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## Admiral Wood Highly Praises ROTC at Corp's Second Annual President's Day

Rear Admiral John E. Wood, commander of the Norfolk Naval Supply Depot, highly praised the W&L ROTC unit Wednesday after he reviewed the corps during the second annual "President's Day" ceremonies on Wilson Field. President Francis P. Gaines, in whose honor the final Corps Day was held, also commended the cadets and the detachment for their progress on campus during the past two years.

Awards were made at the ceremony, an annual summation of the ROTC activities, to cadets who had made outstanding accomplishments during the year.

Admiral Wood told the cadets, as the corps stood at attention yesterday afternoon, that the need for transportation had grown to such an extent in military affairs and everyday commerce that he "could place nothing above it." He went on to say, however, that more effort should be concentrated on finding better and more economical methods of transportation. He urged the cadets to always keep this in mind.

LT. COL RICHARD W. JONES, PMS&T, also addressed the corps as he lauded Dr. Gaines for his interest in the ROTC program.

The National Defense Transportation awards were presented by Admiral Wood, who is president of the Hampton Roads NDTA.

To Cadet Lt. Col. William M. Bailey, of Wilmington, O., winner of the National Defense Transportation Association Advanced Course Student Medal, and winner of the Sons of the American Revolution Advanced Course Student Medal.

To Cadet Sergeant Clay Byron Carr, Jr., of Boyce,

Va., the Sons of the American Revolution Basic Course Student Medal.

To Cadet Major Forney Rutledge Daugette, of Jacksonville, Ala., drum major of the band, the National Defense Transportation Association Advanced Course Student Gold Key.

**TO CADET SERGEANT JOSEPH KENTWORTH BANKS**, of Lynchburg, the National Defense Transportation Basic Course Student Scroll.

To Cadet Captain Teddy Hunter Shehan, Bloomfield, Ky., captain of the ROTC rifle team, commanding "D" company, and to members of "D" company, the Best Drilled ROTC Company Cup for the year.

To Cadet Sergeant Philip Chiles Spiggle, Grimesville, N. C., the Washington and Lee Military Society Award for the Best Drilled Cadet Non-Commissioned Officer.

To Cadet Private Guy Herbert Smith, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla., the Washington and Lee Military Society Award for the best drilled First Year Basic Course Private.

**TO SECOND LIEUTENANTS** Eugene Moore Anderson, Jr., Spartanburg, S.C., James Rudolph Reeder, Shreveport, La., Bernard Siegfried Steiner, Jr., Birmingham, Ala., and Rudolph John Stutzmann, Great Neck, N. Y., awards as Distinguished Military Students.

To Walk Jones and Spencer Franz, the Military Rifle Association Expert's Medal.

To Ted Shehan, Peter Nyce, and Oscar Bing, the National Rifle Association Sharpshooter Medal.

To Charles MacIntosh, The National Rifle Association Marksman Medal.

## Sprunt Named New Director of Religious Work

The appointment of David Worth Sprunt as director of religious work and associate professor of religion for next year was announced today by President Francis P. Gaines.

The newcomer to the Washington and Lee faculty will receive his Doctor of Theology degree from the Union Theological Seminary at Richmond next week.

Professor Sprunt was a member of the Southwestern at Memphis faculty and staff from 1948-1951. He served as assistant professor of the Bible, college chaplain and, in 1950-51, was assistant to the president in charge of the office development program. Last fall, he taught religion at the University of Virginia as a member of the University extension faculty.

A graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, Sprunt received his A.B. from Davidson in 1940 and his B.D. from Union Theological Seminary in 1943. During the war, he served with the Navy as a chaplain on a troop ship.

After his tour of duty with the Navy, he attended graduate school at Princeton, the University of Zurich, the University of Edinburgh, the University of Vienna, Union Theological Seminary and the University of North Carolina. Sprunt is a native of North Carolina.

## Forensic Union Picks Friedman as President

Officers were elected and plans for the coming year were discussed at the regular meeting of the Forensic Union last night. The all-freshman slate is composed of: Jack Friedman, president; Gordon Gooch, vice president; Dick Rosenberg, secretary; Jim Perryman, treasurer; and Sandy Maslansky, sergeant at arms.

A spokesman for the organization said that an attempt will be made to increase interest in the Union right from the start of next semester, especially in regard to the incoming freshmen, by increased publicity.

The regular meeting scheduled for next Monday night will be the scene of a debate between Perryman and Maslansky. An added feature will be the presentation of a key to the winner of this debate as the outstanding debater of the Forensic Union for 1952-53. The subject: "Resolved, that tidelands should be regulated by the federal government." Perryman will take the affirmative on this issue.

## Phi Deltas Elect South

Jerry South has been elected president of Virginia Zeta of Phi Delta Theta.

## New Rush Schedule Released by the I.F.C.

By MOODY BURT

The 1953 Rush Week schedule was released yesterday by Sam Davidson, president of the Interfraternity Council. A complete revision of last year's schedule was necessary because of the earlier opening of school.

The first rush date is now on Saturday instead of Monday, with the preliminary contacts scheduled for Friday night after the freshmen return from Natural Bridge, site of Freshman Camp. "Although some difficulties arise from this new arrangement, it is really the only way it is possible to have a Rush Week that is at all comparable to the ones of the past," Davidson stated.

A few minor changes in the rushing rules have been made since last year and will be gone over in a future meeting of the rush chairmen.

New rush cards will soon be ready, and they will be distributed by Pegram Harrison, chairman of the IFC Rushing Committee, sometime before the end of final examinations.

The schedule:  
Friday (Sept. 11) 6:30 p.m.—freshman return from camp; 6:30-8:00 p.m. freshmen register with IFC; 8:00-11:00 p.m.—fraternities make and confirm dates.

Saturday—dates at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 4:00-5:30; 6:30-7:30; 8:45-10:45.

Sunday—dates at 2:00-3:30 p.m.; 4:00-5:30; 6:00-7:45; 8:15-10:15.

Monday—fraternities in the Dorm from 9:00-9:55 a.m.; dates at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 3:30-5:30; 8:30-10:30.

Tuesday—fraternities in Dorm from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; dates at 2:00-4:00 p.m.; 5:00-7:30; 8:00-10:00.

Wednesday—fraternities in Dorm from 1:00-1:55 p.m.; dates at 2:00-3:30 p.m.; 4:00-5:30; 6:00-8:00; 8:30-10:30 (final date).

Thursday—8 a.m. to 1 p.m., freshmen hand in preferential cards.

Saturday—12 noon to 1:30 p.m. freshmen pick up bids.

## Scabbard and Blade Fraternity Installed; 21 Cadets Initiated

### Best Athletes To Get Awards

The Southern Collegian trophies for the best major and minor sport athletes of the year will be awarded on the baseball diamond just before Monday night's game with Virginia. Si Galperin, Southern Collegian business manager, announced today.

Galperin stated that the winners had already been selected, but declined to release their names.

The committees were set up to pick the winners. The major sport committee consisted of Coach Carl Wise, Coach Billy McCann, Coach Dick Miller, Cap'n "Dick" Smith, Norm Lord, and Bob Thomas.

THE MINOR SPORT groups consisted of Cy Twombly, Dick Miller, Ken Spence, Jim Farrar, and Johnny Bowman.

The selection of the winner was not easy, Galperin said. The winner was picked, according to Galperin, on a basis of athletic ability, sportsmanship, spirit, and character on the athletic field.

Beginning this year, the trophies will be awarded to seniors for four years participation in W&L sports.

### Dick Kops Elected New President of White Friars

The White Friars have elected as their president for the 1953 and '54 year Dick Kops, a rising junior from Manhasset, N.Y. Kops is a Phi Kap. Harry Ford, a Phi Delt from Baltimore, Md., is the new vice president. Juddy Rodman, a KA from Portsmouth, Va., is the new secretary. Ford and Rodman are also rising juniors.

\* A new honorary fraternity came onto the Washington and Lee campus for the first time yesterday afternoon with the formal installation of 21 advanced ROTC students as L Company, 10th Regiment, of the National Society of Scabbard and Blade.

What was the Washington and Lee Military Society for eight months was officially admitted as an undergraduate chapter of the national ROTC honorary fraternity. Officials of the Department of Military Science and Tactics called the installation of the military honorary a new phase in the progress of the young ROTC detachment here.

The installation ceremony yesterday afternoon in Washington chapel was conducted by a team of five from the Scabbard and Blade company at Virginia Tech. The initiating captain was J. Lapsley Smith, Jr.

Also participating were Lt. Col. John G. Bowes, faculty advisor to the local company, and Keith F. Oles, an assistant professor of Geology here, who was the installing officer and representative of the National Society of Scabbard and Blade.

FOLLOWING THE initiation ceremonies for the first 21 members of Scabbard and Blade on the W&L campus, a banquet at the Mayflower Hotel culminated the initiation program. Representing the University at the banquet was Dean of Students Frank J. Gilliam, who expressed pride and satisfaction in the work of the ROTC at Washington and Lee.

Dean Gilliam promised the continued whole hearted support of the administration in the work of the Department of Military Science. Following the banquet, the new Scabbard and Blade officers, headed by Captain James Reeder, (Continued on page four)

## Friends of the Library Elect Kent Horner

Kent Horner was reelected chairman of the Friends of the Library for the coming year at a recent meeting of the organization. Other officers are: secretary, Bud Clifton; and treasurer, Pat Flanagan.

Horner stated that the organization was busy at the moment preparing slides explaining the various phases and departments of the Library for the benefit of next year's freshman class. In recent years, freshmen have had to take guided tours through the Library in order to become acquainted with it. The purpose of these slides, according to Horner, will be to do away with the tours and accomplish the same purpose by showing the slides to the entire class one night in Lee Chapel.

The group is planning an exhibit of the various things that they have contributed to the Library for sometime in the near future. Also, they have completed and sent out their Annual Report last week.

Horner also added that rules and information concerning the contest for the best private library of a graduating senior should be obtained from Librarian Henry Coleman.

## Glee Club Concert Scheduled Thursday

The Washington and Lee Glee Club will present its spring concert in Lee Chapel on Tuesday, May 21. The program will consist of two major works and will end with the four school songs which appear on the Band-Glee Club record.

The main performance of the evening will be Brahms' *Alto Rhapsody*, with the solo by Miss Viviane Bauer, an outstanding visiting contralto. She will be accompanied by the 35-voice men's chorus and Dr. James G. Leyburn and James Cook on the piano.

The chorus will also present the *Festival Hymn*, written by Felix Mendelssohn, commemorating the anniversary of the printing of the Gutenberg Bible.

## Declare McHenry Winner In Commerce Election

Bill McHenry (I-Delt) is the new vice president of the rising senior class from the Commerce School. The race, which was first declared a tie between McHenry and Dave Linn, went to McHenry when the Executive Committee ruled two proxies valid.

## Heavy Regulations on Liquor Imposed This Week at U.Va.

By DAVE CLINGER

Wahoo party life was dealt a blow this week. The University of Virginia student council imposed tight restrictions designed to curtail drinking by students.

A spokesman for the council stated that the new regulations were drawn up in an effort to prevent incidents that might reflect discredit on the University.

Hereafter, any student caught drinking at athletic events, school dances and concerts will be subject to strict disciplinary action by the council.

The council has the power to dismiss students, although dismissals are subject to review by President Colgate Darden.

The spokesman said the new regulations did not stem from any particular incident, but merely reflected the council's view that restrictions were necessary to ward off possible incidents.

### CONCERNING DRINKING at athletic events, the council declared in a statement:

"Any student because of intoxication who needs assistance to or from an athletic contest or shall display himself in any way so as to bring discredit to the University shall be subject to strict disciplinary action by the council.

"Any open display of containers of alcoholic beverages at athletic events shall be considered by the council a reflection of discredit upon the university. These regulations shall apply whether the violation occurs at home or away."

On social functions, the council said this:

"No open parties at which free alcoholic beverages are served shall be held at any hour conflicting with major university activities such as athletic contests, or dances or longer than two hours in duration."

"NO OPEN parties whatsoever shall be held on Sunday or before 12 noon within the university community. Any open display of containers of alcoholic beverages on streets or sidewalks of Charlottesville shall be considered by the council to be a reflection of discredit."

On dances and concerts, the statement said:

"Alcoholic beverages shall neither be brought into the gymnasium nor consumed there."

### Notice to Seniors

Acceptance cards for the senior banquet must be turned in by noon Saturday, May 16.

## Lawyers, ROTC Print Papers

Two departmental newspapers made their debuts on campus during the week—one in the Law School, and the other in the ROTC department.

The Law School publication, *The Washington and Lee Lawyer*, is published by the Student Bar Association.

Edited by Bob Kane for the Washington and Lee Student Bar Association and written by a staff of law students, this first issue of *The Washington and Lee Lawyer* will be sent to all alumni of the School of Law as circulated to all students in Tucker Hall.

The ROTC department's new newspaper, *The Big Wheel*, made its first appearance at Wednesday's Corps Day in mimeographed form. The paper is designed not only to carry news of the W&L unit but to disseminate Transportation Corps news as well.

Plans call for publication of the newspaper every two or three weeks next year. It is hoped that the newspaper can eventually be printed.

Editor is Dave Clinger, assistant editor Rudy Stutzmann, and distribution manager is John Lytton. The staff includes Bob Bradford, Lewis Cope, Roy Martin, Bob Guyer, Moody Burt, Bill Grigg, Frank Kozare, and C. J. Baldree.

## ROTC Band to March in Armed Forces Day Parade

The ROTC Band will march in Lexington's Armed Forces Day parade tomorrow as part of Washington and Lee's contribution to the local activities marking the event.

Also marching in the parade, which will begin early tomorrow afternoon, will be the W&L ROTC color guard.

The ROTC Detachment has also placed a display in the window at Adair-Hutton's store.

## In Brief . . . A Summary

### CREW MEETING . . .

An important meeting for all crew men will be held Monday night at 7 p.m. in the Student Union.

### COLD CHECK, ASSIMILATION COMMITTEES POSTS OPEN . . .

All students who are 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 important positions.

These letters should be handed to a member of the incoming Executive Committee before 7:00 Monday night. Applicants from all classes are eligible, and all letters received will be given objective consideration.

### E.C. MEETING . . .

An important meeting of the incoming Executive Committee will be held in the Student Union Monday night at 7:15.

### CONCERT BROADCAST . . .

A tape recording of the ROTC concert Tuesday night was broadcast last night over WREL. The tape will also be broadcast this week over radio stations in Bristol, Roanoke, and Lynchburg.

In-between-number commentary on the tape is done by Bob Bradford.

### COLLEGIAN OUT JUNE 1 . . .

The Southern Collegian will publish its final issue of the year on June 1, Si Galperin, business manager, announced yesterday. Galperin requested that all students who plan to go home before June 1 and who want the magazine mailed to them should call him at 6105 or mail a card with their name and address to Box 154.

### TROUBS TO ELECT OFFICERS . . .

Monday, May 18, will be the day for an important business meeting of the Troubadours at

the Troubadour theater. At 7 p.m. the actors will elect their officers for the coming year, according to Troubadour President Don Peterson, who asked all members to attend.

### NOTICE TO CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES . . .

Attendance is required of all at the official exercises on Baccalaureate Sunday, May 31, and on Commencement Day, June 5.

For both occasions, academic costume (cap and gown) will be worn.

All candidates will assemble on both mornings at 10:30 in the rear of Washington Hall.

### NOTICE TO SENIORS . . .

All candidates for a degree in June, 1953, who have not paid their \$5.00 diploma fee should do so at once. Payment should be made in the Office of the Registrar.

Applicants for a Certificate in Commerce or a Certificate in Journalism are required to pay an additional fee of \$3.00.

EDITORIALS:

## Here's to the ROTC Band

We'd like to take time out from writing about apathy, politics, and the fraternity system to write one editorial with which we're sure everyone on campus will agree.

This editorial concerns the organization which has probably done more to encourage W&L spirit than any other—the ROTC Band.

Back in the years immediately following World War II, the Washington and Lee "Band" consisted of a handful of students who tried to organize and stay together long enough to play at a few football games a year... they seldom succeeded. By 1951 the noble experiment of trying to get such a musical group to represent W&L had just been given up as hopeless because of "the smallness of the student body," or "the lack of interest in music on the campus."

Then in the fall of that year, the impossible happened. Thanks to the organizing power of the ROTC and the musical ability of Dave Comegys, a W&L band was formed which not only lasted but which also brought a thrill of pride to everyone who heard it play.

True, it was a small beginning—only 28 pieces, and was dwarfed by even the Beckley High School Band, but it was W&L's biggest and finest in many a year.

Those of our readers who attended Tuesday night's concert in Doremus Gymnasium know the end of the story. Today's band numbers over 60 pieces and can truly be called one of the top college bands in the country.

All this didn't happen overnight, nor was it accomplished by a miracle. W&L's Band is the product of work—hard work done by a lot of people who get little or no credit for doing it. Besides ROTC drills, which may be considered a part of class-work, there are arrangements to be made, practices to be held, instruments to be cared for, and many other jobs which have to be done, but which few students outside of the band ever think about.

Credit for the Band's amazing success goes to many people. First, or course, there are the faithful members of the band, who give up their free time to practice, even scheduling additional sectional practices by themselves in addition to the general band practices.

Director Dave Comegys' contributions to the success of the Band cannot be overestimated. Dave's natural musical ability (he is the nephew of band leader Jan Garber), his patience, and his sincere interest in the Band are very largely responsible for its growth and success.

The ROTC staff in general, and Col. Bowes in particular, must also share in the credit for the Band. With the co-operation of the ROTC department, the Band has become a student band, not just a marching band to play on Corps Day. Col. Bowes has been more like a friendly advisor to the band than its commanding officer, and his understanding has helped tide it over difficult times.

So here's to W&L's ROTC Band—we're mighty proud of you!

## Economy and Contracts

Those in Congress who shout for economy and then engage in log-rolling for "pork barrel" legislation should be interested in the recent rejection by the Eisenhower administration of a British firm's low bid for certain dam equipment in the state of Washington. Rep. Smith (D.-Miss.) has stated that he believes this rejection will cost American taxpayers over one million dollars.

The rejection of the foreign bid is indefensible in any administration that has paid as much lip-service to the cause of economy as has the Eisenhower administration. Equally true is it that the rejection is a slap at orthodox free enterprise which knows no boundaries. To him who can produce at the lowest cost should go the contract, and the justification is that the low bidder can produce with the least economic waste.

Back in the days of the lame-duck Republican 72nd Congress, just before the Democrats resumed power in 1932, Congress passed what was known as the "Buy American" Act, and this act, still on the books, has been used by the Eisenhower administration to defend the rejection of the British bid. But this can hardly be true, because the contract was not awarded at once to the lowest American bidder, as the act provides. Instead, an invitation for new bids was extended, which gives to American firms an advantage over foreign competition, since they will now know the figure which they must approach in order to win the contract.

Unfortunately, representatives of business who defend such an act do not comprehend that the restoration of foreign purchasing power is essential if American aid dollars abroad are ever to be curtailed, and one way to curb foreign purchasing power is to knock out the ability of foreign firms to sell here at home.

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### The Hammer and Spade:

## 'I Want to Be Editor'

By Edmonds and Hoogenboom

DEAR READER. We promised you the diary of Ruth today but in view of the fact that next week is our final entry in this pageant to end all pageants we are saving the Ruth column until then. This will enable us to do further research work.

### NOTICE:

Interviews for Editor of Southern Collegian will be held in Garrison's Mortuary, 12 midnight, Thursday night.

### Publication (?) Board

SAMUEL P. DILDOE read the bulletin board, checking the list of people who had been removed from the University. He was relieved to find that he was not among them. Then his eye happened to see the notice about the Southern Collegian. Since he had just been put on Final Absence Probation (we will have a moment of reverent silence for all those who have fallen), he felt that he was eminently qualified for the job. He rushed up to his room and put on his old black serge suit and horse hair underwear, so that he would be in the right mood for the interview.

As he walked into the Mortuary he thought he saw the ghost of old Joel Cooper shaking his head mournfully. As Dildoe sat down, one of the prospective editors cracked a smile and was immediately kicked out. In the background the ROTC band was playing "That Old Silver Haired Mother of Mine."

The Chairman of the Board raised his head from one of the coffins and spoke softly: "Who comes before the board?"

Dildoe took a quick shot from a bottle of embalming fluid and spoke: "Samuel P. Dildoe comes," he answered.

"Do you have any qualifications?" a bored member asked.

"No," replied Dildoe.

"Good," the chairman replied, "then we shall proceed with the interview."

DILDOE TOOK out a prepared statement, edged in black.

He read: "I believe there has been one thing wrong with the Collegian this year. Each issue has contained an advertisement for Camel Cigarettes. Now, these ads are funny and they will have to go." (Applause in the background as the ROTC Band plays *He's a Jolly Good Fellow*.)

"Furthermore," he continued, "All of those involved with the old Funny Southern Collegian shall be removed. If chosen I shall add a new department to our magazine: *Mother Allen's Home Recipes for Wayward Boys*."

As Dildoe spoke, the creaky lid of a coffin was heard. It was Ruth of the Maury River Road who came forward. "Gents," she blasted "I'd liked to offer my talents in the form of a column for your magazine: 'Sister Ruth's Advice to Wayward Girls'..."

The chairman of the Board spoke: "Dildoe, I think you are the man for the job..."

In rushed Cold Bones, head of the secret police of the ROTC. "I have some vital information about this man," he said. "The other day when 15 of his comrades flaked during drill, he smiled, 'and yesterday when Norm Lord slipped on that slime in the showers, Dildoe was seen laughing.'"

Dildoe walked out with his head bowed and his tail between his legs. The next morning he read on the bulletin board: BLUE BARRON HAS JUST BEEN CHOSEN EDITOR OF THE SOUTHERN COLLEGIAN.

### Film Fare:

## Another Series-- How To Enjoy A Movie

By Joe Scher

HOW TO ENJOY A MOVIE—Sixth in a series of three articles on "How."

SOME NAIVE persons who have never had the benefit of a college degradation think that enjoying a movie is something that comes natural, like warts. Uh uh. Enjoying a movie is probably one of the toughest things you'll ever be forced to do. It is even more difficult under the conditions in which we live, (this is living?) you should pardon the expression, Lexington.

The first requisite for enjoying a movie is getting into the theatre. Your best bet is to get into the theatre during showtime. You can always tell when it's showtime, because you'll see a line of shaggy boys in unconventional dress in front of the theatre, and a tall, smiling man pushing people inside. Watch out for the "Smiling Man"—he has a wicked left jab.

Next step is to purchase a ticket. This is not as simple as it sounds, for there are many elements working against you. The little lady in the glass cage will demand that you cross her palm with silver before she'll sell you a ticket. This can be avoided by ramming your fist through the glass and snatching as many tickets as you please. But watch out for the Smiling Man if you do this. He has a wicked right cross.

NOW THAT you have your ticket, you're practically in. Before you enter though, you've got to have something to eat. Wrap your bloody fist in your tee shirt so you won't leave a trail, and go across the street to the little drug store. There you'll find a wide selection of candies, ice cream, and pop corn. In the rush preceding the show you can cleverly steal what you want by slipping it into your bloody tee shirt. Watch out for the Smiling Man though. He's wicked.

Place yourself in a starting position across the street from the theatre and on the proper signal, spring in a straight line through the theatre doors, stiff-arming the ticket-taker as you pass.

Once in the theatre you are faced with a problem. Where to sit. If you're Air Corps material go to the balcony; if you're Navy material sit in the orchestra; if you're in the ROTC, go to hell.

Before you know what hit you the lights will go out and the film will start. This is the toughest part of one experiment. The actual work of "enjoying" the movie is upon you. While the previews and news are on you should try to relax yourself by coughing, throwing candy, or running up and down the aisles shouting "Fire!" If a cartoon comes on be very quiet because the chances are it will be very funny and you will really get a big laugh.

BY THE TIME the feature comes on, you're beginning to get restless and your legs are cramped. Push your knees into the seat in front of you until you hear the bolts crack. Or if you choose, drape your legs over the chair and get a leg-lock on the fellow in front of you. These intra-cinema wrestling matches are a whale of a good time, especially if the fellow in front of you is a girl.

If you're a good conversationalist, like to read, or can work cross-word puzzles in the semi-dark you'll find the time will pass very quickly, and you walk out into the sun once again. As you're going out, slide up to the Smiling Man and tell him you thought the picture was GREAT. But watch out for him. He's got a wicked smile.

## Troubs Come Out in Black, Thomas Says

Carlson Thomas, director of the Troubs, said today that financially the Troubs came out in the black this season. Much permanent equipment has been added, he said, and more will be added when necessary. Five motor tools and a complete section of hand tools, a new front curtain, a projection or light control booth in the rear of the auditorium, and much new rigging for the sets as well as other types of permanent equipment was added.

At the last performance of the season Joe Scher was presented with the Southern Collegian "Oscar," silver cuff links with the tradition mask face of comedy and tragedy denoting the theater.

The Troub plays have been running for longer periods of time this year to give everybody the benefit of working the plays into their schedule. The group hopes next year to give the entertainment which will meet the desires of the audiences.

### Nearly 200 Records Sold

Nearly 200 new Washington and Lee records by the ROTC Band and the Glee Club have been sold within the past two weeks, according to Cy Young, Alumni Secretary.

## THE STAFF

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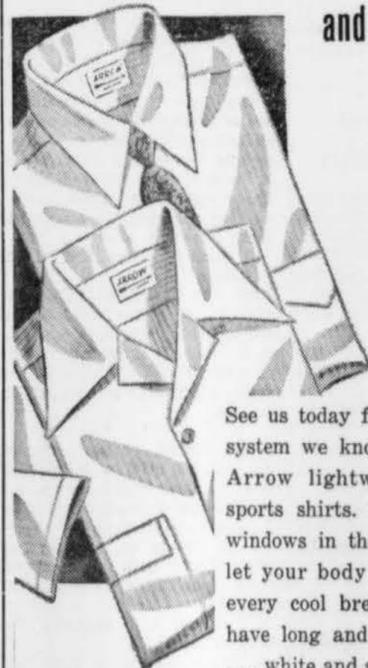
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## Wahoos Win 3-2 As Big Six Crown Changes Hands

The Big Six baseball crown changed hands last night at Charlottesville as Washington and Lee dropped a close 3-2 decision to the University of Virginia.

This victory by the Cavaliers clinched the Big Six title for them. W&L held the top spot in the state last year. After last night's contest, the Wahoos own a record of 6-1 in Big Six competition, and even if they lost their remaining three games, they would still retain the title. W&L, on the other hand, has only one more game to play, and that is against the Wahoos here on Monday. Even if the Generals did win this contest their record in state Big Six play would be 4-4.

Last night's game featured a tight pitching duel between W&L lefty Ty Janney and Virginia's Arlen Carter. Last year Janney handed the Cavaliers the defeat that clinched the Big Six title for W&L.

But in the eighth inning Virginia's Pres Harrison rocketed a double off Janney to score Mel Reach, and win the ball game.

With only one game left, the Generals boast a 4-9 record against college competition, which includes a 3-6 slate in the Southern Conference.

The last game of the season will be played here Monday night beginning at 8. The contest will take place on the Lexington Recreation Field.

## WREL Uncertain Whether It'll Carry Redskin Games

The question as to whether or not station WREL in Lexington will carry the Washington Redskins football games next fall is still in the fire.

The radio station management has contacted the Redskin front office, and is currently trying to persuade them to let the station carry the games.

In lieu of the favorable reception to the broadcast of the Washington Senators baseball games, station manager Mickey Henson feels that it would be advantageous for the station and Lexington if permission could be obtained to carry the football games.

## IM Board Plans Handbook; Wants Student Suggestions

By DAVE BARE

In the very near future the I-M Handbook for 1953-54 will go to press, and suggestions are now open through the various I-M managers on how to improve intramural athletics next year. These constructive ideas will be turned over to the I-M Board and will be given due consideration.

It's a hard thing to satisfy everyone; in fact, it's impossible. However, there are certain faults now connected with the intramural program that are recognized.

**Question of Practice Sessions**  
The poor officiating was mentioned last Tuesday, but, aside from that, there is one other glaring fault: practice sessions! What are their purposes, and do they accomplish them?

In the first place, intramurals are for the enjoyment of the students in each fraternity and the Campus Club, and therefore should have as little required work as possible. An I-M manager from each house is, of course, a necessary requirement, but to force students who wish to participate in a certain sport to spend hours of their time for possibly just one event is another matter.

**Why Should Practice be Enforced?**  
In most cases practice is a necessary thing, but it need never be enforced. The person who has a real desire to win will get out and practice on his own, whereas the person who has no interest in winning, but just getting participation points is invariably going to find a way to get out of required practice sessions.

Seeing, therefore, that they do not help the men who want to win nor the ones who don't want to win either, just who do they help?

In the second place, there are undoubtedly many men who would be willing to go out for a certain sport but refuse because of lack of time to attend the practice sessions. Some of these would even be willing to practice on their own when they have the time, but they still wouldn't be allowed to compete. Against such an obstacle as this, most, and soon all interest in intramurals will be lost by these individuals.

**Should Be Handled Like Softball**

Since practice never hurt anyone, why aren't all practices handled in the same manner as softball practices? That is, give a certain location and time to each fraternity in every sport whereas that fraternity, if it really wants to win, can utilize the time in setting up good teamwork without feeling that it is being forced into something. The teams that want to win are going to do that anyway.

This preceding discussion has been on only one fault of the present I-M program, but these are others. If you have a criticism and a remedy as well, tell your I-M manager, in order to really make intramurals work next year.

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## Pole Vaulter Diggs Is General's Entry SC Track Competition

By PAUL SANDERS

The Washington and Lee track team has seen just about its last action of this year's season. Only one entrant, pole-vaulter Walt Diggs, will compete in the Southern Conference meet, which is to be held this weekend at Duke. Diggs, who has tied the W&L record of 12 feet 6 inches, has a good chance of winning, but will meet some stiff competition from Duke and South Carolina tracksters.

At the State A.A.U. meet, which will be held at W&L on the weekend of the 23rd, only three General contestants will see action. Officially, however, these men will not represent W&L because of the ruling which prohibits participation in intercollegiate sports during exam periods. The entrants will be Diggs in the pole vault, Harry Kennedy running the high hurdles, and Dick Littlejohn in the high jump. All three may compete in the Junior division of the meet, since none have Junior titles.

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## Competitive Fencing Looms as 20 Students Begin Classes at VMI

With progress steadily moving along, W&L men now have an excellent opportunity to engage in competitive fencing.

Thanks to the organizing work of John O'Brien, about 20 students from this university have begun attending the VMI Fencing Club, under the direction of Basil Roudoubisky.

The two neighboring colleges will work in conjunction with each other in the future seasons, and attempts to schedule matches for next year have already begun.

Since most of the students from both schools are either freshmen or sophomores, the prospects for future seasons appear very encouraging. At the moment, the

nine VMI men seem to be more experienced, but O'Brien states that W&L men, many of whom never fenced before, are moving right on up and are expected to figure into the plans in the next year or two.

In future matches, all three events, the sabre, foil and epee, will be included.

Just as VMI and W&L have taken up fencing this year, the trend seems to be a spreading affair. Even Staunton Military Academy and Augusta Military Academy have begun practice sessions.

The VMI Fencing Club is meeting every Tuesday and Thursday, and any additional students that are interested are urged to call John O'Brien at Lexington 839.

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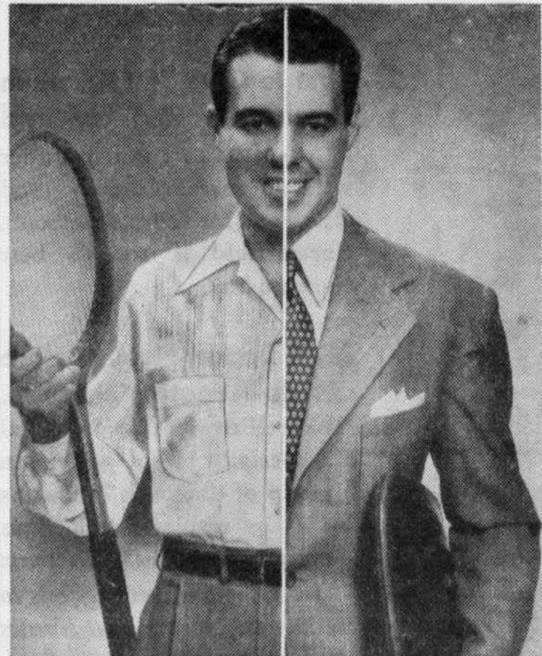
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**Senior Banquet Tuesday**

Tuesday, May 19, has been set as the date for the annual Alumni Banquet for Seniors, it was announced recently by Cy Young, Alumni Secretary. The affair will be held at the Natural Bridge Hotel at 8:30 p.m. and will feature President Gaines as speaker, who will deliver his annual address to seniors.

Entertainment will be provided by the Deltones of Delta Tau Delta. Formal dress is required.

**Picture Feature Stories on Display in Payne Hall 6**

Eight picture stories about W&L and Lexington by students in Journalism 206 are now on display in Payne 6.

Subjects are:  
 "A College Newspaper Goes To Press," (The Ring-tum Phi) by Bill Hill.

"W&L Goes to a Cafeteria" (the Dutch Inn) by Ed Eelstand.  
 "Art for Fun's Sake" by Glenn Scott.

"Behind the Postmark" (the Lexington Post Office in operation) by Sedge Moss.  
 "The Blue Ridge Parkway" by Sam Patton.

"The SPCA at Work in Rockbridge County" by A. M. Pitard, and  
 "If I'dA Knowned You Was Coming I'dA Baked A Cake" by Jere Moore.

**SCABBARD AND BLADE**

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held an informal meeting to discuss plans and policies for the newest honorary fraternity on campus during the coming fall.

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