

Plans Announced For Initial Senior Weekend

Two Amendments To Student Body Constitution Proposed At EC Meeting

By MARVIN ANDERSON

Two amendments to the student body constitution designed to revolutionize the method of nominating candidates for student offices and to change radically the composition of the Executive Committee were proposed Tuesday night at the weekly meeting of the Committee.

Student President Mark Sours announced that the following were suggested as possible amendments to be voted on in the April elections:

1. A nominating caucus, composed of a representative from each fraternity and the non-fraternity union, would nominate, by a two-thirds vote, two candidates for each of the five campus-wide offices: president, vice-president, secretary, president of Fancy Dress and president of Finals. The retiring student body president would preside at such a caucus.
2. The composition of the executive committee would be altered to include one representative from each fraternity, elected by that fraternity, and one representative elected by the NFU.

Alternate Committee Plan
The president, secretary, and vice-president, under this proposal, would also represent their respective fraternities, and the maximum size of the committee would be 18.

As an alternate to this second proposal it was suggested that if an 18-man committee was found to be too large, a nine-man committee, with representatives from nine houses, serving in alternate years, be established.

Not Formally Voted On
Sours was quick to point out, however, that these proposals have not been formally voted on by the committee. "They have been put off for further discussion and revision," he said, "and will be brought up again next week."

He added that he thought no formal action will be taken until sometime in March.

Majority Vote Required
Under the present constitutional provisions an amendment submitted by the Executive Committee and placed on the April ballot requires a majority vote of the student body for approval. If approved, it would not go into effect until the following year.

The first proposal, concerning the nomination of student officers, proposed by Student Vice-President Hap Hammell, is designed, according to Sours, "to enable the most qualified students on the campus to be nominated for office."

Party Caucuses Now
Under the present political arrangements, the two political parties on the campus nominate their respective candidates by a party caucus, subject to approval by the allied fraternity chapters.

The new proposal would provide for a unit-rule nomination of candidates, with every fraternity possessing equal vote. The intention of the measure, Sours pointed out, is to bring politics out of the fraternity lounges.

Abolish Membership by Class
The second proposed amendment, sponsored by Student Secretary Buck Bouldin, would abolish membership on the committee by classes and provide for an organization very similar to the Inter-Fraternity Council, on the basis of individual fraternity representation.

Currently, the committee consists of one representative elected from each class in the undergraduate schools, one representative from the combined senior-freshman law class, two representatives from the Law School, one representative from the Publications Board, and the three top officers on the campus.

'No Quick Decision'
The student body proxy went (Continued on Page 4)

Greatest Victory Is Featured By Digest General Lee Story

Entitled "Lee's Greatest Victory," the story of how General Robert E. Lee turned aside from many offers of prominence and wealth to come to Lexington at the meagre salary of \$1,500 a year to rebuild war-ravaged little Washington College is told by Donald Culross Peattie in the March issue of *The Readers' Digest*.

"To Lee," says Peattie, "the gravest loss of the South, after the lives of her soldiers, was in her cultural and moral values; the country was filled with veterans trained only to fight. Teaching them, he might teach the defeated Confederacy the hard lesson to be learned."

After friends had pointed out that General Lee could find a place in a more famous institution, the author continues, "Lee shook his head; to rebuild from ruins was the task of all his people."

Washington College, symbolic of most of the defeated South, was devastated by the war which most of its students had joined to fight from the beginning. "War's end found it looted of library and laboratory equipment, with many of its buildings dilapidated," the author observes. "The logical thing might have been to close the doors. Instead, the trustees voted to struggle on, borrowed money to repair buildings and pay salaries, and, without his knowledge, elected to the presidency of the college the noblest living American."

"Washington and Lee, as the college now proudly calls itself, has grown since Traveller's rider first saw it. The very name of Lee brought to it an immediate increase in enrollment, from 45 to 400."

Peattie's article describes Lee's first definition of the college regulations to his war-hardened student body: "We have but one rule here, and that is that every student must be a gentleman."

The author reports how General Lee, once superintendent of West Point, abolished formal inspections and punishments at Washington College and instituted instead an honor system, which included "unswerving attendance at classes, the highest personal morals, courtesy unflinching, respect for property and submission to civil authority." Peattie adds that "Above all, Lee's honor system meant hard work, for almost every boy in college, he knew, was there at extreme personal sacrifice by some far-poverished family." — (Courtesy W&L Public Relations Office.)

Mobile Blood Bank Arrives In April

In April a mobile Red Cross blood bank unit will arrive in Lexington in order to collect 100 pints of blood for use in time of emergency throughout southwest Virginia.

The Red Cross is counting on one pint of blood for every thirty-five persons in the community. Although this count does not include students of W&L and VMI, it is hoped that the students will support the drive.



MUSCLE MEN—These four stalwarts are charter members of Sigma Delta Psi, national athletic fraternity which reared its head last week at W&L. Standing in the usual order looking over their charter are Vic Marler, Pete White, Jim Callivan, and Ted Lonergan.

National Athletic Fraternity Chapter Founded Here; Lord Is Faculty Patron

The establishment of a chapter of Sigma Delta Psi, national honorary athletic fraternity, at Washington and Lee was disclosed this week by Norm Lord, director of intramural athletics.

Although attempts to have a charter granted to the local group were made as early as last May, only five students were able to qualify for initiation by passing the rigorous tests for admission. Lord stated that the new chapter was received early last week.

Five Initiates
The first initiates in the W&L chapter, accepted on the basis of special tests conducted last spring by the Athletic Department, include Jim Callivan, SAE; Vic Marler Phi Gam; Pete White Phi Psi; Ted Lonergan, DU; and Bill Capers, Sigma Chi. Capers, no longer in the University is now training with the United States Air Force.

Lord described the newest honorary society on the campus as designed "to promote physical, mental, and moral development of college students." In addition to passing a difficult set of athletic tests, candidates for membership must present "decent scholastic averages."

In accordance with the established procedure the faculty of the university approved the application last fall and Dean James G. Leyburn appointed Prof. A. R. Coleman; Prof. Charles O. Voigt; Prof. George J. Irwin; Director of Religious Work Charles L. Guthrie, Jr.; Prof. E. Parker Twombly; Director of Athletics Richard A. Smith; and Lord as charter members of the W&L chapter.

Lord Chairman
Lord is serving as local faculty patron and chairman of the Committee on Certification. The final application of the Washington and Lee chapter was approved by the National Executive Council of Sigma Delta Psi in December.

Another Tryout
He announced that another tryout for qualification is slated for the middle of April. These tests will be coordinated with the intramural program.

Lead In Troub's 'Golden Boy' Will Be Played By Former Lights Technician

By FRANK PARSONS
For a fellow whose previous acting experience consists only of a portrayal of Tiny Tim at the ripe age of 10, Bill Mills is going to be fairly terrific in the title role of "Golden Boy."

So say other members of the cast and production staff of the new Troubadour play which opens March 20.

For the past two Troub seasons Mills has been associated with every production in the capacity of a lighting technician and he admits he had scant ambition to go before the footlights. But along comes Director Lloyd J. Laniuk who convinces Mills he is a natural for the part of the musical-minded boxer in the Clifford Odets tragedy.

Bill tried out for the part and convinced himself he could do a good job on it. Asked what he thinks of acting now, he replied "I like it" with a long, drawn-out, emphatic "like." I think my leading lady is swell too," he added quickly. He referred, of course, to Wanda Lee Spears who also is making her Troub debut.

At the age of 12 he attended boarding school in Jacksonville, Fla., but after two years of it he returned to Cuba where he

was enrolled in a church school for another two years. Then it was back to the Jacksonville school for another two years and then to Washington and Lee.

Says Mills, "W&L was the only school I had contact with that had a dormitory plan for freshmen. Since I lived in Cuba I wasn't able to visit the campuses to investigate living facilities, and where everything was taken care of the first year."

W&L might well be glad Mills did come here, for this winter he's the swimming team's top breast-stroke man and may rank among the best in the State. Swimming, he says, comes natural to him, what with living on the sun-baked Caribbean shores.

Other activities in the university include an assistant editorship of the Southern Collegian, a position as sophomore intramural manager, and membership in the White Friars, Cotillion Club and Alpha Psi Omega honorary fraternity. He is a member of Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity.

Mills won't predict his future as an actor, but he says he'll still be active in Troubadour productions as a lighting technician no matter what his reception in "Golden Boy."

Natural Bridge Is Scheduled For Dances; Total Cost Is Set At \$3

Final plans have been completed for the first full-scale Senior weekend in the history of the school to be held at Natural Bridge on Saturday, March 11.

The arrangement calls for a dance on that evening at the Natural Bridge Hotel, highlighted by the music of the Southern Collegians and many other added conveniences.

Tickets \$3.00

Tickets for the party, to which all members of the Senior Class are invited, will go on sale Monday morning both on the campus and in the fraternity houses.

Tickets will not be sold to the dance as such. Instead, all members of the Senior Class will be offered membership cards in the Class for the price of \$3.00—and this ticket will entitle the holder to free admittance to the dance.

The sum gathered from the sale of these tickets will go entirely toward the evening's activities.

"Refreshments" Served

The music for dancing at the hotel will begin at eight in the evening, but the party itself is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Various "refreshments" will be exported from Lexington for the affair, and their consumption will be unrestricted to all ticket holders. They are included in the purchase price.

The dance will continue until the midnight Virginia closing hour with the various sidings in pace with the music for the entire time.

Must Have 100

In order to insure the financial success of the venture, at least 100 Seniors must purchase their membership cards. Commerce Class President Jim Connelly said yesterday that "nowhere else can a man get such a well stocked and complete evening for that price—plus a card which says he is a member of the Class of '50."

Tickets sales will be under the direction of Academic Senior President Ed Rushton. He said they will go on sale at ten Monday morning and will continue to be sold for the remainder of the week.

Part of Plan

The weekend as it is now planned is part of a large scale plan adopted by this year's Senior class at the beginning of the school year. It is being carried out in an effort to develop better and stronger class spirit.

Other activities in the plan include the purchase of Senior blue blazers and the adoption of a faculty sponsor. The Class of '50 elected Dean James G. Leyburn as its sponsor last November.

More Sales—More Parties

In the event that many more than the necessary 100 ticket cards are sold, Rushton said that further plans for the weekend will be made with the extra money. This might include activities for Saturday and Sunday afternoons, he said.

Ten Eligible Men Join Phi Eta Sigma

Ten out of the eleven eligible men were initiated into Phi Eta Sigma, honorary freshman academic fraternity, yesterday afternoon, Phil Robbins, secretary of the organization, announced.

Harry Fozzard, Kappa Sig, only freshman in the entire university who received straight A's for the first semester this year, was absent because of illness.

Membership in the society is automatic for those students maintaining a 2.5 average, or a minimum of three A's and two B's, during one of the two semesters of their freshman year here.

The new initiates will receive their Phi Eta Sigma keys at a later date. Hunter Lane, Jr., SAE, president, presided over the meeting.

place of a spiritual god.

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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Sir:

I have followed with interest the little controversy between my friends Benno Forman and Joe Mullins in regard to the critique of Jeanne Mitchell's violin concert. It has delighted the heart of the writer who happens to be publicity chairman of THE ROCKBRIDGE CONCERT-THEATER SERIES. I do not wish to enter the main stream of the argument, but I should like to take issue with Mr. Forman on one point. In his letter in answer to Mr. Mullins, he says, "If she were better, we should not be hearing her in a high school auditorium in Lexington." This seems to imply that concert artists who are at the top are not available to a Lexington audience. A record of our SERIES for the last four years does not bear out this implication. We have had Sandor, a pianist, who plays to full houses in New York, South America, Mexico and Europe and who has recorded several albums for Columbia; Luboshutz and Nemenoff, who, with Babin and Vronsky, are generally conceded to be the best duo-pianists in the world; Mary Van Kirk of The Metropolitan Opera Association and Joan Hammond of The Covent Garden Opera; The Trapp Family Singers, who for the past few years have been the most popular attraction of Columbia Concerts and who pack Town Hall at their annual New York concerts; The National Symphony and The Baltimore Symphony and other fine artists and groups which I omit for lack of space.

It is safe to say that in ten years, Miss Mitchell is conceded to be the best woman violinist on the concert stage (and this is the future some of her critics predict for her) she will still play in this village if we pay her fee.

If the time comes when THE ROCKBRIDGE CONCERT-THEATER SERIES has to present musicians of dubious merit, the whole project will be abandoned. At present our slogan is: "What's good enough for Carnegie Hall and The Metropolitan Opera is good enough for Lexington." That is, in most cases, I've heard some music in both places who should not be inflicted on my Lexington friends!

Sincerely,

MARY MONROE PENICK.

Dear Sir:

It is not too clear just what the Executive Committee was being criticized for in last week's editorial entitled "Does Honor System Work?" However, this seems to be the gist: the Executive Committee is undermining the Honor System by (1) failing to uncover alleged breaches of the System in the freshman class and (2) not having an impressive record of convictions in cases tried to date.

While the Executive Committee does not doubt the editor's good faith in publishing such accusations, it does feel that he is laboring under a misapprehension as to the duties of the Executive Committee. The Committee as a body

is merely charged with exercising judicial powers in regard to violations which are called to its attention. It has no affirmative duty to detect or uncover violations of which it has no knowledge. (This is not to be construed as meaning that the Executive Committee does not investigate breaches which are called to its attention.) The duty of detecting and reporting violations rests upon the student body as individuals, including of course members of the Executive Committee. Thus, if the Honor System is not functioning properly as to this phase of the System then the blame seemingly does not rest solely upon the Executive Committee.

In his editorial the editor stated that he "... had some actual, concrete evidence [our italics] that it isn't working..." With no thought of a smear at the editor, but by pure syllogistic reasoning, it would seem that he, himself, is a violator, for under the Student Body By-Laws vii-2, it is stated: "Any member of the Student Body who knows of a violation of the Honor System, and who fails to take measures toward its correction and suppression, makes himself also *particeps criminis*." On the other hand, if the editorial was meant to be a method of "correction and suppression" the editor indeed did encroach upon the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee.

As to the editor's accusation that we have not dismissed many students this year, we must plead guilty since we have but one dismissal to our "credit." To coin a phrase, "as corny as it may sound," we feel that the proper performance of our duties does not call for a frequent posting of dismissal notices, but for the protection of our Honor System and the students who live under it. Would it not be better to let ten guilty students go free than to stamp one innocent student as DISHONORABLE for the rest of his life? As to violations which have not yet been called to our attention, it is but a truism that we cannot convict for that which is without our knowledge.

In conclusion, the editor probably would find "... the cold fact that no notice of an expulsion on these grounds has appeared on the bulletin board during this school year..." a little less frigid if he had observed the notice posted in November, 1949, concerning the dismissal of a member of the freshman class.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

NOTICE

The fourth event in the current ROCKBRIDGE CONCERT-THEATER SERIES will be a performance of the comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer," by The National Classic Theater on Tuesday, February 28 at 8 p. m. in the Lexington High School Auditorium. Open to subscribers only.

One more event, The National Symphony Orchestra concert on March 13 remains in this season's series, which will be held on the 13th.

Campus Comment

By JOEL COOPER

The answer to the reporter's prayer came this week with all copy from the erstwhile Social Chairmen in on time or otherwise accounted for. Here's hoping we keep the good work up!



Joel Cooper

With parties at Macon, Sweet Briar, and Hollins this week, the SAE lounge took on the atmosphere of a morgue, with only a few of the die-hards maintaining the old tradition. Jim Taylor tells us that Barney Barnard, whose wife is vacationing in Florida, proved himself the perfect gentleman, running an escort service for a certain incapacitated brother. Over at Macon, the Kappa Delta's went all out to show the SAE's some real southern hospitality. Thanks to Fran Tiller—(Charlie Bradshaw's date and KD Prexy)—they put on a great party. The Pi Phi's shared their house with the KD's for the combined SAE and Beta shindig. With an informal dance in the gym, couples all over Lynchburg, and a few stay-at-home goofs in a circle playing that "rhythm game (?)," it was great sport. Tom Jacob, Pat Robertson, Jim Moore, and Dick Hynson gave the Sweet Briar girls a thrill, and vice-versa over the week-end. Hynson turned up completely by accident—a refugee from a geology trip—Friday night. Ain't it amazin' what some guys will do for a date?

Up at the DU house, the party after initiation banquet featured Paul "Gio" Giordani and Roy "Yo-Yo Kid" Melton straining their vocal cords, Jack Kernickian's couch sleeping, and the appearance of Fran Russell and Jerry Close, who journeyed down to Lexington for the festivities, but were kept in hand by their wives. Several brothers are trying to out-do Bill Karch and his Cadillac. However, some of the new "imousines" are lacking motors. Walt Michaels has become a DU pledge. Ollie Carter's trip to Fredericksburg and Mary, caused Old Bess, the furnace, to act up. However, much advice and some work caused the old girl to give up a little heat. Fran LaFarge claims he can drive to Harrisonburg blindfolded, and the Madison Team almost agrees with him. The green buggy probably knows the way itself. Joe Sconce, Ken Finley, Ted Lonergan, and Paul Weill are still sweatin' and dreamin' of that blessed day, March 8, when the conferences will be over. "Mom" Smith came back from her trip up north and rumor has it that the DU's just can't do without her.

The Delt house was invaded by Southern Sem Saturday night in rare form for the pre-initiation pledge brawl. The pledges never had it so good—just ask Rio Peers or Russ Applegate. Jabo Ingram learned the "Y" dance and seems to like it pretty well. Johnny Allen missed his first Sunday at Macon and the sun almost didn't come up. "Sweets" Barron still can't find a girl young enough to ask to Spring Dances.

The weekend started off rather slowly for the PEP's; however, young Henry (Blos-som) Litchfield found time to canter around the countryside with a motley group, among them some Chinese mercenaries, who insisted upon fighting the Civil War over again. Saturday night found young Chuck—(One Armed Bandit)—Hutzler off to his usual haunts of "coot and fern" with his convertible slot machine; the grapevine has it that only lemons were to be had as something went wrong with the machinery. Prexy young Sol was seen Friday exercising his thumb to its best advantage, mending his way to Sarah Lawrence and Joan Wolosoff, of course! Ed Calchman, Hank Litchfield, and Tom Harris with blood-shot eyes will testify that the grand opening of the social fire-sale in the Delt Lounge was quite the party.

Sigma Nu social activity took place chiefly out-of-town this week. Bill Pacy took off for the Mardi Gras with a few boys from across the street, Bill Clements, Jim Fenhagen—(off the Show Team for awhile)—Jerry Donovan, Horace Dietrich, Gid Stieff, Doug Rose, and Eric Curry took off for Baltimore on Friday and Saturday. 'Tis said that Bill "I'm Training for Lacrosse" Clements spent a quiet evening at the movies while in Baltimore. A group of individualists went to New York to see how close they could get to "South Pacific." These included Tom Pressly, Joe Yanitz, and Jim Connelly. The boys remaining in the house didn't stay in Lexington either, Cliff Latta, Jack Shumate, and KA representative at the Sigma Nu house, Bob Goodman, attended the Sweet Briar Mid-winters. Mike Radulovic, Andy Gallagher, and the entire Sigma Nu freshman class travelled over to Sem Saturday night. Pete Pitard won a fried chicken for a door prize.

Beta Rick Williamson reports that Bub Brown shocked everyone by winning the Thomas V. Mohn Scholarship award for greatest improvement in his grades during the year. Skip (Shabby) Edmonds lost three pairs of shoes on campus. Dero Scott succeeded in building "Jacob's Ladder" in beer cans to the ceiling of the Beta lounge. "Fogbound" Bob Williams is still spending the six dollars he won on a bet that he couldn't run to Buena Vista. Gil Gillespie and John Moreman claim to have walked from Charlottesville to Waynesboro after the UVa. Mid-Winters.

Lambda Chi's were surprised to learn that Jim Taylor, after one date with Virginia Marsh of Mary Baldwin, lost his pin over the weekend. Maybe there's something to this "love at first sight" stuff! Dave Grier and Ray Henry made their weekly pilgrimage to Randolph-Macon, while Tom Ball took off for Mary Washington for Mid-Winter dances. Gene Blankenbicker and Dick Boggs report a good time in Washington while on the debate trip.

Phi Delt Horace Kelton is spending some time in New Orleans and we expect some word from him about his and other Phi Delt happenings next column. Ditto for out-of-towner Park Smith of the PiKA house and John Warfield, that well-known KA.

At the Phi Psi homestead this weekend, Joe Reese, Bill White, "Bucky" Kaylor, and Les Mason entertained and were entertained by a host of Madison lovelies. Not to be outdone, Jack Snyder, Millar White, Charlie Hoffman and Al Warner imported a group from Randolph-Macon. Barry Newberry abstained this weekend and went fox hunting for a change. (He swears it's true.) Jim Ballard was another Phi Psi with a weekend date. John Young was at Hollins Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights seeing Nancy Fitzgerald.

Over the weekend at the Phi Gam House, the lowly "goats" finally were initiated. Sunday morning found the house turned out for a mass Macon party. Dave Douglas's wife wants it known that she managed to eek out a small victory over Roy Hoffman in a gin rummy game. Brother Douglas, himself, has been moaning and groaning in the sack for days. Mac Faris has just taken that well known "leap in the dark." He's married and "T" totally, at that. A girl at Sweetbriar held Bill Kennedy's attention for the week-end. Anyone who can do that deserves a medal it is rumored. Phi Gamma Confusius says: "Man no longer able to travel to girls' school for 'fun.' Looks like an educational subject or a restriction will meet you fact to face."

Bill Hogland reports that all brothers at the Sigma Chi house have been found and are in fair health after that "little party" held Friday night. Many Sigs migrated to Sweet Briar this past weekend as will be borne out by Art Birney, Wally Wing, Jim Coyle, and Jim Martin. Bill Swarts was dragged

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Back in '73 . . . by Tony Woodson

The Boston Post says that eighty-eight lads entered Michigan University. One reason why this institution is so popular is that the hazing is done by the lady students who blindfold the young men and kiss them. A handsome young man named Gates was nearly smothered in this manner recently.

Death, where is they sting?

There is now a young lady living in Boston with two wooden legs, and the lass is so invitingly beautiful that she has received over 50 offers for marriage in the last year.

Fuel for thought.

Coal! Coal! I am now receiving my winter supply of anthracite coal (Chestnut and Egg sizes), which I will deliver to my customers by weight as low as it can be sold in the market.

We will not close!

One of our married students reports a new arrival. It came without engaging rooms, and with a scanty wardrobe.

What could it be?

Mr. Katow, of Japan, is cutting his eye-teeth and suffering much inconvenience. The Americans get them through earlier.

It hurts to Nippon things.

The railroad reports a marriage aboard a western train. It was a railroad tie.

Probably railroaded.

Strong language—A recent insertion on a students theme was "Absurdest of nonsense."

How immoral!

A Kentuckian has married his step-mother which is said to be a step farther than the law allows.

Matri-money

A western paper says of the air, in relation to man, that "It kisses and blesses him, but will not obey him." Poor Dobs says that description fits his wife exactly.

Optimist

On the Harvard College catalogue there are 87 Williams, 89 Smiths, 82 Adamses, with a generous sprinkling of Olivers, Whites, Russells, and Johnsons.

And pouring cats and dogs.

Movie Review . . .

Movie Critic Finds Few Bright Spots In 'Dancing in The Dark' and Others

By BENNO FORMAN

Well, the movies this week weren't even worth talking about. "Dancing in the Dark" looked more like it was written, produced and filmed in the dark—the sole bright spot being William Powell in a personal tour de force that made this flick strictly Zazzle. Zazzle has been around this campus for years, being administered in the following terse fashion:

"Nurse Anhlen!! Give this boy 10 c.c.'s of pyramantha-hexaphrena-phi-sintha-thiolene." Robert Cummins might also do very well to learn a few new mannerisms; the old ones are getting a bit threadbare.

As far as we're concerned Yevonne De Carlo should have stayed back East. In this poor man's "The Paleface" there was no Hope; the only way Yevonne can compare with Jane Russell is in her acting ability. I have rarely seen an actress pack so much emotion and so often into one facial expression. She does wield, however, a powerful eyebrow. There are few actresses anywhere who can register shock, surprise, love, fear, perplexion with a mere lifting of the right eyebrow. Yes, we certainly have to hand it to Yevonne de Carlo.

But if you missed Wednesday's epic and your curiosity has been aroused by what you've read so far, don't feel too badly. There is still time to rush down to the State (not to be confused with the Lyric by the pictures out front) and see an equally noxious drama of the old West of the good old days starring Errol Flynn. This is Flynn as you like him! Tough, rough, ready with a fist for a foe

or a kiss for his queen, who happens by some odd contract doings to be Alexis Smith.

All of which brings us to the main topic of the cinema for this week: one of the short subjects at the State showing concurrently with "Montana."

It seems that some fifteen years ago, a Smith named Pete (long to be remembered for his magnificent preview for a picture named Adam's Rib, named Adam's Rib, named Adam's Rib) tread his way into the glorious Shenandoah valley of Virginia to make a short subject at our sister school named VMI, named VMI, named VMI.

After Pete had gone back to Hollywood, his bosses at MGM sent a print to his magnum opus back to the Institute as a remembrance of his visit. The officials there, after having acknowledged receipt of the gift, filed the freshly packed can of film in the bottom of a drawer marked MISC. (Mighty Interesting Stuff Concealed.) It has lain there ever since until a few short days ago it was rediscovered and, after passing through various and Sunday channels, it was consigned, under military guard, to Father Daves who is running it for the edification of the local intelligensia the remainder of this week.

If you are desirous of seeing the mighty workings of this great institution as it appeared in the good old anti-bellum days of yesteryear, then run, do not walk to the nearest box-office of the State theatre. You will see VMI's once noble fencing team, many other athletic activities and some Sem girls. What could possibly be more intriguing?

Students Back New Co-op Book Policy

By DICK CARDEN

Enthusiastic comment greeted the new plan of action proposed by Mr. F. H. Carmichael, manager of the University Supply Store in regard to the co-op system of handling new books.

The general consensus is that the initiation of the plan is long overdue, and should appreciably ease the financial load on the student body.

"Pinky" Gillespie, one of the few students not in actual contact with the old price system due to his athletic scholarship, is heartily in favor of the non-profit idea. "Ever since I have been here I've heard the students complain about the loss they took on their books. This idea of buying and selling by the co-op on a non-profit basis is fine. The boys should appreciate it."

Jim Paradies was also very much in favor of the new plan. When approached for statement, he felt that "the way it was, the boys were losing too much in the exchange of books. This new set-up looks good. It should work fine if

we work with it, and not against it."

Art Wood also thought the plan a "very fine idea. Anything that would cut down on the cost of books to the student body is worthwhile initiating. This idea should have been started some time ago, along with the many new courses offered. The addition of these new courses has made the purchase of new books a heavy burden, and this plan should offer some measure of relief."

Ed Bassett also feels that "second-hand books should be able to be bought at a reasonable price. This new system of a fair refund for used texts is a good, practical idea, and I fervently hope that it will work for the best interests of all concerned."

Jim Ballard is in favor of the new system too. Ballard said "the system sounds like a fine idea. It should prove to be a big help to the student body. If the idea is as practical as it sounds, it should work, and I hope it does."

Generals Floor U. Va. In Easy 27-2 Mat Meet

Lonerger, Jerry Jack Record Pin-Wins As Club Nears Shutout

Mising a complete calcimining only by a draw in the 128-pound class, Washington and Lee's Southern Conference wrestling title-holders out-evcrything the University of Virginia, 27-2, in Charlottesville last night.

Lonerger Wins

Ted Lonergan, 136, pinned Virginia's Bill Hewitt in 4:35 and Jerry Jack, heavyweight, dealt likewise with the Cavaliers' Ken McLarin in 7:25.

Paul Weill drew with Virginia's George Moore in the 128-pound class, 10-10, but the rest of the ensemble was hardly even bothered. Joe Sconce, 145, beat Dave Senft, 11-2, and Ken Finley, 155, decisioned Marino Derrico, 9-3.

Metzel Wins 6-4

Irv Wicknick, 165, had little trouble with Jack Wood, winning 5-0. Bill Metzel, 175, won 6-4, and Howie Davis, 121, was the victor over Bill Merse by a 12-8 count.

The Generals will face the University of North Carolina this afternoon in their last dual match of the campaign before the start of the annual Southern Conference Tourney.

Freshmen Lose

The Cavalier freshman man-handled the Washington and Lee first-year outfit just about as completely in a preliminary, 30-2. Charley Sipple, the only effective wrestler the Brigadiers have produced all year, drew with Mac McElroy at 136 to avoid a shutout.

Diamond Dress Delivery On Tap Wednesday, 3 P. M.

Jim Hederick, senior baseball manager, announced today that all varsity baseball candidates may pick up equipment at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 1, at the gymnasium.

Further, Hedrick announced that any freshmen interested in becoming a candidate for freshman manager should meet with him on Tuesday, February 28, at 2:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

GENERALIZING

By **Cap'n Dick**
HUNTER LANE, JR. **Vindicated**

Judging from his letter to the editor in the Tuesday edition of this persecuted periodical, a certain indignant student of this grand old insitucion has had a neck-full of the sorry foul-calling of John Henry and his mote-eyed associates. As a somewhat drastic panacea for this deplorable abundance of near-sighted referees, this irate fan suggests that Captain Dick Smith be given his dishonorable discharge from the Athletic Department where he has served faithfully since before this puckered prosecutor pulled his first pig-tail. He doesn't mention anything about a public denunciation accompanied by the roll of drums, but from the tone of his letter he would be right there in the front rank heaving ripe fruit.

It is needless to remind the consistent readers of this column (if there is such a breed) that it is very rarely used to eulogize anyone. We try to follow a policy of tossing both brickbats and bouquets, as and where they are deserved, and in so doing we try to get the facts of the case straight before we make any indictments. Right now we'd like to forget policy and just for variety say a few glowing words in praise of our athletic department and its director.

We don't for a minute propose to get out the white-wash. It would be foolish and unfounded to ascert that here have not been foul-ups, and we aren't going to drag in the usual argument that nobody is perfect. But it seems to us that here are too many modern Saducees like the above-mentioned who are prone to howl "Down with Captain Dick" whenever the slightest thing meets with their disapproval. In their righteous indignation they too often forget the far greater improvements which our athletic plant has undergone during its years under Captain Dick's supervision. At the risk of being hackneyed, we'd like to point out that at Washington and Lee we have a more extensive program of varsity sports than any college of comparative size, and one that is as inclusive as most large colleges. Naturally, to support such a program takes money, in increasing amounts since athletic recruiting has become so highly competitive. It must be realized that only two of the thirteen sports in this program show any appreciable profit and this must be apportioned among the others to keep them going. Some people feel that it is foolish to try to maintain so many different teams, and that the athletic funds could be used to greater advantage by slicing the number of teams and improving the remaining ones. But where would such a slice begin? There are none of those sports in which the turn-out (of players, that is) is not large or interested to warrant their

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Weekend to Mark Windup of W&L Winter Sports

Grapplers vs. U.N.C.; Comets vs. Cavaliers; Swimmers in State Meet

It's windup time in Washington and Lee winter sports schedules, as the home swimming, basketball, and wrestling clubs start their last weekend of competition. Add to this the Southern Conference Indoor Track Extravaganza, height of the Southern seaboard indoor track and field season, an it looks like a big weekend for sports devotees in this area.

The State College Swimming Meet has already gotten underway in Charlottesville, with Virginia taking an early lead. But the aquabout continues today, and Cy Twombly's Washington and Lee club, which has lost only one dual meet this year, still has an out-

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Pete White Outrun By Tech's Gale In Hurdle Events of Big Six Track Meet

By **TEKAY WOLFE**

A forecast high and low hurdles duel between Pete White of Washington and Lee and Jack Mohler of Virginia was staged Wednesday night in the Big Indoor Track and Field Carnival in Charlottesville. But as it turned out to be for second place, the engagement's drama was decidedly dulled.

For Jack Gale, a slender Virginia

Tech sophomore unaccounted for in pre-meet star-gazing, swept both events, and although White twice won out over his expected rival, Mohler, he could never quite catch up with the jet-shod ex-Richmond schoolboy. Gale, who was a prep school sensation at John Marshall high school two years ago, turned in times of 6.5 and 5.8 for the 50-yard high and low barrier runs.

At the Meet's end, Washington and Lee was in fifth place with 12 points, 15 markers to the rear of Tech, who captured the Carnival by out-running VMI in the last event on the card, the mile relay.

Tech had 27 points to VMI's 25.

Virginia took the show position with 18, and William and Mary was two points away with 16.

The Generals' only top drawer showing came in the high jump as Jim Gallivan's cloud-kick of six feet two inches sent him into a three-cornered deadlock with Bill Monroe of Tech and Joe Rancorn of Virginia.

Oak-armed Wally Oref was second in the shot put, losing out to Walter Birge of VMI, who lofted the 16-pound sphere 41 feet 9 inches.

VMI moved to an early lead in (Continued on page 4)

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Hot Finale Boosts Comets to 72-70 Win Over Richmond, Capital City Corker

Chris Compton Paces Club With Eleventh Hour Scoring Drive

By **TED LONERGAN**

Washington and Lee's Blue Comets turned on the steam in the final three minutes of play to edge the University of Richmond Spiders, 72-70 in a spine-tingling affair Wednesday night.

The lead changed hands 16 times throughout the game, and not until the final whistle was the contest decided. Chris Compton's final effort, good for four points iced the game with two and a half minutes remaining.

W&L held the edge from the floor, which made up for the advantage the Spiders were able to build up on the charity line. As usual, the Generals were weak at free throws.

The game started slow, but soon took on the look of a new jet. Points were exchanged for points throughout the first half, and not until eight minutes of the second half was there any appreciable difference in the score. The count stood 37-36 when the teams left the floor for the intermission.

The Generals quickly built the lead to ten points, 48-38 after three minutes of play in the second half.

Five minutes later, the score was knotted again at 54-54. Jay Handlan, the spark-plug of the W&L offensive whipped in a set-shot to put the Comets ahead, but Al Rinaldi's foul tied it up at 60 points apiece. The Spiders spurted be-

Brigadiers Upset By Staunton MA

A season-long dominance of Virginia prep and military academy competition was jarred slightly Tuesday afternoon, as Washington and Lee's Brigadier basketball club was upended by Staunton Military Academy, 59-38.

The Brigadiers had previously defeated the Cadets in Doremus Gymnasium.

Staunton's goal-rusher, Pat Stark, led his club to the win.

hind Jack Stephenson and took the lead, 64-63. Compton hit on a jump to knot the count after a good charity throw, and then dashed in a lay-up to put the Comets ahead to stay.

All the W&L starters played the entire game with the exception of Henry Jones, Dave Hedge and Compton, all put out on fouls. There were only seven seconds remaining in the game when Compton left.

Jay Handlan led the Comets with 21 points. Jones followed with 17, and Compton with 15. Shaw, Stephenson, and Brown tallied 17, 16, 15, respectively for the Spiders.

NOTICE

Tonight Washington and Lee's Comets face the University of Virginia at the VMI Riding Hall for their last appearance of the season. The contest is part of a twin bill.

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Comment

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ance was, as usual, Birney's "Red Leader."

At Club ZBT they're still commenting about Julian Mohr's moving out of the house. Seems that after rolling a near-perfect game in gym ed class this week, he's taken up temporary residence at the local bowling alley. After an escapade with some Buena Vista beauties last weekend, Bob Maslansky wonders how much longer he'll be couped up in the hospital with his cold. Ed Matz just can't seem to understand what the trouble is!

With the Baltimore Phi Kaps, Thomas, MacDonald, and Cantler, leaving for home, it appeared as if a quiet party was in the making. Among the remaining few were Pat Collins, and Ashley Wall, who were resourceful enough to find a few local girls. The Hollins Team, with Gimpy Goldsmith leading, spent an eventful weekend in the Tinker Tea House. Goldsmith found new life through an unknown source, and shortly after his arrival in Roanoke, discarded his crutches. Finding himself quite alone, Ted Van Leer left his books and found a new love at Macon. Chuck Holt, Van Leer's compatriot in the affair, is now definitely off the Sem road after having made three trips in as many nights to Macon.

A Macon Express also left the Pi Phi house Saturday night. Bob Glenn piloted and took along a whole slew of passengers. Gene Anderson, Marvin Anderson, Jack Schilthuis, Bill Bailey, and Bill Cusac all made the trip. Al Terrell was seen all over Clifton Forge this weekend. Chief Justice Bleakley James and J. C. Gurk have sworn off blind dates as of this weekend. Tom Hollis, Ben Stevenson, and Dave Hinky made it to Mary Washington and even stayed over in the big town.

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support. If Captain Dick had performed no other service, we feel that he deserves unceasing applause for stretching the slim supply of sheekles on hand in such a way as to keep all the teams functioning. This year, thanks to help from the Bi-centennial Fund, the budgets of several of the teams have been increased, and next year, with the greater profits from basketball flowing in, this help may be able to be extended all along the line.

A list of the good captain's other activities would fill a whole Ring-tum Phi, and we won't attempt to enumerate them. One more noteworthy point that should be mentioned: he is one of the few athletic directors we know of that still holds down an active coaches post in addition to his other duties.

So in the future when you have occasion to howl about what a sorry athletic director we have, etc., etc., just stop a second and take a look at the credit side of the ledger.

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NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of a covert cloth top coat lost in the gymnasium locker room last Monday afternoon will please contact the owner, Mr. Charles L. Guthrie, Jr., at his office on the first floor of the Student Union. The coat was marked with two name tapes.

Sun. Night Record Concert

Mrs. Reid White will present the Sunday night record concert this week at 8 o'clock in the Anderson Music Room of the Library.

Included on the program will be a Brhams horn trio and clarinet quintet.

As usual, everyone is invited to attend.

Amendments

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on to say that there will be no quick decision on these proposals in order "to guarantee that the best type of plan will be presented on the April ballot."

Also postponed until next week was the decision on five additional members to the Assimilation Committee, which was enlarged to 12 members last week.

Big Six Meet

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the intended hexagonal bout as Frank Harrison out ran Tech's Sterling Wingo to win the 50-yard dash in 5.6 (only two-tenths of a second better than Gale's time in

the low fences) and Al Robertson and Harrison finished first and second in the 440 (time: 54.4). However, the Techmen steadily pared away this early margin, finally substantiating the odds that installed them as pre-meet favorites by taking the mile relay in 3:48, the quartet being Stan Beech, Alan Johnson, Wingo, and Curt Ford.

Weekend Windup

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side chance for top honors.

The Comets make their final basketball appearance of the season tonight as they engage Virginia at the Riding Hall in the second game of a home and home

series. The contest will mark the final collegiate basketball play for Captain Chris Compton, George Pierson and Steve Ulaki, three of the Comets' famed "phreshman phenoms" of their fine 1947 club.

The Southern Conference Indoor Track Meet starts tomorrow at Chapel Hill. Old Dominion clubs are given little chance of making a very meaningful showing in the proceedings.

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