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SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY BEGINS AT 10

EC's Investigation Of Cheating Results In Withdrawal of 15

By Raymond D. Smith, Jr.

At a voluntary student body assembly yesterday at noon, Student Body President Bill Bailey disclosed that thirteen Washington and Lee students from the sophomore, junior and senior classes had withdrawn from the University in the last few days for violations of the Honor System.

All were involved in obtaining advance copies of quizzes and exams by the use of pass keys.*

TWELVE of the students implicated voluntarily withdrew from the University rather than stand trial. One stood trial and was found guilty. He too has withdrawn.

All of the thirteen have signed written depositions admitting the part they played in what Bailey termed a "syndicate."

One night watchman was also involved. He has been dismissed.

As is the University policy in Honor cases, no names will be made public.

BAILEY SAID that the Student Body Executive Committee was ending its investigation and that "a couple more" students may leave.

Later in the afternoon, it was definitely known that two more implicated students had withdrawn, bringing the total number of withdrawals for breaches of the Honor System to fifteen.

The students involved had obtained advance copies of quizzes and exams from the mimeograph office and professors' offices by using pass keys.

The "syndicate" had in its possession several keys, including two master keys. These keys would open all professor's offices in Robinson, Washington, Payne, Newcomb, and Reid Halls, and the office of the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds where all keys to the University buildings are kept.

IN ADDITION, the Honor System violators had in their possession keys to the mimeograph office and the filing cabinet in that office in which all quizzes and exams are stored until picked up by professors.

Bailey said that all students who have withdrawn had known fully of the student held keys and had received advance copies of quizzes or exams through the use of the keys, or had gone into offices and obtained quizzes or exams or had stood guard while others did so.

He added that when advance (Continued on page three)

NOTICE

Dance Plan holders may pick up their dance tickets at the door tonight.

Summer Issue Of Shenandoah Out This Week

Copies of the Summer Issue of *Shenandoah*, the Washington and Lee University Review, are being distributed this week.

Perhaps the magazine's biggest departure from precedent is the printing of an eleven page poem, "The Sack of New Sarum (1955)" by Alan Neame.

Other verse selections include:

Robert Beloof's "Each Man to His Own Miracles," a poem showing the Robert Frost influence; "November" by Chris Bjerknes, a fall idyl of vivid imagery; and Richard Ashman's "The Mountaintop," a brief panorama of the Shenandoah Valley.

THE LONE piece of fiction is Marvin Mudrick's "The Professor and the Poet." The good-natured satire relates the circumstances and consequences of a young Irish poet's visit to a small California college town.

The John Arthos essay, "In Honor of Stark Young," is just that. Mr. Arthos presents several new insights into the work of the noted Southern writer.

HARRY MODEAN CAMPBELL'S

"A Revaluation of Elizabeth Madox Roberts' The Time of Man and The Great Meadow"

has particular significance because Dr. Campbell had access to Miss Roberts' hitherto unpublished notes and correspondence.

The final section includes reviews by Hugh Kenner and Marvin Mudrick, both professors of English at Santa Barbara College.

Herbert Marshall McLuhan, a Canadian; Ashley Brown a former member of the W&L English Department; and Thomas H. Carter, a member of the graduating class and editor of *Shenandoah* for two years.

SUBSCRIPTIONS and single copies may be obtained by contacting Dale Cornelius at the DU House or at Box 722, Lexington, Virginia.



Miss Nannette McBurney of Sweet Briar who is attending Finals with Dance Set President Dean Guy.

Streamlined Finals Program Slated To Start Thursday

A "streamlined" Washington and Lee University Finals program will wait until Thursday to be launched this year with the baccalaureate sermon in Lee Chapel by Dr. James A. Redhead, of Greensboro, N. C.

In the past, Finals program began on Sunday preceding commencement on Friday. The board of trustees this year voted to begin the program with the baccalaureate sermon on Thursday.

One hundred and ninety-nine seniors will don their caps and gowns for the first time to hear Dr. Redhead, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, deliver the baccalaureate address.

The seniors, their final examinations a thing of the past by Wednesday night, are scheduled to receive their diplomas from Dr. Francis P. Gaines on Friday at 11 o'clock.

PRESIDENT GAINES, who traditionally addresses the seniors at commencement, earlier Friday will award commissions in the U. S. Army to 11 members of the graduating class.

Robert O. Paxton, of Lexington, winner of a Rhodes scholarship, will deliver the valedictory address at Commencement, following Dr. Gaines to the speaker's platform. Paxton's brother, M. W. Paxton, Jr., delivered the 1949 valedictory address.

It was learned late yesterday that Robert O. Paxton of Lexington (Continued on page four)

285-300 Fill Freshman Class

A class of from 285 to 300 men will enter Washington and Lee as freshmen next fall, Dean Gilliam announced today.

He said the group will not exceed the capacity of the dormitory with the exception of local boys and some older veterans who will not live in the freshman dorm.

COL. BOWES' home on West Washington Street will be turned into an auxiliary dormitory which will house 14 members of next year's freshman class.

Dean Gilliam has appointed Rudolph J. Stutzmann, a Kappa Sig of Great Neck, N. Y., to be counselor in this auxiliary dorm which will be known as Preston House.

THOUGH FINAL REPORTS on the entering freshmen will not be received until sometime in June, the Dean's Office is farther along by several weeks in having the class roll complete at this time than it has been in recent years.

Full Schedule Planned; Music By Thornhill and Ellington

By Jerry Hopkins

The first dance of the Finals Set will begin at 10:00 tonight to the music of Claude Thornhill and his orchestra.

Festivities were started this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Mayflower Hotel with a cocktail party given by the Sigma Chis. The party, in honor of dance set president Dean Guy,

*featured the music of the campus jazz band the Southern Collegians.

The decorations for both tonight and tomorrow's dances picture the social, intellectual, and spiritual phases of college life.

According to Dean Guy, new ideas in soft colored lighting will be introduced in order to furnish light enough for the dance floor and yet to emphasize the dance decorations more than in the past.

Claude Thornhill and his orchestra have toured the nation's leading hotels and theaters for many years and are now extremely popular as a dance band for college and university dance sets. Under contract with Victor and Columbia Records he has become responsible for hits such as "Johnson Rag," "Moonlight Bay," and "Autumn Nocturne."

Dancing to Thornhill's music will commence at 10 and continue until 2 in the morning. Dancers are to be dressed formally.

The dance figure, to be formed by the dance set officers and their dates will highlight the evening's program. Among the twenty-four couples participating will be dance set president Dean Guy with Nannette McBurney of Sweet Briar Wiley Wright with Sally Clark formerly at Hollins, Hugh Berryman with Jo Sauer of York, Pa., Monte Pearse with Dede Crater of Sweet Briar, Harry Sherman with Ann Thomas of Adams Run, S. C., and Walt Smith with June Feltus.

FINALS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 2

4:00-6:00 p.m.—Sigma Chi Cocktails Party at the Mayflower

10:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m.—Formal Dance (Claude Thornhill and Orchestra)

11:30 p.m.—Dance Figure

Thursday, June 3

11:00 a.m.—Baccalaureate Service

6:45-8:15 p.m.—Outdoor Concert (Duke Ellington and Orchestra)

Front Campus — Conventional Dress

9:00 p.m.—Formal Reception for Graduating Seniors

11:30 p.m.-4:00 a.m.—Dance (Duke Ellington and Orchestra)

Formal until 1:30 a.m.—Conventional Dress thereafter

12:30 a.m.—Senior Dance Figure.

1:30 a.m.—Intermission

4:00 a.m.—Concert on the Footbridge (Duke Ellington)

Friday, June 4

10:30 a.m.—Procession

11:00 a.m.—Commencement Program

of Sweet Briar. The figure will be at 11:30 p.m.

AT 6:45 P.M. tomorrow Duke Ellington will conduct an outdoor concert in front of the colonnade. Ellington and his orchestra will be facing Washington Hall in front of Lee Chapel and the spectators will take seats on the campus lawn. Students are requested to attend in conventional dress.

Following the concert the graduating seniors and law students are invited to attend a reception given by Mrs. Gaines. It is urged that those attending do not delay after the concert, as the reception begins at 9:00 p.m.—three-quarters of an hour after the concert ends. Dress for the reception is to be formal.

The second night of dancing will be to the music of Duke Ellington and his orchestra. The (Continued on page four)



Miss Ann Thomas
with
Harry Sherman



Miss Jane Feltus
with
Walt Smith



Miss Jo Sauer
with
Buddy Berryman



Miss Sally Clarke
with
Wiley Wright



Miss Dede Crater
with
Monte Pearse

The Ring-tum Phi

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The Honor System

Washington and Lee has faced its greatest crisis and has survived a greater university than ever.

The school, the Honor System and student body government has never received a greater tribute than the standing ovation, yesterday at noon, ending Bill Bailey's announcement that 13 students had withdrawn for violation of the Honor System.

For the Executive Committee, Bailey's remarks climaxed a week of trials and investigations. The story of how a small group of students gained control of a set of keys to every office on this campus does not need repeating. We need only to remind Washington and Lee students that the Honor System was strong enough to end the violation and that it was strengthened by the action this week end.

We have but one regret. We are sorry that any one of the 13 students did not report the violation sooner. If this had been done, we could more proudly state that our Honor System is a student function. We hope that we have gained a valuable experience and that Washington and Lee will profit from this mistake.

It is commendable that university officials remained silent throughout the ordeal while they watched the Executive Committee act wisely and justly. The administration's faith in student government has not gone unrewarded. The treatment given the affair in the newspapers up and down the Atlantic seaboard is a direct result of the administration's realizing that the best way to wipe-out every trace of dishonesty at Washington and Lee is to allow it to be exposed.

We realize that athletics will suffer from the loss of eight of the 13 men but we feel this is a small price to pay for the Honor System.

—C. E.

Screen Shots:

Schlossman Closes Door On Cast of Thousands

By Steve Schlossman

Genevieve or I took a ride in more, partly because Hollywood always gives her the part of the neurotic woman. Well, have you never been to Britain, but if I could go with a gal that could play the trumpet like that...!

NEXT ON THE HIT PARADE: The Twelve Miles of Grief starring Terry Moore who was at her best in King of the Khyber Rifles. If that was her best, she better get a swim suit sans ermine in her next picture. Robert Wagner lived up to his rep as being octopus bait number one in the country.

Treasure of Sierra Madre played at the Lyric ages ago, but it isn't too late to recall one of the finest performances by Walter Houston since he sang "September Song." This picture is recommended for future professional bums all over the nation. Remember! You too can strike it rich!

Let's talk about some really good new movies. For one, take The Little Fugitive. This picture was filmed on a budget of \$15,000 and look at the results. No great armies marching into Rome, no scenes with a cast of thousands of paid extras, one little kid in Coney Island, plus some of the greatest photo shots I have ever viewed on film.

NEXT COMES Executive Suite, When the flick was over nearly everyone said "whew, what tension." Well, there certainly was a great amount of it built up in the office of the Treadway Furniture Co.

Barbara Stanwick doesn't get the hand she used to in pictures any-

The Year Reviewed In Introspect

By ANDY GREENMAN

SEPTEMBER—323 men pledge fraternities, as Deltas get largest class of 22, 81% of freshmen, slightly lower than the past year, began pledging. First enrollment an even 1,000 says Registrar. Fraternities get new homes... Deltas Upsilon and Phi Epsilon Pi, both join the Westside mob with Kappa Sigma, Phi Gamma, and Delta Tau Delta.

OCTOBER—Oct. 2—Executive Committee decides to consider Cotillion Club voting methods... First 3-D movie at State Theater, The Moonlighters... Rob Peoples, (SAE-U) defeats Tom Moore (Delt-I) in Freshman EC elections, 134-119... Law School prepares to form Judge Advocate General Corps at W&L... Oct 13—Ring-tum Phi announces and photographs Beta's historic welcome of Colonel Lindbergh.

NOVEMBER—Seventeen students selected for Who's Who... Faculty ends censorship of Southern Collegian, humor magazine... First issue of the year to appear at Homecomings Nov. 14... Ring-tum Phi headline "Six Committees Swarm University Investigating Development Needs"... Nov. 20—Two students resign from EC posts, say health and studies are the reasons... Nov. 20—"Lords' Tigers" bat in luxury as new \$10,000 showers are opened in gym.

DECEMBER—Student War Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee tops \$10,000 goal after six year effort... Dec. 15—Cook fatally burned at Lambda Chi house, in what was called "Lexington's most ironic fire"... Dec. 15—Bob Paxton among 32 students in United States named Rhodes Scholars... SWMFC plans second drive and set new \$10,000 goal... Dec. 15—Construction begins on new classroom building by Barger and Company. Building with fine arts wing to cost \$250,000.

JANUARY—Transportation training to be replaced by Branch General ROTC unit announces President Gaines, Jan. 8... First publicity on W&L Quiz Bowl team released on Jan. 8. Program to be broadcast over NBC nationwide facilities, Feb. 18... Jan. 12—EC requests activities cost increase, sliding rule sought with \$14 maximum... Jan. 29—Mardi Gras ball with President Beau Redmond escorting Miss Sue Toledo... Dance features music of Dean Hudson and Ray Anthony.

FEBRUARY—Feb. 2—Ring-tum Phi headline reads, "Freshman Busy as Help Week Begins"... Later on, Feb. 5 paper said, "Sleepless Nights, no Studying Both Results of Hell Week..." Feb. 9—Trustees fail to give green light to Freshman Commons plans due to lack of funds... W&L Quiz Bowl team composed of Paxton, Quinn, Lackmann, and Turner win first match over Smith College, 180-110. Quizzeros next tackle University of Chicago, Princeton, Barnard.

MARCH—March 2—J. Higgins Williams dies suddenly at 1:15 p.m. after hemorrhage. President Gaines speaking for all his associates said, "His death is a loss to this institution and in an uncommon measure is a personal grief to thousands of people."... Ring-tum Phi blasts Sisley's Co-op for rise in coffee prices, cites Doc's reassuring five cent cup... Quiz team bows to aroused Syracuse University squad... Phi Beta Kappa elects 20 seniors, 2 juniors. Performance of "Mr. Roberts" opens at Troubadour Theater. Largest crowds in many years turn out to see the following seven performances by W&L theater group. One lawyer, March 9...

APRIL—Bermuda, the theme for Spring dances... No shorts allowed says president. Ray McKinley and Tony Pastor featured... Polls open. Results find University Party with three offices and Independent with two... Watty Bowes, (Delt-I) new student body president... Kappa Sigma joins Independent Party. Move brings I-P members close to U-P says Ring-tum Phi

MAY—University Party sweeps class elections, May 4... Cotillion Club, PAN, White Friar elections protested... EC refuses Cotillion club president's right to ballot. PAN and White Friar elections unchanged... Independent Party sweeps new Cotillion Club offices in second election.



Show above is the presentation of the Washington Award to Bill Bailey. Kent Horner awarded the cup on behalf of the Washington Literary Society.

Frank Giddon To Head Publications Board

Frank Giddon, editor of the Southern Collegian, was elected president of the Publications Board at a meeting Friday afternoon.

Giddon will succeed Bill Jones as president.

The board also elected Bob Fishburn to the Student Body Executive Committee. Fishburn has served as business manager of The Ring-tum Phi this year.

Edmonds Vice President

Cecil Edmonds, editor of the Friday Ring-tum Phi was elected vice-president of the board and Sandy Maslansky, business manager of the Calyx for next year was elected secretary.

Business managers of the three campus publications reported to the board that the Calyx and the Southern Collegian showed a profit during the past year. The Ring-tum Phi, however, showed a small loss.

Bailey Gets Washington Award For Service to University

Bill Bailey, an intermediate law student, was presented the Washington Award for Distinguished Service to Washington and Lee in ceremonies held in Dean Leyburn's office last Wednesday.

Bailey, president of the student body, was chosen for the award by a joint faculty-student committee.

The Washington Award is sponsored by the Washington Literary Society and is awarded annually to the student who, in the judgment of the Society, has rendered the "most distinguished service to Washington and Lee in the field of undergraduate activities."

The recipient of the award receives a scroll and his name is engraved on a large silver cup. Kent Horner, retiring president of the Washington Literary Society made the presentation and gave a short talk.

The silver cup was presented to the University at the ceremony.

James Street Awards

Bill Hill and Glenn Scott have been awarded top places in the first James Street Awards competition, O. W. Riegel, director of Lee Memorial Journalism Foundation announced last week.

Hill, of Silver Spring, Md., won the top \$35 cash prize for his radio documentary tape on problems in Rockbridge County Schools. Hill's tape was made the day of the Court decision on segregation.

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Bailey Blames Students for Situation

Letter From Dr. Gaines Commends EC's Action

(Continued from page one) copies were unobtainable, some of the students had entered professors' offices after the quizzes had been given and had substituted an improved set of answers for those they wrote during the quiz.

In the fifteen minute address to the assembly of several hundred students which almost filled Lee Chapel yesterday, Bailey said that the situation has "more potential for good than...for harm."

BAILEY STATED that investigation of the "syndicate" had been under way since the end of April. To consider the cases which arose, the Student Body Executive Committee was in almost constant session from last Friday through Monday, with briefer sessions since then.

In concluding his explanation of the action of the EC in the last few days, Bailey stated his disappointment in the reaction of some students to the withdrawal of the implicated members of the "syndicate." He said he felt that members of the student body had known of the situation before now and had not called it to the attention of the EC.

Bailey said: "To those few students in the audience, some of whom I can call by name, who have publicly said that they would not report a violation of the Honor System because of the possible consequences to the individual concerned, I and the student body can thank for the fact that thirteen students are now leaving."

He went on to emphasize that each student must be willing to shoulder his own duties under the Honor System, the most onerous of which is the reporting of student violations of the system. Without that, the Honor System then becomes "the shield of the guilty and

the betrayer of the innocent."

BAILEY CLOSED the assembly by raising the question: "How many boys would violate the Honor System if they knew anyone who saw them would turn them in?"

At the completion of his address, Bailey, who was visibly shaken by the events of the last few days, left the podium and was

given a standing ovation by the assembly.

Students, faculty members, and University officials alike, all highly praised the Student Body Executive Committee's handling of the situation.

Following is the text of a letter University President Francis P. Gaines addressed to the EC yesterday:

"THE ADMINISTRATIVE officials share profoundly in the distress which this tragic chapter in our history has given to the entire Washington and Lee family.

"I ask to go on record as paying tribute to the Student Executive Committee which with courage and devotion has brought this existing situation into a clear and open light.

"The administrative officials will cooperate fully in an attempt to remove any existing factors of whatever nature that might make a recurrence of this story possible.

"The administrative officials commend the present Student Executive Committee and pledge full support of those officers whom

the students of this University choose as their duly elected leaders.

"IN BEHALF of all of us I offer a prayer that this episode will not shake our faith in the Honor System of our University but will be an occasion for us to rededicate ourselves to the noble and commanding ideal which is the strength of this System.

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**Valedictorian**

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ton, Va., who is valedictorian of the Class of 1954 had been taken to the Jackson Memorial Hospital with an attack of appendicitis. A hospital spokesman said this

morning that Paxton was doing fine.

University officials said that Paxton would appear on the graduation program as valedictorian of the graduating class and that his valedictory address would be read by the senior who stands second.

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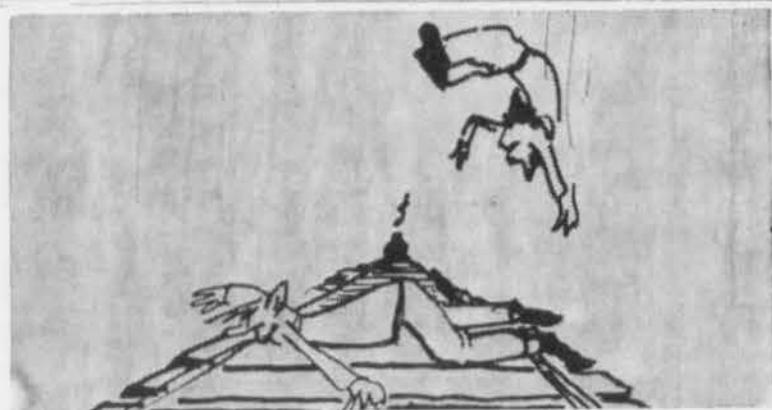
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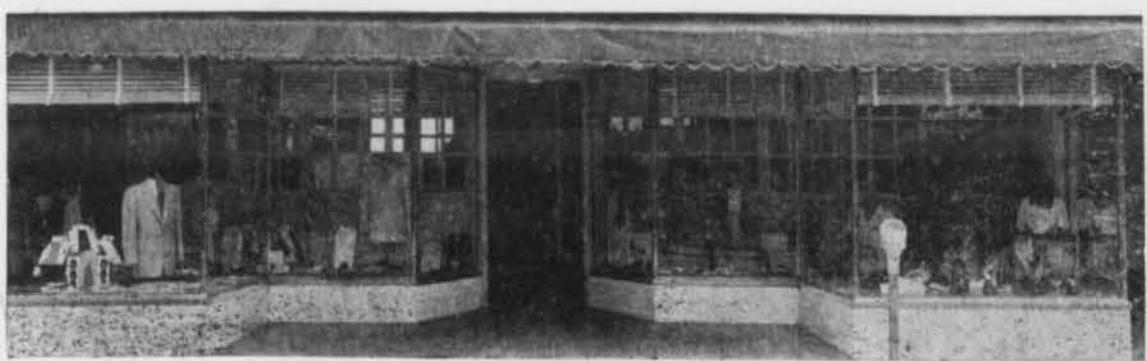
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dancing will begin at 11:30 p.m. and will continue until 4:00 a.m.

Ellington's orchestra has appeared in Ziegfeld's "Show Girl," in a show with Maurice Chevalier, in several films, on radio and TV, and has been for many years touring the country conducting up to eighty concerts a year. The Duke, the "creator of a new vogue in modern music," has made best sellers of Columbia and Capitol recordings of "Blue Moon," "Mood Indigo," and "Caravan."

Dress for tomorrow night's dance is to be formal for the first half of the evening. After the 1:30 intermission formal dress may still be worn but it is not required. The wearing of conventional dress (suits) is expected throughout the second half of the dance.

Preceding intermission the seniors will form in the final dance figure of the year.

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