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Law Bar Studies Idea to Publish Issue of Paper

Tucker Hall Group Plans Opening of Moot Court

The Student Bar Association has appointed a committee to investigate the possibility of devoting an entire issue of *The Ring-tum Phi* to the Washington and Lee Law School.

John Calhoun, president of the association, feels such a paper would fill the needs of the Law School for an alumni publication.

The committee was appointed this week and will meet with *The Ring-tum Phi* editors in the near future to discuss arrangements.

Plans are now in progress for the Law School's moot court, Calhoun says. Dean Williams has been investigating the possibilities for a prize to be awarded the winner in the competition, he added. Association members feel a Law School issue of *The Ring-tum Phi* might encourage some alumnus to donate a prize for the court.

Calhoun added that recommendations for a name for the moot court from law students would be appreciated.

Students Sing Foreign Carols

Three choral groups, consisting of Spanish, German and French students, combined their efforts in the fifth annual Christmas song festival at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union.

The program included a variety of songs, about half of which were carols.

The Spanish group, led by L. R. Crimiale, featured some old Spanish Christmas carols and Mexican songs.

Alouette was the main piece presented by the French singers. G. F. Drake, long associated with this old French-Canadian folk song at W&L lead this group in singing *Alouette* and two other traditional French songs.

The German vocalists sang German rounds and carols in addition to rendering two verses of *Silent Night, O Tannenbaum*. A popular and familiar German carol was included, along with two scenes from Mozart's *Magic Flute*.

The entire choral group joined in singing *Silent Night* in the three respective languages as a conclusion to the program. One verse was sung in English by the massed ensemble.

Law Faculty Members To Attend Chicago Meet Of Lawyers' Association

Dean Clayton Epes Williams and Erson McGruder Faris of the Washington and Lee Law School will attend the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in Chicago December 28-29.

The Association is an accrediting organization of law schools, having a membership of 100. It sets up rules and standards for its schools regarding number of books, requirements for admitting students, and requirements for giving degrees.

Business to be discussed at the meeting will include whether segregation should be abolished in the membership law schools.

The association was begun largely through the efforts of John Randolph Tucker, first dean of the Washington and Lee Law School.



Dr. Gaines

Dr. F.P. Gaines Sends Christmas Greetings To W&L Student Body

To the students:

As a star may shine more brightly when it peeps through dark clouds, so the Christmas message seems to have stronger radiance now that its light is on a black firmament of human conditions. That story reminds us of survival of faith that all the brutal centuries have not killed; that story speaks forever of love, the bonds of a human family, the power of divine compassion. May the significant season give you and your dear ones a renewal of faith, a full measure of love.

Francis P. Gaines
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Student Body Finance Group Meets with Rayder, Reviews Fiscal Policy

At a regular meeting of the Finance Committee of the Student Body Wednesday night Student Body Treasurer Sam Rayder compared the publication finances of last year with the budgets of publications for this year, Frank Summers, chairman of the Committee reported today. "However," Summers said, "a definite figure for determining the year of greatest savings cannot be obtained until the end of the year."

The committee also discussed the University Activities Fee to determine what it would include and what proportion would go to each organization that comes under the fee, Summers announced.

According to Summers, the committee will meet again in February to discuss pertinent topics of student body finance.

'Three Men on a Horse' Planned As Next Troubadour Production

Board Awards Editor's Post To Anderson

No Major Shake-up Contemplated for Paper

Marvin Anderson was elected and sworn in as editor-in-chief of *The Ring-tum Phi* by the Publications Board at a meeting held late yesterday in the Student Union. He will take office at the beginning of next semester and serve through June.

The newly-elected editor will work with the staff for the remainder of this semester, before assuming active control in February. He has indicated that there will probably be no major shake-up in the paper, but that he will conduct an extensive campaign to recruit able new staff members.

Currently a freshman law student under the combination degree plan, Anderson resigned last spring after almost three years of work with the newspaper staff, anticipating a heavy schedule of law school work.

He was a reporter his freshman year, copy editor one semester and news editor one semester his sophomore year, and managing editor last year. He also represented *The Ring-tum Phi* at a Virginia Intercollegiate Press Association convention last year.

Anderson is from Annapolis, Md. He is a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, of which he has been secretary, alumni secretary and rush chairman. He is also holder of an Alfred I. duPont memorial scholarship, and has been a dormitory counselor, member of the International Relations Club and of the Forensic Union.

Fabian Theaters Purchase Warner Brothers Circuit

The Fabian Theater Syndicate has concluded negotiations giving it control of the Warner Brothers Pictures theater circuit, according to the *Showmen's Trade Review* of December 13.

The State Theater, part of the present Warner Bros. chain, will be taken over by Fabian company (Continued on page four)

* Number of Actors at 'Candida' Tryouts Causes Switch to Play with Larger Cast

So many excellent dramatic prospects responded for tryouts for Shaw's *Candida* that Carlson Thomas, Troubadour director, says he has cancelled the play and substituted *Three Men on a Horse* which contains several more roles than *Candida*.

"The response to the announcement of tryouts was so good that too many good people would have to go 'unemployed,'" Thomas said.

Candida called for only six characters, two women and four men. The new choice, written by John Holm and George Abbott, gives 13 Troubs a chance to participate.

Three Men on a Horse is a successful comedy that enjoyed a long run on Broadway in 1935. The original cast featured Sam Levene, currently starring in the

musical, *Guys and Dolls*; Shirley Booth, who has just completed the movie version of *Come Back Little Sheba* and stars in the New York production, *Time of the Cuckoo*; and Garson Kanin, author of *Born Yesterday* and other Broadway hits.

The comedy portrays the same kind of fascinating "types" that are found in the present hit, *Guys and Dolls*. *Three Men on a Horse* tells the story of Erwin Trowbridge employed by a greeting card company to write verse. The play begins as Erwin is working on the sixty-five verses he is writing for Mother's Day. One day Erwin becomes fed-up with his wife and brother-in-law and leaves his home, not going to the office, but making his way to the Lavalier Hotel, a legitimate bar that looks like a speak-easy carried over from Prohibition.

At the bar Erwin meets two men and a girl whose "profession" is "playing the ponies." Edwin's hobby is picking the horses and he becomes fabulously rich—on paper. He is able to pick the right horses but never places a bet.

He tells his new friends which horses to bet on and they begin to win. He is talked into remaining with the little group of professional horseplayers and regularly dopes out the races, though he is worried about his job.

Matters come to a climax to find Erwin Trowbridge suffering new and humorous adventures with his "Damon Runyon-ish" characters.

Appearing as Audrey Trowbridge, the innocent wife who drives her husband into a saloon and among the crowd of "horseplayers," is Rita Coyne. She was seen in the first Troubadour play, *Green Grow the Lilacs*.

Phil Kocen will take the part of Erwin Trowbridge, the timid, "Casper Milk-toast" husband of Audrey Trowbridge and employed as a verse writer for a greeting card company. Kocen was last viewed in *At War with the Army*.

Don Peterson becomes the typical, obnoxious brother-in-law of Erwin Trowbridge. Peterson, president of the Troubadour players,

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I. M. Sheffield

Decision on Political Plan Still Pending

Decisions concerning a new political plan for the campus are still pending, according to latest word from I. M. Sheffield, president of the Student Body and chairman of the committee studying campus political reform.

The conclusions reached by the committee will be withheld from publication until completion of the committee's work, he said.

The committee's schedule calls for possibly one more meeting before exams.

Work on the plan will be intensified beginning next semester, Sheffield said. After exams the committee will meet at least twice a week.

Yuletide Program Tonight Begins Holiday

A full program of pre-Christmas vacation activities has been planned for tonight. Included on the program will be the annual University Christmas candlelight service, the VMI Glee Club's caroling, a Christian Council fellowship hour, and the usual mid-night show at the State Theater.

The traditional University Christmas candlelight service will begin at 11 p.m. in the R. E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church. Sponsored by the Christian Council, the program for the service will include "Christmas Meditations" by Dr. Francis P. Gaines. Carols "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "The First Noel," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Shepherds Awake," "Come and Adore," and "Carol of the Bells" will be sung by the Washington and Lee Glee Club.

The Christmas lesson will be read by Walt Diggs, who is in charge of the service, and prayers

will be by Leonard Ranson. The organist will also be a W&L student, James T. Cook.

The carol sing at VMI is slated for 9:30 p.m. in the barracks courtyard. The program of carols is presented annually by the Glee Club at VMI and is open to all Washington and Lee students.

At 10 p.m., just before the candlelight service, the Christian Council will hold a fellowship hour in the Campus Club lounge of the Student Union. A short devotional program is scheduled. Refreshments will be served.

Christian Council President Ben Martin, announcing the fellowship hour, said that members of all Bible study groups and all those on Christian Council committees are invited.

He further emphasized that the get-together would be over in time for the candlelight service.

Ralph Daves, manager of the State Theater, has secured the not-yet-released *April in Paris* for a

pre-premiere showing here tonight following the candlelight service. The film stars Ray Bolger, of *Where's Charley* fame, and Doris Day.

The film is reportedly one of the better ones to be released early in 1953 and Washington and Lee students will be the first to see it in the nation.

A Washington and Lee night has been scheduled by Dailey's Meadbrook, just outside New York City, for Tuesday night. Many students are planning on attending, according to Robin Porter, who is taking reservations. Ralph Flanagan and his orchestra will be on the bandstand.

Pre-Christmas activities have been in progress all week. Many fraternities held parties for underprivileged children last weekend. Tuesday afternoon found three choral groups from the German, Spanish, and French departments combining their efforts in the fifth (Continued on page four)

Junkin's Art Class Popular

Last Tuesday, like every Tuesday night since October, Dr. Marion Junkin met with his newest art class. The sixteen enthusiastic pupils are not W&L students, however. The community class includes ten women and six men who meet each week from 7:30 to 9:30 in Dr. Junkin's Reid Hall Studio.

Many of the women enrolled in this class are wives of University professors, including Mrs. Marshall Fishwick, Mrs. O. W. Riegel, and Mrs. Keith Oles. The male section of the class includes Mr. J. K. Samples, Lexington High School principal.

Junkin has had to limit the size of his class to 16 because of the limited space available on the crowded top floor studio.

The class started with short sketches and has since worked up to longer poses in its two months of existence.

The course, for which a nominal fee is charged, will continue until next spring. Dr. Junkin hopes to give the group an opportunity to work outdoors then.

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Answers to Apathy: II. Politics

The campus political situation has been judged by many students as a second major factor contributing to the Washington and Lee apathy. Its influence shows up in several ways. First is in the lack of interest among students who either are or could be candidates for office. Those who are affiliates of certain fraternities know what they will win when they are sponsored for office by their party—barring the very occasional unforeseen circumstances which turn the tide. Conversely, affiliates of other fraternities or of no fraternity can be equally sure of getting defeated. Because of these numerically foreordained elections, no candidate can generate much enthusiasm.

This apathy naturally extends from individuals into the component houses of the political parties, and then into the party organizations themselves (to whatever degree these are integrated into working machines). There is really little reason for a fraternity or a party to search for the best men in its ranks under the present system, when anyone acceptable to the party will serve the purpose of winning or losing an election whose outcome is never much in doubt. The attitude all around is "We will win anyway" or "We will lose anyway" so, in either case, "Why worry about it?" It becomes a feeling of "Why slow up the gravy train?" or "Why fight the stone wall?" depending on the point of view. Accompanying these are contentment with or resignation to the status quo, but very little respect for elected officers or for the offices they fill.

Occasionally the indignation at things as they are does get too strong to hold back. Then some valiant but so far vain effort is made. When this happens the general apathy, combined with a few strategic moves by those who are concerned with preserving the present state, strangles any interest that might develop. The most recent instance of this process is now going on. For the information of those students who do not know—and I am sure hundreds do not—an "impartial committee" is now considering plans which, if accepted, would revamp the political system here. Members of the group are I. M. Sheffield (chairman), Bill Bailey, John Isaacs, Bob Latimer, Don Latourette, Steve Lichtenstein, John Maguire, Ben Martin, Bill McClintock,

and Bob Smith. Immediate background of the appointments, which were made two months ago, was that the Honor-All Plan of the 12 juniors was looming large in the W&L public eye. No public information has been given out about the committee's progress since its first meeting; on the part of the students, this has naturally caused the loss of interest in—and even cognizance of—the committee and its job.

The reason given for the closed door sessions is that a complete and favorable presentation is desired before the new plan is laid open to criticism and rebuttal; however, the fact that details of the proceedings are readily available to interested individuals alone invalidates this argument. Moreover, the democratic process, involving full publicity with consequent criticisms and new ideas for the committee, would boost student interest in the plan immeasurably by creating a sense of participation in what goes on. In a longer range view, the keeping of students in the dark about student body affairs contributes to the general apathy.

This suppression of news of the proceedings, which even some of the committee members do not unreservedly endorse, inevitably resulted in the loss of campus interest. In the light of this result, which must have been foreseen, the idea behind establishing this committee can only appear a political one on the part of some individual or group, designed to let apathy kill the reform proposal while the killing is concealed behind a sincere but ineffectual committee.

This one current example shows how widespread indifference can be put to use by those who wish to perpetuate an unhealthy status quo. Since the present political system is also helping perpetuate the apathetic campus attitude, the two situations form a vicious circle: the lack of interest preserves the political system, and the political system helps maintain the lack of interest.

It seems impossible that general student apathy can be eliminated while the political system fosters it (at least in the realm of politics) among individual students, fraternity houses, and both parties. And it seems highly improbable, while there is such extensive lack of interest in this one large field of campus activity, that it will cease to exist in others.

Film Fare

Spirit of Past Show Teams Haunts Daves

By JOE SCHER

OWED TO THE STATE

Once upon a midnight dreary
Ralph Daves pondered weak and weary
Looking over his bookings galore
A knock was heard upon his door.
"Come in," he said with eyebrow raised,
The door flew open and up he gazed.
And there upon the threshold stood
A figure with a ghostly hood.
Ralph's hands were shaking, his lips aquiver,
"Who are you," he asked with a shiver.
"I am the ghost of show teams past,
I've come for my revenge at last."
"But what have I done," the manager said,
Aware of his sins and filled with dread.
The figure floated into the room,
While speaking with a voice of doom.
"You book adventure films of fiction
Played by actors who ain't got diction.
Then wonder why the students bitch'em.
What do ya expect with Robert Mitchum?
Some films are tear jerkers, some are drier,
But what the hell was *Island of Desire*?
There are lots of stars with gowns cut low
So why not see more of Marilyn Monroe?
To make a musical, millions are spent;
On costumes, makeup, color, and rent.
So on a Sunday what do we get?
Mario Lanza—in the army yet!
The audiences hiss and jeer like loons,
But that's what you get with lousy cartoons.
Sure, Hollywood films take lots of knocks,
And supposedly the producers have all their rocks,
But sometimes they are not acting sane
When they put out the likes of *Big Jim McLain*."
"I've shown some good one," Daves interjected,
"*High Noon* and *The Quiet Man* were readily accepted.
The Man in the White Suit was very funny,
While *Monkey Business* raked in the money."
"This is true but only a trifle
When you have to endure *Springfield Rifle*.
And *The Miracle of Fatima* and *Somebody Loves Me*
Was like being on a cliff and letting you shove me.
I could go on ad infinitum
But it's no good, you just can't fight 'em."
The figure arose and pointed its finger,
It started to go but decided to linger.
"This warning I give, so Ralph take heed,
Take my advice and do the good deed.
Starting next year book only the best
Or else in your sleep you'll never find rest."
And suddenly it vanished as quick as it came,
Ralph was alone but he wasn't the same.
"Did this I imagine or was it for real?
I'd better mend my ways to keep my appeal."
Outside it was misty, misty with dawn,
"I'll do it," he muttered, "the show must go on."

Next Issue

"The Ring-tum Phi" will resume publication January 9, 1953.

Three Foreign Students See 'Big Show' in U.S. Christmas

By JOHN POPULAR

Just what Christmas means to us, is a subject that has various opinions attached to it. But let us ask ourselves what does our type of Christmas with its accent on Lionel trains, decorated streets, full page ads in publications, and the wrong size shirt for dad, mean to others who are not from the U.S.A.

The opinion of Washington and Lee's three freshmen foreign students should give you a fairly good basis of comparison of America's Christmas with the holiday in their home countries.

Rifaat Abou-El-Haj was greatly impressed by the early preparations for Christmas.

"The build-up in America comes earlier than of any other country I know," he said. "Even when I came here in September advertising had begun for Christmas. There is more excitement here; every one looks ahead to the holidays. It seems that Christmas means more to people here."

According to Rifaat there is an annual celebration in Jordan, his home country, in which every one celebrating the Christmas holiday, goes to Bethlehem and spends the night. Since Bethlehem is just three and one-half miles from Jerusalem, his home town, Rifaat has gone to almost all of the celebrations.

Tourists Take Part

All people that take part in the celebration stay in the dark. At midnight, a bright light bursts, symbolizing the birth of Christ. Tourists come from all over the world to see and take part in this occasion. After three or four weeks of excitement Bethlehem becomes normal again.

Eleven Houses Fete Kiddies

Eleven Washington and Lee fraternities are giving parties for underprivileged children this Christmas.

Santa Claus attends most of the parties and give gifts and refreshments to the children.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon gave a party for 21 children contacted by the Welfare Department last Friday. Lambda Chi Alpha had its party Saturday.

Phi Delta Theta had children contacted through the Children's Clinic at a party Tuesday. Phi Gamma Delta entertained about 25 children from Lynchburg State Colony Tuesday.

Wednesday, parties were given by Delta Tau Delta and Pi Kappa Alpha for children from the Children's Clinic. Parties Thursday included one for children from the Clinic at Sigma Nu and another for colored children at the Phi Kappa Sigma house.

Today was the big day for the fraternities' Christmas parties. Parties were scheduled by Sigma Chi for children obtained by the Welfare Department, by Pi Kappa Phi for colored children obtained by the Welfare Department, and by Phi Kappa Psi for the first grade of Lyburn Down School.

Washington and Lee's Interfraternity Council has recommended that all parties next Christmas be combined into one big party supported by all fraternities. This suggestion has not yet been approved by individual fraternities.

Band Presents Figurine To Comeys at Concert

Members of the ROTC Band presented their director, Dave Comeys with an imported figurine at the concert Wednesday night in appreciation of his service.

The figurine, a symphony orchestra conductor with his coat tails flying, was presented to Comeys by Forney Daugette, Band cadet captain.

All the missionary schools celebrate the birth of Christ by Christmas pageants and plays, similar to ones given in the schools of the United States. There is not much accent on gifts in Jerusalem; gifts are exchanged between relatives. The Greek Orthodox use the Julian calendar so their Christmases vary; however, the Protestants and Catholics celebrate simultaneously.

"Christmas in America is more of a 'big show,'" says Jean Grandpierre of Nancy, France. "In France the religious importance of Christmas is first."

The social activity of Christmas in France is minor in comparison with America's, Jean adds. Since the majority of French are Catholic, midnight mass is of prime importance in recognition of the holiday.

Christmas at Home

"Everyone likes to spend Christmas at home," says the French student. "The Christmas tree is the same and there are toys for the children—and toys for the parents too! Christmas is an occasion to share happiness. Many families invite the poor to share the feast with them."

Jean believes that England and America, in comparison with the rest of the world, emphasize Christmas as the main national holiday of the year.

Peter Erlinghagen of Germany thinks that Christmas is run on more of a commercial basis in America which detracts from the religious feeling of the holiday.

"In Germany the 24th of December is observed as the real holiday," says Peter. "The emphasis of the holidays is put on Christmas eve. Also Christmas eve is very solemn."

Presents and trees are characteristic in Germany as in America, he adds.

"In spite of the danger," Peter remarked, "99 per cent of the Christmas trees in Germany are lit up by real candles—although a bucket of water perhaps is behind the tree. The department stores are much the same as the ones here."

Peter believes that continental Europe's Christmas celebration is almost universal and he prefers the European celebration to that of America.

He also thinks "your Christmas is like our New Year."

Large Turnout Causes Troubs to Bill New Play

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has been active with the group for four years.

Harry, the bartender, played by Frank Giddon, is the regular, breezy, and friendly type of person who assists the group of horseplayers and remains the only one of the crowd enthroned with a steady job. Frank Giddon is appearing in his Troubadour debut.

Joe Scher will take the part of Patsy, the brains of the group of "handicappers." Scher, a Troubadour veteran, has been seen in nine plays during his four years with the theatrical performers.

Charlie, one of the horseplayers, will be played by Jack McQuiggan, appearing for the first time with the local players.

June Deakins, director of dramatics at Southern Seminary, will be viewed as Mabel, who is Patsy's "doll" and is often called upon to hock her "expensive" clothes. She has been seen in several Troubadour productions.

John Bowman as Frankie, an old-timer; Bill Crews as Moses, the bell-hop; Elaine Ennis as Gloria, a newspaper reporter; Dave Collins as Al, a photographer; Hotel maid is Doris Poland; and Mr. Carver, Edwin Trowbridge's boss, is played by Bob Stickel, which includes the supporting cast.

Tentative plans call for production during the second week in February.

THE RING-TUM PHI Sports

IM Table Tennis Play Ended; Basketball, Handball Continuing

Of the three winter sports being played in the intramural leagues at present, competition has ended in table tennis while basketball and handball will be resumed after the holidays.

In basketball games the past week, league-leading teams have not yet suffered defeat. The Phi Kaps and Beta are on top in League A with identical 2-0 records, while Phi Gam heads League B with a 2-0 slate also. Sigma Nu, by virtue of winning all of their first games, is leading League C with 3-0. Delta Upsilon and Lambda Chi Alpha are tied with 1-0 records in League D for top honors.

Basketball

Results in basketball on December 15 show the Phi Psi's downing Delta Tau Delta, 43-36, Sigma Nu over Phi Delt, 39-27, and Phi Kappa Sigma dropping KA, 34-31. On December 16, the PEP's dumped SAE, 41-36, Phi Gam beat PiKA, 35-31, and Beta defeated the Campus Club, 41-38. Today Sigma Chi takes the courts against Sigma Nu, and ZBT goes against the Campus Club.

In table tennis competition, ZBT and PiKA are the tied leaders in League A with identical 3-1 records. Sigma Chi took League B honors by winning all four of its matches, while Sigma Nu finished ahead in League C with a 3-0 slate. The Phi Kaps won the League D championship by taking all three of their matches.

Table tennis scores on December 11 show PiKA edged Lambda Chi, 3-2; Sigma Chi topped D.U.,

4-1; Sigma Nu beat Phi Delt, 4-1, and Kappa Sigma also won, 4-1, over the Deltis. On December 15, PiKA won by forfeit from the Campus Club, Sigma Chi shut out the PEP's, 5-0, as did Lambda Chi in winning from SAE, and DU edged Pi Kapp, 3-2.

Handball Standings

Handball league standings are still undetermined, except that KA has swept all their four matches and finished on top of League A. On December 11, KA shut out Lambda Chi, 5-0, and edged the Deltis, 3-2, on December 16 to clinch first place. Other results show the Phi Deltis edging PEP, 3-2, on December 12, while on December 15, SAE shaded Kappa Sigma, 3-2, and ZBT won from Phi Gam by forfeit. DU dumped Sigma Nu, 4-1, on December 16 to complete the scoring results this week.

Basketball play-offs for the championship will be contested from February 3 to 11, while table tennis championship matches will be played from January 6 to 9. The period from February 4 to 13 will be used for the playoffs in handball. When these matches are completed, intramural volleyball competition will begin.

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Maryland Tops Generals, 58-40, For Seventh Consecutive Defeat

By BILL NORTROP

Last night the Washington and Lee Generals suffered their seventh consecutive loss of the season as they fell prey to a smooth University of Maryland basketball team, 58-40. The Marylanders capitalized on the Generals' careless ball-handling and their own ability to dominate the backboards and were never seriously threatened.

In the first quarter Maryland scored on a foul shot by Brooks, which was followed by a field goal by Levin and two more field goals by Brooks. W&L's center Jim

Rich then dropped in three more quick points to start the Generals off. However, the home team was not able to narrow the margin further. Thus the quarter ended with Maryland out front, 13-6.

The second quarter began slowly with no score for the first four minutes, but then Rick sank a field goal which was in return matched by Maryland. The game up to this time had been slow with little scoring, but with only two minutes remaining in the half and the score 21-12, the Terps poured in eight points to come out at intermission in front, 29-15. At half-time Moran was leading the winners with 12 points and Walden and Rich each had 6 for the losers.

The second half showed a great improvement in the Washington and Lee team. Captain Ben Walden led off with a two-pointer in the first few seconds and was followed by Rich who collected two on foul shots. It looked as though a rally were in the making as Rich continued to profit by foul shots. Maryland, however, again caught fire and soon put down the rally, and with two minutes left in the third quarter the score board showed Maryland still out in front by

10 points. It was the closest the Blue and White ever got to the Terps, as the quarter ended with the score 39-28, Maryland still on top.

The winners scored six quick points in the opening minutes of the final period and coasted in
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Successor to 'Cap'n Dick' Has Not Yet Been Picked

Washington and Lee's Athletic Department has announced recently that as yet no one has been picked to succeed Richard A. "Cap'n Dick" Smith as athletic director.

Smith himself has made no suggestion as to a possible successor, who would take over the duties on January 1, 1954, when the resignation of the present athletic head takes effect.

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ROTC Rifle Squad Loses to Cavaliers

Washington and Lee's ROTC rifle team, which dropped its first match to the University of Virginia, 1807 to 1764, last week, is now planning to enter the Hearst Trophy Match. This match must be fired by January 15.

Both UVa and W&L shot on their own home ranges for last week's match. Scores were then exchanged by mail. Fray of the General's squad was high scorer with a three position total of 375 points.

In addition to the Hearst Trophy competition Sgt. Foster says he has a complete intercollegiate schedule lined up for the winter months.

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**Fabian Theater Group
Now Owns Local State**
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in the transfer which included 300 other theaters at a purchase price of over \$6,000,000.
The sale is a result of Warner Brothers' desire to divorce distribution from production, in compliance with recent court rulings on anti-trust legislation.

Basketball

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from there. When Walden fouled out near the end of the contest, the Generals collapsed. Maryland pulled ahead and when the horn sounded the Terps were ahead, 58-40.

Center Jim Rich was by far the outstanding player for the losers as he chalked up 23 points, over half of the Generals total score, to preserve his 20 point average. Moran led the victors with 18.

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Samuel H. Williams, Lynchburg attorney, spoke to students of the W&L Law School, at noon yesterday in the south room of Tucker Hall. He discussed a law suit which has been in the courts for over a year which has now developed into four different suits.

Williams' talk was sponsored by Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

A member of the class of 1914, Williams is a member of Phi Delta Phi. He is now a member of the firm of Williams, Robertson, and Sackett in Lynchburg. He also spoke to the lawyers here two years ago.

The case he discussed involved insurance, and lent itself to incorporating discussion of civil procedure.

His talk was the first one of a series scheduled by Phi Delta Phi.

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Two Washington and Lee economics professors, Edward Charles Atwood and Howard Lloyd Balsley, will attend the annual meeting of the American Economics Association in Chicago December 27-29.

Over 3,000 persons will attend the convention during which all phases of economics and social science will be discussed, reports drawn up, and speeches delivered by prominent teachers, writers, and government officials.

Yuletide Begins
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annual foreign language Christmas song festival in the Student Union.

The ROTC Band and W&L Glee Club appeared in a joint Christmas concert in the gym Wednesday night. The concert was the second annual program of the type presented by the band.

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