

News Broadcast Serves as Lab For Radio Class

'Home Edition' Offers On-the-Job Training For Radio Students

Something new has been added to Washington and Lee's school of Journalism.

Practical radio work is being offered to those journalism students taking Journalism 230 through a special broadcast given nightly except Sundays over WREL. The program serves as a laboratory for the course, according to C. O. Voigt, journalism instructor in charge of the broadcast.

The special lab marks the first time that such practical radio experience has been offered here.

Instructor Voigt has termed the lab "the most practical of its kind. It gives a man on-the-job experience." He said that the work done by his students in the 230 lab is exactly the kind of work that they will do after they are graduated if they should decide to enter the radio field.

The program, "Home Edition," is carried by WREL every weekday night.

"Home Edition" was taken over as a lab at the turn of the semester. Before that it was known as "News in Review" and was handled by a group of students in their own time. "Home Edition" is aimed at Lexington's townspeople and plugs complete coverage of the Rockbridge area. Local news is featured but time is allotted to foreign and sports news also.

Thirteen students are signed up for the class and are required to take part in the presentation of the program. A system of rotation is used with each man getting a taste of all the different phases of work.

Voigt said that the primary object of the lab was to give the men news writing and editing experience but that he hoped to offer some form of announcing instruction, with the aid of the public speaking department, at some time in the future.

NOTICE

The Fancy Dress edition of The Southern Collegian will be distributed Saturday, February 26. The magazine's printing was delayed by a printers' strike.

Crew's Guiding Light Comes up with a Miracle Boat W-L Harbors Nautical Inventive Genius In Glasgow

Wink Glasgow announced today that the patent on his new rowing machine has been applied for. Until this time the machine that will revolutionize the crew coaching industry in small colleges has been kept a shady secret.

Inventor Glasgow, a Lexington boy, said that he began work on the machine last September first after a coach-friend of his gave him the initial idea. He worked at home with what he called "no idea that the thing would work."

But the machine did work and today, W. and L.'s rookie crew



Two fraternity pledges "rest" by an inviting sign during a Hell Week Stunt. Such actions have been condemned by townspeople and the IFC plans remedial action on the matter.

IFC Would Curb Hell Week Play

Council's Action Comes After Local Protests

The principle topic under discussion at last week's Interfraternity Council meeting was a plan whereby the annual Hell Week conducted by the 17 W. and L. fraternities could "be held within the limits of propriety." According to IFC President Paul Murphy several complaints from townspeople were received by the IFC after a group of pledges had staged a show on Main street as part of their Hell Week activities.

Murphy said no definite action had been taken by the IFC and that it would probably be a week or more before positive steps would be taken. He indicated, however, that the IFC will attempt to curb future Hell Week programs somewhat and limit them to the fraternity houses or the main campus.

During Hell Week his year, pledges of various fraternities held several of their stunts in the streets of Lexington. A pie fight was staged in front of the Robert E. Lee hotel and movie-goers saw a palpable imitation of "Don Juan" when they emerged from the movie of the same name. Two pledges attempted to sleep beside a "Rest Room" sign of a service station on Main Street.

Thank You, Dr. Freeman

We would like to express our appreciation to Dr. Freeman for his excellent Washington's Birthday address and to the men who arranged for his visit to Lexington. The selection of Dr. Freeman to speak here today was certainly a happy one, as all of his auditors will readily agree. Every student we spoke with enjoyed his most interesting speech.

No better or more fitting address has been delivered in Doremus Gymnasium for a long time. It was the best tribute to George Washington that this University could possibly have paid.

To a group of journalism students, Editor Freeman said that the Lee Memorial Journalism school is "one of the country's best." This is high praise indeed from such a distinguished visitor. We look forward to another visit from Dr. Freeman.

Calyx Tells of Beauty Contest

Competition for the 1948-49 "Calyx beauties" opened today, according to an announcement made by Bill Leedy, editor of The Calyx.

Eight Are Needed

The portraits of the young ladies must range from 5 by 7 inches to 11 by 14 inches, and no color photos will be accepted. The entries are to be turned in to Tom Frost at the Student Union next Friday and Monday between two and five o'clock in the afternoon. Eight portraits will be selected for the yearbook, and Leedy urges as many as possible to enter pictures in the contest. He expressed the hope that the students had taken advantage of the excellent opportunity to get pictures during the dance week-end.

Leedy said that he was planning to use four pages of The Calyx for pictures from the Fancy Dress Dance Set, and that a full staff of Calyx photographers had covered the dance.

Saturday Deadline

The Calyx editor is anxious to obtain as many snapshots of campus activity as possible and asks that the fraternity presidents make sure that the shots are turned in to Frost at the Student Union not later than Saturday. Each fraternity will have two snapshots on its page.

Sweet Briar's Children

The beautiful girl graduates of Sweet Briar have, on an average, 1.7 children each, while the graduates of Princeton, according to the same statistician, have on an average 1.3 children each. This proves nothing which any fool has not known for centuries, namely that women have more children than men—even Princeton men.

W-L Is Host to D.C. Symphony

As was announced in The Ring-tum Phi last week, The Rock-bridge Concert Theatre Series is presenting the National Symphony Orchestra in the Doremus Gymnasium on Wednesday, March 2. This is the second time that W. and L. has played host to an outstanding symphony orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony having played on the campus last year.

The National Symphony which was organized in 1931 and now has more than 10,000 contributors, is accepted as Washington's largest and most important cultural organization. Its regular audience is probably the most cosmopolitan in the world consisting as it does of natives of Washington, Americans from all over the country who are visiting or living there, diplomatic representatives from every country in the world, and the President of the United States and his family who always reserve a box for the season.

Howard Mitchell, who has been elected to succeed Hans Kinder as musical director and first conductor of the orchestra at the end of this season, will conduct the orchestra in its appearance here. Mr. Mitchell was first cellist of the orchestra for fourteen years and in this respect his career is reminiscent of those of Koussevitsky and Toscanini. Not only is he successful with bow and baton, but also with a golf club. In his native Sioux City, Iowa, he won the city's golf championship.

The program to be played in Lexington is a good combination of old and new music. It is as follows:

- Overture, Abduction from The Seraglio—Mozart;
- Symphony No. 7 (in one movement)—Sibelius;
- Suite Provencale—Milhaud;
- Symphony No. 5—Beethoven.

Mackey Directs Local Boys Club

Helpers Requested For Sport Program

The Lexington Boys' Club, an organization sponsored and carried on by a division of the Christian Council, has been very helpful in promoting daytime activities for the younger boys of Lexington.

This is not the first time that a group of this type has been formed. Twice before the Christian Council established clubs but they survived for only a short time.

In the Spring of 1947, Stan Brown set up the arrangements for a lasting club. He managed it himself for a year until Bob Mackey, the present head, took over.

The Boys' Club, operating on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons of each week, entertains 20 or 30 boys each session. Football, basketball, and baseball, as well as all types of handicraft projects are provided for the boys. Their ages range from 9 to 15.

Bob Mackey expressed his gratitude to the faculty, and especially to Cy Twombly for their wholehearted cooperation in the project.

The main workers who supervise the meetings of the Club are: Judson Yerkes, Walt Little, Hap Hammel, Dean Luedders, Jim Roberts, Perry Pedrick, Martin Clough, Frank White, Finley Ewing, Otis Howe, Hugh Jacobson, and Richard Rosenfeld.

More helpers are needed for this program and Mackey urged all those interested in this type of work to either attend the next Christian Council meeting or get in touch with him.

Dr. Freeman Compares Manners, Principles of Washington and Lee



Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman

In a meeting with Sigma Delta Chi members after the University assembly, Dr. Freeman termed the W. and L. school of journalism "one of the best in the country." He added that he was certain that "students lose nothing by going to a small school like Washington and Lee."

Large Crowd at Lounge Opener

NFU Has Open House In New SU Lounge

The opening of the NFU Student Union Lounge at Fancy Dress intermission last Friday, "went over bigger than we had anticipated" and was a "tremendous success," Lounge Committee Chairman Dick McMurrin stated. McMurrin was particularly gratified at the presence of President and Mrs. Gaines, Dean Leyburn, Dean and Mrs. Gilliam, and several faculty members.

Large numbers of students visited the new Lounge, first in NFU history, on both Friday and Saturday nights. The Lounge was decorated with money raised by the NFU last fall in its contest. Supervision of the decorations was entrusted to McMurrin, who did what was termed by NFU President "Ike" Iler as an "excellent job." The woodwork was painted white to give the effect of columns. Different shades of green blended with a red tapestry backed by the NFU seal done in red, gold, and blue.

Plans for keeping the Lounge open on weekends are under discussion in high NFU circles.

Green Named to Drake's Post

The appointment of Charles Lee Green, 31 year-old native of Charlotte, N.C., as registrar of Washington and Lee University was announced today by President Francis P. Gaines.

Green, who is serving now as assistant registrar, will be elevated to the registrar's post in September upon the departure of W. Magruder Drake, whose resignation was made known last week.

A member of the class of 1940 at Washington and Lee, Green was associated with the accounting department of a Charlotte trucking firm prior to beginning Army service in 1942. He returned to the W. and L. campus in 1946 to complete work on a B.S. degree in Commerce.

Drake will enter the University of North Carolina in the fall to do graduate work in history. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree at Washington and Lee in 1936 and the Master of Arts degree the following year. After his discharge from the Navy with the rank of lieutenant-commander in 1946, Drake returned to his alma mater to assume the registrar's duties.

Two great qualities stand out in the lives of Washington and Lee—a code of principles and manners—Dr. Douglas S. Freeman told students and a large number of University guests at the annual Washington's Birthday assembly today.

Dr. Freeman, who was introduced by President Gaines, told his audience that both Washington and Lee were ambitious men. Both men faced great obstacles in their youth. Their fathers died; they lacked economic security. But they achieved success by following each job through to the finish and by taking advantage of every opportunity.

He compared the two great men physically and termed Lee the handsomest. Whatever their physical differences, however, they were strikingly similar in their character and perseverance. Lee, said Dr. Freeman, desired prominence in the military field, while Washington sought economic security. Both were eminently successful in fulfilling their ambitions.

Dr. Freeman approached his subjects from an entirely new angle and in the opinion of the audience was entirely successful. He placed greater emphasis on Washington, whose biography he is now writing. The average person has a mental picture of an old man when he thinks of Washington, said Freeman. "We portray our great men in their last phase," he said. The historian's job is to make a human being of an historical figure. Popular conceptions of Washington hinder the attempt in his case.

Washington never hurled a dollar across the Rappahannock River, Dr. Freeman stated, because "when he was a youth he would never part with a dollar in that manner."

Winning Bridge Players Enter National Contest

Results of the Washington and Lee Bridge Club's play-off to decide its contestants for the National Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament were recently announced by Club founders Brian Bell and Herb Lubs.

Four teams were selected to compete in the tournament. The teams and their scores are as follows: Gordon "Red" Iler and Bob Salisbury, 15½; F. Gray and L. A. Nixon, 15; Kim Clark and Charlie Treadgold, 11½; and Brian Bell and Herb Lubs, 11½.

These teams will meet in the Student Union at 7:30 Thursday evening for participation in the National contest.

Other teams and their scores were: D. J. Little and J. A. Cross, 11; J. K. Rockwell and T. G. Read, 10½; Charles Hutzler and Howard Goldman, 8; and Neil McNeil and John Earl, 7.

Notables Speak in April

The early part of April will see some outstanding speakers appearing at Washington and Lee according to Dr. Desha, Chairman of the Faculty Committee of the Bicentennial Celebration.

On April 7, 8 and 9 the Southern Interscholastic Press Association will sponsor talks by a number of important speakers. Also, on April 9, John Mason Brown, noted literary critic will give the Phi Beta Kappa annual address.

The Bicentennial Academic Celebration on April 12 will offer Dr. Harold Dobbs, President of Princeton University.

Point System for ODK

At the ODK meeting this afternoon, Bill Todd, president, appointed five committees to report on various campus activities preparatory to initiating a point system for membership in ODK. Later, each minor and major campus activity will be assigned a definite point value to be used in choosing ODK members.



Inventor Wink Glasgow takes a trial run in his newest creation... a 'miracle' rowing machine.

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Needed . . . an Evaluation

The Executive Committee recently brought under discussion the merits of a student rating or evaluation of the various courses and departments of the university. Such a plan has been tried with varying success at many colleges and can, if properly conducted, be of great value both to students and professors.

In 1938 *The Ring-tum Phi* conducted what it called a "poll of student opinion on the departments of the university" which seems to have created no little stir on the campus. Because the method used by the paper seems to us to be entirely fair and impartial, we would like to present it to the students and to the Executive Committee. The poll operated in this manner:

1. The question, "What changes, if any, could be made in teaching methods, or a course itself, to help students get more out of that course?" was asked of from twelve to twenty men on all grade levels. At least half the men questioned must have taken the course during the past year. The others are sought for information on the course as basis for advanced work.
2. Before presenting any results on a par-

ticular course or department, an attempt is made to analyze the facilities the department has at hand and the difficulties it must cope with beyond its immediate control.

What the paper wanted to know then, and what we would like to find out now, is not so much what is wrong, as what can be done to improve teaching faults and departmental lacks where and if they are revealed by such a poll.

The poll, as we propose it, would be taken from students on all grade levels . . . dean's list men as well as those with 'C' averages and below. So far as possible, the poll would be kept on an entirely objective level as the question to be asked students indicates. We are looking only for constructive criticism . . . impersonal criticism.

In presenting this plan to the students we believe that their wholehearted cooperation, which any undertaking of this sort must have to be valid, will not only benefit the university but will prove a definite aid to the students themselves in getting more for their money's worth out of college.

A Job Well Done

From all appearances, students' faces, fraternity lounges, etc., it seems to have been a very successful weekend all over. Whenever people go around Monday morning being audibly sorry about it being over, you know it was good.

What most students forget, however, are the men who planned the dance for months before the music started . . . the men who had to work out all the little details and who would have got the blame if it hadn't gone over so well. In this case Pres Meade, Jack Marsh,

Sam Hollis, Bill Bien, Matt Paxton, and Cub Bear (plus a handful of others) are the workhorses behind the revelry of Fancy Dress.

To say the least, it is unfortunate that Cub Bear was forced to drop out of his post as President of the Set at the last minute; and it is to Matt Paxton's credit that he was able to step in and continue the work already done. To these two as well as the four Vice-Presidents of Fancy Dress, the student body owes its congratulations.

Remedy for an Eye-Sore

Every Spring the University grounds get a thorough going over and 'face lifting' . . . thorough except for the steps leading to the footbridge. These wooden steps are yearly passed over lightly, never getting any more attention than perhaps a new board here and there to patch up a hole.

This year the springtime will bring with it the Bicentennial celebration in April and a host of other events in connection with Lexington's biggest birthday event. But unless something is done to replace the wooden steps, the biggest eye-sore on the campus is going to hit every visitor to the school where the impression won't help.

Aside from the standpoint of appearances, the steps present a definite hazard to those using them. Several times last fall a broken ankle was narrowly, and luckily, averted, as crowds went to and from the football games. With spring sports just around the corner, more and more use is going to be made of the steps, increasing the possibility of someone's getting hurt.

To insure the safety of both spectators and players, and to improve the looks of the campus, the University should certainly replace the present wooden structure with concrete steps . . . and quickly.

Fancy Dress Comment By the Staff

The Fancy Dress weekend went just about as everybody expected it to go. Dance sets arrive and dance sets depart on Lexington's campuses and they are all preceded by screaming heralds and followed by innumerable post mortems.

This one can be summed up by the saying of a slightly disoriented freshman Sunday night in the quadrangle of the Freshman dormitory. "They're gone," he screamed almost reverently, "Thank the Lord. They're gone." And so they were.

Despite critical comments by some of the less dexterous attendees of the Friday and Saturday night dances, Barnet and his "boys" did exactly what they were contracted to do. A name band plays tunes which a name band thinks will build up its national reputation. A Fancy Dress Ball or any other Dance set at Washington and Lee is put on primarily for the aura of glamour which surrounds it; the fact that some of the numbers played are danceable and some not is strictly secondary.

And the percentage of numbers danceable definitely runs a poor third. So, to all the forgetful or overly critical, who make the quadrangle complaint that the band played too much fast stuff, we can only, say, it's happened before and it'll happen again.

It's more or less customary for the band members to adjourn to some fraternity house after the night's official activities have ended. This weekend was no exception. Under the gentle guidance of Rube Lewis, most of the Barnet crew adjourned to the Sigma Chi house Friday night, where the fame seekers, who love contact with the great and the near great, hung gathered faithfully around, playing "Do You Know?" or "Remember When You Were Playing In?"

Saturday afternoon and evening, the scene shifted, but the plot stayed the same. This time under the less gentle guidance of Shorty Murray who didn't get gross with Eddie Safranski in Wheeling, West Virginia, the majority of the band, including singer Francy Lynn, came out to the famous House of Blue Lights, just

a garbage can's throw northwest of the D.U. Honuse. The floors were sagging and the walls were reverberating, and the Shack's collection of more than a thousand records got a good dusting off by some of the boys that really knew what they wanted to hear in the way of music. That's one thing about musicians; they know their music. Safranski impressed everybody with his quiet dignity and intellect. Quite a contrast to what we had been led to expect. He and Barnet both did ad lib interviews over WREL and were more than equal to the occasion.

Music rather dominated the field this weekend. Before the professionals took over, a group of the more talented W. and L. amateurs (although they do get paid on occasion) put out with a nicely set up jam session in the living room of the Phi Gam house Friday afternoon. The session featured Moffatt and Romaine on drums, Chap Boyd on trombone, Charlie Castner on piano, Pete Palmer on bass, Frank Love on trumpet. The whole affair was

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Cheerless Charlie

By JOE MOFFATT

Everyone who attended the festivities in Doremus Gymnasium this past week-end realizes that

this Fancy Dress Set was certainly the most successful one in recent years. With that we have no argument. However, we do feel that the behavior of Mr. Charles Barnet, eminent virtuoso and band-



leader, left more than a little to be desired.

In one of our past columns we made the statement that we were overjoyed that Charles was replacing Mr. Eugene Krupa in the music department. Now, we are not so certain that Mr. Barnet gave his all to please the gentlemen and their dates who attended the ball. We have it on very good authority that the aforementioned Mr. Barnet was most uncooperative in several ways. For one thing his temperament by firmly stating that he was a bandleader, and therefore would not stoop to wearing a costume. Now this seems very strange to us. His employees all wore costumes. The students and their dates wore costumes. But not our boy Charles.

Mr. Matthew Paxton, Jr., and his cohorts paid the band good, hard, W. and L. dollars to play for the affair, and therefore it can naturally be assumed that they were in charge of the dance. But it seems that Barnet disagreed with certain gentlemen on just what he should wear, and just what he should play for the figure.

Some people may refer to the saxophone-toddler's conduct as "restrained." We think it was downright inconsiderate. Barnet had just finished a stint at the Kavakos Grill in Washington, which by the way is not considered among the higher-toned places there, and he undoubtedly was paid more to display his talent there than he was at that intimate little rendezvous in D.C. In fact, we feel that he was "taken" by the unsmiling impresario of restraint. The music itself was, on the whole, passable, but evidently W. and L. is considered "easy money" for just about any so-called group of musicians who care to play here. Young Charles wasted no time in capitalizing on this fact, and played on it for all it was worth.

Further than this, however, was the conduct of one of the members of the band, a trumpet-player, who put on an absorbing and impromptu "strip-tease" in the basement of the gym for several visiting firemen. Such things as this get around, and in our opinion, do not tend to bolster the reputation of a school such as this.

We advocate that in the future, an effort be made to get a band which does not go in for "bop" ties, does not carry an obviously doped-up "Bongo" player, and one which does have a little more personable leader. Perhaps the music may not be as good, but we think that in the long run the whole affair would work out better for all concerned.

It is true that the trend in music these days is towards a progressive form of music, but there are still a few leaders such as Les Brown and Kay Kyser who know what pleases a college crowd and are gentlemen themselves. Let's not have any more "Cheerless Charlies," please.

Letter

Dear Sir:

After reading Joe Moffatt's fantastic column, "The Blind Ones," in the Feb. 11 *Ring-tum Phi*, I am convinced that sportsmanship and good taste at W. and L. have reached a new low. The contents of that column were even worse than the unspeakably crass writings of Brian Bell on the same subject—the officiating at W. and L. basketball games.

Mr. Moffatt hit the nail right on the head when he said that someone would come out and say that W. and L. displays rotten sportsmanship, because that is exactly what I am saying. I take direct issue with him when he says that he does not believe for one moment that "our student body is made up of poor sports." I think that it is, and I think that any intelligent person who has

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Joe Martin

R-t P Staffer's Run-Ins With 'Axis Sally' Show Gal's Gab Backfired

What was the effect of propaganda broadcast by Axis Sally to American soldiers? Speaking as one who heard it when I was up front in Italy, I would say that it raised our morale 80 per cent of the time and had a tendency to lower it the rest of the time.

We were always sure to listen to Axis Sally whenever we had access to a radio. Though her broadcasts were designed to lower our morale, we usually went back to our slit trenches joking about how corny Sally was. Most of the propaganda Sally dished out was so ridiculous that only a very gullible person would believe it. When I listened to Sally in the early part of 1944, she didn't go in for the gruesome melodrama which is now being brought out in the trial of Mildred Gillars. Her program then was like a disc jockey's, with propaganda replacing the commercials. The records she played were good swing pieces, though they were five or six years old. She spoke in a sweet gay voice, and always appeared to be looking out for our welfare.

Over the Hill Is Out

One of her favorite themes ran something like this, "Tired of ducking bullets, boys? Tired of sleeping in muddy slit trenches? Why don't you come over here and get away from it all? We'll take you way behind the lines, and you'll get three hot meals a day and a bed of your own."

It sounded good all right, but we knew that it only sounded good. Besides, and this is something Sally didn't mention, that's desertion in any man's army.

Sally tried to make the war seem like a big game. Just good clean fun and all that sort of thing. It doesn't make much difference who wins; after all, it's only a game. This propaganda line was Sally's most ridiculous. We were too close to the realities of war to fall for that hokum.

The principal aim of Axis Sally, at least when I heard her, was to make us homesick. Besides playing American records, she tried to make herself seem like a typical American girl. She kidded a lot, used slang, and always acted light-hearted. But then, like a bolt, right in the middle of all the sweet talk she would stick in a line or two of propaganda. It would go like this, "Hi, boys, here I am again with music and fun. By the

way, have you heard about the big strike in the airplane factories to really get us thinking. But then, just when we were ready to swallow the whole hook, we'd snap out of it and realize we were continually. And often with powerful effect. She was good at drawing contrasting pictures, one of a high-paid war worker striking for still higher wages, and one of a homesick GI lying miserably in a water-filled hole. Those pictures rief—Let's see, our first number to night will be, etc., etc."

A Jibe That Hurt

Speaking of strikes, that was something Sally harped on coning sucked in by enemy propaganda.

One of Sally's stooges was a character named George. Always the ham, that was George. When he tried to kid around, it was so obviously artificial that we laughed not with him, but at him. George had a monotone voice and a laugh that sounded as happy as a wake.

I remember one night that Axis Sally got the whole army in Italy in an uproar. She got hold of our password. Just casually, as if it weren't important at all, she said, "In case any of you boys haven't the password for tonight, it's Bright Star."

Sally had timed her announce well. The sentries had just been posted, the patrols were ready to go out, and things were beginning to settle down for the night. But when our brass learned that she had our password, confusion broke loose. Orders and messages were relayed from one headquarters to another. After about an hour with no password at all, a new password came up from army headquarters.

Dismissed as Phonies

In the trial of Mildred Gillars, there has been mention of the messages to home from American soldiers relayed by Axis Sally. We didn't pay a bit of attention to any of the messages. In the first place, we thought all of them were written by German propagandists, and secondly we knew that a German prison camp couldn't be the bed of roses spoken of in the letters.

Once in a while Sally would bet very serious. At such times she would remind us that we might be

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Ben Haden

'Universal Way to a Man's Heart Is Thru His God'—Reds Rapped

For the moment at least, the war between the Soviet Union and the United States has taken a new turn. For once we have found a common ground on which all anti-Bolsheviks can unite—

GOD.

The way to a man's heart may be through his stomach; but only if he's hungry. The way to a man's heart may be through his pocketbook; but only if he is very poor or very rich. The universal way to a man's heart is through his God, whatever God it be, whatever form it takes, whatever hope it represents.

Cardinal Mindszenty is a man of God. I am not Catholic, but the treatment of this Cardinal is a personal affront to the same God in which I believe. To all appearances, the attack on Mindszenty is nothing less than an attack on the church—and in Hungary, THE CHURCH happens to be the Roman Catholic Church.

As becomes all tyrants who have grown to the greedy proportions of Josef Stalin, God has now become his greatest stumbling block. Religion, more than any theory of government, espouses the dignity and preciousness of the INDIVIDUAL human being.

To any student of Russian communism, it should have been apparent from the outset that here was a Godless group of fascists championing a very old political theory, practicing some very old political tricks, and producing the same old undesirable results. But many intelligent Americans—good Americans—have been taken in by the doctrinal attestations of Josef Stalin. As errant DO-GOODERS, they have come to look upon communism itself—perhaps apart from Stalin and his tyranny—as a Christian hope, a fairer way of life, a desirable end. But alas, the Gor or the Good in these people that gave rise to these sin-

cere aspirations is now the subject of attack by the very government thought to be promoting the desired end. It is enough to make the most stupid oaf stop and think.

HOW MUCH OF GOOD CAN THERE BE IN A MOVEMENT WHICH FEELS IT MUST DEFEAT GOD BEFORE IT CAN ACCOMPLISH GOOD?

There is no theory of political or economic government that is so important to me that I would sacrifice my God in order to obtain it. If I ever find democracy and God are incompatible, then I shall take leave of the former; should the choice between communism and God be the more difficult?

The beauty of our democracy is the fact that in its inception the lines of government were laid along the lines of God—that is, the foundation is in the dignity and preciousness of human life to the personal extent of each human being.

I hope that America will never have an era of "the common man," because the strength of this nation is promised on every man being individually, in particular, peculiarly UNcommon, not a mean, or a common denominator of the whole.

Every law we have is designed for individual people and their individual protection. Even such "public" projects as the Tennessee Valley Authority are designed for the benefit of the individual people living in the Tennessee area, not for the section of THE STATE or for some intangible society.

When and if shots are actually fired in the present war with the Soviet Union, I can think of no force that will prove more compelling than that of God; for the battle is now pitched on a higher and far more tenable plane than that of economic rivalry.

Tribe Jousts W. & L. from Conference Bid with 89-46 Win

Giermak Deposits 33 Markers as Goldsmith Is Bottled Up for 17

Blue Suffers Cold Night As Indians Run Wild

Losing their last chance for a Southern Conference Tourney bid, Washington and Lee's Generals dropped a hard fought contest to the William and Mary Indians 89 to 46 at Williamsburg last night.

The Indians led most of the way and their sharp passing and uncanny shooting proved too much for the dazed Comets.

W. and L. opened up the game in a tight zone, but the unerring long shots of guards Ed McMillian and Jere Bunting brought the Generals out of their zone and forced them to use a man-to-man type defense.

William and Mary seemed to open up right after the first tip off with an exhibition of shooting that would have put any pro team to shame. Feeding their all-conference center Captain Chet Giermak who garnered 13 field goals and 7 free throws for a total of 33 points, they snowed the Generals with their shooting and left the floor with a half-time margin of 40 to 19.

The Braves didn't seem to cool off during the intermission as they returned to the floor and poured 49 points through the nets in the second half while W. and L. racked up 27.

Bob Goldsmith proved to be the Generals one shining light in their "off night." The big center from Beckley, W. Va., hit for 17 points by virtue of 8 field goals and 1 free throw to lead the Comet scoring department. Jay Handlan, who had his worst night since the beginning of the season, was second for the Generals with 10.

Giermak's 33 points was his fourth best scoring effort for the season and it increased his grand total to 590. His average now stands at 21.07 per game.

Other William and Mary scoring leaders were Ed McMillian with 23 and Charlie Sokol with 13.

The results of the game last night all boil down to the fact that one team was hot and couldn't miss and the other was as cold as one of Admiral Byrd's expeditions. When two teams like this get together anything but a runaway score is impossible.

How hot the Indians were can be easily seen by their percentage of shots. The Braves hit 37 of their 72 shots from the floor and made good on 15 or 19 free throws.

The victory gave the Indians a firm hold on second place in the Conference race with a record of nine wins in twelve starts while the Generals have a slate of five wins against seven losses.

Rounding out their eastern tour, the Comets meet the Richmond Spiders at Richmond tonight and wind up with N.C. State at Norfolk on Saturday. The Richmond contest will be the second of the year for the Generals. The Blue mauled the Spiders 84-64 in Doremus Gym last week.

Washington and Lee meets Roanoke College in their final game of the season at Roanoke next Monday.

NOTICE

The ABC representative on the campus will give a carton of Chesterfields to the best letter to the editor published in each edition of *The Ring-tum Phi*.

I-M Roundup

By ART HOLLINS

Playoffs begin this week in basketball and table tennis. In basketball in League A the defeat of the KA's by the Sigma Chis threw the Sigma Nus, Sigma Chis, and KA's into a tie for first, and the KA's will meet the winners of the Sigma Chis and Sigma Nus Wednesday night for the title. The round robin tournament between the league champions will begin this Thursday with the finals the following Thursday.

In Table tennis a three-way tie for the title in League A between the Phi Kaps, Delts and PIKA's will be played off this week. In League B the KA's will meet the Phi Delts for their league championship and the winner will go into the round robin tournament which begins on February 23.

League play in bowling has not yet been completed, but the finals have been scheduled to begin on March 16.

The final round of handball singles begins on March 1 with the Lexingtonians leading all other teams in the number of entries with three, Ruble, Lauck, and Broadbent. Four other teams, the SAE's with Emmons and Maynard, the Phi Delts with Root and Muhlenberg, the Law School with Bouldin and Barrett, and the Phi Psis with Mills and Van Buren, placed two men. Rounding out the final sixteen men are Earle, Phi Gam; Lindell, DU; Joseph, ZBT; Kay, Sigma Chi; and Goodman, Sigma Nu.

Two Delts, Bassett and Tongue, two KA's, Henderson and Lummus, and two Phi Delts, Kinnaid and Berry, have advanced to the second round of the free throw tournament along with Boden, Sigma Nu; Blotto, Phi Kap; Lewis, Lambda Chi; Saunders PEP; Carter, Pi Phi; and Malmo, SAE.

Bill Lyons and Jis Stark with eleven and ten points respectively led the Sigma Chis to the victory that upset the KA's tournament plans in basketball. Behind 17 to 12 at the half they came roaring back to tie the score 30-30 at the final gun. In the overtime John Kay matched Bill Bean's goal and Lyons sunk a free throw for the clincher. Bean was high for the KA's with ten markers.

Tankmen Defeat Jackets By Lop-sided 51-24 Score

Taking seven firsts out of nine events, Washington and Lee's tankmen took Randolph-Macon Yellow Jackets in stride Monday by the lopsided score of 51-24.

The Generals started off fast taking the 200 yard relay and then the 200 yard free-style events by Don Steenburgh and were never headed.

Ed Rushton garnered the 240 backstroke race for the Blue while Carter and Frost took the 40 yard dash and the 100 yard free style events respectively.

It was Steenburgh once again for the Generals in the 440 and the visitors polished off the match for a one-sided victory as Frost, Carter, Redmond and Rose took the 440 relay.

Freshmen Meet S.M.A. Thursday; Unbeaten Slate Rests on Finale

By TED LONERGAN

Few freshmen teams in the history of the University can compare records with the teams that have come up this past year, and they seem sure to keep popping up. However, the basketball team of Coach Carl Wise holds a record that can be held up before any quintet in the state as enviable. They have played eleven games and have won them all by truly impressive scores. The only obstacle left in their path to an undefeated season lies in Staunton Military Academy, whom they meet Thursday night on the Staunton court.

Wise started the season with five tall, husky, and experienced ball players that seemed sure to become great in their own respect on the W. and L. varsity squad in years to come. With Dave Hedge, Dave Watters, Talbot, Trammel, Don De Wesse, and Chuck Grove manipulating the ball around the court, their was little chance that they could be beaten. However, with five games to go Hedge and De Wesse passed out on the automatic rule, and Chuck Grove was placed on the sidelines with a broken arm suffered in the second game with Greenbrier Military School. Hedge had led the team in the scoring department with an average of 20 plus points per game. Along with Hedge, De Wesse controlled the back boards in every game. Grove was the team's playmaker, and Coach Wise's most valuable man on the floor.

To replace these men, Wise had to call on competent reserves, whom he didn't know whether or not could complete the season with an undefeated record. Jones has been put into Hedge's shoes, and has poured in 12 to 14 points per game. Summers is now the rebound man, and Trammel has taken over the most part of the scoring load. He has hit for 85 points in the last four outings while Jones has racked up 44.

The game with SMA will be the second of the campaign with that club, the first being played on the W. and L. court. The Baby Comets took the Cadets in stride whipping them to the tune of 70-51. However, SMA has a much smaller court than do the Generals, which will prove to be a handicap. The Cadets play their own game peculiar to that kind of court.

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Jaffurs Leaves W.&L.; Accepts Ithaca HS Post

John J. Jaffurs, for the past two seasons football line coach at Washington and Lee University, will resign his post here to accept a position as head coach at Ithaca, N.Y., High School.

The former star lineman joined Coach Art Lewis' staff at Washington and Lee just before the 1947 season and assisted Lewis in rebuilding the Generals' diminished gridiron fortunes after W. and L. had dropped the sport during the war years. His work at Lexington had received a round of praise from W. and L. officials who said that they regretted exceedingly losing a young coach of Jaffurs' ability and personality.

As an undergraduate at Penn State, Jaffurs was chosen on the Associated Press all-American second team as a guard and on

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GENERALIZING

By RODNEY FITZPATRICK

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some spotlight on the cage game for another week here in Lexington.

Poor old Harry Broadbent! Some eleven and a half months ago he was ruling the roost of Southern Conference mat coaches and being called names for the most complete grand slam in conference wrestling history. Now with crocodile tears rolling down his tender face he is afraid that his once defeated matmen may be in for a tough time in the tourney. He just doesn't see how more than three of his boys can be conference champions, but admits that five have an outside chance to take their weight divisions.

The way we see the conference mat tourney which is only ten days away from the floors of Doremus gym, the Generals are practically in. While the Blue team will not dominate so completely

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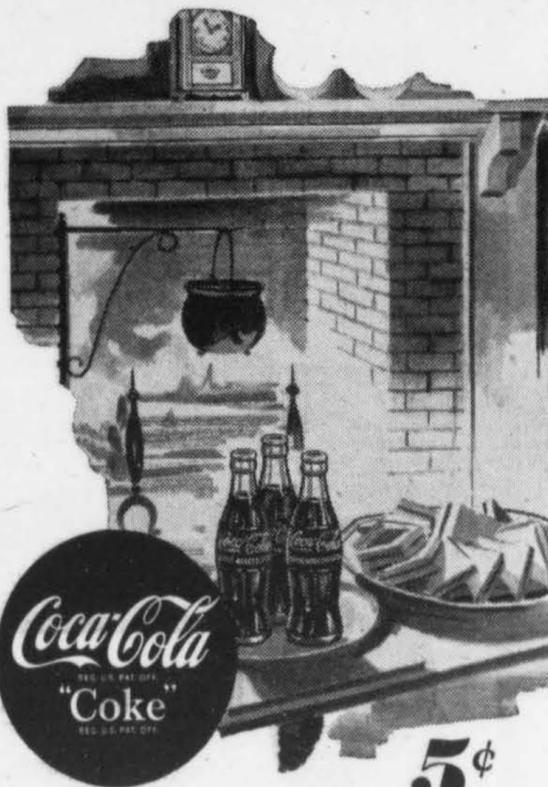
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Jaffurs

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the first team of the all-East eleven in 1943. He starred in the Annual Shrine East-West game at San Francisco on New Year's day, 1944.

Jaffurs' education was interrupted by war service as a platoon leader in the 104th Infantry and was twice wounded in action during the Battle of the Rhineland in Germany, receiving the Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster. Before going overseas, he had served as athletic and recreation officer for training battalions at Camp Roberts, California.

After playing the 1946 season with the Washington Redskins of the National Football League, Jaffurs was placed on the Redskins voluntary reserve list.

When he joined the Washington and Lee staff in 1947, Coach Art Lewis announced that the former Pennsylvanian had come to Lexington with the "fabulous endorsement of Coach Bob Higgins of Penn State."

During a speaking engagement before Penn State alumni in Richmond last week, the veteran Coach Higgins said that Jaffurs was one of the best linemen he had ever coached.

His acceptance of the Ithaca position represents a homecoming for Jaffurs, who is married to the former Mary E. McCurdy, of Ithaca and Cornell University. The Jaffurs have two young daughters.

Joe & Axis Sally

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killed at any moment, that we might have a leg blown off tomorrow and that we were facing all these dangers only to protect the greedy capitalists. We didn't think much about capitalists—they were too far away. But we did think about death, and it was far from uplifting to hear Sally remind us of the imminence of it.

A few days after the division I was with, the 88th, went to the front, we received a welcome from Axis Sally. About two months later, we had the dubious distinction of being nicknamed by Sally. Our divisional insignia was blue, and because Sally said we fought like devils she started calling us "The Blue Devils."

We were all very flattered that Sally thought we fought like devils, and quickly adopted our new name. There was even a strong movement in the division to have a devil, surrounded by flames, inscribed on our division insignia. Today, the 88th is officially known as the "Blue Devil" division.

Sally's nicknaming us did wonders for our morale. We began thinking we were really rough boys and fought much harder to live up to our vicious-sounding name. If calling us "Blue Devils" was supposed to lower our morale, it surely did backfire.

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put on Romaine's tape recorder.

And just to prove that things were the same as in previous year's—it rained, and somebody's car went half way over the embankment in front of the gym.

Of course, one of the week-end's highlights was the return of Bob Carr, via Florida, from Jasper, Ala., and Cosmo Canelmo from Philly. Dolores Finney came down from Baltimore to be with Bob. When all of the aforementioned got together with Shumate, Gennon, Latta, "Sweetpea" Clements and Miss Lizzie—well, you can easily see that all the remarks about FD were probably true.

Rome, Ga., and Jacksonville reunions dominated the KA House over the weekend. "Silent" George More and Lish Cooper, from Rome, and Billy Smith had Wheat Shahan, also of Rome. In the Jacksonville set were Muffett Murkerson, Margie Drake, Jane Munnerlyn and Blandy Dew. Barney Elliott and Evelyn Wright were also there. Incidentally, don't ask dates of the Jacksonville gals what they think of that place. The girls' yackety-yacking about Jax was enough to turn toe average FDer against the place for life.

Tom Glass almost stole the Phi Delt show over the weekend—and he would have if it hadn't been for his date, the fabulous Martha Boardman, and John Gorman, of Lynchburg. Martha's one of those indomitable women who was determined to live despite both FD and Tom Glass and you really have to admire a girl like that. She commuted between the KA and Phi Delt Houses till all hours Fri. and Sat. night (on foot) and hardly averred that she enjoyed it all.

Letter

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witnessed a W. and L. home basketball game lately will agree.

The pattern of the W. and L. students' behavior is delightfully, almost incredibly, simple. Whenever the referee calls a decision against W. and L., they applaud. The merits of the decision make no difference whatsoever to the self-styled "experts" in the razzing section.

Personally, I have always been unable to see how a spectator can call a foul over on the other side of the court when an official standing only a few feet from the spot can't see it.

Also, I cannot understand by what process of reasoning spectators come to the conclusion that they know more about officiating than do the officials. Mr. Moffatt characterized the officiating at the Virginia game as "lousy." Who is he to pass judgment upon the merits of the officiating—by what standards is it to be considered "lousy?" By the standards of his admittedly partisan mind?

Apparently, the officiating was "lousy" because some fouls were called on W. and L. It quite naturally follows that it would have been flawless had no fouls been called on W. and L., and had all the Wahoos been sent out of the game via the foul route.

Why Joe Moffatt and Brian Bell think that they know more about refereeing basketball games than do the chosen officials is beyond me. In his column, Mr. Moffatt admits that Mr. Dey is a successful coach and that Mr. Milam is one of the greatest basketball players that this state has ever produced. What grounds, then is there for criticism? Is Joe Moffatt a successful coach? He is one of the greatest players his state has produced? Has he had wide experience in officiating basketball games? I think that the question answers themselves.

Basketball officials are, after all, human. They are bound to make mistakes. But they are almost invariably honest, and it is perfectly absurd to think, as Mr. Moffatt does, that they deliberately try to "throw" the games. That line of reasoning would hardly be excusable if indulged in by a grammar school or high school child.

It is bad enough for unfounded criticism of officials to be in evidence at the games. But it is in almost unbelievably poor taste for such criticism to appear in the pages of the college newspaper. My guess is that it appears there only because its authors do not know how to fill their columns with anything worthwhile.

Yours truly,
FORESTER TAYLOR
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Generalizing

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as last year, no other team seems strong enough to press them for the first place laurels. The dual meet results for the season indicate a close battle for the runners-up spot. Duke, Maryland, VMI and NC State are all in a position to give trouble.

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