

1000 EXPECTED TO VISIT LAND OF OZ

Promotions Received By Eight Faculty Members

Commons Topic Is Postponed

By DICK ANDERSON

Eight members of the Washington and Lee faculty have received promotions, including six who have been elevated to the post of full professors.

The promotions were approved by the university Board of Trustees at its January meeting at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C., Dr. Francis P. Gaines, president of the university, said this week.

Other action taken by the Board of Trustees included:

(1) A faculty recommendation to construct a University Commons was referred to the Executive Committee of the board for study.

(2) A request for improvement of operating conditions of the university Print Shop was passed on for study to university administrative officials.

Dean Not Named

Dr. Gaines said that no new announcements concerning the appointment of a new University Dean to succeed Dean Leyburn was made at the Trustees' meeting. Dean Leyburn, who resigned from the position last fall, is continuing to serve in the capacity until a new appointee is named.

Faculty members who were promoted from associate professor to full professor were Dr. George H. Foster, Dr. Rowland W. Nelson, and Dr. Marvin B. Perry, all of the English department; Dr. William A. Jenks, of the history department; Dr. R. Winter Royston, of the mathematics department; and Dr. David W. Sprunt of the religion department.

Others who received promotions were George J. Irwin from assistant professor to associate professor, and Dr. Edward B. Hamer from instructor to assistant professor, both in G. W. Custis Lee Foundation of Romance Languages.

The committee set up to study the Commons proposal will meet in April and present a full report to the Trustees at their next meeting in June, at which time action will be taken.

University Is Host To '56 SIPA Press Convention May 4, 5

High school and preparatory school publications in 14 Southern states and the District of Columbia have been invited to send delegates to the 27th annual convention of the Southern Interscholastic Press Association at Washington and Lee University on May 4 and 5.

Professor O. W. Riegel, director of the Lee Memorial Journalism Foundation which sponsors the convention, said deadline for submission of publications for contest judging is Feb. 15. Over 200 entries are expected, he said.

Last year, more than 900 student editors of school newspapers, radio shows, magazines and yearbooks attended the two-day session. With a steady increase in registration noted over the post-war years, Mr. Riegel says the 1956 convention may be the largest ever.

Convention planners are requesting schools to limit delegations to ten members. The annually increasing registration has placed a heavy strain on Lexington housing and dining facilities for delegates.

Registration is scheduled for Thursday afternoon and evening, May 3, and Friday morning, May 4.

Transfers of Dance Plans Are Honor Code Violation

Washington and Lee dance plans are non-transferable and any violation of this regulation will be considered an honor system violation, Bill Henley Dance Board President, said today.

Such an infringement falls under the category of lying. Both the owner of the card and the user will be considered equally guilty.



STAN ERDREICH and John Garson begin putting up the decorations for tonight's dance under the direction of Decorations Vice President Joe Chatman. Photo by Borthwick

Vanderbilt Political Scientist To Keynote IRC Week February 15

Dr. D. F. Fleming, author and scholar in the field of international politics and foreign relations and research professor in the Department of Political Science at Vanderbilt University, will speak at Washington and Lee on Feb. 15 as part of the International Relations Club Week program.

The subject of Dr. Fleming's address will be "Woodrow Wilson and Collective Security." Theme of the IRC Week is revolving around the 100th anniversary of Woodrow Wilson's birth.

Dr. Fleming will address the second day's session of the IRC Week. Plans have not been arranged yet for the time and place of the address, according to Dr. J. Harvey Wheeler, faculty advisor to the club, and Bill Fitzgerald, president of the IRC.

Dr. Ralph E. Purcell, associate professor of political science at Sweet Briar College, and Miss Frances Farmer, librarian of the University of Virginia Law School, will speak at W&L on February 14 to open the International Relations Week.

Author of six books and contributor to four political science journals in the fields of international politics, international organization, and foreign relations, Dr. Fleming has been on the faculty at Vanderbilt since 1928. He was Head of the Department of Political Science for ten years from 1941-1951, and has been serving in the special capacity of research professor since 1951.

He received his A.B., A.M., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois in 1916, 1920, 1928, respectively, and was awarded an additional Ph.D. from Eastern Illinois State College in 1949.

In addition to his academic services, Dr. Fleming was a columnist for the Nashville Evening Tennessean from 1935-37 and was a radio commentator for station WSM from 1939-48. In 1946 he served as a member of the United States delegation to the UN Atomic Energy Commission.

He was elected president of the Southern Political Science Association in 1941 and was vice-president of the American Political Science Association in 1943.



BEARDS! YES SIR! Jappy Becker, Greg McNeer and Marty Marthinson carry on what may become another W&L tradition.—Borthwick Photo

Hell Week Regulation Is General

Interfraternity Council President Sid Kaplan said today that the single rule for the regulation of Hell Week is that their first allegiance is to the University.

Any infringement upon the "general rule" will be handled by the Executive Committee of the IFC.

Poor enforcement and conflicting regulations led to the abolition of all previous Hell Week rulings.

All fraternity men have been asked by the Dean's office to remember

Weekend Dates Invited to Come To '56 Minstrel

An invitation to attend the Second Annual Minstrel Show was extended to the hundreds of dates now in Lexington for the Fancy Dress weekend today by Gordon Gooch, producer of the show.

Gooch asked that the girls make plans to return in six weeks when the show opens on March 15. He said the production will run for three days with a matinee performance on the last day, March 17.

The weeks preceding the Christmas vacation were devoted to auditioning talent from three or four near-by girls' schools and since the holidays new members have been added to the production staff and plans have been "rolling along smoothly."

Four new men added to the staff are Buch Buchanan, Stan Erlich, Sage Lyons and Morgan Schafer.

Rehearsals Begin Soon

Rehearsals will begin next Thursday and will continue through the dates of the production.

The end men and the interlocutor have not been named yet but Gooch said some of last year's talent, among them Ike "Sorrowful" Smith and Roger "Dumhead" Doyle, will return to the stage.

Others already named to the production staff include Trev Armbrister who is writing the script and Jim Lewis who will direct the chorus. Professor Robert Stewart, W&L music director, has said he will help in the selection of numbers.

"The show won't be just like last year's—not by a long shot," Gooch said. "We are planning new acts, making all new scenery, lining up new talent. The show won't be the same but the spirit will."



SHAREN COHEN, escorted by dance set President Henry Heymann, will lead the Fancy Dress Figure tonight at 10 p.m.

Auditions for Common Glory Here Feb. 25

A series of three preliminary auditions, one of them in Lexington, and one final casting tryout preparatory to the 10th season of "The Common Glory" was announced recently by the Jamestown Corporation.

The Lexington preliminary for the Paul Green historical drama will be conducted Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Troubadour Theater.

The preliminaries, aimed primarily at uncovering new talent in Virginia, will also be held in Williamsburg, the home of the pageant, and Charlottesville. The casting audition, this year for the first time to be a one-day affair, will be at Matoaka Lake Amphitheater in Williamsburg.

Director Howard Scammon, in announcing the tryout dates, said all roles in the 1956 production are open to new talent and that former members of the company must compete with the newcomers for every part in the production.

Preliminary Readings

He pointed out, however, that actors, actresses and dancers who have participated previously need not attend the preliminaries. They will be judged on their readings in the casting audition.

Mr. Scammon said there will be no final audition for singers. Unlike actors and dancers, former members of the choir who wish to audition for this year's production must appear at one of the preliminaries.

Outstanding new acting and dance prospects will be invited to the Williamsburg auditions to compete with former members of the company.

"The Common Glory," second oldest of the still-active outdoor dramas of the South, is planning in 1956 its longest season since 1950. The season will open on June 23 and continue through Sept. 2.

Dance Begins Tonight at 10

A fabulous journey to L. Frank Baum's Land of Oz awaits more than 400 couples who will attend the 47th Annual Fancy Dress Ball at 10 p.m. today. An additional 200-250 guests and observers are expected to bring tonight's attendance well over 1,000.

The two-day multi-colored extravaganza marks the end of the mid-term exam period and allows book-weary students an opportunity for merriment before second semester classes start next Monday.

Figure Tonight

Highlights of tonight's costume ball will be the opening figure, led by Fancy Dress President Henry Heymann, of New Orleans, La., as the "Wizard of Oz," and his guest, Miss Sharen Cohen, also of New Orleans and a student at Newcombe College, as the princess of the fantasy wonderland.

Heymann's vice-presidents, all of whom assisted him in decorating Doremus Gymnasium for the event, and their dates will be in the costume ball.

Today

3-5 p.m.—Cocktail Party honoring Fancy Dress President Henry Heymann in Pine Room of Mayflower Hotel.

5 p.m.—Figure rehearsal in Doremus Gymnasium.

10 p.m.—2 a.m.—Fancy Dress Costume Ball with Les Elgart's Orchestra.

10:10 p.m.—Fancy Dress Figure. Doors will close during the half-hour procession.

Saturday

4-6 p.m.—Concert in Doremus Gymnasium with Johnny Long's Orchestra.

9-12 p.m.—Formal Dance in Doremus Gymnasium with Johnny Long's Orchestra. Junior Figure.

tunes of the well-remembered Scarecrow and Dorothy, the Tin Woodman and the Good Witch, the Cowardly Lion and the Wicked Witch, the King and Queen of Gnomes, and the King of the Sky and Queen of the Sea.

The 400 other couples attending the ball will be dressed as woodsmen, elves, fairies, witches, wizards, flowers, birds, and famous characters from other books of children's fancy, such as "Alice in Wonderland."

Costumes are rented from the Philadelphia firm, Van Horn and Co., which has been outfitting Fancy Dress Balls at Washington and Lee since their beginning 47 years ago.

Vice-Presidents

Among the vice-presidents of the dance and their dates are:

John Candler, Atlanta, Ga., escorting Miss Marion Burton, of Athens, Tenn., a student at Randolph-Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Va.

Joe Chatman, Western Springs, Ill., escorting Miss Virginia Baumgardner, of Staunton, Va., also a student at Randolph-Macon.

Butch Callaway, Westfield, N. J., escorting Miss Page Muse, of Fincastle, Va., a student at Hollins College.

Sandy Maslansky, New Orleans, escorting Miss Barbara Rubenstein, also of New Orleans and a student at Marjorie Webster Junior College.

John Grabau Wins \$50 Gift Certificate

John D. Grabau, Sigma Nu, has been awarded a \$50 gift certificate for re-naming "Tolley's Toggery" the "College Town Shop."

The contest, opening less than two weeks ago, offered another \$50 gift certificate for writing the best slogan for the Nelson Street store. This was won by a VMI cadet.

Don Huffman, co-proprietor, said "College Town Shop" was selected over six other entries.



MARION BURTON with John Candler



PAGE MUSE with Butch Callaway



VIRGINIA BAUMGARDNER with Joe Chatman



BARBARA RUBENSTEIN with Sandy Maslansky

Washington Hit Parade GOP Attacked for Employment Of 'Peanut Butter' Censorship

By BILL MILLER
and DAVE HENDERSON

Not long ago a reporter queried a Government agency to find out how much peanut butter our men in uniform consume in a year. His request was turned down cold. "This information," snapped the Government press officer, "is classified TOP SECRET. A potential enemy might get valuable clues on our armed strength if we were to release these figures."

Actually the Armed Services regularly publish up-to-date reports on the number of men in service, so spies don't need to estimate the per capita consumption of peanut butter.

To such an extent has President Eisenhower's "cover up" policy been taken. Former Secretary of the President's National Security Council Cutler, who still serves as White House consultant, has declared that not just military but all information that lies behind any policy decision belongs to the President alone.

"Free Speech, not secrecy, must justify itself," and the people need learn of decisions only after they have been implemented. Ike especially commended these views to White House Officials.

Most of the "cover-up" has been deliberately used to mask unpopular proposals and policy blunders of the Administration. A black cloud of silence and secrecy has shrouded the Dixon-Yates and Hells Canyon deals. This past August, the press was told that the Dixon-Yates records could not be dragged out with justice to the public—although it is hard to see how their publication could hurt anyone except the Administration and Dixon and Yates.

Agriculture Secretary Benson is another Administration official who has stated on two occasions that sometimes "information should be withheld which might do harm to the Government"—Government being synonymous with the Administration. He has refused to testify on the circumstances within his department which enabled private operators to make a windfall killing in cheese and butter last year.

Most of Tax Dollar

Although 70 cents out of every tax dollar goes for defense, Secretary

Wilson will release only information he feels "makes a constructive contribution to the mission" of his department. After arguing all last Spring for a reduction in ground forces by reason of our alleged air superiority over the Soviets, he had to make a quick about face when Moscow staged a public demonstration of its new jet bombers.

But even when Wilson upgraded his budget, he refused to release any information on Soviet air strength. Not until the foreign press had published eye-witness accounts of what they had seen was the Secretary persuaded to make a belated and inadequate announcement explaining his position.

Especially secret has been the story on the effects of radioactive H-bomb fallout which has been withheld by the Atomic Energy Commission. It released less information than physicians need to know to treat H-bomb injuries or Civil Defense officials need to know to make wise plans for coping with an attack.

The businessmen now running the Government see nothing unusual about the secrecy they impose. Such men are not used to sharing their affairs with anyone. Eisenhower has not pointed out to his Cabinet officers that as representatives in a Democratic government they now have responsibilities to the public which have no parallel in the business world.

Hit Parade

Many new songs have had their spin on Washington turntables but none so distressing to the newspaperman and comforting to the Republican officials as the song of "silence" which echoes out from the "top secret" meetings of our public officials. Here are a few Washington versions of some of the top hits.

"Are You Satisfied" — comment given a striving new reporter when he finds out that the time of the White House news conferences are classified information which might be of valuable aid to an enemy—the Democratic opposition!

"Great Pretender" — Sec. Benson who threatens to use "secret" labels to avoid a Senate investigation.

"Moments to Remember"—the days when the citizens of the United States could find out what their elected officials were doing.

"I Hear You Knocking"—Ike is singing this to the G.O.P. which still is searching for a presidential candidate in '56.

"It's Almost Tomorrow"—Song of warning Ike sang in his "State of the Union" speech to his Administration.

"The Tender Trap"—Dedicated to Sec. Benson in respect to his forthcoming investigation.

"A special"—sung by the farmers: "Sixteen Bales and what do I get! Another day older and deeper in Debt!"

Garlic and Sapphires:

WCTU Member Discusses Drink; Compares It to Murder, Women

By Clay Carr

Major premise: in the melee of this weekend, no one will read my column if I say anything serious. Minor premise: I would like someone to read my column (it makes my editor happy). Conclusion: If you can't fight 'em, join 'em. So, I shall embark on the fascinating subject of drinking.

Let us start our excursion into the nether regions of temperance and lack of it. What better way to begin than to quote an early Christian (St. John Chrysostom, to be exact) on the subject:

"I hear many cry when deplorable excesses happen, 'Would there were no wine!' Oh, folly! Oh, madness; Is it the that causes this abuse? No... If you say 'Would there were no wine,' because of the drunkards, then you must say... 'Would there were no steel,' because of the murders, 'Would there were no night,' because of the thieves, 'Would there were no light,' because of the informers, and 'Would there no women,' because of adultery."

Hummmmmmmm...

But let us look more deeply. It appears that grain alcohol (taken internally) is the cause and cure of most of the ailments of mankind. For instance, it is the soul of prophecy, the making of an evening, the losing of a reputation, the nectar of the

gods, the very fire of hell, a boon to mankind, the curse of society, the inspirer of wit, and the beginning of madness.

For Cooling Off

It is excellent for cooling off when hot, warming up when cold, and remaining the same when comfortable; a wonderful stimulant for snake-bite, and a marvellous sedative for the nerves; a sure cure for colds, flu, kidney complaints and hangovers; it has the burn of a good Bessemer furnace, and the soothing effect of a sweetheart's caress.

It has started wars and ended arguments; ended marriages and started affairs; supported governments and prodded revolutions; taken the go out of athletes and put go into musicians; made bachelors see double and married men feel single.

It makes the old feel young; the young feel foolish, the foolish feel wise; the wise feel weak; the weak feel strong; the strong feel brutish—and given them all hangovers; it makes men feel like mice and mice feel like men, and lots of people act like jackasses.

Straight or otherwise

It may be drunk straight, with soda, on the rocks, under the table, with ginger ale, with pretzels, and with more; it peeps up before breakfast, restores strength in mid-morning, makes a good beginning for lunch, relaxes after a hard day, gives a good appetite for supper, settles the same supper, encourages a successful evening, and makes an excellent midnight snack; it is a substi-

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Tap Room Flourishes; Students Prefer Beer to Gifts and Food

By ROBERT C. NUNNALLY

My last visit to assorted Lexington merchants seems to have had results little short of spectacular. Of the three concerns mentioned in the article (the Dutch Inn, the Gung-ho Gift Shop, and the Tap Room), the Dutch Inn has closed the quaint doors of its colorful dining room, and the Gung-ho Gift Shop has closed altogether.

Only the Tap Room stands undaunted, proving conclusively that at W&L, at least beer will always be more in demand than food or sentiment. (It might be, too, that the students who planned to eat or send a birthday present to Mom preferred instead to drink). So I decided to visit the Tap Room again this week, and have the following report to submit:

I asked Bob Chipley, affable host and laughable bartender, what was new since my last visit. He mentioned the "Stein Club" first, and showed me the rack with little steins lined up bearing their owners' names, and, on the other side, the name of a certain beer (which I cannot name because the Commonwealth of Virginia says it's wicked to talk about beer in print).

"Steins first became popular in Germany," he said, "when they were only human skulls." He added that a few steins would be available over Fancy Dress for favors to dates. Aside from the fact that it adds a personal touch to any well-organized binge, membership in the Stein Club carries tremendous snob appeal.

Bob then asked me if I wanted a hot-dog, which I did. "I've added these since that last time. I started to have hamburgers, but I'd have to call them Chipleyburgers or Tapburgers or Bobburgers, so I stuck to hot-dogs."

I noticed that the place seemed larger, so I ask him if he had added part of the Dutch Inn to the room. He explained that he had moved the bar back two feet. This was to make room for floorshows, dancing, orchestras, and one more table.

Still, even with its vastness, the Tap Room had retained its atmosphere—small, congenial, and private. And despite a sign over the counter reading "America's Best Beer at Popular Prices," the place still looked remarkably uncommercial. Even anti-commercial.

I had, of course, heard of nickle night (when glasses of that certain nameless beer sell for a nickle each), so that it was nothing new to me to read "Nickle Hour, every Tuesday, 8 to 9." Still, I thought I ought to mention it, since somebody here might have come back from Rhodesia.

I finished my hot-dog and asked Bob what plans he had for the future. He said that because of student support, he has already made plans for a larger Tap room next year, with increased facilities, such as a ladies' john.

Dr. Goodell to Enter Government Service

Assistant Professor Robert C. Goodell, of the Washington and Lee German department, will leave the University to enter government service effective at the beginning of the second semester, Dean James G. Leyburn announced this week.

Col. Murray F. Edwards, a former instructor at the Virginia Military Institute, will serve as a replacement for Dr. Goodell until the return of B. S. Stephenson, assistant professor of German, presently on leave of absence.

Dr. Goodell will serve as Cultural Affairs Officer with the United States Information Agency after leaving the Washington and Lee campus.

He said that he expects to be working abroad with universities and other cultured and educational institutions arranging exchanges of teachers and students, and providing for various exhibitions, concerts and lectures representative of American artistic and intellectual life.



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Unbeaten Swimmers Start Tough Road Trip Wednesday

To Meet ECTC, Duke and W&M

By KIM WOOD

The high spot of the Washington and Lee intercollegiate program this year has been the amazing performance of Coach Cy Twombly's varsity swimming team, which has compiled an undefeated 4-0 record thus far this season, and should be a strong contender in the Southern Conference meet at VMI later in the month.

The team leaves next Wednesday for Greenville, N. C., where the swimmers will take on East Carolina Teachers College in what should be the beginning of a very tough road trip. East Carolina Teachers has a very well-balanced squad, centered around four outstanding athletes in free styler McKee, breaststroker Moore, and two individual medley standouts, Sawyer and Anderson.

The contest with East Carolina should provide the Generals with the tough competition they will need in preparation for perennially powerful Duke and Virginia Tech, and the less powerful but dangerous William and Mary and Randolph-Macon. East Carolina has benefited tremendously from the new swimming pool recently installed in the gymnasium, which has made swimming one of the most popular intercollegiate activities in the college. Large crowds attend each of the meets, and the team has already shown improvement from last year, for it can include in its won and lost column a victory over Davidson, the same team that was just barely squeezed out by the Generals in the last relay of their meet.

Coach Twombly's squad this season is without question one of the finest in W&L history. In John Fox, 1955 Southern Conference breast stroke champion, Coach Twombly has the best breast stroker any W&L team has ever been able to produce. Lou Aliotti is hard to beat in the distances.

Gus Glauser, who swims both the 200-yard individual medley and the 400-yard free style relay, has been invaluable to the squad in recent meets. It was Glauser who won the Davidson meet for the Generals in a furiously fought final relay race which ended up with the South American star in first place, followed closely behind by W&L Captain Frank Guenther.

Charlie Richardson deserves a great amount of credit for his diving victories, which have helped the squad along in its rough moments when only a few extra points were needed to turn the tide in favor of the Generals. These are only a few

Gitter Asks Critics To Give Team A Chance

(This letter, because of its length, will be continued next week.—Ed.)

So much discussion and criticism has come about concerning the football team's losing year that it has caused an uproar around this campus which has resulted in an air of criticism at anything and everything that exists at W&L.

People have been rationalizing or writing articles attempting to get at the "heart" of the problem, sum up

Wrestlers Face ASTC Thursday

The Washington and Lee wrestlers resume their season competition on Feb. 9, against Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone, N. C. The following week, Feb. 15, the Blue and White grapplers meet Davidson at home.

The Generals will be in top shape, according to Coach Dick Miller, and also back at full strength for the first time since early in the season. Returning to action will be 157 pounder Bob Miller and 147 pound Mike Winston, while the rest of the team is beginning to get back in season shape again.

The season record to date is one win, three losses and one tie. Their only victory was gained at the expense of North Carolina, while they have lost to VPI, Franklin and Marshall, and West Virginia. The tie was with Duke University.

Coach Miller feels that the Washington and Lee matmen looked the best they have all season against North Carolina and West Virginia. Although we lost to the Mountaineers, every man seemed to have improved a great deal. The team appears to have reached their mid-season peak which should result in a successful season.

of the outstanding contributors to this year's varsity swimming team, which owes its success to the tremendous amount of drive and spirit which each member has shown this season.

Following their recent contest with East Carolina Teachers College, the Generals will take on Duke at Durham, William and Mary at Williamsburg, and VPI here on February 14. The Tankers then go to VMI for the Big Six meet on February 20, to be followed by their final home meet of the season with Randolph-Macon in Doremus Gymnasium on February 23, 24, and 24.

everyone's hostile feelings, and give their own point of view, which they feel is the opinion to end all opinions. Obviously, they haven't.

Certainly if the football season had been perfect in a winning rather than a losing vein, the Board of Trustees' decision would be at present meeting with hearty approval, and plans would be underway towards a possible scheduling of bigger teams in our present athletic sphere. This not being the case, I see a university pulled apart at every seam by divergent opinions, rational or sarcastic philosophy on the outcome of the 1955 football season.

Spirit—A Winning Part

So much a part of a winning team is spirit—spirit in the team and spirit in the student body. Both support each other. When one is dwindling, the other could bring the situation out of the doldrums, but as it were, they contaminated each other.

I don't think, however, that we had such bad school spirit as others have pointed out. Many times this past season, I saw good crowds and heard loud cheers at the stadium, in spite of our games becoming nothing to write home about. Some criticism was directed towards students leaving the games early because W&L was on the losing side of the score. I can't say that I blame them. There were times when the whole team might have wished to join them. But student spirit goes a lot further than the noise at the game—that's mere "game spirit." I'm talking about spirit within the fraternities and behind the school paper. This is a different kind of spirit—far different from any "cheer."

How many of you gave a word of encouragement to the football boys in your fraternity during the past season? Very little, I doubt, because

in all I came in contact with, the attitude was one of mockery, jest, and ridicule—disgust of the newly initiated policy and its results, and refusal to change that disgust. After our fourth game, it was evident that everyone expected us to lose, and hoped that humiliation would bring back big-time football.

Fraternities and Intramurals

I can't be convinced, however, that our fraternities would rather have their athletes in intramural sports. I think all of them unselfishly want their boys in intercollegiate athletics, but you're kidding yourself if you think every fraternity supports the boys once they're out for the team.

We've got to remember that we're a small school working up from the bottom rung of our football ladder, a school where student spirit can not be superficial, but must be genuine and patient if we expect to touch the top rung of victory.

You can't imagine how difficult it was for the coaches to get the whole team enthused and spirited, and then have the players go back to their fraternities the night before the game and be asked the elemental question, "How much you gonna lose by this week?" It's tempting to ask and funny to hear but for all that, its influential—like water to a spark. To such an extent, your fraternity and mine are partly to blame.

Paper Is Important Voice

But just where the fraternity members, the largest part of the student body get a great deal of their resentment? Much of it has come from articles written in *The Ring-tum-Phi*, that "appear" to represent the majority of student opinion.

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Standing Pat:

Comments on Fact Finding Board

Approximately one month from now, a Student Fact Finding Board will submit a report upon the athletic situation here at W&L. What the Board will turn up or uncover during the course of its investigation is only a matter of speculation, but it is reasonable to assume that nothing of particular import will result.

The idea behind the creation of the Board merits applause. It is an indication that there are some who are greatly concerned with the future of athletics on this campus and that an attempt is being made to isolate the facts which have brought about the current problems.

If, however, the Investigating Committee is confined to facts (facts which are apparent to all but a few anyway) without the authority to suggest remedies and have those suggestions acted upon, the purpose of that body will be defeated.

Administration Cooperation

The University Administration has promised its full cooperation with the Board. If that cooperation includes the admission of mistakes made in the recent past regarding athletics in general and scholarships in particular then W&L might find that it has taken the first step toward regaining a sensible and realistic athletic policy.

Many colleges have taken up the hue and cry, "Back to Amateurism." For this reason it would seem ridiculous to expect W&L to return to the "old" days of buying football teams and of knocking heads with the like of Maryland, Tennessee, Duke, etc. The majority of students and alumni don't expect and don't actually want that type of athletic program. W&L is a pioneer in the "amateurism" movement, a distinc-

tion to be proud of, but there is also a matter of pride involved in the outcome of contests played under an amateur program.

Difficult Scholarship Problem

The question of athletic scholarships is perhaps the most difficult problem facing the Student Board. How are they to be given, to whom, and where does the money come from are all questions which Mr. Osborne and his associates must determine.

The report of the Board will no doubt set forth a wealth of facts unless those facts are controverted with specific, reasonable and practical suggestions as to what must be done to remedy the situation, Washington and Lee students and alumni will have to look elsewhere for the cure.

SHORT SHOTS: The amateurism

vs. professionalism controversy has spilled over into the Winter Olympic Games at Cortina, Italy. The Olympics used to be a means of drawing nations closer together but during the past week it has taken on all the appearances of a political struggle and an instrument for propaganda.

The U. S. Press and radio releases concerning the Russian runaway are enough to turn one's stomach. The American "amateurs" blame their poor showing in speed skating, etc. on their inability to practice as much as they would like, while on the other hand the Russian athletes compete and practice on a full-time basis.

The tears ceased though when our hockey team knocked off Canada and Tenley Albright pushed the U.S. to the fore in figure skating. There

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What young people are doing at General Electric

Young scientist works on new ways to improve metals

Today scientists and engineers face one of the toughest barriers of all—the "metal barrier." Modern technology has progressed so rapidly that today's metals can't meet the tremendous demands placed upon them. For such fields as aviation, electronics, atomic energy, present metals must be improved and new kinds of materials must be developed.

One of the young men playing a role in this new and important field is 30-year-old Dr. Roland P. Carreker, Jr.

Carreker's Work Interesting, Vital

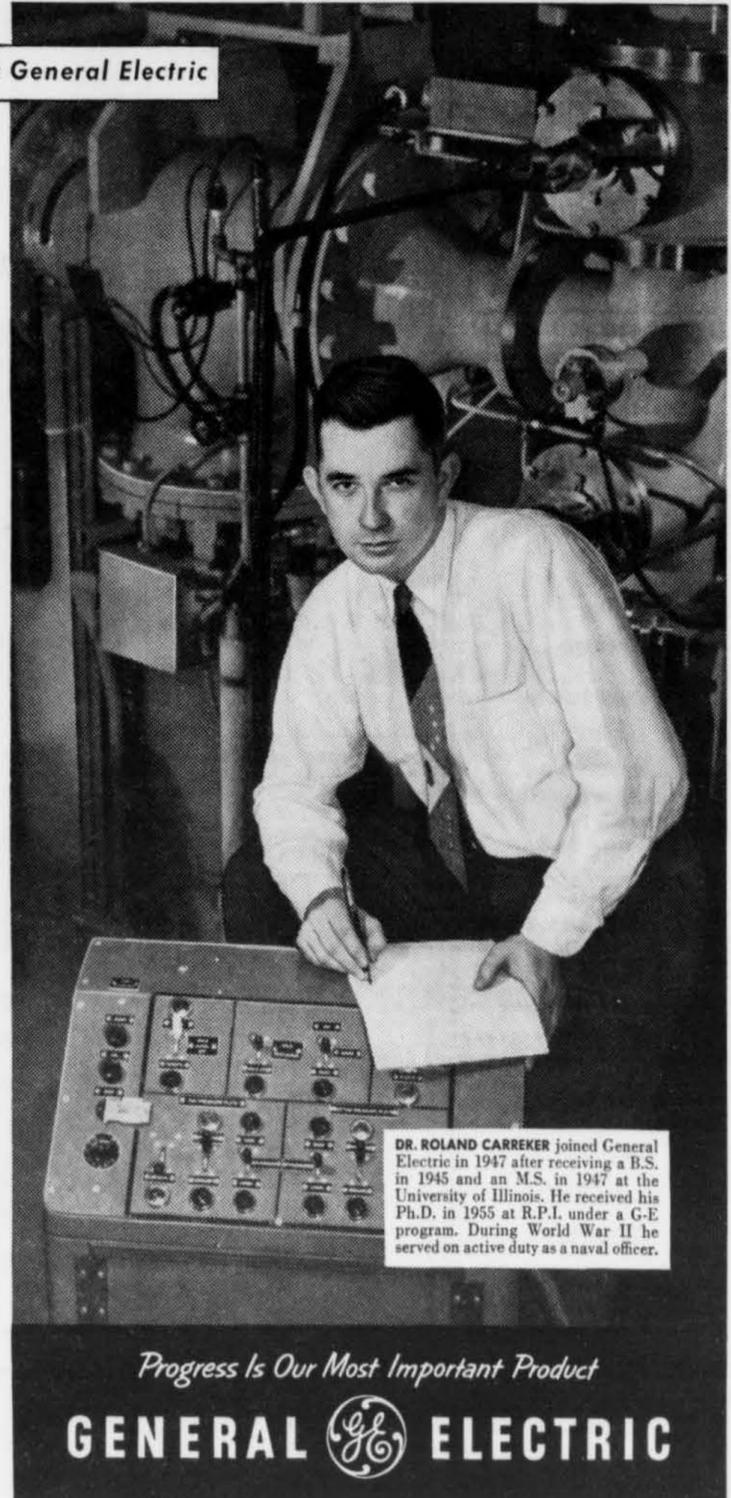
As a research associate in the General Electric Research Laboratory's Metals and Ceramics facility, Carreker's chief concern is the improvement of metals through new processing techniques.

In his work, Dr. Carreker has dealt with such important metallurgical problems as metal failure in high-speed turbine rotors, determining the strength of pure metals from -425°F, the temperature of liquid hydrogen, to 2,800°F and economic studies of new metallurgical processes.

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Carr Discusses Drinking
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tute for food, dances, card games, athletics and nagging wives. So it seems that alcohol is indeed wondrous. And as long as there is alcohol, college students will drink it. And as long as there are college students, alcohol will be drunk. It looks like we will have it with us for a while.

Man's Real Self

And why not? It is more or less scientific fact that under the influence of alcohol a man's real self shows up. And for some poor repressed souls in our society this is the only way. For the rest, it's a pleasant conversation-stimulator, a slightly less boring way to forget responsibility, and the least messy way to become unconscious.

It would be most fitting to close with another good Christian statement on the subject. The following song is one that was in vogue among Medieval divinity students:

We in our wandering,
Blithesome and squandering,
Eat to satiety,
Drink to propriety,

Laugh till our sides we split,
Rags on our hides we fit;
Tara, Tantara, Teino!

Jesting eternally,
Quaffing infernally,
Brother catholical,
Man apostolical,
Clasped on each other's breast,
Brother to brother pressed,
Tara, Tantara, Teino!

Live it up!

Standing Pat

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seems to be very little crying when our "amateur" tennis, swimming etc.

Gitter Writes on Football
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As I see it, The Ring-tum Phi is the most important voice of the W&L students, and permeates to the alumni, students, and players on the team. Rumors and opinions of a few are quickly and easily magnified through the school paper. Criticism has been voiced in every issue which I wholeheartedly agree with—so long

as it's constructive.

But you know as well as I that harmful articles have been the trend, with little or no regard as to how they might affect student and team morale. Considering the manner in which our defeats were written up, it's actually surprising that game attendance was as much as it was. Such criticism, destructive as it could

be, offered no practical suggestions and very little encouragement for immediate improvement.

White Friar Pins Arrive

All sophomores who have been initiated into White Friars may pick up their keys if they have paid their initiation fees. All new members who have not received keys should contact Jerry Hopkins, secretary-treasurer at 920 or 6106.

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