

## Moger, Hinton, Starling Gain Full Professorships

### Air Force ROTC Progress Slow States Light

"Progress toward the establishment of an Air Force ROTC unit on the campus of Washington and Lee consists at the present of the merest pick and shovel details," Col. Charles P. Light, of the Law School, chairman of the Faculty Committee on Military Affairs said recently. "The main thing was the student body vote taken Friday in the gymnasium," he added.

Col. Light began work Monday upon formal application for an Air Force unit here. Consisting of a questionnaire, the application forms involve answers to questions concerning "what sort of a school Washington and Lee is," he said. It is expected that an official will be sent to Lexington to inspect at first hand the physical set-up of the University.

A student body vote was taken last Friday at 12:05 in Doremus Gymnasium on the threefold issue of whether to apply for an Air Force ROTC unit, and if so, whether to request permanent or only temporary facilities.

After an explanation by University President Francis P. Gaines, who revealed that application forms had already been ordered, the student body was asked to register four degrees of opinion—strongly favoring, merely favoring, indifferent to, or strongly opposed to the issue. In a standing vote the student body overwhelmingly favored the establishment of a temporary Air Force ROTC unit at Washington and Lee.

The application, in question and answer form, concerns the character of the University, Col. Light explained. It requires such information as the number of students and teachers, the number and type of courses offered, and what the students are majoring in. Similar to the Army ROTC application filed recently by Washington and Lee, the Air Force application asks specific questions about the general campus situation.

### Automobile Accident Hospitalizes Booth

Lea Booth, director of the Washington and Lee Publicity Department, was injured in an automobile accident last Tuesday about noon, and has been in the Lexington hospital since then.

The accident took place approximately two miles east of Glasgow. According to Dr. Reid White, Mr. Booth suffered an injury to his right sacro-iliac joint.

The nurse in charge at Jackson Memorial Hospital stated yesterday that Booth was "getting along nicely." Dr. White, pleased with Booth's steady improvement, thought that the publicity director will be back in his office shortly.

## FBI Agent Screening Men at W-L; Possible Draftees Not Considered

By BOB BRADFORD

About 50 students, mostly from the Law School, attended an informal discussion yesterday afternoon by Mr. Edward Brown, special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The agent was at the University to recruit applicants for positions with the F. B. I. Mr. Tom Wilson, of the Counseling and Placement Service, introduced Brown to the group.

Brown cited the qualifications for becoming a special agent for the organization. Though it is not mandatory, practically all accepted candidates for an FBI position have law or accounting degrees. Among other qualifications named by Brown were good health, American citizenship, and ability to drive an automobile.

Those students who sought this government work as an escape from the draft had their hopes quickly smashed. Mr. Brown said



MR. FRED CARMICHAEL, Co-op manager, sells the first March of Dimes Dance ticket to law student Fred Vinson, former president of the student body.

## Students Asked To Back Tonight's March of Dimes Dance at Hotel

Lexington's annual March of Dimes Dance will be held tonight from 9 to 1 in the Pine Room of the Mayflower Hotel. The admission is \$2.00 per couple.

The dance is sponsored annually by a local civic group with proceeds going to fight infantile paralysis. This year's event is under the auspices of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Harry Slusser is the dance chairman.

Slusser announced earlier this week that the V. M. I. Commanders would play for the dance. "This group, as well as the Mayflower Hotel, are donating their services to make the dance a success," he said.

### Carmichael Handles Tickets

Fred H. Carmichael, manager of the Co-op and a member of the Jaycees, has expressed a desire to see a large number of W. and L. students at the dance. "It is always a big success," he said, "but in the past only a few students have attended. I hope tonight will be an exception. By buying a ticket students have a chance to enjoy themselves and at the same time make a contribution to a worthwhile cause," he added.

The dance tonight might be the needed boost to put the Lexington campaign "over-the-top." So far, only \$3,800 has been collected. The quota for the area is \$5,000, according to an announcement made by Mrs. Mobry Baker, local chairman.

"If the dance is successful," she said, "I believe we can reach our goal. Last year it netted over \$400.

that any student subject to call to service would not be considered. And even if a man becomes a full-fledged agent, Uncle Sam can still trade a rifle for his badge. Agent Brown remarked that it was the policy of most draft boards to grant deferments to government agents, but the matter is entirely in the hands of the local board.

The slightly balding Brown said, "I would not advise interested students to quit school and try for the F. B. I. The fact that they've not completed their schooling would practically guarantee that their application would be refused." He said further that "applications are never rejected. They just aren't accepted."

Accepted candidates will be ordered to Quantico, Virginia, where they will undergo an intensive seven-week training program. They may then choose the bureau office to which they want to be assigned.

## New I-M Season to Open February 19; Volleyball Is First

February 19th marks the beginning of a new intramural season here. The volleyball schedule starts on that date and the wrestling season's first bout takes place shortly afterward.

The schedule of volleyball matches has been posted on the intramural bulletin board in the basement of Doremus Gymnasium. After the final contest on the last day of February, winners in the various leagues will meet in play-offs to decide the championship.

The grappling season will take place from March 9th until the 17th. Wilson Fewster, I-M overseer, said that all men who participate in the matches must have five half-hour periods of practice behind them before they enter competition. But, according to Fewster, more than one 30-minute drill per day won't be acceptable. The practice sessions must occur on five different days. The I-M director said that these practices will be conducted on the Honor System. All students who spend half an hour on the mats should so indicate on a wrestling log which has been placed on the I-M bulletin board.

The annual Sports Carnival will occur sometime during the duration of intramural wrestling. Fewster refused to elaborate on this carnival, but stated that he would release more information at a later date.

Swimming will immediately follow wrestling. Practice sessions must be held for this also, but no definite time or length has been set for these tank-training times.

## Prices Elevated At Dining Hall

Fred H. Carmichael today announced two moves toward University economy in view of "a drop in enrollment and a general slack in business." The changes affect the Co-op and prices and serving hours at the University dining hall.

Carmichael, manager of both concerns, pointed out that such moves were "inevitable. Since the beginning of the year the volume of business has dropped greatly."

### Dining Hall Schedule

In making the announcement he released the following schedule and meal price list for the University dining hall for the remainder of the year: Breakfast, 45c, 8 to 8:25; lunch, 65c, 12:50 to 1:20; dinner, 80c, 6 to 6:30. On Sunday, lunch will cost 90c and no supper will be served. The luncheon time is from 1 to 1:30.

The new prices represent a five-cent increase for all meals. Monthly rates increased about \$4 for three meals.

"It was necessary to shorten to shorten the hours," Carmichael said, "because student help has been reduced, football players no longer eat at the dining hall, and because the volume of business has decreased."

### Co-op Rearranged

The second move was made earlier this week when the Co-op began operations with fewer service personnel. The interior fixtures of the building have been rearranged "to handle as quickly and conveniently as possible student business during rush periods."

Once again he cited decreasing enrollment as the basic cause of the change. "We have had to reduce the number of service personnel. Consequently, we would like to apologize in advance for the lack of promptness during rush hours."

### Notice

University Treasurer E. S. Mattingly requests that all car owners register their 1951 license plate numbers in the Treasurer's Office immediately. This registration is in addition to that of last September for those who have new plates.

## Faculty Promotions Also Include Doctors Foster, Williams, Jenks

Three promotions to full professorships here are among a half dozen faculty advancements announced yesterday by President Francis P. Gaines.

Effective next September, the W. and L. board of trustees has approved promotions in the departments of history, psychology, biology, English, and mathematics.

## W. and L. Stamp May Be Honored

A couple of weeks ago the nation's leading stamp collectors' newspaper, *Western Stamp Collector*, announced plans for the selection of the most attractive stamp issued during the first 50 years of the 20th century. The article was clipped and sent to *The Ring-tum Phi* by Roy Grimeley of the Class of '21—the same interested alumnus and stamp enthusiast who originated the Washington and Lee postage stamp, issued by the Postoffice Department in 1948. The accompanying letter pointed out that the W. and L. stamp was eligible for the honor and expressed strong wishes that students and alumni help make that possible.

The plan for picking the Stamp of the Century is to follow a simple process. Individual nominations, for which no reason need be given, may be mailed on a post card to the editor of W. S. C., Albany, Oregon. The first choices are to be identified by Scott's number, name, or date of issue. Those stamps most frequently nominated will be listed on a ballot in a future issue of the collectors' newspaper by which subscribers may vote.

Although the final outcome is in the hands of those who take the paper, at least the stamps appearing on the ballot will depend on the number of recommendations sent in. As Grimeley said, "It would be wonderful if the W. and L. stamp could be listed on that ballot." Certainly it has the possibility of extending the fame of the alma mater, and might even prove again that fellow "minks" can get together for the common good, if students and alumni on and off campus would take the trouble to mail a post card.

## Music-Baseball on WREL?

Radio station WREL will broadcast either baseball games or musical programs this spring, depending on the listeners' preferences.

The station management requests postcards from the listeners stating which they would rather hear. The address is: Station WREL, Lexington, Virginia, for either baseball or music.

## Students Are Asked This Query: 'Where Should Army Place You?'

By CECIL EDMONDS

The question: "Where should the Army place you?" was put before about 30 W. and L. students yesterday and the result was 16 "huhs," nine "infantry," four "how should I know?" and one "Naval Reserve."

In an effort to see if Uncle Sam will be using his doughboys to their best advantage, an attempt was made to seek the general opinion around campus.

Probably the most unique answer came from senior law student Donald Shannon, who said: "In the Navy, I hope." Shannon is in the U. S. N. R. No doubt this fact influenced his answer.

Freshmen were the most serious-minded of all students polled. The feeling among the graduates of '54 is that the Army has only one group, that being the infantry.

O. L. Bedsaul swayed from the usual grind when he bravely commented, "how should I know?" When questioned further he, too, admitted that his destiny was infantry.

Jack Kernicklean, senior and physical education instructor,

Dr. Allen W. Moger, a specialist in Virginia history, has been promoted to professor of history. Dr. Moger, a native of Nansemond County, attended Randolph-Macon College and Johns Hopkins University and received his doctorate from Columbia University. His publications include a book on "The Rebuilding of the Old Dominion, 1880-1902." He joined the W. and L. faculty in 1929.

Dr. William M. Hinton, who holds the bachelor and master of arts degrees from Washington and Lee and a doctorate from Ohio State University, was named professor of education and psychology. Appointed to the W. and L. faculty in 1930, he also served for a time as chairman of the Virginia Academy of Science psychology section, and has published many learned articles.

Dr. William A. Jenks, to be associate professor of English. Dr. Jenks holds the bachelor of arts degree from W. and L. and master's and doctor's degrees from Columbia University. He served with the Office of Strategic Services and the Department of State in World War II. His book on "The Austrian Electoral Reform of 1907" appeared last year.

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Dr. George H. Foster, to be associate professor of English. Dr. Foster, who specializes in American literature and English drama of the late 17th and early 18th centuries, has achieved recognition as author of aviation training literature for the U. S. Navy. He received the bachelor and master of arts degrees at W. and L. and his doctorate at the University of North Carolina.

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## Editorials

### A JUST PENALTY?

A weak link in the cut setup has developed during the last semester. A rule which has been on the books for several years but never exercised has been brought from the ranks of the unknown and put into action.

The decree to which we refer is the rule that puts boys on final absence probation if they receive an "Incomplete" or "F" in physical education, regardless of their other grades. Several cases are on record this semester of students who have made Dean's List and Honor Roll grades, exclusive of their physical education mark, and remain without any cuts whatsoever.

According to Registrar Charles L. Greene, the rule, which now prevents these men from any voluntary absences, has been in the catalogue for some time but only this past semester has the Administration felt it necessary to put the rule into effect. A situation developed where men were cutting physical education habitually with the expressed intent of making the course up at a later date, and, because of the confusion that had developed in the Phys. Ed. Department, some action had to be taken.

It is not unreasonable to expect the Administration to take some action in this situation, but it seems a little unfair to spring a rule on the offenders of which they knew nothing and which completely removes the only privilege given those who strive for high grades. Had they been aware of the penalty the punishment would be more just.

Phys. Ed. Department rules as they stand today permit only three cuts a semester regardless of a student's academic standing. Preventing Dean's List men from continually cutting physical education classes is the only practice that would assure the proper amount of work being accomplished per semester, but to stringently enforce the three-cut rule seems out of line with the rest of the University.

A more liberal cut rule, with provision for making up missed work and a method for preventing over-cutting other than final absence probation, would appear to be a more satisfactory practice for the Physical Education Department to follow.

## Letter to the Editor

### Reader Questions Last Week's Air ROTC Vote

The Editor,  
Ring-tum Phi  
Dear Sir:

In regard to the proposed Air Force ROTC unit at Washington and Lee, several thoughts are worthy of consideration. Such a grave undertaking requires far more deliberation than the student body was permitted last Friday. It was indeed surprising that a mere "standing vote" on such an issue never before mentioned to the students should be used in formulating student opinion. Not that this was any final determination of policy, but such overwhelming, even though spontaneous, student sentiment will most assuredly bear weight in the final analysis. Could that vote have been the result of mature, unbiased judgment? Composed almost entirely of draft-eligibles, it seems obvious that in most cases it was an "impulse" vote, prompted by the immediate recognition of its being another way of completing college before entering the service. And there were those, too, who registered "sympathy" votes, feeling it the only way by which the University can survive.

But no such sympathetic attitude should be involved in such a complex issue. True it is that a favorable vote was taken only in so far as a TEMPORARY Air Corps unit is concerned. Thank God that the permanent unit met with such vigorous dissent. But how long will such a tempor-

ary status be maintained? One year? Two years? For the duration? Or will such a policy become so assimilated into the curriculum that the temporary nature will soon be forgotten? Will generation to come still find this institution functioning under policies that were opposed even by its founders? We are now on the threshold of a new era—a ruinous era if we do not take immediate steps to quell the tide of militaristic education. That is exactly what we have presented ourselves with—militaristic education. The question confronting us is whether or not we should mix education with militarism. I, as a veteran of World War II, can answer nothing but an emphatic "NO." No greater hindrance to peaceful living could present itself. If restricted to a minimum, military schools are, as proven in the past, a tremendous benefit to our country's defense. But already there are ample military institutions from which an individual with such aptitudes can choose. Already we are to have, whether right or wrong, an Army ROTC unit. Let's not carry that tendency further.

Mixing militarism with education should have proved its disastrous results to us in Fascist Germany. Evidently we have not yet learned our lesson. Though the slim possibility remains that an intermingling of the two can be coerced in perfect harmony, we are exposing ourselves to a tremendous gamble. And today's world offers no optimism for peace in a nation bulging with military thought. If accepted on collegiate

levels, militarism will most assuredly find itself added to college preparatory courses. Should this be preparatory to higher education? Education in militarism leads to militarism in education. Whether arts or sciences, history or philosophy, all our learning can be easily tinged with a militaristic flavor. That militarism can infiltrate into our every action—our every thought. And a militaristic-thinking nation cannot long remain a peaceful-thinking nation.

It cannot be denied that military preparedness is essential to our country's defense. But there is certainly a more ethical means by which that defense can be obtained. One year or so of universal military training upon graduation from high school seems far superior to a four-year mixture of militarism with general education. Such intense military training would be on a plane by itself, where none of its characteristics could drift into the pursuit of our knowledge. If America's colleges and universities concentrated their efforts, not in seeking immediate governmental assistance for survival, but rather towards having legislation enacted for the deferment of present college students, a far more beneficial solution should evolve. And once instituted, universal military training should provide the necessary manpower in an emergency.

It's a question of universal military training or university military training. It deserves far more deliberation than the administration allowed us.

A Student

## TWENTY DIME DANCE

With hopes of getting more W. and L. students to attend the Junior Chamber of Commerce-sponsored March of Dimes Dance tonight, Mr. Carmichael (of Co-op fame) has taken on the job of selling tickets to W. and L. students. The affair is an annual one in Lexington, but heretofore few W. and L. students have turned out for it.

Tickets are \$2, stag or drag; the cause is obviously a worthy one. Those men who did not buy tickets at the Co-op this week may get them at the door of the Mayflower tonight. The Southern Collegians start playing at nine o'clock and continue until one.

No date is necessary, but those who are having dates up for the weekend are welcome to bring them along.

We won't preach here. It should suffice to say that W. and L. men with a few free hours tonight would do well to get behind the fight against polio and have a good time doing it.

## The Editor's Mirror

Valentine's Day 1951.

On that day some sweet young wife is going to rise sleepily from her bed, go to her dressing table to reroute a few tiny wrinkles now appearing on her cold-creamed face, and see the following propped up against her vanity mirror:

HAG

You're so darn ugly every morn,  
I bet your mirror shrieks!  
You look just like a sloppy bed  
That ain't been made for weeks.  
Happy Valentine. . . .

While hubby giggles in the bathroom over his clever little joke, mama dresses, gathers up the child or children, and takes the fastest transportation then available home to mother.

America has made a great thing out of Valentine's Day. Flowers, candy, and valentines are now a must for every male who has a woman on the string. Some of the latest comic valentines, however, should be useful for flipping the unwanted fishes from the string back into the sea.

A great many of these comic capers are directed at the little woman. A husband might greet his wife with:

You scream that you know everything  
Because your brain is slick,  
Therefore you know where you can go . .  
So why not go there quick?  
Nice and subtle isn't it? Another quaint jab

at the wife is the following:

CLUB WOMAN

You're always at some silly club!  
Say, don't you have a home?  
What you need is a solid club  
Right on your dizzy dome!

—The Daily Kansan

## Movie Review . . . . . by Benno Forman

Harvey is the case in question. Harvey was a wonderful show on Broadway. Frank Fay was a



stunning and brilliant Elwood P. Dowd, the sort of good-natured rummy you wouldn't mind running into in the course of the day and would be all the better for it. He was a man victimized by men and

a persistent symbolic negation of the trepidation of the twentieth-century. More than that, when Fay talked about Harvey, or opened a door for Harvey, or ordered a drink for Harvey, you did not look at blank air, you saw Harvey.

Such, unfortunately, is far from the case when James Stewart looks at thin air in the movie version, for all I could see was thin air, and I'm pretty much convinced that that is all Stewart could see. I never felt that Stewart had any concept of the very great reality of Harvey as the main person in the film.

The failure is psychological.

The theatre is an illusory medium. Its dramatic means is suggestion: its vocabulary is impression. The cinema must employ, however, a different means to achieve its ends, for no detail escapes the

camera's eye. Essentially, the moving picture is an X-ray: an enormous amount of minutiae must be assimilated if the screen is to be used to express a visual impression. This is rarely accomplished in Harvey.

The film is encumbered with an unfortunate love story between the young doctor and his receptionist. This useless sub-plot, assumed to be an illustration of the powers of suggestion implicit in Harvey to make people forget their differences, is probably the sober, second-thought of authoress Mary Chase. However, the fewer sober thoughts about Harvey, the better show it is.

Action is also the currency of the motion picture and action bogs down in the many over-lengthy scenes which do not have quite enough pace to avoid boredom. The script is wordy, so normally and naturally wordy as to make the intrusions of the *outré* seem fantastic rather than credible, as the play did. When seeing the play, everything that happened seemed rationally normal. There was nothing at all strange about the story once one entered into the spirit of the Dowds, which was inevitable as soon as Fay stepped onto the stage. But the movie seems a superimposition of the fantastic on normality and, as a result, is incredible.

The moral of the "comedy" then becomes lost, for an audience is not sympathetic with mad-men

or, for that matter, any character with whom the individual viewer cannot be identified. In this light, Dowd's life, although beautiful expounded in a soliloquy by Stewart which is the finest scene in the film, has an air of futility about it which makes it in reality empty and hardly worth the effort.

Not that the film is without its moments, for nothing is further from the truth. Indeed, every scene in which the incomparable Josephine Hull appears is a work of art. She is the most pleasingly pixilated of all the Dowds and acts with a supreme command of physical middle-age. Each speech she utters is a monument and bristles with a unique character that one rarely encounters these movie-going days.

The supporting cast, headed by Cecil Kellaway, is of uniform excellence and play their parts with uniform sincerity.

However, the translation to film is a disappointment.

A REMINDER: Next week a new Red Skelton film is going to appear at the State. It is not a good film. However, the short subject, *Beaver Valley*, is also going to be an added attraction. This is a 20-minute documentary about animal life in the woods which is a tribute to the American cinema industry's integrity and ability when it puts forth a genuine effort at making an above-the-average film.

## Campus Interviews on Cigarette Tests

### Number 12...THE MOURNING DOVE

"Some of them are pretty sad!"



Melancholy and dejected, this gloomy miss

found little to titillate her in the recent deluge of quick-trick cigarette tests! She was not enthralled by the idea of judging cigarette mildness with just a fast puff or a single sniff.

But, joy of joys! . . . happiness came to her when she discovered one test that left no doubt in her mind.

It was the sensible test! . . . the 30-Day Camel Mildness Test, which simply asks you to try Camels as a steady smoke — on a pack after pack, day after day basis. No snap judgments needed. After you've enjoyed Camels — and only Camels — for 30 days in your "T-Zone" (T for Throat, T for Taste) we believe you'll know why . . .

**More People Smoke Camels than any other cigarette!**



# Blue Comets Drop Two Contests To Strong Duke; Deacon Teams

## Handlan Scores Thirty-Four in Deacon Contest

By EARLE BATES

Washington and Lee's Blue Comets, on another disastrous road trip, suffered two more defeats this week, losing to Wake Forest, 90-78, and Duke, 94-68.

Jay Handlan, the Comets' sole claim to basketball fame, scored 34 points in the Wake Forest encounter, and 20 against the Blue Devils. Handlan succeeded in keeping W. and L. in both contests until the final minutes, when the Carolinian fives pulled away.

The Tuesday night meeting with the Deacons was a see-saw struggle, with the lead changing hands 10 times in the first half. Wake Forest was hard-pressed to enlarge on a 44-41 halftime advantage until the closing minutes.

For the Deacons, it was their fourth consecutive Southern Conference victory, and considerably enhanced their chances for a tournament berth in March.

Dick Groat was Duke's whole show on Wednesday night, scoring 28 points while playing with four personal fouls the greater part of the game. Playing cautiously in the second half, he was content to pass off and set up scoring opportunities for his teammates rather than risk the chance of committing his fifth personal.

Groat's 28 points enhanced his lead in the individual S. C. race. He now has racked up 431 points in 16 games, for an average of almost 27 points per loop contest.

Duke, with three more Conference games to play, now has a Southern Conference record of 10 and 6, which should be good enough to land a berth in next month's tourney.

The Generals will have a chance to improve on their current season's record of 4 wins and 16 losses tonight and tomorrow night.

Handlan and company play host to hapless Davidson and Furman in weekend tilts at the Armory. Neither visiting team has displayed anything in the way of court prowess this season, and Coach Scotty Hamilton's charges stand a good chance to win before the home folks.

The weekend games will be the next to last chance for Lexington basketball fans to watch the Generals in action this season. Next Tuesday's game with Virginia closes out the Comets' home schedule for the current court season.

## General Wrestlers Battle Johns Hopkins Squad in Non-League Tilt Saturday

The General grapplers will return to the home mats tomorrow night when they tangle with Johns Hopkins University. The Generals, who are undefeated in Conference competition, will meet a team that isn't considered a powerhouse, but Hopkins has always come up with a formidable team. Last season in Baltimore the Blue scored a 19-11 victory over Johns Hopkins.

Fresh from a 25-8 ictory over the North Carolina Tarheels, the Blue wrestlers are looking for another victory before they take on the remainder of their Conference schedule. In the match with the Tarheels last weekend the Generals were never in serious trouble. The match with North Carolina brought forth two capable reserves to fill in for the injured regulars. Charlie Sipple, subbing for Paul Weill in the 130-pound class, looked good in last week's bout. He proved himself a capable wrestler by getting an early lead and staving off a last-minute rally to draw with his opponent.

Rick Marcus, who has proven his ability on the mat in previous matches, will fill in for the still-ailing Ken Finley. The rest of the team will be intact and will be ready to grunt and groan with the best of the wrestlers from Baltimore.

Not much is known about the Hopkins' wrestlers, but it is a sure bet that they will be coming South to make up for last year's defeat received from W. and L. On the other hand, the Generals will be out to keep their record as clean as possible before they enter the Southern Conference tournament.

Before the W. and L. wrestlers can enter this tournament they have to contend with two Conference foes, Duke and Virginia.

## Sigma Chi Team Is Winner of I-M Cage Title

According to the SIMA, the four winter intramural sports are all now in the playoff stage.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is proving to be the surprise of the handball championships, having defeated Campus Club by a decisive 5-0 score. One final session of contests remains before the final title holder assumes his role although SAE appears to be on the right trail with its two wins, the other over KA.

In the basketball round-robin, in which the Phi Kaps, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, and Sigma Nu were scrambling for positions, the champion has been crowned. Sigma Chi, by virtue of its win over Sigma Nu, cops the coveted title. In the 54-46 contest, the lead changed several times as the losers eventually lost fire after a spirited start.

The table tennis playoffs are yet to be completed, but all four league champions have been definitely decided. Lambda Chi, Phi Kap, ZBT, and Beta are the four teams fighting for a trophy. Scores reported include the Lambda Chis victors over Phi Kaps by a 3-2 count, and ZBT conquerors of Beta by the same score. Last night's contest resulted in a ZBT victory over Lambda by the identical score again.

Two matches have been decided on the alleys, for the Campus Club and PIKA now claim victories.

## Bouldin Has 25 Report in First Tennis Session

In the face of a strong ten-match schedule, approximately 25 aspirants answered Head Coach Buck Bouldin's call for tennis practice Monday.

Four returning lettermen, team Captain Bob Knudson, Ken Rockwell, Sonny Schlesinger and Julian Mohr, will be bolstered by stand-out returnees from last season's freshman squad. This latter group includes Kyle Creson, Clark Garrecht and Herb Falk.

Doc Holowell and Nate Salky, potential sophomores, have said that early-semester work has been the cause of their delay in coming out for practice.

Unfortunately, the team will be without the services of Buddy Dye, former Virginia prep champ, who turned to baseball for his spring activity.

There are several of last year's varsity alternates on the scene who will give the regulars a battle for the top six positions and varsity berths.

Charlie Dean, who played several doubles encounters last year, is back, as are Horace Dietrich, George Segar, and Guess Henry.

Henry, last semester a student at the University of Miami, has returned to school with the title of

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## GENERALIZING

By HUGH GLICKSTEIN The New Freshman Rule And a Court Prediction

Currently being dispatched are the recent rulings on freshman eligibility in the various conferences around the country. Of those deciding, only the Border Conference has deemed it necessary to add first year men to varsity competition this spring. Said conference, composed of primarily small institutions has seen the need and acted quickly.

On the other hand, the Southern Conference, of which W. and L. has played no small part the past couple of years, has postponed freshman eligibility until the fall.

For those freshman who have seen the opportunity of making their letter this spring this decision appears in a most unfavorable light, and some coaches naturally realize the advantage of having heralded first year men at their disposal.

The fact remains that this adjudication was the proper one.

Enough can't be said about the confusion of the day which reflects itself in the sports world as any other sphere of activity. To make first year men eligible to participate in lacrosse, baseball, etc. this spring wouldn't have helped the situation at all.

The number of draftees at this

campus validates the propriety of the Conference's decision. If every other field can retain a definite share of normality there's no reason for athletics to be different.

### BASKETBALL GAMES

Tonight the Comets open their next to last home stand in a series of two games, and any gambler would be foolish to speculate as to the outcome of either game.

The up's and down's of this season have been the most unexplainable circumstances of any post-war season at W. and L.

This corner frankly will contend down to the last game that it's not a question of ability that has

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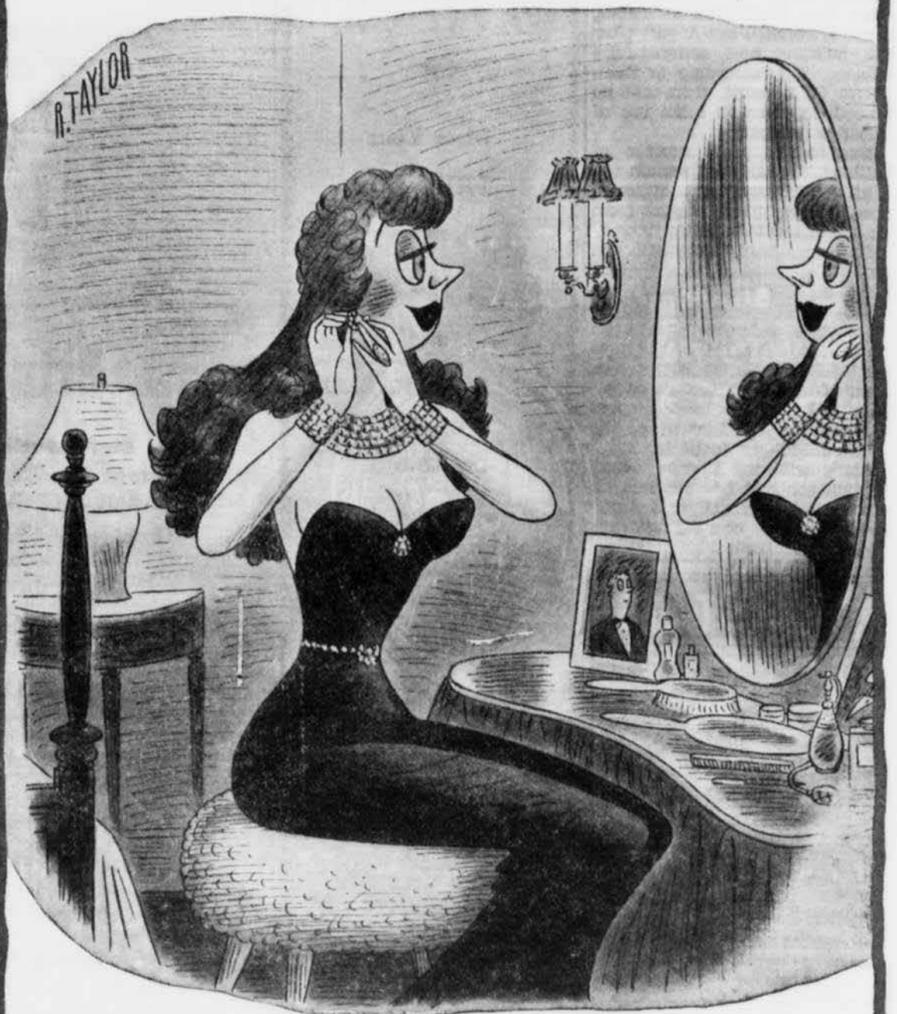


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### Editor's Forum In Chapel at 8

Three of the foremost newspaper editors in Eastern United States will take part in a round-table discussion at 8 tonight in Washington Chapel. The theme of the open forum talks will be a combination of the following questions: "The Editorial Page—Moulder of Public Opinion or Typographical Wasteland?" and "Public Opinion and Foreign Policy."



John H. Cline

William T. Polk, associate editor of the Greensboro News, will represent the North Carolina side, while John H. Cline, editor of the Washington Star editorial page, and Robert Estabrook, editorial writer for the Star, will present the capital city point of view.

### University Acquires Two Washington Street Lots

The University has just completed the razing of the house situated across Washington Street from the President's residence, which it acquired last August after the building had suffered fire damage. But, according to Dean James G. Leyburn, there are no immediate plans to make use of this new property.

Due to the great expense of building, the area will remain vacant, Dr. Leyburn said. Although possible suggestions, ranging from an auditorium to a freshman common, have been advanced, Dr. Leyburn declared all to be "bright ideas" with no basis of fact.

The brick dwelling had stood for more than a hundred years. In April, 1950, a fire, believed to have started from a match or cigarette, resulted in the death of its owner, John T. L. Preston, grandson and namesake of the founder of the Virginia Military Institute.

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### Home & Machine Exhibit Excites Caustic Comment; Art Work Termed 'Howler'

"Home and the Machine," an exhibit, parts of which bear an amazing resemblance to those "projects" that third-graders do to get to the fourth grade, may be viewed currently on the second floor of McCormick Library.

Loaned by the Virginia Museum, the most absorbing section of the display is unquestionably the shelf containing toy blocks, little wooden trains, and a feeble-minded looking contrivance, a "Roto Gear set," with the caption, "Colors help mechanical understanding."

The real howler of the exhibition is the picture display on the wall facing the stairway, entitled "Bathing." Featured here are intriguing pictures of the eighteenth century outhouse, the majestic nineteenth century toilet, and the present-day gleaming, white-enamelled throne.

Also on view during the limited stay of the exhibit are such rare articles as a boning knife and an egg beater. These and the other invaluable displays are heavily insured, it is reported, so that even if a frying pan were stolen, the museum would not be hit too hard.

A bad picture named "My Cat," which the viewer is told is "an artistic color print process" and a worse frame are displayed as examples of the progress of the Machine Age.

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Monday and Tuesday—California Passage, Forrest Tucker

### Generalizing (Continued from page three)

been the cause of the Comet's inconsistent performances, but the real answer is harder to find.

The student following has been competent, and apparently the team lacks little when it comes to down-to-earth spunk.

Bearing these facts in mind, I'd like to go way out on a limb to predict that the quintet is going to win these two games for their first "streak." However, remembering the gambler, I'm going to hide my head and hope when the Wahoos come to town Tuesday.

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### Forensic Union Mocks UN Acts

The United Nations Security Council will hold a mock session in the Washington and Lee Student Union Building Monday night at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend this meeting at which six of the nations which figure largely in today's new will debate the question of Korea. One member of the Forensic Union will take the argument of each of the six countries: United States, Great Britain, Russia, France, Nationalist China, and Communist China, in their views on the Korean situation. Each nation will have a four minute period to present his side, followed by a twenty-minute round-table discussion.

The Forensic Union discussed the advisability of re-arming Japan at its meeting last Monday night. The winning affirmative argument, presented by freshman Fred Lackman, called for the re-arming of Japan as an expedient in the present crisis.

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### Tennis

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Florida hotel champion. His winter-long practice and improvement as exemplified by his newly-won trophy should put him well among the contenders for top positions.

Coach Bouldin, veteran of three years of varsity tennis, has not announced the definite schedule, although ten matches will be played. He expressed his high hopes for the racqueters this season by implying that, with the exception of the Wahoos, the squad has a better-than-even chance of winning a majority of its games.

He has issued the call for an early practice on the upper courts to condition the squad well (weather permitting) for the initial match in March.

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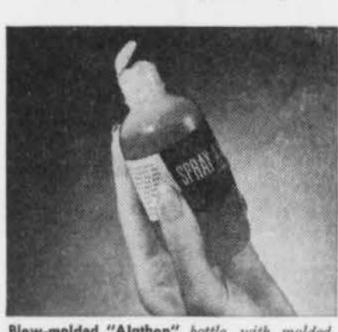
"Alathon" was born when English scientists used high-pressure synthesis to create polythene, the solid and semi-solid polymers of ethylene.

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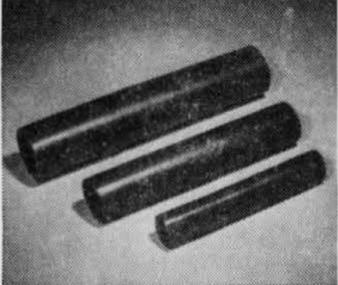
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