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Members of the ROTC Band take time out from rehearsal to listen to the record of school songs they recently made with the Glee Club. Records will go on sale at tonight's Band concert in the Gym at 8 p.m. L. to r.: John Duhe, Larry Raymond, Dirk Voelker, Mike Clark, Director Dave Comegys, Marvin Bishop

ROTC Honorary Society To Join National Scabbard and Blade

Scabbard and Blade will officially come to the campus Thursday, when the Washington and Lee Military Society will become an official company of the national ROTC honorary society.

Scheduled for 5 p.m. Thursday at a ceremony in Washington Chapel, the installation ceremony will be conducted by Keith F. Oles, assistant professor of geology here, and five members of the Virginia Tech Scabbard and Blade company.

After the Washington and Lee company has been officially installed, a banquet honoring the 22 new members of Scabbard and Blade, the installing officer and the installation team, faculty members of the Department of Military Science and Tactics, and a representative of the University is planned for 8:45 p.m. at the Mayflower Hotel.

New officers for the military honorary on campus are Jim Reeder, captain and president of the

Howard Named Registrar As Charlie Green Resigns

Professor Edwin Howard, of the accounting department, has been appointed Registrar to succeed Charles Green who will resign effective Sept. 1. The announcement of Howard's appointment was made by President Gaines yesterday.

Howard graduated from Washington and Lee in 1924 and began teaching the same year. He has done graduate work in accounting at Columbia and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Beta Gamma Sigma. During the war he worked with the Office of Price Administration.

Green has been Registrar since 1949. He will leave Washington and Lee to take a position in private business. Howard will work with Green during the summer to learn the details of work in the Registrar's Office.

group; Bob Bradford, first lieutenant and vice president; Eugene M. Anderson, Jr., second lieutenant and treasurer; and Rudy Stutzman, first sergeant and secretary. They will serve for the 1953-1954 term.

Notices

Last chance to pay Dance Plan subscriptions is Wednesday, and Friday, from 2-5 p.m. in the Student Treasurer's Office, Student Union. If no one is there place money in an envelope and put it in the slot in the door. This is positively the last chance without Cold Check Committee action.

Remember payments must be in on all Plans that were signed at the beginning of the year. If you have any questions about the plan as you signed it be at the Student Union at the times indicated above.

All students interested in appointment to membership on the Assimilation or Cold Check committees are invited to submit letters expressing their interest and any qualifications which they possess for these positions.

These letters would be given to a member of the incoming Executive Committee before 7 p.m. Monday. Applicants from all classes are eligible and all letters received will be given objective consideration.

There will be a very important meeting of the incoming Executive Committee in the Student Union at 7:15 tonight.

Election of White Friar officers will be held in the Student Union at 7:15 tonight. Election will be by fraternities.

All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

Camera Club Given Chemistry Darkroom

Students with photo equipment in the Camera Club's darkroom in the Chemistry Building are asked to claim it within two weeks or contact some member of the club.

Sam Patton, president of the newly reorganized club, said the Chemistry Building darkroom had been given over for the exclusive use of the shutter-bugs' society.

A senior math major from Lexington, Patton invited all photo fans interested in joining the Camera Club to attend the organization's next meeting which will be held in Payne 6 at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

All unclaimed photo equipment left in the club's darkroom after two weeks will be disposed of by the club, Patton warned.

Seven W&L Fraternities Select New Officers for Coming Year

Seven more fraternities have elected officers for the coming year. Several other houses plan to elect their new leaders at regular meetings tomorrow night. Incoming officers of DU and PiKA have already been announced in *The Ring-tum Phi*.

Beta Theta Pi: President, Jim

EC Proxy Vote Decision May Affect Tie-Election

Decision on the necessity for a run-off election for vice-president of the Senior Commerce Class will be decided at tonight's Executive Committee meeting.

I. M. Sheffield, student body president, said the committee will consider the validity of proxy votes cast in the tie contest between Dave Linn and Bill McHenry.

If any of the proxy votes are found invalid the election will have a winner. Otherwise, another vote will be cast in the near future, time and place to be announced this week.

'Mobile Madness' Set As Theme for Finals

Simplicity and modernism will be the predominant traits of the "Mobile Madness" theme for this year's Final Dances. President Ben Martin announced yesterday that an interpretation of all phases of college life will be achieved in the decorations by use of a mobile sculpture.

Martin calls the decoration scheme "entirely different." It is an effort to get away from the use of tradition and the past for dance themes, he said, to a contemporary idea.

Ranson Tapped by ODK In Spring Initiation

Leonard Ranson, senior from Baltimore, Md., will be tapped by Alpha Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, national leadership society, tonight.

Ranson will be the only initiate this spring. He has been business manager of the University Dining Hall, member of the Cotillion Club, a member of the lacrosse team, and manager and captain of the track team. He has also served as president of the Campus Club, student head of the Intramural Board, assistant minister at the Methodist Church, and captain of the cross-country team.

* A mobile is a type of wire sculpture balanced from one point and dependent on leverage and balance of weights, parts of which rotate easily around and between each other. It is the type of structure exhibited here three years ago by the fine arts department in the works of the sculpturer Calder.

The Finals mobile will measure approximately 50 feet by 30 feet, and will hang from the center of the gym.

Four short arms of the sculpture will represent divisions of the University—liberal arts, commerce, law and science. Four complex arms, attached to the others, will represent the academic, social, sport and activity worlds of W&L by use of paintings and equipment.

Abstract Murals

Although the mobile will be the central part of the decorations, modernism will appear in the wall decorations also. Two abstract murals flanking the chaperones' box will depict college life, and a modernistic interpretation of the official W&L seal will occupy one wall.

In addition, the general lines of the chaperones' box which will be on the south side of the gym, and the bandstand, at the east end, will reflect the modern trend in art. The color motif will be predominantly blue and white, using solid paper and streamers of crepe paper as well as paint to produce a "cool" effect.

Martin's "Mobile Madness" will be the first dance set in at least four years to include a freshman among its vice-presidents. Henry Heymann, a first-year student from New Orleans, La., is working on the decorations. He calls the theme a "new medium, a new mode, a new method of presentation." Heymann is assistant house manager at Zeta Beta Tau.

Vice-President

Sophomore Monte Pearse is also a decorations vice-president. A Sigma Chi from Chevy Chase, Md., Pearse also worked on Fancy Dress. He is incoming secretary of the Christian Council.

Fletcher Lowe, the new business manager of the Dance Plan, is vice-president making arrangements for the Finals Ball figure. Lowe is secretary of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, goalie on the lacrosse team, and a resident of Greenville, S. C.

Vice-President Pete Carter, a senior from Bethesda, Md., is in charge of securing chaperones for the set. He will also work with the decorations. Carter was chairman of the SWMSFC, a Fancy Dress veep, and is a member of Sigma Chi.

The fifth vice-president is Bud Hooss, a Pi Kappa Alpha senior from Lexington, Ky. Hooss is arranging the outdoor cocktail party for the first afternoon of the Finals set. He has been rush chairman and social chairman of his fraternity.

Desha To Attend Meeting

Dr. L. J. Desha, head of the chemistry department, will attend the second Industrial Council at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., Friday and Saturday.

Tyson Awarded Fellowship

Ruel Tyson, head dormitory counselor, has been awarded a graduate fellowship by the Danforth Foundation of St. Louis. This fellowship is given for advanced study in all teaching fields in undergraduate colleges.

Candidates for these fellowships must have high academic ability and achievement, a personality adapted to teaching and counseling, a choice of teaching as a Christian vocation, and deep religious conviction and a growing religious perspective.

Out of the 500 applicants for these fellowships, Tyson is one of the 40 or 50 grantees. He will go to the Yale Divinity School in September and enter a field called "Teaching and Research in Religion." After receiving his degree of Bachelor of Divinity, he will enter Yale Graduate School and work for a doctorate in the philosophy of religion.

Editorial

Two Heads — Better Than One

The Publication Board's recent decision to elect two editors for next year's *Ring-tum Phi* is a radical departure from W&L tradition but could go far in solving many problems which have been plaguing the paper in recent years.

Probably the most pressing of these problems has been the desperate lack of personnel—the main reason for the reduction of the *Ring-tum Phi*'s size from six to five columns last fall. The journalism department's "beat system," inaugurated several years ago has made it difficult for journalism majors to work on the paper. ROTC drills have extended this difficulty to non-journalism majors who would normally work on the *Ring-tum Phi*.

In view of this lack of personnel which seems to become worse with each passing year, it has become imperative to keep all *Ring-tum Phi* staff members working on the paper right up to the day of their graduation.

Under the present single editor set-up, a "pyramid system" has come into use. From four to six sophomores are selected to work on the paper from the group of freshmen reporters. Two of these sophomores are usually selected managing editors in their junior year. One of these managing editors is customarily chosen by the Publications Board to be editor-in-chief of the following year's paper. It can be easily seen that this system eliminates each year several qualified men from the *Ring-tum Phi* staff. By far the most serious of these eliminations is the final one—selection of one managing editor to head the paper while the other, usually a man with three year's experience on the paper, has no job on the *Ring-tum Phi* his senior year. Under the two-editor system, both managing editors, if qualified, would become editors-in-chief in their senior year and the "pyramid system" would be somewhat modified all up and down the line.

Another advantage of the two editor set-up should be a general improvement in the quality of the paper. Under the present system, the editor-in-chief theoretically does general overall planning of the paper and leaves the mechanics of publishing two papers a week to his managing editors. In practice, lack of personnel, forces the editor-in-chief to spend as many as four days a week gathering stories, copy editing, proofreading, and doing make-up and leaves little, if any, time for planning and policy making.

Under the two editor system approved by the Publications Board, each editor would still be theoretically responsible for only overall planning and policy. If, however, conditions forced him to do much of the mechanics of paper publishing, he would be tied down with this only two days a week instead of four—thereby leaving much more time for policy making—his major job. This is especially important in view of the decision to increase the size of next year's *Ring-tum Phi* to six columns.

A third consideration which led the Publications Board to approve the two editor plan was the prospect of having two points of view in campus publications. Although both editions would, according to present plans, keep the name, *Ring-tum Phi*, they would be clearly distinguished from each other in some way and might very well follow entirely opposite views in editorial policy.

Still another advantage of the two editor plan should be competition between the two editions resulting in more and better news and features in both. There is, of course, a danger of over-competition with the two editions "stealing" reporters, columnists, and editors from each other; persuading news sources to talk only to reporters of that particular edition; and similar tactics. With no overall editor-in-chief to step in and stop such practices this condition might well develop. Public opinion and the Publications Board, however, could probably put a stop to such "cut throat" tactics should they develop.

The Publications Board's action will not automatically cure all of the *Ring-tum Phi*'s headaches. No one can tell how well the new system will work until it is put into practice. At worst, it is a noble experiment in trying to correct the diminished influence and decreased reader interest of the *Ring-tum Phi* among students. Its possibilities are unlimited. If it works as planned, the *Ring-tum Phi* might even capture some press association awards—something which hasn't been done in many a year. There's an old saying, "Nothing ventured—nothing gained."

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How Much Liberal Education at W&L?

By H. A. TURNER

According to its new catalogue, Washington and Lee University "seeks to put major emphasis upon broad cultural or general training"—roughly equivalent to the old ideal of liberal education.

Despite the efforts of certain departments of the University, W&L does succeed remarkably well in fulfilling this aspiration, imparting the spirit of inquiry and curiosity that comes with a liberal education to a considerable portion of the student body. On the other hand, however, the certain departments mentioned above do all they can to shield their students from the disturbing (and it is very disturbing) influence of a liberal education.

BY DRAWING AN admittedly arbitrary line and setting up two broad, inclusive categories, we can say that there are two kinds of education given at Washington and Lee—liberal education and vocational training. It would be foolish indeed to say that all men in certain departments receive liberal educations and make the most of them while in other departments only specialized training is given. There is much crossing of lines and to be fair we must admit that it is ultimately an individual matter. Still, the general division remains.

A student who so chooses (or happens by chance, or what everyone else is doing) can come to Washington and Lee and (with the exception of his freshman year) be almost completely protected from all that smacks of a liberal education. He need never have any contact with the recorded products of 4000 years of human thinking; nor need he ever know the trials of his ancestors went through to carry the torch of life down through eons of time and produce his own well-fed body; least of all need he ever be faced with that awful spectre which a liberal education alone can show us—his own ignorance.

SUCH PERSONS PRETTY generally live a fairly complacent, self-satisfied kind of existence. They avoid all self-questioning by simply accepting the values of society throws at them from every movie-screen and magazine cover—paradise in the suburbs, two cars, country club, two-weeks-with-pay, winters in Florida, executive position, etc. These people generally learn their chosen task (backed up, of course, with a respectable degree,) and end up as a reasonably well-functioning flywheel in the great industrial-commercial-political machine.

During their sojourn at college, these students very rarely question themselves but hang on to the values they have accepted for better or for worse. As a result, they are changed very little by four years of college. The companions they were thrown together with during their freshman year generally prove quite adequate for their senior year (providing, of course those friends have not changed) so there is no need to make new friends. The same amusements and diversions which captivate raw freshmen fascinate graduating seniors, including of course the much-maligned conversational topics.

All this is not to say that these students who are protected from liberal education are without their virtues; no indeed. For one thing they are generally very easy to handle and can be put in a niche, told "these things are good," and can be expected to stay put and do as has always been done. One set of diversions and entertainments will generally last them for four years since they usually leave college liking about the same things they did in high school.

Those who are exposed to the assaults of liberal education, on the other hand, are not by any means so easy to handle since they are continually changing their minds and interests. The reason for this lies in the very nature of liberal education which produces the kind of knowledge which is extensive—spreading outward to include

all fields and synthesize them—in contrast to intensive knowledge which contracts inwards into one isolated field.

The opening up of new fields of knowledge and the questioning of values which a liberal education brings leads to anything but a complacent existence. It is self-sustaining, one question leading to another; it is disturbing, for nothing can be spared questioning; and it is endless, for the more one learns the more one sees remaining unknown. A liberal education can profoundly alter a person's interests and outlook on life.

THE PROCESS OF growth which a liberal education produces cannot be gratified from books alone; the stimulation of contact with similarly growing minds is also needed and the growing mind must be allowed to grow into those channels to which it naturally inclines. Otherwise, liberal education only partially succeeds, leaving the student frustrated and malcontent with his environment.

This is all well and good but what does it have to do with Washington and Lee? Only this—W&L opens the door of liberal education part way for a goodly number of its students (which is of course commendable from this writer's point of view), but then it slams the door shut on all too many as they try to pass through.

There are a large number of extremely stimulating courses (outside, of course, those certain departments mentioned before) which stir up a great deal of interest on the part of many students; but at just the time when they are ready to do some real thinking on their own they are trapped by the lecture system which prevails in almost all junior and senior courses, which to a great extent stifles original thinking. In many universities the seminar system has been found an admirable solution for this problem, why not here, too?

The greatest offender to the idea of liberal education is not, however, the curriculum; it is the fraternity system under which most of W&L's students live and which is geared only for those who are protected from liberal education. When a student comes to W&L he is expected to do as four-fifths of the rest of the student body does and join a fraternity. He is virtually forced to take his meals at his fraternity for four years and to live in the house at least one year. Under this system the student body is cut up into seventeen segments which are virtually isolated from each other.

All too many W&L students get to their senior year and, having been profoundly altered by their contact with liberal education, find their needs are very different from what they once were. Some of their friends of their freshman year are no longer so interested and the State doesn't always offer diversion; they find their new interests are bringing them closer to members of other fraternities, but they are virtually isolated from them most of the time.

WHAT THIS ALL amounts to is that Washington and Lee is wasting its greatest resource from the standpoint of liberal education—the stimulation which comes from contact between minds. For a member of a fraternity, 16/17 of the student body is virtually out of reach; and when anyone does reach out of his group it is done only by overcoming discouraging conditions; it is certainly not encouraged by the system. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why W&L's activity system fails to accomplish its purpose of unifying the campus.

The least W&L can do if it is going to continue to offer a partial liberal education is to provide some way of keeping those persons affected by it from being as maladjusted as they are, all too often, under the present system—a system much better suited to accommodate static minds than growing ones. Perhaps the upper-class dormitory and freshman commons is the best solution available at present—at least it would give us room to grow a little more than we can now.

AT A LOSS . . .

Town Fathers Make Summer Plans

By Tom Kenny

The place—Lexington, Va. (Historic shrine of the Old Dominion). The Scene—City Hall, a meeting of the Town fathers of the Historic Shrine. His Honor the Mayor speaks: You all are aware of the purpose of this meeting. The schools are about to close for the summer and we are here to make plans for the return to normal running of our Historic Shrine. First, let's hear the Treasurer's report.

P.W.: My plans are complete, they aren't too elaborate but they accomplish their purpose. I've made plans to put a blind intersection at the head of Red Square, route the trucks through there and require them to sound their horns before proceeding. I am also work-

ing on a long range program to take the Greyhound bus line out of Lexington for the coming school year and make the town completely inaccessible. (Applause in background.) Just as a side line I plan

to condemn and destroy a couple more of those old buildings around town that Dr. Fishwick loves so much. (More applause.)

The Mayor (of the Historic Shrine) (Continued from page two)

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IM Referee Problem Needs Immediate Solution; Many Complaints Registered

By BOB CULLERS

"You can't please everyone." That old adage certainly holds true for the problem of intramural officiating here on the W&L campus.

It seems that there has been much complaining lately about the quality of officiating in intramural competition. The situation boils down to the fact that the fraternities are not selecting men as referees well enough qualified with the particular sport they are supposed to be in charge of. And even worse, many of these referees fail to show up for their scheduled events.

An attempt was made to remedy this situation by requiring each official to take a comprehensive test of rule understanding for each sport. These tests are the same as the ones given by the national office of each sport.

But it seems that many students who qualified were highly insulted.

It certainly seems however, that it is not too much to ask the men who are in charge of athletic events to prove that they are capable of accepting that responsibility by means of these tests.

As it is now, a fraternity is penalized five points if the referee they are supposed to supply fails to show. Certainly a stiffer penalty than this should be imposed!

One of the main points in any athletic program is good officiating. No matter how good the players or equipment may be, they might as well not be there if the officiating is lousy. Therefore should we continue trusting the fraternities and individuals, asking them to reform and put forth their best, which it is admitted they are not doing now, or—can we afford to pay capable individuals who we know will do a good job? There has been an interesting

study made of some of the figures necessary for the support of such a program. The director of intramurals at the University of Florida ascertained that the average cost of paying an official for each of the major intramural sports, i.e., football, volleyball, basketball, and softball, would amount to two dollars per official.

Let us take this two buck figure and apply it to our own campus. There are 18 organizations (17 fraternities and the campus club) that have teams in each of the four sports named. There are approximately 160 games played per year with two officials per game, which, at the two dollars fee for each referee, would make a total of \$640 expended for the purpose of good officiating for a change.

Taking a minimum of 29 players in the four sports (football-9, volleyball-6, basketball-5, and softball-9), this would be a figure of \$1.23 per athlete. Doesn't every participating athlete pay a dollar to the intramural fund now?

Or better yet, breaking the figures down still further, there were 1054 students registered in school at the beginning of the term (October 17, 1952). This would be a figure of 61 cents per student. Aren't intramurals open to each and every student, like the Ring-tum Phi, the Calyx, and the Southern Collegian? And aren't these institutions supported by the campus tax?

Or we could take the figure of \$35.56 which it would cost each

of the 18 organizations if they agreed to divide the amount. Or perhaps the University, itself, could look into the \$640 total amount for capable officiating. Or an even better solution might be for both the fraternities and the University to try a compromise on the costs.

There are plenty of top-notch umpires around the campus who would be more than glad to capably oversee a sports event, and at the same time pocket a small salary. From these paid officials the players could demand a complete knowledge of the game and complete capability, plus inexcusable attendance, or else they would "get the gate." This would provide for better sports events, stimulate competition, and create more interest towards athletics.

You must admit that the type of officiating and the attendance of the officials now is decidedly poor. But is this situation as it now exists favorable to the majority? Can we trust the fraternities and individuals to institute a reform movement towards better officiating, or are paid officials necessary?

Diggs Scores At Big Six Meet

Walt Diggs was the only W&L trackman to break into the scoring column as the Blue finished last in the Big Six track meet at Williamsburg Saturday.

But it took a new meet record, a 13' 3-8" polevault by Evans Brasfield of U.Va. to top Diggs in his specialty.

Virginia Tech took the meet easily, as was expected, with a huge 84 3-4 points, almost twice as many as second place VMI.

In all, five records were shattered at the meet. Johnny Mapp, of VMI, was perhaps the most spectacular, running the 220 low hurdles in 23-1, the second fastest in the country this year.

Diggs will probably be the only General to go to the Southern Conference Tournament Friday and Saturday in Durham.

Mitmen To Engage Big Six Leader Va. in Final Games

The W&L baseball squad has only two games left on the menu, and they should both prove to be "piece de resistance." The team faces U.Va. under the lights Thursday night and plays host to the Wahoos Monday afternoon.

U.Va. is now leading the state. The Minks on the other hand, have a 4-11 record on the season.

W&L dropped a 7-4 game to Maryland Saturday, giving the Terps almost a spot in the Conference playoffs.

Steve Schlossman started for the Minks, was relieved by Buddy Dey in the sixth.

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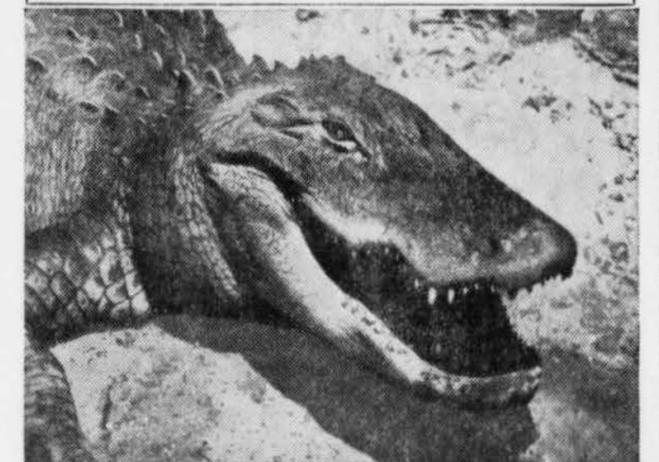
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At a Loss

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Shrine): We all understand your problems and appreciate your efforts. In conclusion let's hear from the Chamber of Commerce.

C. of C.: This promises to be our biggest, loudest, and best summer yet. I've talked to the Police Chief

and he agreed to let the officers take their vacations during the summer months—this will greatly help the festive spirit we plan to encourage. I've lined up as many conventions as possible for Lexington this summer. As usual, we had to take organizations which wouldn't be tolerated anywhere else. The Atlantic Seaboard Nudist Convention will be in our Shrine

from June 15 to 23. The Amalgamated Fireworks Manufacturers will be here over the 4th of July, and the Distillers and Malt Beverage Brewers of Virginia will meet here Aug. 1-7. (with free samples for all—at all times!) (Screams of approval.)

In conclusion we want to announce that we have arranged for the establishment of a Buggy Whip Manufacturing Plant in Lexington. We feel that this will not only add revenue but enable us to maintain our independence from the colleges and claim that we are an industrial town.—Lexington—Cradel of Industry in the Old

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Technicolor
RICARDO MONTALBAN • ANGELI VITTORIO GASSMAN • CHARISSE YVONNE de CARLO
Rick JASON • Kurt KASZMAR • Thomas GOMEZ • Nina FUCH • Walter HAMPTON • Jose GRECO

THUR.-FRI.-SAT.
BROADWAY'S SHOW-STOPPER MUSICAL IS THE SCREEN'S SHOW-TOPPER OF 'EM ALL!
IRVING BERLIN'S CALL ME MADAM
TECHNICOLOR
Starring **ETHEL MERMAN DONALD O'CONNOR VERA-ELLEN GEORGE SANDERS**
with BILLY De WOLFE
Music and Lyrics by **IRVING BERLIN**

But only time will tell...

I'M GOING TO GET A SOFT JOB FOR THE SUMMER. LITTLE WORK AND LOTS OF DOUGH!

YOU'LL PROBABLY COME BACK NEXT FALL FAT AND RICH!

HOW 'BOUT TAKIN' ME AS YOUR VALET?

HOW CAN THEY TELL SO SOON? HE MAY DISCOVER THAT MONEY DOESN'T GROW ON TREES!

Only time will tell about a summer job! And only time will tell about a cigarette! Take your time...

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THERE MUST BE A REASON WHY Camel is America's most popular cigarette—leading all other brands by billions! Camels have the two things smokers want most—rich, full flavor and cool, cool mildness... pack after pack! Try Camels for 30 days and see how mild, how flavorful, how thoroughly enjoyable they are as your steady smoke!

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