

Annual Religious Conference Opens Tomorrow

Senior Class Officers Plan Spring Program

An outline of social and other activities for members of the senior class of 1952 has been completed by a committee of officers of the June graduating class. Highlighting the proposals for the immediate future and dependent on class support is a party at Goshen Pass during Spring Dances, Austin Hunt, class president, said.

However, whether the plans for the outing are completed or not depends, Hunt emphasized, on the wishes of class members. He added that a poll will be taken in each fraternity house this Wednesday night among the seniors to determine their wishes about the party and their suggestions as to the time and place.

\$1.00 Assessment

To cover the costs of purchasing beer for the event, the committee of senior officers, including Hunt, Vice-presidents Lou Putnam, Bill Gladstone, and Bob Griffith, Secretary Boyd Leyburn, and Historian Jim Gray, has proposed a \$1.00 assessment on each senior attending the proposed affair. In the poll Wednesday night, Hunt declared, the wishes of the seniors as to the assessment will also be taken.

Among the other plans of the committee for the senior class are a class banquet at Natural Bridge Hotel on May 15, an alumni luncheon for seniors, their parents, and guests at noon on June 5 on the back lawn of the campus, and a senior party during the Finals Dance set at Douthat Park on the road to Clifton Forge.

Gilliam Sponsor

Dean of Students Frank J. Gilliam is serving as the sponsor for the class of 1952.

Hunt also announced that graduation invitations for commencement this year will be on display in the Colonnade, Washington Hall, and the Co-op during the week of Mar. 23-28, the final week before the Spring Vacation. Orders will be taken for the invitation programs the week after the vacation, Apr. 7-11, in the Colonnade by Hunt.

Cap and gown measurements will be taken later in April, Hunt said.

ROTC Goes To Bermuda

Thirty-two Washington and Lee ROTC students can spend their vacations this spring in Bermuda courtesy the United States government. The chief of Transportation of the U. S. Army, through the Commanding General of the Second Army has approved an application for the advanced ROTC students to make a six-day round trip to the Atlantic island.

Lt. Col. Richard W. Jones, professor of military science and tactics, received confirmation yesterday afternoon that the application has been approved. The tentative dates set for the trip are Mar. 29 through Apr. 5.

In addition to the 32 students, the passenger list will include two ROTC officers, two ROTC non-coms, two faculty members, and the Washington and Lee physician, Dr. Reid White. Dr. Marshall Fishwick and Dr. B. B. Holder—in the interest of ocean transportation—will accompany the cadets on the trip.

Seven Freshmen Pledged By 5 Social Fraternities

Seven freshmen have been pledged to five W. and L. social fraternities during the past month. They are:

Fred Benham, Norfolk, Va. and Page Sutherland, Petersburg, Va., Delta Upsilon; Ronald Smith, Rye, N. Y., Kappa Sigma; John Rutherford, Radford, Va., and Noel Wakefield, Atlantic City, N. J., Lambda Chi Alpha; Fritz Brace, Greenville, Mich., Phi Kappa Psi; Gene Sieminski, Englewood, N. J., Sigma Nu; and Jack Kibler, Martinsburg, W. Va., Pi Kappa Alpha.

Sutherland, Smith, Rutherford and Wakeland entered W. and L. at the beginning of the second semester.

Vacancies in Navy Reserve

Several vacancies for enlistment in the Organized Surface Division 5-18 at the Fishersville Naval Reserve Base were announced today.

Students eligible to apply for this program must be between the ages of 17 and 18½ and must have the consent of their parents. The division meets every Thursday night.

Further information may be obtained from Lt. Marvin Perry USNR of the English Department.

The cruise will not be entirely a pleasure trip. For training purposes, the ship will be equipped with stevedoring and cargo handling gear and equipment, dummy cargo, film projectors, amphibious vehicles, and other types of training equipment. The vessel will be manned by a trained crew qualified to instruct and put on demonstrations regarding the operation of the ship and its cargo handling equipment.

Two Days in Bermuda

The itinerary calls for two days enroute to Bermuda, two days in Bermuda, and two days on the return trip. The ship will probably either put in at Hamilton, Bermuda, or at a U. S. Air Force Base.

Colonel Jones says that applications for alternates are now being accepted at the Military Office. Alternate applications must come from students enrolled in military training of some degree at Washington and Lee.

Cats and Longhairs Join For Sigma Chi Jam Session

Cats and longhairs bumped heads Monday in an informal jam session at the Sigma Chi house. The little session was unknown to most Minks, but a sizeable crowd was attracted by the solid notes emanating from the basement of the fraternity house.

The musicians came from the National Symphony Orchestra, currently appearing in Lexington on a concert tour and consisted of a trumpet, clarinet, bass viol, bassoon, and drums. After much frantic searching around campus, George Young and his guitar were finally located and he added his talents to the group.

The whole affair was arranged by Sigma Chi member Bob Crocker, who knew one of the boys in the orchestra. Crocker's friend, George Dennett, drum player for the National Symphony Orchestra, got together with Bob when he arrived in town, and agreed to bring a few of his fellow musicians out to the house.

Everyone there expressed a vociferous approval of the band and the novelty of a jazz bassoon left many in open-mouthed wonder. In all, the selections were well received and excellently varied in style.

A GI Out for Fun; It's the Same in Korea

By BEN BENJAMIN and FRANK PARSONS

Cigarettes, whiskey, and wild wild women—that's a soldier's life, that's his day to day ambition. What's the situation like in a place where there is no law except coldly calculating military justice and a personal sense of pride; where the ties of family and loved ones and the fear of social stigma are removed?

Cigarettes are plentiful in Korea, except in abnormal combat conditions. They are rationed, the amount depending upon the number received from the States. They sell for one dollar a carton. The majority of soldiers in Korea, most average two or more packs a day when that many are available.

Stateside whiskey is almost unknown in Korea. A very few officer's and enlisted men's clubs, operating in the rear, sell whiskey. Correspondents sometimes manage to bring a few bottles in, and soldiers on "rest and rehabilitation leave" to Japan return loaded (with whiskey). For the majority of the troops Korean whiskey must suffice. A Korean form of "Saki" is popular. ("Saki" is a treacherously strong drink with an unusual taste somewhere between that of beer and whiskey). One of the Army's troubles in Korea is the tendency of the troops to drink a Korean brand of homemade whiskey sold by secret peddlers and nefarious oriental "operators." Almost anything can go into the making of this "rot-gut" and more often than not it contains a dead amount of wood alcohol. Most

troops allow a trusted Korean houseboy or friend to do their whiskey buying for them to insure a non-killing beverage.

Beer is more plentiful, but still a luxury. As usual the amount of beer per man decreases as it approaches the front lines. Most popular brands are available. Last winter most rear echelon troops received a ration of six or eight cans apiece approximately once every ten days. Front line troops got their beer when and where they could. Supplies have increased since that time.

When the WCTU cut off the flow of free beer to Korea last year and substituted fruit juice instead, the doughboys weren't too downhearted. They produced home brew from the juice. At times the strain and the lack of alcohol becomes too much. Some men resort to drinking face lotion. One outfit produced home brew from the alcohol contained in heating units issued them.

As for the women situation, the language and custom barriers are too great to allow social life as we know it here, or even as troops in England or France know it. Korean women formerly had a very high standard of morals. It is slowly being broken down. Women wearing Sears and Roebuck clothes now walk the streets, advertising their trade by the use of bright red lip stick. Dance houses flourish.

The soldier pays a price to enter dances awhile to a Korean orchestra valiantly attempting to play western music, and walks out with a girl. Filthy matted huts, serving as brothels, do a thriving business. Korean women aren't aware of sanitation habits. The Army VD rate is high. Incidentally, walking down a street in a large city in Korea is like walking in Juarez, Mexico. The current economic plight of Korea is ruining many mommas, sisters, and even little girls.

Yes, it is easy to find a woman in Korea. But they all look alike—same facial expression, same build, same coloring—all the same. In the warm weather the women often parade the streets bare from the waist up, or with a shirt open down the front. Public baby nursing is a common practice—any place, anytime. The Korean woman simply isn't stacked up according to our standards and a man could easily lose his respect for women with one stroll down a Korean street. Incidentally, many of the dance halls have been forced to close by the UN since girls working at these places are not only a "bad influence," but serve as agents for dope peddlers, another Army problem in the Orient.

Troops in Pusan were treated to a daily strip-tease last summer. A woman of about fifty, ("Pusan Peggy") supposedly thwarted in love, daily did a dance and strip tease in the middle of the city's main street, in front of Army buildings. This often proved disconcerting to vehicle drivers.

So, what's the situation like? It's wide open, wild and wooley—and deadening.

Troubs Drop Work On Proposed Play; Begin Shaw Comedy

In the face of "unsurmountable difficulties" the Troubadours have decided to drop the production of *The Inspector General*, announced Austin Hunt, group president and director today. In its place will be three one act plays, two of which have already been selected.

George Bernard Shaw's *The Man of Destiny*, a high comedy incident taken from the early life of Napoleon Bonapart, will be the first of the three. Co-starring in this one-acter directed by Hunt are Sam Bucholtz and Helen Chiles. Bucholtz, a new face on the stage, is hardly a newcomer to the Troubs. For the past three years his talent has exhibited itself in the form of expert stage lighting, and now he is coming out of the electrician's loft to let his ability seek a new outlet.

His co-worker on the stage, Miss Chiles, has been seen before on the Troubadour stage, most recently in *The Man who married a Dumb Wife*.

The second of three short plays, *The Covetous Knight*, by Pushkin, will be directed by Jim Moffatt. Moffatt has appeared on the Troub stage twice this year. His recent parts were in *Billy Budd* and *The Swan Song*.

The casting arrangements have not been completed, but announcement of the complete cast will soon be made. The third one-act play will be chosen soon.

NOTICE

On Monday, Mar. 17, the Washington and Lee Concert Guild will present Helen Wood and Caleb Cushing in a recital at the Lexington high school auditorium.

The recital, to include Menotti's "Telephone" and selections from Mozart's "Don Giovanni" and Verdi's "La Traviata," will begin at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are 75 cents.

Riegel Announces Mar. 15 As Deadline for Entries In Annual VPA Contest

Entries for the fifth annual scholastic award of the Virginia Press Association are due in Lexington before Mar. 15. O. W. Riegel, director of the Southern Interscholastic Press Association announced today.

The state-wide competition for school newspapers, established to encourage high standards of journalistic performance in the school press, usually draws a large number of entries, Riegel said.

This year's competition, as is customary, will be held in conjunction with the 23rd annual Interscholastic Press Association convention May 2 and 3 at Washington and Lee University.

A plaque will be given to the Virginia school newspaper which, in the opinion of a board of judges, shows the most effective and progressive leadership or the most improvement in content and appearance during the school year.

The judges, Riegel said, will consider news coverage as revealed in improvement of the school institutions and services, advancement of school government, school morale, and better cooperation between students and faculty or between the school and the community.

Riegel, who also is director of the Lee Memorial Journalism Foundation at Washington and Lee, said all Virginia high schools competing in SIPA contests are eligible for the Virginia Press Association award competition. The period covered in the contest is March 15, 1951 to March 15, 1952. School newspapers planning to enter the competition, he said, should make inquiries through SIPA headquarters in Lexington.

Last year's winner was *The Beacon* of Newport News High School, with honorable mention going to *Wa-Co-Hi-Lights* of Warren County High School, Front Royal, and *The Statesmen* of Randolph-Henry High School, Charlotte Court House.

Noon Assembly To Hear Nelson Open 3-Day Program in Gym

*By BILL FISH



Two prominent American theologians will join with student leaders in conducting the annual non-sectarian religious emphasis conference at Washington and Lee Wednesday through Friday.

The annual conference, opening Wednesday noon with an all-University assembly, will hear Dr. Oliver Nelson, field work director at Yale University Divinity School, and Dr. Bernard Boyd, professor of Biblical Literature at the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Nelson will keynote the Wednesday assembly and address smaller groups Thursday and Friday mornings. Dr. Boyd will speak at three voluntary assemblies each evening. Both men will meet with other student groups during the conference.

The theme for the session is: "Religion for the Modern Student Situation." Discussion groups will be held following each evening's assembly. Dr. Nelson's group will meet in Washington Chapel with Ruel Tyson serving as convener. Dr. Boyd's group will meet in the Browsing Room of McCormick Library with Jim Moffatt as convener.

Shortened Classes

On Thursday and Friday classes will be dismissed for an hour at 9:45 for two voluntary assemblies. Other periods will be shortened on these days. Three voluntary assemblies will also be held at 7:30 each evening. Meetings from Wednesday night on will include short services before the speaker is introduced. These services will be led by Marshall Jarrett, Bob Smith, Charlie Scott May, Roy Herrenkohl, and Byron Waites; all members of the Christian Council, sponsors of the Conference.

The morning meetings with Dr. Nelson will be on the general topic "Faith." The topic for the opening assembly will be "Faith and Your Job." On Thursday morning Dr. Nelson will speak on "Faith and Your World," and on Friday it will be "Faith and Your Inner Self."

Dr. Boyd's evening meetings will be concerned with "The Biblical Message." On Wednesday the subject will be "The Relevancy of the Biblical Message." Thursday's meeting will deal with "The Modernity of the Biblical Message." On Friday evening "The Appreciation and Application of the Biblical Message" will be the topic of Dr. Boyd's address.

Dr. Nelson, in various capacities as an international student leader, has ably served his denomination as well as the World Council of Churches. He is an author and editor of note, and he is particularly acquainted with the area of student life. Dr. Boyd is a former Marine Corps chaplain and holder of the Purple Heart and was for ten years professor of Bible at Presbyterian College.

New System

The system for having only two speakers for the whole Conference is new this year, and by this unity can be obtained and attendance problems can be somewhat eased, according to Conference Chairman Sam Hulsey. Also this year the Conference will be entirely conducted by students in the hope that it will run smoother, so that the academic lecture atmosphere will be removed and a religious atmosphere will take its place.

There will be an informal reception for the Conference speakers at 4:00 Thursday, Mar. 6 in the Student Union Building. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. All persons interested in personal conferences can call the Christian Council office at 895.

Chairman for the Conference is Sam Hulsey, assisted by John Maguire, president of the Christian Council. Hulsey hopes that all students will take an interested part in the Conference and will try to make it the best one yet.

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Editorials

"OUR UNIQUE POSITION"

On the back of the program this year for the University Religious Conference which begins tomorrow at noon in Doremus Gymnasium is this statement from the Christian Council, which is supervising the arrangements for the Conference:

"This year, in particular, the speakers for the Conference have come here seeking to point our minds toward a religion relevant to our rather unique position as college students in an oscillating world situation."

Without painting a picture of despair in the world in which we live, we should note that there is probably not one student in the University today who has not wondered and worried to some extent. These moments come at the strangest times and perhaps even in the cheeriest of atmospheres. In a seemingly uncoordinated and purposeless existence the strain of the college student is much greater since he is exposed to all of the vicious inconsistencies of our society and culture.

It is significant then to realize that the theme of this year's Conference, "Religion for the Modern Student Situation," has a meaning for each student. The University, through the Christian Council, has brought two men to the campus to discuss these perplexing situations in which the student finds himself. One is a minister and teacher who has worked with laymen for many years, and the other served as a Navy chaplain with the Marines during the invasion of Okinawa, where he suffered wounds.

The Ring-tum Phi joins with the Christian Council in issuing a call for each student to attend as many of the morning and evening assemblies and discussion groups as he possibly can. In a group even as small as the Washington and Lee student body there are many skeptics and many with deep questions. All the Christian Council asks of each student is that he approach the assemblies and discussions with the same intellectual attitude which he would exhibit when he entered any other class. That is the least, the minimum.

Whether the Christian religion can answer the question, "Why our unique position?" is a possibility each student must answer for himself. Whether the Christian religion or any religion represents merely an answer to problems or is the truth itself bothered everyone at times. The speakers which the non-sectarian Conference brings to the campus can only suggest possibilities for consideration. The conclusions, of course, represent the thoughts of the individual students.

With this attitude and with a friendly welcome, we greet the arrival tomorrow of the two guest speakers.

TAKE A HINT

In spite of the fertilizer put out by the University on its front grounds, students continue to stride across the lawn on trips to and from class.

Naturally the green wooden fences and the signs were partially ignored, but that was expected. Then, too, the barriers can't be placed as every point where they are needed. But, for reasons of cleanliness and consideration for those who sit nearby in class, the grounds officials must have expected us to stay on the concrete walks in preference to playing farmhands.

As anyone who has had occasion to go near the War Memorial Gateway must know, some ingenious students among us have devised a fine way to observe cleanliness and consideration for those who sit nearby in class mentioned above, while still taking the short cut to Newcomb Hall that must save all of one-half minute. This grandiose idea is to follow a path that has been worn through the pasture, and now shows up like a line of demarcation.

By this wise move, no fertilizer is carried along, since it has already been packed down, along with the grass that was once there, to a degree that it cannot possibly serve its intended purpose. Thus, classmates are not bothered by barn-yard odors, and the lazy are not forced to follow the walks.

The lawn got enough abuse during the fall and winter months by the Newcomb and Paine-bound sloths, but it's really going to look fine this spring with one line of dead and stunted grass running between the Gateway and Newcomb-Paine Halls.

This is particularly regrettable as the University is spending a sizeable sum of money now trying to make up for the damage done to the lawns last fall by a tempestuous Mother Nature.

We realize that the lawns look most inviting, and corner cutting can save steps, but the fact remains that the sidewalks are designed for walking purposes.

In order that spring on the Washington and Lee campus will look a little better than it will anywhere else, students are asked to turn their wayward steps from grass to sidewalk.

PERHAPS THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

The success of the afternoon children's concert by the National Symphony Orchestra here yesterday was largely due to the efforts of the W. and L. Concert Guild and the contributions of thirteen fraternities.

Through a fund raising drive in the fraternity houses the Guild collected enough money to send some 230 local underprivileged children to the concert. Children who might otherwise have never had the opportunity to see and hear a nationally-known symphony orchestra were treated to an occasion that will stand out in their memories long after the contributors have forgotten the fine thing they did.

Each investment was twenty-five cents; the returns cannot be measured by a monetary standard—certainly they were great.

The Editor's Mirror

After considerable advance publicity and promises of sweeping disclosures, the House Un-American Activities Committee is conducting its roadshow inquiry into Communist activities in Michigan.

The hearings are a prime example of the worst method of combating Communism.

In our recollection, one of the major differences between our form of government and the Soviet brand has been the emphasis placed on the rights of the individual in America in contrast to the almost complete lack of such rights in Russia.

Basic to the protection of the individual under our system is the right to be presented with charges against oneself and the opportunity to answer them on the same forum they were made.

The members of the committee are making little effort to uphold our system in their inquiry.

Early this week one Detroit paper printed the names of 77 people mentioned in the inquiry as being active in the Michigan Communist Party. The damage caused to the careers and reputations of these people and their families would be hard to gauge.

Under such circumstances it is probably of small comfort to the witnesses subpoenaed by the Wood Committee that they may submit written statements to the committee for inclusion in the record. They are given no opportunity to present an oral argument in their behalf.

The information now splashed over the pages of the Detroit press adds nothing to the knowledge of the government agency charged with investigating such activities—the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In fact the major disclosures have been made by FBI agents.

In the past corrective legislation from the committee has been meager indeed. The main function of Chairman Wood's group seems to be to garner as much personal publicity for its members as possible, all of it at public expense and often, as at present, while the members have other work to do in Washington.

The action of House Speaker Sam Rayburn in banning television, radio and newsreels along with kleig lights and the microphones from the committee hearings help to give the affair some semblance of a respectable inquiry.

—Michigan State News

Spelunking:

Cave - Climbers Dream of 300 - Foot Drop

By FRITZ BRACE

society in the United States, and there are similar ones in all the major countries of the world. The American group has almost 2,000 members who are formed into local chapters called grottoes.

The Lexington Grotto has about 50 members, consisting of VMI cadets, and students, and interested townspeople. The largest single group within the club is the cadets.

"This is a wonderful 'caving' country," said Spencer Frantz enthusiastically, "There are more than 20 caves right in Rockbridge County. The cave most frequently visited by the club is Buck Hill Cave at Natural Bridge. They often take long weekend trips where they camp out or even sleep down in the cave if it is dry, sometimes spending more than 24 hours underground without seeing a ray of sunlight. The limited freedom of VMI cadets hinders the local grotto to somewhat in its more ambitious projects.

A Close Call

This was a close call but rare enough in this hardy pastime. "It's really not dangerous," said Spencer, "not if you take reasonable precautions." In all its activities the Lexington cave-climbing club has not had anyone hurt or anyone lost.

Speleological, Spencer Frantz explained, means having to do with caves. There are two phases of this: speleology, which involves the scientific aspects; and spelunking, which is just cave-climbing for fun. There is a national

The Grape Vine Cave was even

Climb by Rope

Two interesting caves visited within the last year have been New Dixie Cave and Grape Vine Cave. New Dixie Cave can only be explored during the dry part of the year because throughout the winter and spring its main passages are choked with water. To enter New Dixie Cave at all one must scramble down a long, precipitous hard mud bank and then climb down a dark 60 feet by rope.

Spencer Frantz—who has been doing this for seven years himself—is anxious for any interested people to join the club. "We are especially interested in getting W. and L. boys," he said. Anyone interested may call Spencer at the KA house or simply attend the meeting next Monday night at 7:30 in the VMI Science Building.

The Campus Seen

'Come Fill the Cup'

By Hal Hill and Ed Schaeffer

Strolling to our classes the other morning, we casually spoke to a hoary gentleman who was gazing with nostalgia at the "Columns." Instead of returning our greeting, he muttered "Non In Cautus Futuri." Perceiving that he must be an old grad, and mindful of our need for an auditorium, we stopped and struck up a conversation. After a few pleasantries, he invited us to repair to Doc's with him.

Once our order was placed before us, we began a discussion of current problems, with particular emphasis on our unfortunate draft status. The old man chilled us with a cynical glance, and said "What do you youngsters know about panic! Here before you sits a member of the student body that faced a crisis such as the campus has never known before or since."

Way Back When

"When I was a senior back in 1897, two days before Christmas vacation, tremendous snow clouds gathered over House Mountain. The next morning Cyrus McCormick was up to his hip pockets in

snow. As the snow continued without letup, it became evident that all transportation in or out of Lexington was impossible.

"As repulsive as the thought of being marooned in Lexington over the holidays was, we managed to console ourselves with the thought of a few friendly get-togethers. All went well for about a week, and then the rumor began to leak—the American Boys Club was out of stock! Blind, unreasoning fear gripped the students as they trudged through the snow to the corner of Jefferson and Nelson. It was true!" Having seen "Come Fill the Cup" we could visualize this tense situation.

Slow on the Uptake

"Not yet having grasped the full horror of this calamity, the students held a meeting to discuss proposals for alleviating the condition. Volunteer teams were set up to fight through to all possible sources of supply: one to visit the mountaineers, one to go to Buena Vista, and one to cross the mountain to Charlottesville. All pre-meds were put to work in the chemistry lab. The commerce students were sent to corner the market in lemon extract and cough medicine. (Unfortunately, Hadacol was non-existent.) The law students were empowered to inspect all dresser drawers and closets. This is the only recorded time that every student actually cooperated for a common cause. Martial law was declared to prevent rioting, and the infirmary was alerted to handle expected cases of the 'screaming meanies.'

SNAFU

"The next few days crept by, as the local teams reported failure. Hands and fingers stopped shaking, neon noses disappeared, eyes stopped bleeding, and the consumption of tomato juice ceased. The team from B-V and the mountains returned thirsty, and the existence of a suffering segment of humanity rested on the success of the group dispatched to Charlottesville.

We Sweat it Out

By the fifth day it was feared that either the team to Charlottesville had perished in route or had decided to remain at the center of supply. On the afternoon of the sixth day Babaluchi Bonebrake, his leg encased in splints that he had fashioned himself, arrived on skis to bring word that the desperately needed supplies were stuck on the Staunton road about five miles from Lexington. Teetotalers were dispatched to bring the supplies in, while the rest of the students eagerly awaited at the edge of town."

"As our sixth order was consumed and the one o'clock bell rang, the old gentleman finished his tale. Taking our leave of this hero, we passed the corner of Jefferson and Nelson, for we were "Non In Cautus Futuri."

Homer Ewing

DRAW ONE

with

RUSS APPLEGATE

floats. Wyoming's importing real Indians. Arkansas's bringing in real razorback hogs. Hawaii is going to have real hula girls. The Virgin Islands have no comment as yet.

Question of the Week: Why do people write letters to the editor?

After considerable investigation, we have found out why most of Red Square has been walking around on tip-toes lately. It seems Pat Brady had some fertilizer sprawled on the front campus.

Stinking luck.

Ask HL to tell his latest joke. Really great.

A Letter: We received this yesterday since the author realized if he sent it to the editor, it would never get printed.

Dear One:

We do not understand "A Student." How could he ask for more credit for ROTC? This seems like a very unpatriotic gesture. After all, is he not being ensured of an education that some will never get? and I mean never. Does he not have an excellent position awaiting him upon graduation? Behind a desk directing train traffic. Does he not have excellent instruction in these courses from "professors" like Sgt. Foster?

I understand he even gets paid for his service while he is in school. One summer he goes to some lovely camp, draws a salary, has all expenses paid, and gets free room and board. Guess who pays for that? Yep, you and me. This guy wants more credit for ROTC.

Sincerely,

Homer Ewing

Jay Handlan Is Third in Major College Basketball to Score 2,000

W. Va. Drops Generals as Season Ends

By HAL BLACKSIN

Capt. Jay Handlan, Washington and Lee's high scoring star for the past four years, became the third player in major collegiate basketball history to reach the 2,000 mark when he dumped in 15 points last Saturday night against the West Virginia Mountaineers at Morgantown, W. Va. Jay brought his total up to 2,002 points while the Generals were absorbing an expected 71-50 drubbing at the hands of the Southern Conference champions. It was the last game for the Big Blue in the 1951-52 season.

Handlan needed just 13 points to enter the select "2000 Club" before he went on the floor to meet the Morgantown five. The Wheeling, W. Va., senior came through with five field-goals and five for seven free-throw attempts to attain his top honor.

Best Average

Jay had passed Sam Ranzino, of North Carolina State, and Tony Lavelli, of Yale, earlier last week making him third in the five scorers that had passed the 1,000 mark. Jim Lacy, of Loyola of Baltimore, and William and Mary's Chet Giermak are above Jay in the total point department, but of all five of the scorers who have hit over 1,000 the 22-year-old ex-GI has the best average, with 21.5 points per game over a four year span at Washington and Lee.

Scotty Hamilton's Generals closed out their unimpressive 6-20 season by holding All-American Mark Workman of West Virginia to a mere eight points. Eddie Beckner and Harry "Moo" Moore more than took up the ball hawk with 19 points apiece. More had previously scored 35 points against the Generals in Lexington when the Mountaineers won a 100-75 affair.

Others Leaving

Besides Handlan this was the last appearance in Blue and White uniforms for Dave Hedge, Chuck Grove, George Pierson, and Jack Holler as far as collegiate basketball is concerned.

Washington and Lee Scoring

	G	FT	TP
Handlan, f.	5	5-7	50
Topp, f.	3	4-5	10
Dean, f.	1	1-2	3
Groeneveld, f.	0	0-1	0
Hedge, c.	4	1-2	9
Osborne, c.	1	0-0	2
Rich, c.	0	0-1	0
			18 14-21 50
W. and L.	8	13	11
West Virginia	20	14	20
			17-71

THE RING-TUM PHI Sports

One Week's Practice Completed, Stickmen Begin Hard Work on "Clearing the Ball"

After one week's practice, the lacrosse team, according to Coach Ben Collins, is shaping up fairly well. However, he said that not all the boys have been able to come to practice regularly due to football, wrestling, and other varied reasons.

The team looks something like this: Fletcher Lowe, who according to last year's lacrosse coach Wilson Fewster, could be the best in the country, will be at goal. At the attack there are five or six experienced players. Jim Gray, who is co-captain of the team, has been on the W. and L. varsity for three years. Doug Rose and Ed Wagner have worked together as a combination all through high school, and work well with each other with Rose as the feeder and Wagner as the crease man and potential scorer. Chuck Bibby and George Fellows also have plenty of lacrosse experience.

The midfield will be divided up into three parts so that fresh midfielders can be run in every three minutes during a game. The combination of Bill McHenry, Ken Spence, and V. I. Martin will make up one part. Guy Drake, along with Tom Robbins and Sidney Negus, will be another combo as will be Tom Kenny, Mike Moriarity, and Jim Connor. Other midfielders who will be trying for spots on these lines are: Bill Hill, John McDonald, Gideon Stieff, Charlie Hunt, and Mahlon Woodring. At the defense there is: Morgan Lear, who is the other co-captain along with Gray.

	G	FT	TP
Handlan, f.	5	5-7	50
Topp, f.	3	4-5	10
Dean, f.	1	1-2	3
Groeneveld, f.	0	0-1	0
Hedge, c.	4	1-2	9
Osborne, c.	1	0-0	2
Rich, c.	0	0-1	0
			18 14-21 50
W. and L.	8	13	11
West Virginia	20	14	20
			17-71

Coach Ben Collins is trying to make a double-header out of the Mar. 22 game with Maryland. A spring football game is also scheduled with Maryland that same day. The squad, which includes about 50 boys, starts practice at 3 o'clock on the intramural field and finishes up at about 5:30 or later.

Next week the squad will work hard on clearing. By that, Collins means getting the ball to the far end of the field after the opposing team has tried a shot at the goal. The team was to have worked on that this past week, but not many boys have been out for all the practices.

Thirty Netmen Begin Practice

Tennis practice got under way two weeks ago with about 30 candidates who aspire to one of the top six positions and a crack at the tough 15-match schedule. The early display of form on the asphalt promises a good season with plenty of fight for position.

Taking over Buck Bouldin's coaching position this year is Ken Rockwell, number one varsity player for the past two seasons. Three other lettermen are back: Guess Henry, Clark Garrecht, and Julian Mohr. Henry produced some fine tennis in the number two spot last year. Garrecht, whose game improved vastly over the summer, will be a top position contender. Julian Mohr has been the most consistent winner on the team during the last two years.

State Jr. Champ

Buddy Dey, who turns his talents from baseball to tennis this spring, will be a tremendous lift to the team's strength. Buddy was, notably three time Virginia state junior champ, and his game has improved since.

Don Barbe, Bill Branscome, Al Harris, and Dirk Voelker are sophomores who will add strength, as they practiced with the team all last spring.

Freshmen

Any of a host of freshmen could make the team, among them, Pat Patterson, John Hamilton, Dick Cobban, John Huebner, Frank Draper, Pegram Harrison, Charles Schau.

Jim Parker will hold down the

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GENERALIZING

By JAY GROSSMAN

A few things noticed:

1. Wrestling

With the Southern Conference tournament coming up this weekend it seems that the wrestling team has been left to itself and the help donated by former star Cal Guest. I don't know what's going on, but it seems that Washington and Lee hasn't got enough coaches to go around. Coach Russ Crane has been forced to take his position as line coach for the football team's spring practice, and the wrestlers are working every day in preparation for the S. C. Tourney without the services of their regular coach. Thanks must be extended to Cal Guest, but it is believed by this writer that W. and L. would be wise to allow its regular wrestling coach to complete his season with the wrestling team. This is only one man's opinion, but I have the feeling that it is shared by very many of the people who have been keeping track of this year's Blue matmen.

2. Kremlin

From somewhere behind the Iron Curtain has come the state-

ment that there was a fix in the Olympic ice hockey game played in Oslo, Norway, between the United States and Canada. It seems that the 3-3 tie resulted in pushing Czechoslovakia, Russia's favorite, out of second place and into fourth in the Olympic hockey games. The tie also resulted in the jumping of the United States from fourth to second place. The charge was printed by the Russian newspaper *Trud* last week and was naturally denied by Olympic officials and others in the know. Czechoslovakia was forced into a third place tie, and the play-off with Sweden entered the record books as a 5-3 victory for the Swedes. Those poor Reds just can't win. Too bad.

3. Jay Handlan

It is undoubtedly true that although most of the Washington and Lee basketball fans have not been too pleased with the Big Blue's record this season, all have been watching the box scores for the data on Jay Handlan who two weeks ago passed the 1,900 mark

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Scholar Brings Poe 'Back to Life' In First of Seminars in Literature

By DAVE RICE

Edgar Allan Poe, "the master of the romance of the macabre," was excitingly and vividly brought to life by Dr. James Southall Wilson, the eminent Poe scholar, in his address on "Edgar Allan Poe After a Hundred Years" presented before a group of over 129 in the McCormick Library Browsing Room on Friday evening. The large gathering, swelled by many standees in the hall, was a pleasant surprise to the Washington and Lee Seminar Committee, which sponsored Dr. Wilson.

This was the first in a series of addresses by prominent scholars critics and authors, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the Graham-Lee Society, and the Washington Literary Society to give students and guests a varied and comprehensive view of the literary horizon. Dr. Marvin Perry, who introduced Dr. Wilson, termed the event as "a high water mark for the first series, one that will be difficult to surpass."

Points Out Falacies

While picturing the erratic, poverty-stricken genius who "has stood out in the past 100 years like a Hamlet in an inky coat of black," Dr. Wilson pointed out the falacies in many popular misconceptions of Poe.

"The idea that Poe was an author of space, out of time, is mistaken. Poe was a product of the time," he went on. "He was not restricted to gloomy writing as many people think." Dr. Wilson revealed that Poe, while copying English writers in his early days, wrote many burlesques, and his dismal tales followed as a result of the squalid environment in which he became forced to mature.

Not Drunk

"The idea that Poe wrote his stories while intoxicated is as fantastic as his stories themselves," said Dr. Wilson, blasting another false view.

Dr. Wilson brought some of Poe's many "firsts" to light. He revealed Poe as the architect of the first real detective story and the first genuine American critic. He was also first to define the characteristics and mechanics of the modern short story and give an original definition of pure poetry, the aim of which Poe defines as "pleasure rather than truth." Dr. Wilson said of Poe's writings, "You don't read Poe's stories because you can't forget them."

Dr. Wilson mentioned the reason why the *Raven* and *The Bells* have remained Poe's most famous poems. "Surface qualities and mechanical features give them their popularity."

Organic Symbolism

In order to illustrate Poe's "organic symbolism," Dr. Wilson read the author's mystic and imaginative *City of the Sea* and *The Haunted Palace*. He also read *Helen*, "characteristic, connotative, and sensational." He explained that by "sensational" Poe meant the type of sensation which "produces inner feeling."

In spite of his opposition to the most famous American transcen-

dentalist, Ralph Waldo Emerson, who called him "the jingle writer," Poe was himself a member of that group of thinkers, Dr. Wilson said. "Poe admired the mystic qualities of his own poems, such as *Ligeia*, and praised the 'real' transcendentalists of France and England.

"At his death 100 years ago, Poe was known to the people in general as the author of *The Raven* and to the literary world as a slashing critic," Dr. Wilson summarized.

Concluding his talk, Dr. Wilson said, "Poe is esteemed less highly today by young American critics than at any time in this century, but his poems still work magic upon men's minds."

A short question and answer period followed the address.

The Seminar Committee will bring Peter Taylor, a young North Carolina novelist and short story writer, to Washington and Lee as its next speaker. Mr. Taylor will discuss "Some Problems of the Young Writer."

**ROTC Units Competing
For Annual Drill Trophy**

ROTC companies began competition, February 26, for a silver cup which will be awarded annually to the best company for the year. This cup will be presented to the winning company on final Corps Day.

Each company will be judged for the remainder of the year by an impartial group on its general performance during the Corps Day excercises, each Tuesday. At the close of each Corps Day, the winning company will be presented with honor streamers for its guidon to be held until the close of the succeeding exercises. Ten points are given to the winner of the Corps Day exercises.

Tennis

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Schedule

Mar. 25—Colgate (Homestead)
Apr. 9—Hampden-Sydney (T)
Apr. 11—William and Mary (H)
Apr. 15—Randolph Macon College (H)
Apr. 22 VPI (T)
Apr. 24—Hampden-Sydney (H)
Apr. 26—George Washington (H)
Apr. 29—VPI (H)
May 1—U. N. C. (T)
May 2—Davidson (T)
May 3—High Point College (T)
May 4—University of Virginia (Homestead)
May 11—Country Club Va. (T)
May 12—University of Virginia (H)

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Cy Warms Up

(Continued from page one) presidents of said Alaska Chapter declare that:

"We are the most northerly chapter of the W. and L. Alumni Association, being approximately 185 miles south of the arctic circle. We would appreciate a fourth member so that the three presidents could have a secretary for the paper work."

Young, ever eager to establish another alumni group, immediately authorized a charter that included several mandatory requirements. One of these declared:

"All refreshments served at meetings should be strictly liquid in form, solid foods in such temperatures being detrimental to the health of the membership as well as uninteresting."

A second requirement, expressed in double-talk, declared that the three presidents should collect annual dues of \$50 or any multiple thereof from each member until such member shall furnish the treasurer written notice evidencing desire to discontinue such annual dues."

Now Young, one of Washington and Lee's all-time greats in athletic prowess, is looking southward toward Antarctica with hopes of establishing a second "polar" alumni group.

Glasier Is Newly Elected President of Phi Gam

Robert O. Glasier of East Orange, N. J., was elected president of Phi Gamma Delta for the next semester at the fraternity's election Wednesday night.

Glasier, a sophomore, is a member of the Interfraternity Council, the Intramural Board and Pi Alpha Nu. Last year he played on the freshman football team.

Other officers elected Wednesday night were Earle Foster, Norfolk, Va., treasurer; Gray Castle, Arlington, Va., recording secretary; Henry Turner, Bethesda, Md., corresponding secretary; and Robert McGeehan, historian.

Generalizing

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weeks ago passed the 1,900 mark for four years at W. and L. Last Saturday night Jay passed the 2,000 mark in his last regular game with the Blue hardwoodmen, becoming the third man in major collegiate history to go that high. Congratulations to Jay, and thanks for bringing national recognition to a team that had a record of only six wins and 20 losses.

4. What's in a Name?

A lester, according to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary (1949), p. 480, is "a spear armed with three prongs . . . Ray Leister, Washington and Lee's fullback in

past grid seasons, is a triple threat man, excelling in the running, passing, and kicking of the pigskin. Maybe there is something to this thing of names describing people. Thanks to a reader of *The Ring-tum Phi* for submitting this information and also thanks for some good advice that will be remembered in future writings of this column.

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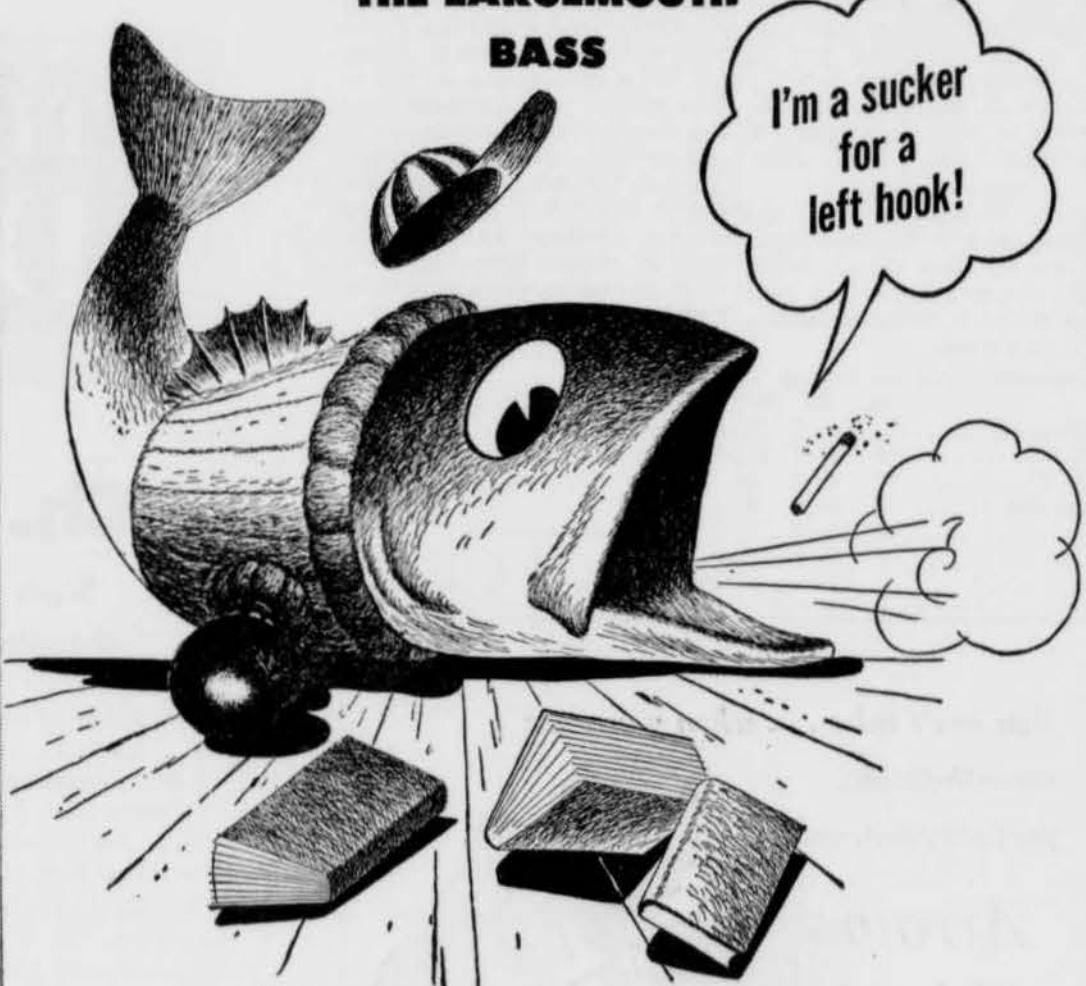
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