

CONVENTION OPENS DESPITE BOYCOTT

500 Students Will Attend SIPA Meeting

Journalism Conference Will Feature Raymond, Childs as Speakers

By LEIGH SMITH

Experienced newsmen, including columnist Marquis Childs and cartoonist Alex Raymond, will meet with high school students from all over the south Thursday, Friday and Saturday when the 19th annual Southern Interscholastic Press Association meets on the campus this week.

Expected to attend are 500 students interested in journalism. These will include both girls and boys who publish high school yearbooks and newspapers.

The students will listen to veterans in communications fields tell them of new techniques. Major addresses will be made by Childs and Raymond, creator of the comic strip *Flash Gordon*.

Also on the list of speakers are: James Michener, author of *Tales of the South Pacific*; John Scott, former chief of the Berlin Bureau of *Time* magazine; and Wesley Carter, editor of *Linotype News*.

According to O. W. Riegel, head of the Lee Memorial Journalism Foundation, sponsor of the meeting, the convention aims to acquaint "young journalists with new ideas and techniques supplied by experts in various media of communications."

The entire program is directed by Riegel and E. W. Withers, journalism professor here.

Beginning with registration of early arrivals Thursday night, high school delegates from an estimated 12 southern states will be flooded with activities ranging from a current events quiz to banquets.

Opens Friday

Ceremonies will officially open Friday morning with a welcome by Riegel and Dean of the University James G. Leyburn, who will address the students in Lee Chapel. Early arrivals will be given an informal party under the direction of Leonard Wild Thursday night in the Student Union.

After main talks Friday morning, students will be channelled to various round-table discussions by experts in fields in which students are particularly interested. There will be special criticism forums for both newspaper and yearbook groups on Friday afternoon.

For relaxation, delegates will be invited to an informal dance in Doremus Gymnasium Friday night. The dance, sponsored by Sigma Delta Chi, journalism fraternity here, will be free for high school delegates and their faculty advisors. Washington and Lee students will have to pay.

Saturday, speeches and round-table talks will be continued. Balloting for a Student President of the SIPA will take place Friday and Saturday, and ceremonies will be climaxed by a banquet at VMI. Winner of the election will be announced then, and also, announcement will be made of winners in the various groups for newspaper and yearbook excellence awards.

Dinner To Be Held

A special dinner will be held in the Robert E. Lee Hotel Friday night by the Dunbar High School Chapter of Quill and Scroll, high school journalism society.

Also on the list of journalism experts who will advise the high school delegates are Mr. William Atkinson, managing editor of the *Roanoke Times*, and Louis Spillman, editor and publisher of the *Waynesboro News-Virginian*. Both are visiting journalism instructors at W&L.

Last year's SIPA meeting, the first since before the war, drew over 370 delegates. This year's attendance is estimated even larger by Prof. Withers, who is in charge of accommodations.



Leonard Wild takes the part of Allan Otis in the new *Troubadour* play to be presented May 11, 12, 14, and 15.

Spring Dances Net Over \$900

Attendance Is Greater Than '47 Spring Set

Spring dances made a profit of \$975.96, according to figures released by Paul Murphy, president of the set.

Five-hundred of this profit was used to pay off the remaining debt of Fancy Dress. The rest, \$475.96, went in the dance board reserve fund.

The seven-piece orchestra and vocalist cost \$500.

Material for decorations came to \$117.64, the lowest of any set for the last three years. As students did the work, there was no expense for a decorator.

Commenting on the decorations, Murphy stated, "I personally want to thank Tom Pressly and his crew for a very excellent job of decorating."

Attendance was greater than last year's Spring Dances. Friday's door sales were 164; Saturday's were 208. Advance sales came to 250. Murphy attributed the large attendance to the low cost of tickets and the informal dance on Saturday.

Charlie Rowe, president of the dance board, said that the success of this set does not necessarily mean that all future dances will be low-cost sets. "It's up to the students," Rowe stated, "if they'll support an expensive set, we'll give them one. If not, we'll have to have a less expensive one." Rowe asserted that the dance board's only policy concerning expenses is that, "we don't lose money."

Tom Watkins, president of Finals, stated that the size of Finals will be determined by student support. To determine the number of students who plan to attend the set, an underwriting pledge system will be started in a few days, he said. On the pledge will be a definite price and a definite orchestra.

The expense of Finals will be trimmed wherever possible, Watkins declared. Decorating will be done by students and are expected to cost around \$100.

Crosby Speaks to Members Of Phi Delta Phi on "Courtroom Practices"

"Practices in the Courtroom" were explained in a speech by Floridus S. Crosby last night to members of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

Crosby, the third speaker in a series sponsored by the fraternity, is the presiding judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit Court of the Commonwealth of Virginia, which includes Rockbridge County. Discussion of the subject followed Mr. Crosby's speech, which, according to fraternity spokesmen, proved highly interesting and instructive.

At the meeting, Luther White of Norfolk was formally installed as president of the fraternity.

VA Announces New Policy on Course Changes

Veterans Who Plan To Transfer Are Urged To See Counsellors

If you are a veteran under the GI Bill you no longer must get approval of the Veterans Administration to change your course at this university. In the future, according to J. G. Woodson of the local VA office, veterans may change courses upon approval of university authorities.

As a veteran you will not be surprised when you discover that there is a catch. And the catch isn't government Red Tape. This time it is the Dean. If your grades aren't so hot—if it looks like you're going to "bust out"—don't get too hopeful that you can change your course and beat the game. The Dean will probably make an anxious inquiry as to your present progress before he will approve a new course.

Changes in courses for veterans can not be effected until the end of a semester. Students with special problems are urged to use the counselling service of the Veterans Office located in the main library.

Transfer Regulations

Veterans here who plan to transfer to another college this summer are urged to contact VA counsellors in the main library immediately. Notices of all transfers must be on file at least thirty days prior to the date of change.

Those enrolling at a new college will have to secure a supplemental certificate of eligibility from the VA Regional office and a statement from university authorities that progress here has been satisfactory.

NOTICE

The students of Sullins College, Bristol, Virginia, cordially invite the members of the Washington and Lee Cotillion Club to their Annual Spring Prom, General Shelby Hotel, Saturday evening, May 1, at eight o'clock.



Russ Thomes who will play Herbert Gardner in the forthcoming *Troub*-produced, student-written play entitled "Drink Deep."

Counselorship Positions Open

Dormitory Mentors Sought by Dean Gilliam

Applications are requested for positions as Dormitory Counselors for the Summer Session of 1948, and for the regular session of 1948-1949.

Applications should be filed in the office of the Dean of Students not later than noon, Saturday 1 May. They should be simply in the form of letters that should give the length of attendance at Washington and Lee, information as to when the applicant anticipates graduation and in what division of the University.

The application should state whether the student is applying for a counselorship for the summer or next session; if for both periods, a separate letter should be written for each period.

Preference will be given to men who will have been in attendance at Washington and Lee for at least two full sessions.

Frank J. Gilliam
Dean of Students

8 Fraternities and NFU Refuse To Attend Nominating Conclave

With half of its student delegates reported refusing to attend as The Ring-tum Phi went to press today, the student nominating convention still will be held in Lee Chapel tonight at 7:30. Political rumors are flying thick and fast about the campus as a definite note of distrust was struck by eight fraternities and the N.F.U.

M. O. Phillips Attends Meet

Professor M. Ogden Phillips of the School of Commerce attended the annual meeting of the Virginia Geographical Society, which was held at the State Teachers College at Farmville on Saturday, April 24. Dr. Phillips read a paper on "Realism in the Teaching of Economic Geography," in which he stressed the need of giving more attention to the non-environmental factors affecting the economic activities of man.

In recognition of his significant writings in the field of economic geography, Dr. Phillips was elected last month to membership in the Association of American Geographers, an organization including about 275 of the nation's leading geographers. He is one of two economists in the United States who have been honored with membership in this association.

Alumni Senior Banquet To Be Held May 11 at NB

The Washington and Lee Alumni Association will entertain graduating seniors at its Annual Senior Banquet at the Natural Bridge Hotel, Tuesday, May 11, at 8:30 p.m. Those invited to the banquet include all students who will graduate in either June or August. January graduates, with approved study plans, are also invited.

Cy Young, alumni secretary, urged that all August graduates give their names to someone in the alumni office if they plan to attend the banquet. This will be necessary, he said, as August graduates have not yet filed for degrees and the alumni office has no way to contact them.

Wives are invited to the banquet, which will be formal.

Over 100 Entries Participate in W&L Horse Show; Student Event Is a Financial Success, Says Taylor

A fine day Saturday brought an estimated 600 spectators out to witness the first W&L Intercollegiate Horse Show. Over 100 entries from eight Virginia schools participated in the show's nine classes.

According to Forester Taylor, secretary of the horse show association, the event was definitely a financial success. An exact financial statement is not yet available.

The following are the summaries of the show by classes:

Ladies' Horsemanship:
First: Miss Jane Dreifus, of Mary Washington.
Second: Miss Phyllis Fraser, of Randolph-Macon.

Third: Miss Lou Shy, of Southern Seminary.

Rockbridge Hunters:
First: Ryestraw, owned by Mr. W. E. Tilson and ridden by Forester Taylor, of W&L. Taylor received a special challenge trophy which he will have to win again next year to hold.

Second: Shortnin' Bread, owned by Southern Seminary and ridden by Miss Peter Jones, of Southern Seminary.

Third: Flagman, owned by VMI and ridden by Cadet Lyons.

Fourth: Roman, owned by VMI and ridden by Cadet Vaughn.

Open Three Gaited:
First: Modern Pompadour, owned and ridden by Lanier Frantz, of W&L.

Second: City Slicker, owned by Southern Seminary and ridden by Miss Lou Shy.

Third: Forest King, owned by Southern Seminary and ridden by Miss Anne Coe.

Fourth: Sweet Maid, owned by

Hollins and ridden by Miss Nancy Lander.

Open Hunters:
First: Friar's Melody, owned by VMI and ridden by Cadet Tigertt.

Second: Jamie, owned by Mary Washington and ridden by Miss Donna Mathews.

Third: Silent Gordon, owned by Mr. W. E. Tilson and ridden by Mr. James Johanning, of VPI.

Fourth: Miss Tote, owned by VMI and ridden by Cadet Felvey.

Gentlemen's Horsemanship:
First: Mr. James Johanning, of VMI.

Second: Cadet Felvey, of VMI.

Third: Forester Taylor, of W&L.

Fourth: Cadet Tigertt, of VMI.

Pleasure Horses:
First: The Flea, owned and ridden by Miss Phyllis Fraser, of Randolph-Macon.

Second: Brig O'Gold, owned by Miss Peggy Hines and ridden by Miss Jane Dreifus, both of Mary Washington.

Third: City Slicker, owned by Southern Seminary and ridden by Miss Lou Shy.

Fourth: Sport, owned by VPI and ridden by Harry Hamock.

Hunter Hacks:
First: Jamie, owned by Mary Washington and ridden by Miss Donna Mathews.

Second: Double Scotch, owned by Mary Washington and ridden by Miss Anne Bartholomew.

Third: Buckles, owned by Miss Peggy Hines and ridden by Miss Jane Dreifus, of Mary Washington.

Hunt Teams:
First: Entry of Mary Washington.

Second: Entry of Chatham Hall.

Third: Entry of VPI.

Fourth: Entry of W&L.

Equitation Championship:
In this class, those winning ribbons in the ladies' and gentlemen's horsemanship competed for a special challenge trophy, presented by Mrs. F. P. Gaines. The holder of this trophy must win it two straight years for permanent possession.

Champion: Miss Jane Dreifus, of Mary Washington.

Reserve Champion: Miss Phyllis Fraser, of Randolph-Macon.

Proposed Changes in Rush Week Would Limit Expenses to \$250

By JOE MARTIN

Several proposed changes in rush week will be voted on in tonight's meeting of the Interfraternity Council. Ratification by a majority of the houses will make the changes effective.

If the new rules are adopted, the luncheon date will be eliminated. The first date would be at 1:30 and last until 3:00. The second would be from 3:30 to 5:00. The dinner date would last from 6 to 8, and the final date from 8:30 to 10:30. There would be no Wednesday afternoon dates because of freshman registration.

Another of the proposals is to limit each fraternity's rush-week expenses to \$250, excluding meals. In line with this change is the suggestion that the fraternities serve only a normal meal.

The \$250 ceiling is thought to

be necessary in view of the fact that many houses incurred a heavy debt last rush week.

Council President Bill Hamilton stated: "In the first rush week after the war, there was a \$125 ceiling, and I think everybody agreed it was a good rush week. Even with the greater number of students now, the \$250 ceiling should be adequate for a fine, and inexpensive, rush week."

Under a ruling passed last Fall, next year's rushees will have to pay a \$2.50 fee. One fourth of the money will be used for the Council's rush week expenses and the rest will be divided equally among the fraternities. The houses will use the money to defray the expense of their section in the Calyx.

As last year, rush week will extend from Monday through Friday.

In a move unprecedented in the history of W. and L. campus politics, eight fraternities and the Non-Fraternity Union announced this week that they would not participate in the forthcoming student nominating convention and student body elections.

The plan to boycott the convention and elections became generally known this week when Fred Vinson, who had just been informed of the plan, called a meeting of the two opposing factions to discuss frankly the campus political situation, and to offer a solution to the problem.

See letters on the editorial page in which both groups give their viewpoints on the current campus political situation.

express their views concerning the nominating convention.

For the nominating convention, each fraternity and the N.F.U. is entitled to send one delegate for every seven members of its organization. The convention, which is held annually in the spring, nominates no more than two candidates for each of the five student offices.

The candidates nominated by the convention then are presented to the students on the ballots of a general election.

The general balloting by the students this year will be held all day Friday at the Student Union Building. Some observers believe, though, that only one slate of candidates will be nominated tonight because of the expected absence of the opposition from the convention.

Reports of gripes about the student nominating system have accompanied the news of the withdrawal of the large group of delegates from the convention. Some have pointed to the oath against pledged voting taken at last year's convention, where candidates for four out of the five offices were chosen by a steady 83-80 vote on the part of the same groups each time.

Although there had been some thought yesterday of postponing

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Red Square Viewpoint on Political Situation

A threat by one of the two campus political groups to boycott the forthcoming student body election became known recently. It appears that the reason for their taking this drastic action was because they felt they were being denied a voice in student government commensurate with the number of students (300-400) that they represent.

When we heard that the election was to be boycotted by so many students, we immediately met to discuss a solution to the problem. We realized that it was not a healthy situation for one political group to be able to elect every one of their candidates. We realized that the threatened boycott was a symptom of this unhealthy situation.

After long and deliberate discussions, during which several different plans were proposed, we agreed on a plan that we believed would remove most of the defects in the present campus political setup. It was proposed by Fred Vinson, acting in a non-partisan capacity as President of the student body. The plan, in brief, was this: The present election machinery would remain intact. There would still be a nominating convention to narrow the field down to two aspirants for each of the five student body offices. Fraternities would still be free to align themselves into political groups as they have done for many, many years. Assuming that there would be two political groups as has been customary at W&L, each group would still draw up its slate of candidates. The fraternities in each group would still pool their votes at the nominating convention in order to place one candidate from each group on the final ballot.

The only change that the plan would make in the present setup would be this, admittedly a drastic step in a new direction: Each fraternity would pledge that its men would not be coerced into voting for any candidate, except, of course, if Fraternity A was running a man for an office, it could put pressure on its men to vote for their fraternity brother.

A mutual solemn agreement between all campus fraternities that they would not coerce their men into voting for an entire slate of candidates would mean that every student could vote as he saw fit and would not be bound to vote for a slate of candidates picked by the political leaders of his group. Each student could choose between the two men running for office on the basis of merit and student government should benefit.

This would be a tremendous change from the "power politics" that has existed on this campus for many years. No longer could a fraternity say to another, "We'll cast all 55 of our votes for your man." No longer would students be told who to vote for.

All the fraternities in our group agreed to this plan. We agreed that, should the plan be accepted by the other political group, we would pledge our word of honor that no man in our houses would be coerced into voting for an entire slate. We agreed further that we would specifically inform the members of our houses that they could vote for men from the opposite political group if they thought those men were the best qualified.

Our fraternities agreed to try this plan, by which we stood to lose a great deal, for one year. We felt that student government would be benefitted, that politics would be wiped clean of many unhealthy aspects, and that the best-qualified men would be elected to office, regardless of political party. We admitted that the plan might be called "idealistic" by some but we were willing to pledge our complete support to it for one election in order to see if it was feasible.

When this plan was presented to the other political group, they fitly refused to support it. They presented a counter-proposal for a cumulative voting system where by each student would have five votes—as many votes as there are student body offices to be filled. A man could cast one vote for each office or could cast all five votes for one candidate for one office.

The purpose of this plan was to enable a minority group to elect one or two men to student body offices. This a minority could do by seeing that all its men cast their five votes for one or two candidates.

The theory of this plan—minor-

NOTICE

The Lexington Cavers will meet at 7:30 in the VMI biology laboratory.

ity representation—sounds good. It is admitted by everyone that this would be a desirable goal. But the plan as proposed would provide minority representation under the same rotten "power politics" that now exists. Even more than ever before men would be directed by their fraternities exactly how to vote. A student would not have the freedom of voting for whomsoever he pleased. Men would not be elected on the basis of merit. The men elected would be those whom fraternities directed their men to vote for, regardless of ability or qualifications.

We remain willing to place our slate of candidates up against the slate of the other political group and contest each office on the basis of merit of the respective candidates. We are still willing to enter into an agreement with the other political group that no fra-

ternity will direct any of its men how to vote but will leave every student free to cast his ballot as he sees fit.

We believe that such a plan will result in the election of the best men, regardless of political affiliation. We believe that the students of Washington and Lee would like a chance to vote in an election without being told whom to vote for. We believe in minority representation but we would like to see a free and open election in which each faction, minority included, could elect its men on the basis of merit.

- Pi Kappa Alpha
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Sigma Nu
- Zeta Beta Tau
- Beta Theta Pi
- Delta Tau Delta
- Kappa Sigma
- Phi Delta Theta
- Phi Kappa Sigma

That Old Spring Laxity Again

The same thing happens every year.

Just about the middle of April, everybody apparently forgets all about conventional dress, speaking on the campus and gentlemanly conduct in general.

The most flagrant violations of conventionality—both in dress and in conduct—were to be seen at the horse show Saturday. Not only did a large number of students turn up wearing all sorts of bizarre get-ups but a noticeable number carried various types of alcoholic drinks—beano, spiked cokes, etc. This is just a sample of what may continually occur if this sort of thing isn't strongly discouraged.

Unconventional dress has been very noticeable at practically all the varsity athletic events this spring but the students did have some sort of an excuse—beit weak—in claiming that they were going out for intramural sports, and just dropped by to see the game.

Speaking on the campus has just about become optional. The Assimilation Committee has undoubtedly fallen down on its job. But the whole point is that the Committee is an instrument of the student body and its successful function depends on how well the students want it to function. If no violations are reported to the Assimilation Committee, it obviously cannot take any action. However, this excuse cannot account altogether for the inaction of the committee this year. The fact that student lethargy, combined with the le-

thargy of the Assimilation Committee, has failed miserably in its job to see that Washington and Lee students continue to speak on the campus.

Just another point on student conduct: last night while coming out of the State Theater, several very forceful remarks were overheard about the conduct of students during the show. The gist of the remarks—not all of which were made by townspeople—was that people who go to the show just to criticize audibly the picture while it is being shown, ought to stay at home. Of course, some of the remarks may be a lot better than the movie dialogue. But it's surprising the number of people who prefer to listen to what they've paid to hear to listening to some self-appointed comedian ad lib all through the picture.

Maybe conventional dress and speaking on the campus ought to be discontinued. Perhaps every student should do just what he wants to do, when he wants to do it. One thing is certain: it isn't fair for part of the students to observe all the rules and regulations while others use their own discretion—which isn't too good—in their campus conduct.

Our opinion is that the students should cooperate with the Assimilation Committee in reporting any violations. It will then be up to the Assimilation Committee to correct the flagrant violations of its rules that have been occurring all year.—J.C.O.

Welcome S.I.P.A. Delegates

Once more journalists from high schools and preparatory schools throughout the South are visiting Lexington. Last year marked the first meeting of the Southern Interscholastic Press Association following suspension during World War II. No such monumental milestone is being marked by the convention held this year. However it is no less important as it marks another in a long line of milestones in the journey toward excellence in service by the school journalists.

Another fine program of outstanding practitioners in the field of journalism has been lined up for the delegates. It is hoped and believed that these men will serve as inspiration as well as instructors to aspiring young journalists.

There has never been a time when there was a greater need for honest journalism in the world. Wars, rumors of wars, and crises have come to be accepted as routine. Know-

ledge should ever be the foundation of action. This holds true for all fields of endeavor and faithful reporting of the news is as important to school progress as it is to the progress of the world at large.

What the future will hold depends, as always, upon the young people of the country. The work that has gone into this convention and the large registration indicates that there is a great interest in school journalism and the affairs of the world. Washington and Lee is proud to welcome this fine group to its campus.

It is hoped that all of the delegates will enjoy their visit here. It is hoped even more that they will feel that they have learned something worthwhile and have been inspired by this meeting.

To those of you who have won awards, congratulations! To all of you good luck and it is a privilege to have you here.—W.B.P.

FRATERNITY ROUNDUP . By Fran Russell

MORE HORSES: With the bang-tails ready to go at Church-ill Downs this Saturday, the usual exodus from Lexington to Louisville is expected. The Laredo Ale and Quail Society is planning to send three cars. Although it was impossible to contact Sen. McWhorter, it is rumored that he will be on hand to lead "My Old Kentucky Home" and to speak briefly on the glories of the Blue Grass State.

D.U. CONVENTION: Delegates from Johns Hopkins, Lafayette, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, Penn State, and Rutgers came to Washington and Lee Friday as guests of the local D.U. chapter for its provincial meeting. Reports on alumni relations, chapter scholarship, publications, rushing, finances and management, pledge training and the improvement of interfraternal relations were discussed at the forums. Friday night the delegates were entertained at Sweet Briar and Macon, and Saturday

night found an informal jamboree with many campus personalities on hand.

JINX BROKEN: Lynchburg has been a Jonah to Washington and Lee athletic contests. We just couldn't win there, even if it were marbles. But the jinx of Lynchburg is over; the Lacrosse team defeated the Wahoo's 10-9 there Saturday night.

MAY DANCES: Those of you who don't squander your money on the Derby next Saturday will probably do so at one of the girl's schools in the vicinity. Macon and Sweet Briar are both having dances, as is the Sem. nI Winchester, a new apple festival queen will be crowned; Gretchen Merrill of Boston, best woman's figure skater in the country.

FASHION SHOW: If some kid on the street approaches you and tries to sell you a ticket, don't brush him off; there's really going to be a fashion show and Musical Review at Lexington High

school Apr. 30, at 8:00 p.m. Chairman Mrs. Scott Huger said that the purpose of the show is to raise money to improve cafeteria facilities. Mrs. Jim Lovins will serve as dance director, and Chap Boyd and his combo will furnish the music.

NOSTALGIA: Coming up from Marion, Virginia, the Tennesseean makes a stop at Christiansburg It was dance weekend at VPI. We sat in the club car and watched the same orchid clad girls go through the same routine in much the same manner they had here. But there was a difference, one of them told me; VPI had Elliot Lawrence and Tony Pastor.

PATTER: Delts received a visit from Bill Webster, '43, up from Memphis. Charley Rowe's cousin, Towlssey, of Mary Washington, was here for the horse show and made a profound impression.

The KA's entertained the "hor-

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Minority Political Viewpoint:

On Wednesday, April 21, representatives from the following fraternities: Delta Upsilon, KA, Lambda Chi, Pi Phi, PEP, Phi Gam, and Sigma Chi, met to discuss the political fate of their respective fraternities, or that of the group. This meeting of the minority political group, or one similar to it, has probably taken place each year since the Red Square Clique has been in operation. Normal procedure at such a meeting is to pick a slate of candidates for the forthcoming Nominating Convention, and plan campaign programs for the respective nominees. However, it was felt that such a procedure had long since been futile, and effort, time and money spent in pursuit of same was wasted, the reason for this being that the Red Square Clique possesses such a powerful hold on a slight majority of votes that it is impossible to defeat any candidate whom their small group of "wheels" should decide to run.

It was therefore unanimously decided that this group of fraternities, individually, or as a group, would not participate in the forthcoming nominating convention, and would exert all power within its means to discourage its members from participating in any election which might result from the nominating convention.

At the Executive Committee meeting on Friday, April 23, at 5 p.m. the Executive Committee was informed that the above mentioned fraternities would not participate in the forthcoming elections.

On Friday, April 23, at approximately 10:30 p.m., representatives of the Red Square group contacted representatives of the minority group and asked that they attend a meeting already in progress, in the Phi Kap lounge. After all the representatives had arrived, Fred Vinson, who was in charge of the meeting, informed the minority group that he had a plan which he believed would cure the rotten political situation that had developed over a period of years under the auspices of Red Square. That the situation is rotten, and that Red Square is responsible was freely admitted by its own members.

Vinson's proposal, which the Red Square group fondly refers to as "the Vinson Plan" is, as we understand it, in essence, as follows: that the minority group shall submit a full slate of candidates at the nominating convention and that every fraternity president will instruct his members when they go to the polls, to vote for the best man, regardless of his affiliation, and that this arrangement should be enforced by a gentleman's agreement. (It might be well to mention that Red Square had already drawn up its slate of candidates before this meeting, and the minority group believes that the members of Red Square Fraternities are already well aware of whom they are supposed to vote for without the need of any further instruction).

This proposal, on its face, is so pure and beautiful that it almost sounds poetic, and might have an even chance of working—in a theological seminary. Apart from the fact that there were no adequate means to enforce strictly the proposal, the minority group also objected because the plan had no semblance of being permanent, and was obviously only offered as an appeasement measure at a crucial time. These objections were discussed at a meeting of the minority fraternities that same night, but before reaching a final decision, the members agreed to "sleep on" the proposal and announce their decision at a meet-

ing on Saturday. At the Saturday meeting the minority fraternities, feeling that "the Vinson Plan" was not far-reaching enough, and wholly inadequate, but believing that, perhaps, the Red Square Clique was in earnest about correcting a bad situation, drew up a counter-proposal.

This proposal was presented on Sunday, April 25, to a joint meeting of Red Square and the minority group. The proposal was as follows: that since Red Square had already picked its slate of candidates, prepared its publicity, and had its campaign ready to roll, and since the minority group, following its plan of non-participation was not prepared, and could not adequately get prepared in the short time left to present a slate of candidates with any efficacy whatsoever, it would be only fair for Red Square to allow the minority to put up two candidates each for any two offices, unopposed by Red Square men, these two offices to be picked by Red Square, and allow the student body to pick the best man for each of these two offices; and that Red Square would pledge itself and its votes to support the following constitutional amendment:

Voting

"In order to insure equitable representation among the entire student body in electing the general student body officers, each student shall be entitled to as many votes as there are general student body officers to be elected. Each student may cast all of such votes for a single officer or may distribute them among the number to be voted for. General student body officers shall be construed to mean all elective officers to be voted on by the entire student body. This provision is to apply only to the general student body elections and not to the nominating convention."

This amendment proposes what is commonly called "cumulative voting." It is used by practically every corporation in the country to elect directors, and in some states it is by statute made a compulsory part of every corporation's charter. Its main objective is to insure to minority groups a chance, and only a chance, of proportional representation, and this, in its final analysis, is the only objective which the minority group seeks to achieve. As things stand now, under the present political setup, there are approximately four hundred fraternity men on Washington and Lee's campus who have absolutely no voice in student government and student activities, and not only do these men not have a part in student body affairs, but they do not even have the slightest semblance of a chance to be represented (this excludes two executive committeemen placed there by their classes).

At the meeting Sunday the Red Square group refused to accept this proposal. In return the minority group, believing its proposal to be fair, equitable and foolproof, informed the Red Square group that it had no other alternative but return to its original plan of non-participation, and, further, that no member of the minority group would accept any nomination at the forthcoming convention.

- Jesse Benton, Pres. DU
- Ray Smith, Pres. KA
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- Bill Latture, Pres. Pi Phi
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- Bill Ingels, Pres. Phi Gam
- Don Litton, Pres. Phi Psi
- Wiley McGehee, Pres. Sigma Chi

Stickmen Nip Virginia In Overtime Contest, 10-9

Tongue Scores With Seconds Left To Play

By BRUCE SWAIN

With less than three minutes left in the second overtime period, Washington and Lee's lacrosse team came roaring from behind to overtake the stickmen from the University of Virginia and thereby avenge an earlier defeat suffered from the Wahos, 10-9.

In a replica of the first game the Generals jumped off to an early lead but then watched as the Wahos rallied to tie up the game and move ahead in the first overtime period. For a time it looked as if the Cavaliers would win in the last seconds of play as they did last time, as the Generals were playing with Bill Pacy in the penalty box.

The game was played under the lights in Lynchburg, the first time that a lacrosse game has been held in the Hill City. The disadvantage of playing under the lights was noticeable in the initial quarter as the passing was ragged and the players were having a hard time following the ball.

Tommy Tongue and Jim McDonald led the Generals to the victory as both pumped the nets for three goals apiece. Alec Hill again played a superb game, getting a brace of goals and playing it to the hilt all the way. The other scored were accounted for by Gilly Brooks and Dave Ryer.

The defense was also top notch with Goalie Bill Clements and Bill Pacy leading the way. Clements work in the nest brought repeated comments from the spectators as he made save after save in some parts of the game. Pacy was particularly outstanding in his work of hounding Hooper, the famed all-american attack man of the Wahos. Hooper was held to two goals during the night by the work of Pacy and Clements. Outstanding again, as it has been in the past games, was the work of McDonald, Frank Brooks, and Hill at midfield for the Generals.

Tongue opened the scoring in the first quarter when he took a pass from Gilly Brooks and fired the ball into the nets. With two Generals on the sideline, Hooper retaliated as he sneaked around from behind the goal to shoot one in from the side. McDonald then sent the Generals ahead once more as he culminated a midfield attack with a goal from the side. Virginia's Birch then took a feed from Hooper to tie the count once more as the first quarter ended.

It was in the second quarter that the Generals put on their greatest show of power, counting four times in a row. McDonald opened the scoring and was followed quickly by Tongue, Brooks and Ryer, the latter being a pretty shot from the left of the crease. Sadler and Senft counted for the losers on feeds from Hooper. The half ended with the Generals in the lead, 6-4.

The Generals continued to roll in the third with McDonald and Hill registering goals while the Generals held the Wahos to a lone goal. The period ended with

GENERALIZING

By RODNEY FITZPATRICK
From the mail box:
To Rodney Fitzpatrick:

In regard to the controversy raised over my column in *The Ring-tum Phi* of last Friday, I am writing this statement which I request be published in your column on Tuesday.

I hereby wish to apologize to Fred Perry for the statements made by myself against him personally in that column. I realize that many of those statements were unfair and unfounded.

From what little information I have been able to gather on the subject, I have been led to believe that the school claims Perry as the coach of tennis at W&L when in reality the tennis team definitely has no coach. I gladly retract any statements about Perry but remain as stated on any statements regarding this situation.

Sincerely,
Bruce Swain

It is certainly to be regretted that Swain, in a moment of temperament, found such unfitting phraseology to apply to the well-respected Mr. Perry, but it is certainly admirable that he has the courage to make an open apology.

Fred Perry, the amiable pipe-smoking Englishman, appears to be the victim of circumstances in the present controversy. It has been reported by usually reliable sources that Perry resigned his position as tennis coach here last spring and is no longer on the University payroll, but hopes to settle in Lexington at some later date. For the time being it seems that the discussion be discontinued and it is hoped that someone will be located to handle the tennis team either as coach or as part-time instructor.

While controversies raged on the campus, Captain Dick's baseball squad journeyed over to Roanoke to meet a very underrated club from the Salem institution. The Maroons took advantage of the Blue's overconfidence to top the Southern Conference leaders in a very poorly umpired game, which all adds up to make baseball one of the more unpredictable sports.

Lost: One petition bearing the names of approximately 900 W&L students requesting the Board of Trustees to appropriate money for badly needed repairs to the track on Wilson Field. This petition was last seen en route to a board meeting. Information re-

the Blue still out in front, 8-5. In the last quarter, it was all Virginia as they rallied to tie up the ball game. The Wahos then went out in front in the first overtime period with Heuebub getting the score.

With about two and a half minutes left in the game, the Generals again knotted the score, with Hill sending the ball home from a mixup well out from the nets. About a minute later, Tongue took a stray shot in front of the nets and sent the ball home for the winning counter of the game.

garding same will be appreciated by this columnist and members of the track team

Not that yours truly claims any credit for the event but yesterday morning the holes in the gridiron were being repaired by campus workmen, and it is presumed that the job will be completed in time for grass to grow this year.

The lacrosse team's victory over the Wahos in Lynchburg on Saturday according to unofficial reports is the first victory for a W&L team in the Hill City in the past seven years. (This refers to athletic teams only, since minor skirmishes have been victorious in other phases of campus life.)

The consensus of opinion seems to be highly favorable over the movement to Roanoke of the Ohio University game for next October 2. The game, a night affair, will be considered a home contest and students and wives will be admitted free, which should make for an interesting trip with little expense to the students.

Linksmen Defeat Spiders For Fourth Triumph, 8-1; Brown Is Low Scorer

Winning their fourth match in five starts, the General linksmen overwhelmed the University of Richmond on the local pasture yesterday, 8-1.

Low score of the day was posted by W&L's Wes Brown, who put two 35's together for a two-under-par 70. Gordon Sibley and John McKelway scored 73 and 74 for the victors, while J. B. Hall was low man for the Spiders with a 75.

Tomorrow, Maryland will invade Lexington, followed by Hampden-Sydney on Thursday. The strong General nine will be favored to take both matches, although the Terrapins are expected to offer some stiff competition.

Sunday afternoon, the divotmen will journey to the nation's capitol, where they will play return matches with the University of Maryland and George Washington. In their first encounter with the Colonials, Washington and Lee won easily, 8½ to ½.

Roanoke Drops General Nine, 9-6 In Seventh Inning Two-Run Rally

Little Roanoke College turned the tables on a slumping Washington and Lee baseball team, defeating the Generals 7-6, in Roanoke Saturday. Washington and Lee won a previous encounter from the Maroons, 15-3.

Roanoke scored two runs in the last half of the seventh to take the lead from the Generals. Each outfit got seven hits but the Maroons cashed their bingles in for one more run than W. and L.

Buck Leslie started on the mound for the Generals but was relieved in the sixth by Nelson Newcomb. Roanoke used three pitchers in throttling the Washington and Lee hitters.

Charlie Agnor, flashy freshman shortstop for the Generals, got three hits, to nearly halve the team total.

The Generals picked up three runs in a big third inning and went ahead of the Roanokers 6-5 when they scored one in the first of the seventh. The Maroons came back in the same inning however, to chalk up two runs and a victory.

Neither "bell" rang true for the Generals as the contest saw Brian "The Lip" Bell ejected in an argument with the umpire and John Bell heave one of his usually accurate pegs to second base into center field, allowing two Maroon runs to score.

The Generals will be on the road until May 5. They meet Maryland, G.W., Georgetown, and Quantico on 4 consecutive days, March 28 through May 1. On May 4 they meet the Cavaliers from the University of Virginia before returning to Wilson Field.

Blue Tennis Squad Downs George Washington, 5-4

Washington and Lee's much-improving tennis team had another close call against the racketmen from George Washington last Friday as the Blue netmen edged out a 5-4 victory.

Lead-off man Art Joseph defeated George Washington's John Hunt 6-2, 6-3, and Jim Farrar dropped Ike Deloach 8-6, 8-6.

Bill Helfrich was decisively defeated by Don Moxham, 7-5, 10-8 for the Generals' third consecutive win of the afternoon.

However, Bob Moody failed for the Generals as he was defeated 6-3, 6-3 by Ernest Kientz in two straight sets.

Bob Swinarton downed Alan Weise of GW 2-6, 6-2, 6-2, while the General's Bob Knudson gave way to Eugene Fry 6-3, 6-2.

In the doubles events, Moxham and Joseph lived up to their reputation by turning back Hoyt and Deloach of GW, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Farrar and Swinarton failed before Kientz and Fry, 7-5, 4-6, 9-7, and Moody and Bernard lost the winning touch as they were downed by Wiese and Kershenbaum, 6-2, 4-6, 10-8.

Saturday, the Blue team lost its first game of the current season as the Country Club of Virginia rampaged over the Generals, 9-0.

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I-M Roundup

By ART HOLLINS
Golf

The Phi Psis and the Phi Deltas set the pace in qualifying men for the golf tournament with three men each in the field of 16. Gardner, Phi Psi, and Anderson, Beta, led the way, each shooting a 78. Gardner, Gerken and Reese qualified for the Phi Psis with 78, 81, and 82, respectively.

Richardson, 87, Lanier, 84, and Lee qualified for the Phi Deltas. Nixon, 84, and Earle, 82, qualified for the Phi Gams. Cancelmo, Sigma Nu, qualified with an 84. Campbell, Beta, and Malzeke, DU, each shot an 87.

Laupheimer, PEP, made the rounds in 81, and Davis, Delt, shot an 85. Totty, Pi Phi, qualified with an 86, and Ahern completed the field of 16.

Softball

On Friday, April 23, the PIKAs and the Phi Deltas set the pace in League A of the softball tournament. The PIKAs took the PEPs 7-3 while the Phi Deltas licked the Law School 14-9. In League B the NFUs beat the Chowhounds 12-8, and the Betas beat the Deltas 13-12.

On April 22 the Kappa Sigs beat the Sigma Nus 4-3 and the Phi Kaps beat the KAs 11-4 in League C. In League D the Phi

Psis-pummeled the Phi Gams 18-5 while the Lambda Chis set down the Zebes 5-1.

Tennis

In the semi-finals of the first bracket of the singles tennis tournament, Rowe, Delt, beat Woolridge, Phi Psi, 6-2, 6-1. In the third bracket, Brewster, NFU, took Kirk, Sigma Chi, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

In the doubles Johnson and Tucker, Kappa Sigs, won in the first round over Hollins and Woolridge, Phi Psis, 6-2, 5-7, 7-5. Spearman and Kerr, Betas, and Andrews and Henry won forfeits to enter the second round.

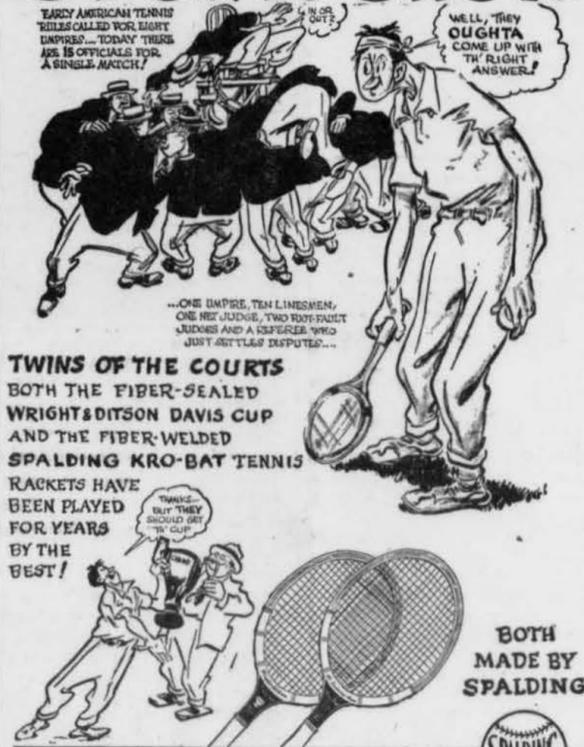
Lethbridge and Warren, Deltas, beat McMath and Hammond, Lambda Chis, in the first round.

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sey set" after the show on their patio. Doug Buck, Luther Wannamaker, and Reed Bundy camped out on Long Mountain for the night...

Howie Fender, Kappa Sig, gave a party for his mother visiting him from Texas. Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coulter, Mr. and Mrs. Reg Pettus, Mr. and Mrs. John Hackney, Charlie and George Blackburn, and Luther White. Kappa Sig's attended the dance of their sister sorority, Chi Omega, in large numbers...

The Lambda Chi's will be losing Bill Gregory and his red necktie; Bill has signed for a commission in the Navy and will continue his training where there is a Navy ROTC. King Noble has been accepted at Yale for graduate work in anthropology. Congratulations to Bob Burris and Phyllis Agnor who will be married in June...

The Betas were given a party Saturday afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Scott Huger of Lexington. From all reports it was a great success. The Betas will hold their house party at the Pine Room on May 8. Attendance will be strictly by invitation...

Phi Eps were hosts to ZBT for a banquet Saturday night. Principal speaker was Dr. Leo Lichtenberg, director of the Hillel Foundation in Charlottesville. Local guests included Mr. and Mrs. Dave Grossman and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Levitt...

The PIKA's are still kidding Fred Rush about losing his dates, Elizabeth "Monk" Menks; Walt Jackson and Pedro Myers know more than they're letting on. Harden Goodman's date got sick and had to leave early—we're told...

Phi Psi's are planning a big party on May 8 at Cave Mountain Lake; beaucoup beverages, hamburgers, softball, swimming etc. Transportation included; trucks will leave from Phi Psi house at

1:45 p.m. Arch Alexander is importing his dates from Chicago these days. Sam Engle is pinned to Bobbie Dow of Washington...

Convention

(Continued from page one)

the convention until an agreement could be reached, the convention will be held tonight as planned.

Fred Vinson, student body president, has announced that due to his own absence from town, Vice-President Charlie Belcher will call the convention to order as its temporary chairman. A permanent chairman then will be elected by the convention itself.

As in the past, nomination speeches will be limited to five minutes, and seconds to nominations will be limited to three minutes.

Class elections will follow close on the heels of the general election. The students to fill the presidency, vice-presidency, secretaryship, and office of executive committeeman for each class will be chosen next Monday night at the various class meetings.

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Crewmen Face Rollins on James River Saturday

Seeking their second straight win of the season, Washington and Lee's crew will go up against a strong Rollins College group this Saturday, May 1, on the James River Course at Balcony Falls.

The General oarsmen, who were beaten by the Rollins crew in Florida last spring, won this season's opener against American International by a bare two-foot margin. The race was held on the home course.

According to student coach Wink Glasgow, the lineup for Saturday's meet will be: Stroke, Bob Mauck; No. 7, Phil Silverstein; No. 6, Al Walter; No. 5, Dick Hinson; No. 4, Hugh Jacobson; No. 3, Hack Haywood; No. 2, Art Emmons; No. 1, Joe Berry, and coxswain Ted Bowie.

On May 6, the crew will journey to Marietta, Ohio, where they will

meet Marietta College on the afternoon of May 7. Marietta is expected to offer the Blue one of their toughest races this season.

The Jayvees will close the season with a race against George Washington High School of Alexandria, Va., on May 15, at Balcony Falls.

Glasgow also announced that all men with rowing experience, either at W&L or elsewhere, who can attend a sufficient number of practices between now and finals, will be eligible to row in the annual Harry Lee-Albert Sidney race. He added that all men who

have not made either the varsity or Jayvee crews this spring will have first chance for positions in that race.

The annual drive for student memberships in the Harry Lee and Albert Sidney boat clubs will start this week. Memberships are

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