourself for a couple of hours muttering about "earth's drooping lilies" and bosom-loathing and "love's last gift" but we didn't improve much. No hope for us when it comes to being "magnetic," we just sound silly.—Southwestern University.

## CAMPUS COMMENT ...

By PETE BARROW, JR.

### Suburban Heights Department ...

When the year began, one of the apartments above Woody's garage was occupied by Sam McCorkle, Torrington, Read, Crawford, and Alnutt.

A motley crew. One afternoon, as Torrington was on his way to the bathroom, he encountered a little man in the hall.

"Hello," said the little man. "I'm from the water company. I've come to cut the water off."

"Come right in," said Willie. "Sit down. Er, by the way, do you mind waiting until I've finished my bath?"

The little man was agreeable. "No, no," he said. "Go right ahead, I'm in no hurry."

So Willie finished his bath. Next came McCorkle.

"I say, old fellow," he roared in his heartiest manner. "I'd like a bath before you cut the water off. Mind?"

"Certainly not," said the little man, beginning to look a bit dubious.

After that, and in the following order, came Alnutt, Read, and Crawford.

The little man sat in the living room and read True Confessions, Liberty and True Detective for three hours.

Soon, the entire populace of Suburban Heights was bathed and shaved.

The little man peered into one of the bedrooms and asked, in a timid voice: "Is it all right if I cut the water off now?"

"I guess so," said Torrington.

"Thanks," said the little man.

"Don't mention it," said Torrington.

So finally, after waiting three hours and twenty minutes, the water was cut off by this Best of All Public Servants.

To our knowledge, and judging by the looks of the suburbanites, it was never cut on again.

### McInerney Again ...

It is a rare thing when this column attempts to defend anyone, but we are unable to make ourselves believe that George McInerney is capable of all the malice attributed to him in Kramer's letter to the convention issue of The Ring-tum Phi.

Mr. Kramer used such words, in describing McInerney's acts, as low, unjust, uncalled-for, narrow, boorish, and loathsome.

Which is pretty strong.

And pretty silly.

To deny that Steve Stephenson is everything nice that Kramer said about him would be to deny the obvious. McInerney himself will be the first to admit that.

To interpret acts done in a spirit of fun, as containing implications of personal malice is, we believe, indicative of a spirit that is entirely out of place at a Mock convention.

Mr. Kramer seems to be among the few who viewed the New York delegation's actions in that light.

### Question of the Week ...

Why the hell can't young people of the same sex get along with each other?

### Donnie Scott Club ...

Donnie plays a small part in this complicated story, but actually she caused it all by allowing Jimmy Hernandez to guess that she wasn't all his.

To show the world that it didn't matter to him, Herman the Vermin asked a lovely young lady named Virginia Suydam to Spring dances. Let it be stated at this point that Miss Suydam is a delightful person, far superior to Hernandez.

This column commented on the state of affairs, and, it seems, she happened to read it.

So now, she has gone back to her old love, Jack Akin, and Herman is trying to figure out what he can go back to. He is recalling with a bittersweet poignancy, the good old days when life was stable and he was number seventeen in the Donnie Scott flock.

### Rumor Department ...

Is it true that Anna Mae Feuchtenberger has asked BOTH Billy Buxton and Bobby Neale to the May Day festivities at Sweet Briar? Just a rumor, you understand, told to us by a very mean person.

### Randomettes ...

The Phi Deltas have been strangely conservative lately. . . . Dickey Day created the only ripple of interest all week by falling in the poison-ivy at the University of Virginia. . . . Charlie Didier is still trying to cut Johnny Davis' throat with Kitty Taylor of Hollins. . . . Brad Dunson's date stayed over three days after the dances. . . . Across the street, however, at the Sigma Nu house, things are popping. . . . Yesterday afternoon there was a tiny baby carriage on the front porch; baby within. . . . propped against the door, were two guns. . . . Explanations are in order, Gaddy. . . . Rufus Shumate has been strangely absent from Hollins lately, and, might we add, strangely antagonistic toward Dick Parsons. . . . Could it be that Miss Swann has decided that one intermediate lawyer is as good as another? . . . Grinnell Walker, on the other hand, has finally won his lady love after a four-year courtship. Miss Sally Cheney, of Mary Baldwin, is wearing a Sigma Nu pin, and rumors are going around of a marriage this summer. . . . Jack Jones, the most impulsive of all the Sigma Nus, has become Donnie Scott victim number thirty-six. . . . During Spring dances, Donnie, and her date, good old Charlie Bowles, visited the Sigma Nu house several times. . . . All this was done at the suggestion of Miss Scott herself. . . . Art Smith's girl is coming to finals, but will be a day or two late because it was absolutely necessary to work Annapolis' June Week into her schedule. . . . A dead calm seems to have settled upon the Castles, both upper and lower, and the Green Finger. . . . Taylor, we might say, has earned his rest by serving as convention chairman in as capable a fashion as he served the office of student president all year. . . . It is our own personal belief that the Czar cannot be praised too highly for his masterful handling of both jobs. . . . Happy Butts, still excited about having had Lulu down last week-end.

# The Ring-tum Phi Feature Section

## PERSONAL OPINIONS

In the latest issue of the Southern Collegian is an article on subsidization.

It interests me. It interests me because it mentions Aesop and one of his fables. (Dog has bone in mouth; dog sees reflection in stream; craft is born of greed; dog loses bone.)

I mentioned the same fable in a semi-private discussion of subsidization about two months ago. Maybe that's a coincidence. Maybe it's not.

At any rate I feel that the gauntlet has been tossed down and that someone, having snarled a rat on the ship of state, should nip it in the bud.

That's from Cornucopia.

To begin, I think that the article is fallacious in its assertion that the "only possible way to correct the encroachment on the honor system"—said encroachment being the untruthful answers college athletes must place on South-eastern conference eligibility blank—"of the various schools . . . would be to rewrite the entire eligibility blank." It seems obvious that truthful answers to any questions would agree with any honor system, even if these answers prove an athlete ineligible.

But we must have eligibility, so let's drop that argument.

Now about tempo.

The article mentions a "big tempo," which tempo, we are told, makes it imperative for Virginia schools to subsidize.

I don't think this applies to W&L. We are, by providence and by design, a small school. To gear our athletic department to a speed and power far in excess of that of the rest of our departments would be to upset our differential. Or maybe it's the carburetor.

It must be evident by now that I don't know what I'm talking about.

To go on, however, I suggest that, since we don't attempt to offer marvelous and high-sounding degrees as do Harvard and Princeton (I don't think Yale's are marvelous), we should not attempt to produce football teams that rank with those of the Big Ten.

I don't know which schools comprise the Big Ten, but the name sounds formidable.

Continuing, I view with alarm the repeated reference in the article to "progressive alumni." To me, these alumni seem to be progressing toward the Duke debacle and the Alabama anathema.

Aside from liking alliteration, I'm from Alabama. I can remember when subsidization at the University was nothing more than a dark whisper from Tuscaloosa. Now it's something we're all ashamed of, and I came to Virginia to school.

I am convinced that the use of the word "idealists" (eight times) in the article is a mistake. I think the word "realists" should have been used instead. It takes a realist to grasp the fact that one cannot have his cake and eat it, too. Only an idealist or a fool would suggest that we can at one time keep W&L as it is and also maintain a professional football team.

I shouldn't like to call anybody a fool.

That leaves only "idealists." I do not agree with the article's claim that the foes of subsidization at W&L are crusading. On the contrary, I feel that they are digging in against an invasion of sorts.

Finally, I express my delight over the splendid scholastic records of the 51 boys who have just completed spring training.

I think that's fine.

I think a vice versa arrangement is in order.

I think the administration should require that all Phi Beta Kappas play lacrosse and that each make two goals, three baskets, and four base hits.

How I should love to play lacrosse.

Or ping-pong.

ROBERT ESPY.

## THE GOVERNOR

"Forensic Members Talk" says a headline in Tuesday's issue. Now that's a shock.

There's nothing like a convention to provoke letters to the editor. According to delegates McInerney and Kramer, the New York delegation is composed largely of narrow, boorish and loathsome gentlemen. Now fellows . . .

Read the story about Philpott's speech on peace at Mary Baldwin. It's interesting.

Bob Hobson promises to slug the next person who asks him who is the band for Finals. He says he wishes he knew, so he could tell them.

They say Gone With the Wind Thalheimer did a good job of base-running the other day.

## PREVIEWS AND REVIEWS

By MARSHALL JOHNSON

At the State theatre for the last times tonight is its present attraction, "Dr. Kildare's Strange Case." The cast includes Lew Ayres in the lead role as Dr. Kildare, Lionel Barrymore as Dr. Gillespie, and Loraine Day as Mary Lamont. Kildare's current heartbeat and one of the numerous nurses who flit about during the picture. If you liked the other pictures in the Dr. Kildare series, you'll like this one, because for the first time you get an indication that Kildare has finally fallen for one of his many feminine admirers. However, the picture is definitely not the best, and is kept going mainly through the beauty of Laraine Day (who is really something!) and through the occasional frosty humor of Lionel Barrymore. We won't tell you the story because most of you have probably already seen it, and those who haven't either aren't interested or are going to see it, and we don't want to ruin it for them. However, if you haven't seen it, it might pay to do so if you think you can spare the money and time, but the only redeeming feature is Laraine Day.

Riding into the State Saturday is one of those wild and woolly WESTERN pictures. It's strictly not on the good side, but it, too, has its redeeming features. The stars are Mae West and W. C. Fields. If you like Mae and W. C. (this columnist doesn't), then it will be worth your while to see "My Little Chickadee"; but we wouldn't advise it unless you don't have anything else to do. The story, what there is of it, concerns Mae, who is a big-city belle, and tells of the trouble she stirs up when the boys of the wild west (and we don't mean Mae) start to vie for

her affections. Among these is Fields, who is a medicine man and card shark. If you boys want to learn how to cheat at poker, incidentally, Fields is an old hand at it, although we wouldn't advise you to try any of his tricks.

Mickey Rooney, Fay Bainter, George Bancroft, and Virginia Weidler head the cast of stars who appear in "Young Tom Edison" which is the attraction at the State next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The story concerns the life of Edison as a boy and tells of the trials and tribulations through which he goes in his attempts to rectify himself with the people of his home town. In addition to creating a panic when the people think the school is burning up (don't worry, it's only ammonium chloride), he manages to get himself out of one scrape right into another. However, as you all know from the inventions we have today, he finally wins the admiration of those who formerly scorned him. We go on record as recommending this picture most heartily, as we sincerely believe it will be well worth seeing. It has been voted the best picture for March by the National Screen Council, and won the Boxoffice Magazine Blue Ribbon award, also as being the best picture of March.

Tim McCoy takes over at the Lyric on Friday and Saturday and cleans up the bad men in his usual manner. This time he's confronted with the problem of getting rid of some crooked politicians who have run the old home town into the ground. He takes the usual way out, and in the end he gets the girl and everything else (we Continued on page four

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# The Fifth Quarter . . . .

By DICK WRIGHT

This in all probability isn't exactly the smartest way to start out on a new sports column, but after reading the account of the Washington and Lee-North Carolina tennis match in "The Daily Tar Heel," this corner feels a bit peeved at the general tossing the Big Blue netmen took in the write-up.

For those of you who weren't permitted to enjoy the lead story in the *Carolinians* paper in the issue of April 23, the headline read as follows: "This'll Probably Slay You—the Net Team Shut Out W&L." Now that really isn't so bad because it might be taken as a compliment to the former prowess of Washington and Lee tennis teams, but we don't think it was intended as such.

Swinging into the lead of the story, we find what some brilliant sports writer might term a mighty colorful paragraph. Once again I say, we don't think so. The story went on to say, "Washington and Lee has a tennis team that might get by on a dark night, but the same organization—in Chapel Hill and playing against the noted Carolina (9-0) tennismen—didn't hold up so well in broad daylight." The story went on to say, "Walt Meserole licked Jack Mallory of the Generals, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2, but was thoroughly embarrassed because he slacked up in the second set."

Now we touch upon the most merciless crack of all: "Washington and Lee was outclassed to the point of extinction, and spectators were bored to the same point." Of course all this makes the Big Blue tennis team feel just fine, and it's really too bad that the Carolina sports staff thinks so little of a team we are very proud of and a team that never bored anyone here to extinction.

The University of Carolina has a very fine tennis team, in fact they are just about tops in the South, but that is no reason why an invading Washington and Lee sextet should be unmercifully humbled and knocked around by a sportswriter who in all probability didn't see the matches. We are terribly sorry that we are so boring, and I assure any member of the sports staff on the tabloid down there at Chapel Hill that in the future invading Big Blue tennis teams will try not to be so tediously boring to all concerned.

Here at Washington and Lee we treat every invading athletic team with the same respect and courtesy that typifies our "Washington and Lee Gentleman" tradition, and as a rule we expect the same from neighboring schools. The members of the Big Blue tennis team took the Carolina writup in stride, but really, "Daily Tarheels," it's bad enough to be beaten, needless to say laughed at.

In General: Dick DeShazo, Roanoke high school's flashy backfield ace, has definitely decided to go either to Staunton Military Academy or Castle Heights Military academy, over at Lebanon, Tenn.

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# Crocker's Double Victory Paces Blue Win Over Tech

## W&L Speedsters Cop Distance Runs As Gobblers Sweep Field Events

Coach Jack Hennemier's varsity trackmen, rebounding from their defeat at the hands of Richmond last week-end, bagged their initial win of the season yesterday when they trounced VPI's squad, 71-55, on Wilson field.

Paced by Mike Crocker, who led the way to the tape in the mile and two-mile events with times of 4:32 and 10:22, respectively, the Big Blue speedsters compiled six firsts and seven second places. Hurdler Bill Whaley also copped a pair of firsts, leading the field across the finish line in the high and low hurdle contests.

Virginia Tech's Lowe took individual scoring honors for the Gobblers, accounting for eight points by virtue of a victory in the 220-yard run and placing second in the 440. Woolwine followed Lowe with six markers to his credit, capturing the 100-yard dash over W&L's Browning and Curl in 10:04, and winding up third in the 220.

Charley Curl came through in the 440-yard run, reaching the tape in 51 seconds and finishing

ahead of Tech's Lowe and Bill Murray, while the 880 fell to the Generals' dependable Cliff Muller in 1:59, far in advance of Bill Jennings and VPI's Shippe.

Moffatt, of the Gobblers, came through in the broad jump for the visitors, winning with a leap of 21 feet. He was closely trailed by W&L's Bill Soule and Sims Trueheart. The high jump also went to VPI, as Bise and Locke tied for first honors, clearing the bar at 5 feet 11 1-2 inches, with Bill Gwyn annexing third for the Big Blue.

The Techmen proved especially strong in the field events. Big Dick Boisseau fell prey to VPI's Cocker and Todd in the shot put, Cocker taking the test with a heave of 43 feet 3 inches. The discus event was also taken by the Gobblers when Monta shaded Hank Woods and teammate Todd on a 132 foot 5 1-2 inch throw, while Phil Demuro deadlocked with the Generals' Charley Gilbert in the pole vault, each reaching 11 feet 6 inches to barely top Gilbert's runningmate, George Foote.

## Linksmen Seek Fourth Straight Against Virginia

Possessors of a record of three straight victories against a lone defeat thus far in the current campaign, Washington and Lee's varsity golfers were scheduled to face one of their severest tests of the season this afternoon when they matched strokes with the vaunted Virginia linksmen.

Displaying the championship form expected of them in mid-season play, the Big Blue divoters have swept through the opposition in their last three encounters in overwhelming style. The Generals were barely beaten by the experienced Ohio State squad in their opening match, but they came back to topple the University of Pennsylvania, William and Mary, and Hampden-Sydney in that order to establish themselves as serious Southern conference contenders.

Coach Cy Twombly has put the squad through stiff practice rounds this week in preparation for this afternoon's clash. The week's play was featured by a nine-hole tune-up match with VMI in which the Generals had little trouble in downing the Keydet golfers, 6-3.

Twombly said that he would play a six-man team in Charlottesville, and those making the trip are Captain Earl Morgan, Mac Wing, Lup Avery, Jack Jones, Ed Brown, and Claude Walker.

## ZBT Downs NFU, Defending Champs, In Softball Opener

Zeta Beta Tau's softball team scored a major upset in the first round of the intramural softball tournament when they eliminated the Non-Fraternity Union's defending titlists 9-6 yesterday.

The ZBTs unlimbered their heavy guns in the first inning and blasted five runs across for a substantial margin which was never threatened. Don Stein went the full distance on the mound for the Zebes and held the opposition to seven hits. Mack Monroe, on the hill for the NFU, was touched for ten safe blows.

The Sigma Nus' scheduled clash with the Phi Psis for yesterday was postponed.

## McMullen Sparkles, VPI Downs Brig Thinclads

Paul McMullen, Virginia Tech freshman, put on a one-man show on Wilson field yesterday afternoon, winning four firsts to lead the VPI frosh to a lop-sided 88-29 victory over the W&L yearlings.

Only Lillard Ailor and Red Lucas were able to win for the little Generals. Ailor's heave of 42 feet nine inches in the shot won that event for him, while Lucas' vault of 11 1-2 feet gave him victory in his event.

Nucleus of the Cavaliers are the Battle brothers, Bob Leonard, and Dixon Brooks, who have posted low scores in previous engagements.

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## Blue Stickmen Face Real Test In DC Squad

Washington and Lee's lacrosse team, fresh from their 6-2 conquest of Duke university, Dixie league co-titleholders, will encounter their third taste of northern competition when they clash with the highly-touted stickwielders of the Washington lacrosse club in Washington, D. C., tomorrow afternoon.

The Big Blue ten will depart for the battle following the engagement today with Herman Epstein's stickwielders from Virginia, W&L's second Dixie league opponent.

Coach Monk Farinholt's stickmen, improving with every start and in good shape despite the rough encounter with the Blue Devils, appear ready for the club team but will enter the game as slight underdogs. The District of Columbia ten, which has already turned back North Carolina and Swarthmore by 9-1 and 6-2 scores, respectively, will present a formidable obstacle for the Generals to hurdle, and will offer the stiffest opposition that Captain Ed Boyd's charges will meet all year.

The Washington lacrosse club has compiled an enviable record this season and boasts a roster that consists of several former All-Americans. With reserves two deep in practically all positions, the Nats have run rough-shod over their southern opponents to date and will be gunning for their third straight win.

Coach Farinholt was highly pleased with his proteges' victory over Duke's ten, and is expected to open the game with the same lineup that started against the Blue Devils.

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## Brigadier Nine After Third Win Against Wahoos

Washington and Lee's freshman baseball team, occasionally erratic but potentially one of the best in the yearlings have had in several seasons, went into its contest with Virginia's frosh today on Wilson field with two decisive victories and three losses as its season record.

Riley Smith's outfit has won from AMA and Buena Vista high school, but has lost to SMA, Greenbrier, and Jefferson high, of Roanoke. They have outscored their opposition, 34 to 26, however.

Pacing the Brigadier hitting parade are Teddy Ciesla and John "Lugger" Ligon, ex-Brig pitcher who has been shifted to the outfield. Ciesla went into today's game with a healthy 471 mark, while Ligon trailed him with 412. Dick Ellis and Ted Pearson have shared most of the Brigs' mound duties so far this year, and either or both were scheduled to see action in today's engagement.

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## Wild Pitching and Miscues Lead to Big Blue Downfall As Tech Triumphs 16 to 7

Virginia Tech's baseball team, recent conqueror of Virginia and the dark horse of the 1940 diamond campaign, added Washington and Lee to their mounting list of victims when they walloped the Generals 16-7 in Blacksburg yesterday. The Techmen took advantage of 12 bases on balls and four Big Blue miscues, to score in six of the nine innings.

Bob Gregerson started on the mound for Washington and Lee and pitched five-hit ball for five innings but the tossed in a total of nine walks which enabled the Gobblers to pile up 10 runs before he was relieved in the fifth. The Techmen hopped on his successors, Snidow and Smith, for four extra base hits, including a home run, and added their final six tallies.

An early score by VPI in the first inning plus a five-run blast in the second caught W&L so completely off guard that they were unable to rally and put across a run until the fourth. Holding their own through the sixth, the Generals managed to stay in the ball game until the fatal seventh when the Gobblers tallied six runs to remove all chances of a General victory.

Thompson, Keim, and Dangler led the Washington and Lee batting with two hits each. Pres Brown homered for Washington and Lee.

Virginia Tech		AB		R		H		O		A	
Florchak, cf	5	2	1	2	0	0					
Mast, lf	3	3	1	1	0	0					
Barlow, rf	6	1	1	0	0						
Cobb, 3b	3	2	2	1	2						
Henderson, 2b	3	1	1	1	4						
Weinstein, ss	3	0	0	1	2						
Trice, 1b	3	2	2	1	0						
Hornor, c	4	3	1	1	0						
James p	4	2	1	0	2						
Totals	34	16	10	27	11						

W. and L.		AB		R		H		O		A	
Gary, 3b	3	2	1	3	5						
Thompson, ss	4	0	2	4	1						
Keim, rf	3	0	2	0	0						
Mangan, c	3	0	0	3	0						
Cavanaugh, 1b	1	0	0	5	0						
Gregerson, p	2	1	0	0	0						
Snidow, p	2	1	0	0	1						
Brown, lf	5	1	1	1	0						
Dangler, 1b-c	5	1	2	8	2						
Eccleston, 2b	4	1	0	0	0						
Baugher, cf	2	0	0	0	0						
Melville, cf	2	0	0	0	0						
Smith, p	1	0	0	0	0						
Totals	27	7	8	24	11						

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# By-Gone Headlines . . . .

By BOB CAMPBELL

## Mock Conventions in Past Years

**1908—**  
In a fight which went into the "wee small hours" the National Democratic convention nominated William Jennings Bryan for president and Charles A. Culberson for vice-president.  
Words are wholly inadequate to express the degree of interest and enthusiasm of delegates, which frequently manifested itself in the character of a "scrap" or a heated "set-to." Those who have had the pleasure of attending real national conventions say that the conduct and proceedings were typical of our national conventions and about the only difference discernible was the absence of those who play the "leading role" on the American political stage.

**1912—**  
The much heralded mock Democratic convention was held last Tuesday and Wednesday in the chapel, with all due pomp and ceremony, with banners and tin horns, shouting and speech-making. As a result of the deliberations of the body, Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio was nominated for the presidency of the United States and Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma, an alumnus of Washington and Lee, was selected to be his running mate for the vice-presidency.

**1916—**  
The sixteenth national Republican convention is a thing of the past. The Hon. Charles Evans Hughes of New York will contest the Democratic nomination for the highest seat of the nation, while Senator Miles Poindexter of Washington and an alumnus of Washington and Lee will aid him in leading the Republican party to victory next November. This was the final decision of the mock national convention held here Thursday and Friday.

**1924—**  
The campus is now gradually recovering from a most hectic ten days of political campaigning during the mock Democratic convention.

Hon. John W. Davis of West Virginia was selected as the 1924 presidential nominee and the Hon. Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas for vice-president. Mr. Davis was nominated on the 23rd ballot leading 12 other candidates whose names were presented to the convention.

**1928—**  
On the 17th ballot Alfred E. Smith of New York was nominated as the Democratic choice for the presidency of the United States. A deadlock between Smith, Senator James Reed of Missouri, and Senator Walsh of Montana was finally broken despite opposition from Southern delegates.

**1932—**  
Amid all the color and excitement characteristic of a real Democratic nominating convention, students of Washington and Lee university chose Franklin D. Roosevelt as standard bearer for democracy in the next presidential election and disposed of many favorite sons to make Harry Flood Byrd of Virginia his running mate. Roosevelt swept the convention on the ninth ballot and was trailed by Newton D. Baker and eight other candidates.

**1936—**  
If the Republican National convention assembling this June takes the advice of Washington and Lee's student body it will elect Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg as its candidate for president of the United States.  
By a majority of only seven votes Vandenberg was nominated by W&L's mock convention. James W. Wadsworth of New York was nominated on the second ballot for the vice-presidency.

## Students May Get Ads

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## LEE DINNER FORUM

Bill Jennings will lead the discussion on the topic "How can the Christian church be more effective?" at the Lee Dinner forum next Sunday night. The members will be the guests of Dean Frank J. Gilliam at his home on this occasion.

All members of the Cotillion club will meet Monday evening at seven in the Student Union. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on the report of the Constitution committee of the organization.

## 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.)

### Reply to Kramer

Lexington, Virginia  
April 25, 1940.  
Editor Ring-tum Phi  
Dear Sir:

I feel compelled to answer the blurb which appeared in the convention issue, purporting to have been written by that self-admitted broadminded and intelligent fellow New Yorker, Mr. Kramer.

I have two main complaints to make. First as to the spelling of my name, and secondly as to his vague information as to what really happened in the New York delegation. I think that at least Mr. Kramer should have been intelligent enough to look up my name

and spell it correctly. I don't like to be too broadminded about how a person's name should be spelled. Further, Mr. Stephenson did not resign from the New York delegation. If the broadminded and interested Mr. Kramer had deigned to sit a while with his fellow delegates, he would have found that out. There was never any personal antagonism towards Steve. His ability and leadership are apparent. Part of the New York delegation felt that New York ought to have the chairman from that state, even though he was but a nominal one. Steve himself suggested that he thought so, too, and himself advocated Jack O'Connor as co-chairman, which was the way the matter ended, with everyone

happy but our absent, broadminded and intelligent Mr. Kramer.

New York had no internal disunion after this until the last ballot, which was only protected because Steve did not have time to take a vote of the delegation himself. Mr. Kramer may not remember, but that is sort of a record for the New York delegations.

Paraphrasing Mr. Kramer, I consider his action entirely unjust and narrow. As for being bred in boorishness, I submit that since he uses the term he knows more about than I.

Most disgustedly,  
GEORGE MCINERNEY.

### Convention Bombshell

Lexington, Virginia,  
April 25, 1940.

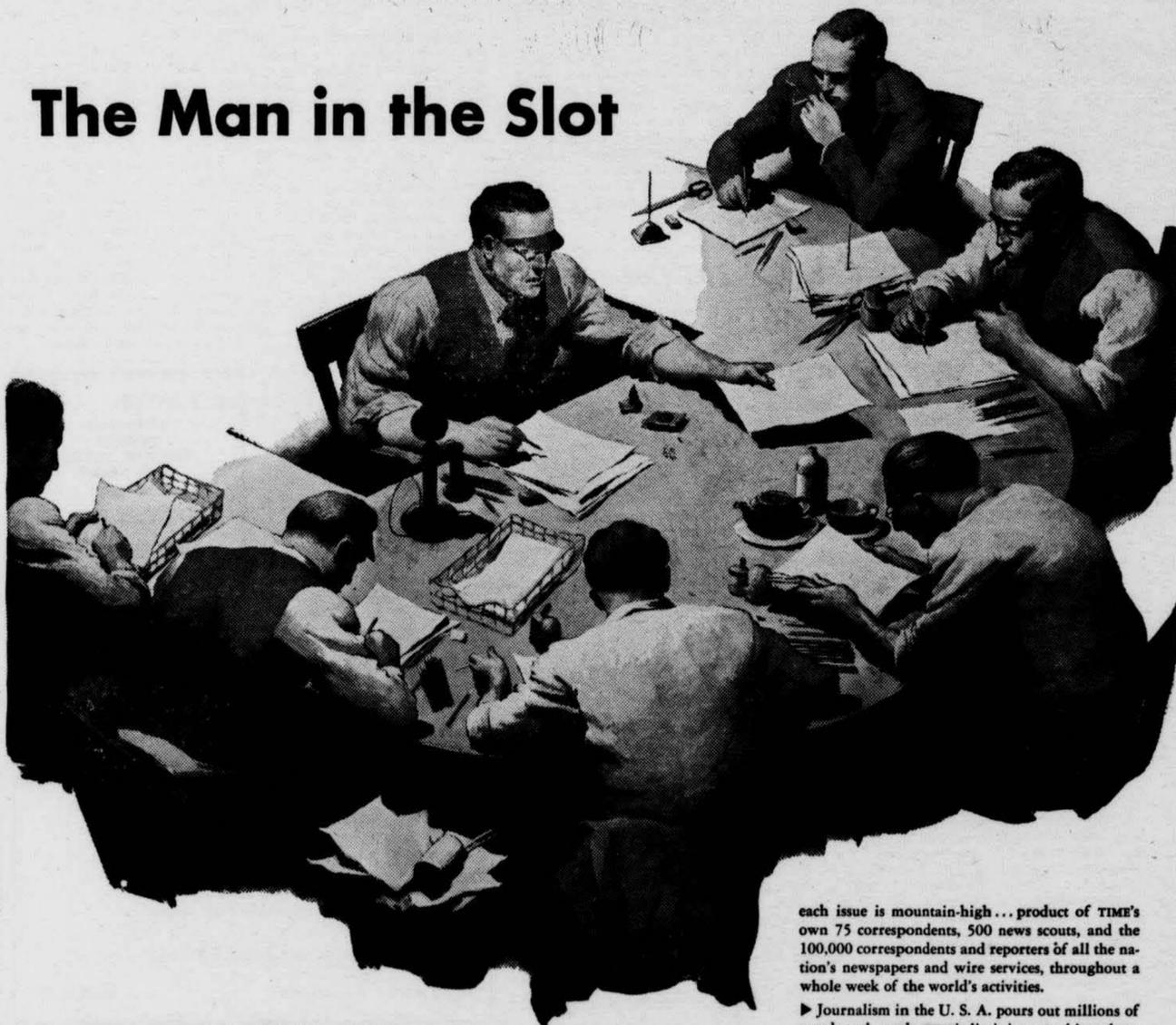
Dear Sir:  
I was surprised to see a bombshell thrown into the Mock convention by a freshman. The deadly weapon was evidently well-loaded with the highest of explosives and backed by those heavily-masked leaders of the southern necessity to the Republican party.

It seems that this ambitious freshman was under strict orders as a delegate of the Michigan delegation to fully support the honorable state's beloved son, Vandenberg. The head of the Michigan delegation was quite surprised to see this freshman sitting among his truly chosen friends from Alabama. He was more surprised as the evening progressed to be suddenly startled by a challenge to the vote of the Michigan delegation by this freshman. When that one lad's vote rang out for Taft, the convention became a riot, and the Michigan delegation an angry mob.

I think that it is too bad that we all can't be in our own home state delegation, but it is an impossibility. I thought that the general idea was to support fully the wishes and orders of the home state if they were any. I hope that we won't have the same trouble next time. Maybe we won't have such a hard nut to crack, but they say that there is a traitor in every group.

A STUDENT.

# The Man in the Slot



## 5th Quarter . . .

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Rumor has it that Mr. DeShazo will end up at either W&L or VMI. . . . W&L's Emerson Dickman didn't do so bad in his opening start for the Red Sox. Dickman pitched seven innings, gave up five hits and struck out two. Not half bad for a starter. . . . Ray Russell says it's Edward R. Bradley's three-year-old, "Bimelech" in the Kentucky Derby. . . . Cy Twombly is contemplating a Southern tour for the Golf team next year, which will include the schools of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, and Davidson. . . . The Big Blue divot-diggers are definitely on their way up. . . . It has finally been decided what to do about the wrestling high-point trophy which was won by Barney Farrier and Tom Fuller. Coach Mathis offers one trophy each year, and since a tie resulted this season, Fuller and Farrier went together and bought another one, and now everybody is very happy. . . .

## Previews And Reviews

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hope). He also gets the gate from us.  
Next Monday and Tuesday the Lyric presents "Isle of Destiny," starring William Gargan, Wallace Ford, and June Lang. Here we are led to a desert isle in the South Seas just to see the Marines rescue a dazzling beauty, who also happens to be something of an aviatrix. We don't recommend it, but we know you're going, if just to see how Fu Manchu is doing these days.  
Just one more thing. Although it might be thought otherwise, Lana Turner is not through with pictures and will be seen at the State in the near future in her latest.

NINETEEN MINUTES before a big city newspaper's first edition goes to press. Page by page, a story starts coming across the city editor's desk.

The city editor reaches for his phone, calls the make-up editor in the composing room. "How we doing?" he asks. "This City Hall story looks pretty hot."

"We're going to be tight. Keep it down," warns the make-up editor. "We can't squeeze the Washington story another inch."

"Okay," responds the city editor. He looks at the penciled layout for Page One, scribbles some figures in the upper corner of the sheet of copy, and with an expert twist sends it sailing onto the big horseshoe desk next to his own.

"We're tight, Mac," he calls to the man in the slot. "Cut it a third."

Seventeen minutes now to the deadline. . . . only ten for cutting, editing, headline-writing. For those vital ten minutes, the responsibility rests on the shoulders of the man in the slot. . . . newspaper parlance for the head of the copy desk.

A dozen considerations flash their chain lightning patterns across the slot man's mind. Tyler's story. . . . Tyler the brilliant and touchy. He got it out of that certain municipal department which is giving off a faintly gamy odor. The boss will want it in all editions. This isn't the big break though, just another build-up to it. Damn good story. . . . real stuff in every paragraph. Hard to cut. Needs a headline with sock. Who's to handle it? Ward's fooling around with that zoo story. . . . Won't do, his cuts make Tyler sore. Colihan's a better bet.

"Colihan," says the man in the slot. One of the furious pencil-wielders around the rim of the horseshoe looks up. "Cut this a third and put a thirty-six head on it in time for the bulldog."

All this has used up fifteen seconds.

Colihan has nine and a half minutes to cut and edit and write a top headline and sub-headline. Every line of both headlines must count exactly so many characters and spaces, figuring *i* as a half and *m* and *w* one and a half characters.

Then the slot man will take just fifteen seconds more to review Colihan's work, change "banned" to "curbed," sniff the whole concoction for traces of libel, and shoot it to the news editor in the composing room.

It is a shorter story than Tyler's original, and a better one—keener of edge, swifter of impact, yet complete in every essential detail.

The slot is not a glamorous job. It hasn't been discovered by Shubert Alley or the fiction magazines. To the cub reporter, eager for by-lines and self-expression, the whole copy desk looks like a backwater. It takes maturity—grasp of the whole art of news presentation—to appreciate the little miracles that a good copy desk passes.

Among the men who write and edit The Weekly Newsmagazine, the man in the slot and the men on the rim are held in greater respect, perhaps, than in their own city rooms. For more than any other newspapermen in the business, TIME men write with the consciousness that they must cut, prune, hone, concentrate, and distill. The fight against the clock is not so desperate on a weekly, but the battle for each line of space is many times fiercer.

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