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A BLOCK REMOVED

If there was ever a time when an editorial of a purely congratulatory nature was in order, it is today. Friday night's pep rally was a big success, both in itself and in its intended results. The Homecoming weekend was perfect; the football team played a great game and won its fifth consecutive Conference victory, and the Phi Gams won another Homecomings decorations trophy.

Returning to the pep rally, probably more unanimity was reached on this campus as to the basic cause of its success than on anything in the near departed past. For the first time since the war a student band took the stand and tied the rally together into a homogeneous demonstration. There is no denying it; they were good, and everyone at the rally was immediately aware of it. The organization totaled about 25 men including their student director, Benno Forman. No one had realized how badly a band had been needed at W. and L. until they took over at the celebration.

Most students aren't aware of the difficulties its organizers had overcome to make the band a reality. Over the years of inactivity a mental block against participation in a student musical organization had been built up and it took a great deal of effort to destroy this obstacle.

All those responsible for the band's creation would be impossible to name, but one name stands out in our minds. Student Director Benno Forman poured immeasurable amounts of time and energy into the project, and is undoubtedly the one most deserving of praise. His musical direction and organizational activity shaped the band, and it is due to men like this that W. and L. has such an outstanding student body that it does.

The Ring-tum Phi speaks for the entire University in expressing its salutations to this newly formed organization. All those connected with it in any way are the recipients of a great deal of well-earned appreciation.

MONOPOLY PRICES

Last Saturday at the Homecoming game students were forced to pay \$2.50 to permit their dates to enter and sit on a bleacher seat on the east side of the field. As far as we are concerned this is an unreasonable price to pay. It is a reserved seat price for a ducat that represented far from that.

There was no student objection to the idea of giving up their seats in the stadium and taking positions in the bleachers across the field for the benefit of the returning alumni. However, the move of forcing students to pay this \$2.50 fee for their dates' bleacher seat was a very unfair exploitation of the

undergraduates. Although there are no more football games at home this season, any sort of money-grabbing like this scheme directed at the students should be prevented in the future.

Monopoly pricing such as this will mean nothing but a loss of revenue in the long run.

THE FAIR THING

Without citing any particular fraternity house as a specific example, it nevertheless would seem fitting at this time to point out that the IFC limit of \$35 on Homecomings displays is just about the most consistently broken rule at the University.

The Phi Gams won the decoration contest this year, and they did it without exceeding the \$35 maximum, which all goes to prove what a good idea and a little work can do. It was obvious in other cases that half as much work and twice as much money went into some of the displays. This same thing goes on year after year and, as far back as we can remember, nothing has ever been done about it.

The maximum was raised last year from \$25 to \$35, a farcial move to say the least.

Since some houses are so much larger than others and thus better able to afford more expensive displays, the setting of a limit is obviously a necessity and the only fair thing.

If the IFC wants to raise the maximum again, fine. But whatever they decide should be stuck to and enforced.

The judges then might do well to lay a bit more stress upon the idea behind the display and not be awe-struck by a three-acre mechanical wonder.

The Editor's Mirror

America's native Thersites, Mr. Philip Wylie finds almost nothing good or honorable about his fellow citizens, or about contemporary life. The ills he spies are many, and there have been times when he has found occasion to blame them, successively, on the over-indulgence of American mothers, the over-enthusiasm of American advertisers and the over-acidity of American food.

A wailing-wailer even of Mr. Wylie's capacity must have his limitations, and could not be expected to cover all the field, but we would like to have seen him point out that today the basic hypocrisies can be learned most readily of all in the day-to-day observation of the public activities of people in public life.

Today's curse upon political life is not so much what is unlawful as what is unscrupulous. At the root of our decay is a sickness of conscience. Moral obtuseness is a plague over free government. This decline in national character is a serious danger because, if we lose our standards, all our liberties may also be lost through abuses, corruption and chaos. A people can be only as strong as their resistance to breaches of public and private morality.

The American people are finding it increasingly difficult to be shocked, no matter what happens. Instead of resisting breaches of public morality, we tend more and more to condone them, and dishonesty along with them.

"That's politics," we say. As if politics need always be a sink-hole. Without a vision, the people are perishing; they are even finding something to admire in the slickness, the tricky deceitfulness, by which the taxpayers are bilked. They smile at scoundrels in office as if they were only amusing scalawags . . .

Common among such offenders are the lawmakers who in public life prove false to their deepest private convictions; our chosen representatives who think one way but vote another, for one simple reason: an over-mastering desire to stay in office. From these practices there has grown up a cynical humor.

Never before in America has official conscience fallen so low, or official impudence grown so brash; and never before has public apathy seemed more profound. Unlawful acts can be punished by the courts. But only public opinion can deal with dishonor.

It is not altogether gone—that old sense of honor which felt a stain like a wound. Our most important need is for better men to lift the fallen banners of our integrity and lead us again toward the light.

—Cavalier Daily

Glimpses by Toby

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT:

The only time squeaky shoes are embarrassing is when you walk into the library reading room . . . If you take professors instead of courses, you will get just as good an education . . . Students who are always asking questions during a lecture are not fooling the professors . . . The deans at this college are more accessible to students than the professors . . . Students who claim they don't study, and study when no one sees them, are the biggest phonies on campus . . . Academic robes worn at University assemblies are only appreciated for their color . . . A thinking professor in the English or history departments could incorporate any of the Humanities courses into his own by a few changes in lecture notes . . . Being a good teacher is more important than writing an occasional text, yet professors are often judged on the basis of what they've written . . . Overloading the Honor System is the quickest way to destroy it . . . Find a stag freshman on a Saturday night and he'll want to talk about his girl at home . . . Pre-med students are the hardest workers in school . . . Going home with a fedora for the first time is more embarrassing than going home a pipe smoker . . . The two o'clock show team is the noisiest crowd that goes to the show . . . Professors who say, "I'd like to talk about this, but we don't have the time," strike me as not knowing anything about the subject in question . . . A professor who can hold the attention of a Monday morning 8:25 class is either a magician or he has a set of lectures that would make a good novel . . . The quickest way for a professor of English to gain student appeal is to make witty remarks on the themes he hands back . . . Your room is neater when you are a freshman than it is at any other time during your college career . . . If you saw the kick-off at the game Saturday, you can count yourself as a real rooster . . . The weather is always bad at Homecomings and Fancy Dress . . . Every Fancy Dress there is a rumor that Life magazine is going to take pictures . . . People who

SNIPE HUNTING

By APPLGATE and PITTMAN

LOOKING BACK: Even though we still think Benno Forman can easily be compared to the derriere of a donkey, we'll have to compliment him on his job of organizing the W. and L. Band. Its appearance at the Friday night pep rally added something that we haven't seen at one since Dean Gilliam returned from the Belgian Congo.

Had one possessed a pair of field glasses that turned large groups around, dried them out, scraped the mud off their faces and cut their throats for playing the so-called "Good Old Song," he would have enjoyed the halftime band performance at Saturday's game.

The money collected for these out-of-town bands, such as last

week's, would have probably fitted quite nicely into the palm of our friend Benno. Had he same, and put it to as good use as we expect he would, it would have been a bright-faced W. and L. Band on the field Saturday.

SURE WE VOTED: Congratulations to the student body for voting to sit on the temporary bleachers at the Homecomings game. After all, we get to see so many games on Wilson Field that the least we can do is be content to sit behind a team that throws mud in the stands and yells "c'mon down and buffet." Especially when the alternative is sitting behind those rough old W. and L. boys who are headed for their first Southern Conference championship in 16 years.

FROM OUR BUENA VISTA BUREAU: Hot off the hottest wires we know of—scoop—the W. and L. Annex in the no-parking-meter town will be converted to a four-year college within the next ten years. At the same time, the high school department will be dropped and returned to Perry McClure.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Now listen, we don't like this editing without our consent. In our last effort, in a certain discourse pertaining to a certain infamous politician, we were embarrassed to find our manuscript so crippled by your blue pencil as to make our friend appear ridiculous.

True, we consented to the deletion of two words, but when you scratched a complete paragraph our original thoughts were murdered. The passage was intended to reflect the ridiculous complexion of the present political situation and not to make the leader of the minority appear small-minded.

Mr. Cogar, we apologize for our editors.

And in the future, dear editors, either print all of what we write or none of it.

PLAY OF THE DAY: In the closing minutes of Saturday's mud battle, end Jim Carpenter, blocking for Dave Waters on a punt return, cut down teammate Paul Giordani with a beautifully executed block.

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Generals Capture Muddy Battle Against Va. Tech by 25-7 Score

Hedge Scores Twice For W & L; Wingo Runs 64 Yards for Tech

By TED LONERGAN
Washington and Lee's Generals took another step closer to their first Southern Conference championship since 1934 Saturday by defeating winless Virginia Tech, 25-7.

It was Homecomings on the W. and L. campus, and about three thousand spectators braved the wet and cold to watch the Generals in their final home appearance of the season.

Washington and Lee started right in the first period. With big Walt Michaels eating up needed yardage from his fullback spot, Bocetti's handoffs to Broyles, Leister and Stark carried the ball to the Tech 36-yard line. Bocetti started a quarterback keep around his own left end, then back up and lobbed the slippery pigskin in the waiting hands of end Dave Hedge. Hedge took the ball on the five, and went over untouched.

With W. and L. leading by six points, Coach Al Learned sent in his ace runner, trackman Sterling Wingo. On the first play after the kickoff, Wingo cut over his own right tackle and scooted all the way to the Generals' three-yard stripe. Quarterback Miller took it over. Tech converted, and lead at the first quarter, 7-6.



DAVE HEDGE Scores twice

Tech's lead was short-lived. A blocked punt midway in the second stanza rolled into the end zone, where three General linemen fell on the elusive oval for the touchdown. Again the attempted conversion was missed, and the score stood at 12-7.

V. M. I. Harriers Capture 'Big Six' X-Country Race As Generals Finish Last

V.M.I.'s Keydets captured the first three places yesterday and walked away from defending champion V.P.I. in the state cross-country meet.

The Techmen captured fifth, seventh, eighth, tenth and 14th places to come in second with a total of 44 points.

Forty-one runners from the state's Big Six colleges competed in the meet, the first time since the war that all six schools have attended.

Washington and Lee, second place finishers last year, came in last this time. Only four Generals ran in the meet. Echols Hansbarger, star General runner, was kept out of the race because of illness.

Techmen Defeat Baby Generals In Friday Game

Virginia Tech's freshman team extended the Brigadiers' losing streak to five Friday as they took an easy 32-13 victory on Wilson Field. The game marked the Brigadiers' last game of the season.

They had previously lost to Virginia, Fork Union, Richmond, and West Virginia. The Southern Conference rules that a college freshman team can only play a five-game schedule.

Quarterback Jack Williams and fullback Bill Drebuszinko paced the Baby Gobblers' attack with Williams completing two touchdown passes, while Drebuszinko proved the most consistent ground gainer of the day.

The Brigadiers jumped into an early lead in the first quarter when Jerry South recovered a Tech fumble on the V.P.I. 24-yard line. Bill Bradford moved the ball to the six-inch line on two running plays and Joe Lindsey scored on a quarterback sneak.

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GENERALIZING

By TED LONERGAN
Intramural Eligibility Rule Is Changed by Faculty

A few weeks ago the Washington and Lee faculty passed an eligibility ruling applying to intramural athletics. That rule stated that a man could only play one sport per season, the season to be set up by the intramural board.

There was no qualification for the ruling, and it applied to all students in the University. The reason for the new ruling was that grades needed to be raised.

The same week there appeared in this column an article suggesting that the new rule would not work, and that a minimum grade ratio be set up in place of the cover-all ruling that was passed.

Dean Leyburn immediately started working on a grade-ratio

plan to be submitted to the faculty, and, therefore, there has been nothing more said since the time of the first article.

The idea submitted by Dean Leyburn was approved by the executive committee of the faculty, and then by the faculty itself yesterday. There wasn't a single negative vote to the resolution itself.

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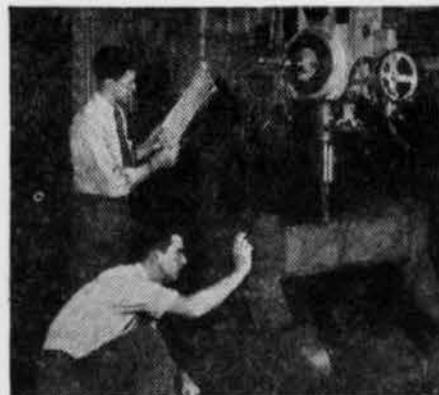
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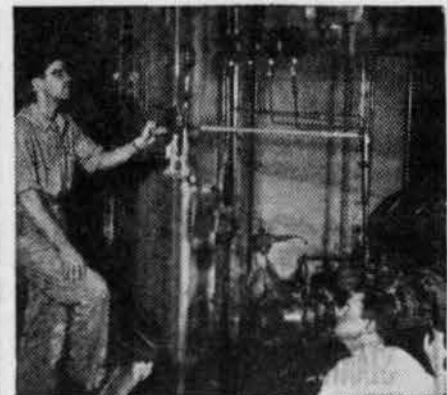
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Checking component for machine used to finish rolls to high degree of precision: Donald F. Miller, B.S. in M.E., Lehigh, 1950; and Albert W.G. Ervine, M.S. in M.E., Michigan, 1950.



R. E. Svog, B.S. in M.E., George Washington University, 1948, doing mechanical research to improve machine design. His optical-slit microscope measures surface scratches as fine as 20 millionths of an inch.



R. L. Stearns, B.S. in Ch.E., Yale, 1949; and H. Peterson, B.S. in Ch.E., Northeastern University, 1942, checking a multi-stage carbon-monoxide compressor used for making methanol.

BECAUSE Du Pont is a chemical company, you might expect most of its technical men to be chemists.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir:
 The political situation around this campus has reached a point which can only be described as disgusting. I realize this letter will have no more effect than the two letters put in this paper by the leaders of the two political parties, but, if the things I am about to say were left unsaid, this political farce would seem all the more disgusting.

First of all, to the members of the University Party, congratulations on the successive clean sweeps of last spring, last month, and last week. Every affiliated member of the Executive Committee, every class officer, every dance set president is a member of your party. I read your letter of last week to this paper and couldn't help laughing. Your twisting of figures to make a pretense of democratic elections on this campus could be rewarded by nothing more than a laugh.

The University Party cannot justify its activities. The situation wouldn't be bad if once in a while some man from the Independent Party could win on his qualifications, without the fact that he comes from the other party killing his chances. The University Party last year said, more than once, "Put up a strong slate and you'll see that it's the man and not the party." This year the Independents did just that. They put up a powerful slate. Sol Wachtler, one of the most outstanding leaders this campus has had for the six years I've been here, and the president of more non-political organizations than his opponent even professed membership to, a man who not only had proven his ability in every organization of which he was a member but one who had

already proven his ability in the job for which he was running; and Joe McCutcheon, a captain of the football team and an all-around capable boy whose record so far overshadowed his opponent's as to make the posters hanging side by side look much like a cartoon. Here at Washington and Lee we have to select the best to run our Honor System; it is absolutely necessary that we select the cream of the student body, not the skimmed milk from one house.

Secondly, to the members of the Independent Party. Until these last elections, I frankly disliked your crying towel policies. Right now, I think you have a legitimate gripe. I hope your objectives are sincere and not selfish. I hope that you, along with the University Party, will stop thinking of yourself and start thinking of the University which you are both hurting immeasurably.

D. S. C.

Guild To Present Opera

(Continued from page one) a dramatic evening for everyone who plans to attend."

Tickets on Sale Next Week

Although operettas and several Gilbert and Sullivan programs have been presented in Lexington before, nothing quite as elaborate as an opera has ever been attempted here.

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Freshman Football

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Williams then opened up the Tech attack resulting in two quick scores. After he had tossed a 19-yard pass to end Hayes Burleson for one TD, Williams threw another completion covering 40 yards to end Lloyd Lilley. Williams was trapped by Brigadiers up against the northern sidelines when he unleashed the pass for the score. The W. and L. secondary had been sucked in when Williams elected to run after eluding several chasing linemen. However, he changed his mind and passed to Lilley who was completely in the clear.

Tech added a third touchdown in the second quarter to lead at halftime, 20-6. Bill Drebushinko pounded over from the six-yard line for the score.

Races 35 Yards

Warren Moody put the Brigadiers back into scoring position late in the third period on a punt return. The shifty halfback raced 35 yards down the sidelines before he was stopped. Only one man stood between Moody and the goal line. Seeing no way to elude him, Moody drove head-on into the Tech player.

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Generalizing

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The plan approved by the faculty yesterday was this:

The original one-sport rule will still apply to all freshmen throughout the entire first year.

For upperclassmen the rule will still apply to those who have a grade-point ratio below 1.4.

For upperclassmen who have a grade-point ratio above 1.4, but not on the Dean's List, the rule now reads that they may participate in two intramural activities at the same time.

For upperclassmen who have a Dean's List average or above, the rule now reads that they may participate in three sports.

This new rule may still hurt some fraternities, but, after the sweeping previous ruling, this is quite a consideration from the faculty. The plan is good in that there will be much more chance for a fraternity to field a fair

team in more than one sport.

There is just one more thing. The intramural board, as it is now set up, cannot cope with any more bookkeeping. There is just too much other work. Therefore, they will not know whether a man is breaking the rule or not. However, if a man is playing in more than the authorized number of sports, the whole schedule of that house will be forfeited.

It has been suggested that the presidents of the houses check each intramural list, since that will save the board from excessive work they can't handle anyway, and since each fraternity is furnished a list with the grades of every member.

It would not be feasible to put the presidents under the Honor System in such a matter as this, but it will be up to them to do the job, or in a very short time the original rule, which has just been amended to the advantage of the students, will find itself back in operation.

Glimpses

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founded at Lexington... House mothers know more about their boys in one year than the boys' mothers know from the preceding 18 years... Party girls are great fun, but you have to watch them all the time... People will remember the rain at Homecomings long after they have forgotten the score of the game... Writers who describe the romance in the smell of a locker room are crazy. All locker rooms stink... One beer on Sunday is worth ten beers on Saturday night... Fellows who always have their shoes shined usually change clothes twice a day.

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