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Literary Clubs To Reorganize, Pledge Members

Interested FU Members Advised to Submit Names For Society Preference

The Washington and Graham-Lee Literary Societies recently formulated plans for the pledging of new members. These two societies are open to members of the debating team and the Forensic Union who have shown ability and interest in this work. While they have been inactive during the last three years, they are the oldest extra-curricular activities on the campus, having been founded prior to the war of 1812; and were for many years the leading social and cultural activities here.

Those interested in receiving bids should submit their name and preference of society, if any, at the Forensic Union meeting Monday evening and a committee will select the applications so that both societies will be assured of adequate student support. Those interested who are unable to attend the meeting should give their name to either Bob Patterson, Speaker, Al Overton at the Law School, or Clint Van Vliet in Room 143 of the Dorms.

While the future scope of the Societies activities is largely contingent upon the desires of the new members, it is anticipated that they will perform a more active role on the campus than before the war. The Washington Society has announced the presentation this Spring of the Washington Award, to be given to that student which a committee composed of members of the faculty and student body feels contributed most to the school in the preparation of Washington and Lee ideals through outside activities.

Mahan Awards Are Announced

The Department of English recently issued an announcement to the effect that the time is growing short for entering the annual George A. Mahan Creative Writing Contest.

All entries for these awards must be submitted to the Department of English not later than April 1, 1946, although students may hand in papers earlier if they wish. Announcement will be made at the June, 1946, commencement exercises, of the recipients of the awards.

The Mahan Awards were established under the will of George A. Mahan, of Hannibal, Missouri, to promote interest at Washington and Lee in creative writing. Each of the prizes amounts to a \$100 deduction from college fees during the year following the reception of the award; or the winner may take the option of \$60 in cash. Two of the prize scholarships are open to freshmen, one to sophomores and one to juniors; there is also a special verse award, for which entries may be handed in by any students in the university except seniors.

Material eligible for entry may be short stories, one-act plays or longer plays, informal essays, or biographical sketches. Each con-

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Corner Store to Reopen; Vets Wives to Officiate

There is good news this week for W & L men who have missed the conversation and food of the corner store. Jim Humphrey, who will own and operate the store, announces that it is to be reopened by the fifteenth of March.

Old students will recall that the store formerly served as a meeting place and headquarters for the student body and offered a variety of food and drink.

Humphrey stated that the store will employ approximately eight people, all of whom will be veterans wives. The tentative schedule calls for hours from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and the store will offer refreshment in form of beer, fountain drinks, sandwiches, etc.

Cotillion Club Elects Officers

Allison Made President; Spring Dance Discussed

After three years of inactivity, the Cotillion Club has reorganized and resumed its formal functions here at W & L.

In the club's first meeting since the war, Addison Lanier was named acting-chairman, and the business of the coming Spring Dance was taken in hand. A committee consisting of Frank Markoe, Charlie Belcher, and Lanier, was formed to meet with Dr. L. J. Desha, faculty advisor to student social activities, to discuss possible dates for the dance.

In addition to discussing tentative plans for the dance, Monday's meeting saw the election of the following officers for the present school year: President, Bill Allison; Vice-president, Frank Markoe; Treasurer, Dick Heard; and Secretary, Charlie Belcher.

The function of the organization is the sponsoring of both the Opening and Spring dance sets. The club members, led by their president, make the figure at each of these affairs.

The membership of the Cotillion Club consists only of fraternity men; every year two sophomores are elected by each fraternity, and they serve until their graduation.

Forensic Union Opposed To Capital Punishment; Dan Pinck Leads Whigs

In their regular meeting Monday night, the Forensic Union decided against capital punishment on the basis of arguments presented by Dan Pinck and Hayes Robinson. Mr. Pinck favored abolition of capital punishment while Robinson opposed.

During the debate, Pinck brought out two especially strong points: the moral wrong in executing a man and the possibility of an innocent man being killed. Robinson countered by pointing out the menace a living murderer presented to society and the high cost to the public of maintaining such a man in a penal institution.

The whigs, represented by Pinck, carried the debate by a 27-6 vote, thus retaining the mace.

Next week's topic is: Resolved that fraternities should be abolished. Buck Bouldin will support the affirmative and James Coleman the negative. All interested students are invited to attend.

Tentative Rushing Period Set For April 17-26 as Nominating Convention Is Postponed by EC

Monogram Club Will Sponsor Informal Dance

Music by 'Commanders'; Sale of Tickets Will Begin On Saturday, March 9

The Monogram Club will hold a dance on March 16 from nine until twelve p.m. in the gymnasium according to George Wood, secretary of the group and chairman of the board they have organized on dances. Wood asked that there be no anxiety about the scaffolding now holding up the roof and other parts of the gymnasium; the work will be finished and the scaffolding removed by Saturday next.

Music for this dance, which is the first informal affair of its kind, will be furnished by the V.M.I. "Commanders," the Cadets' student orchestra.

Saturday, the 16th, will mark the official beginning of the social activities of this group. The dance is also the only planned activity to take place before the beginning of Spring Holidays.

Picture of a Mink rushing to the Monogram Club's Dance on Saturday the 16th.



The proceeds of the dance will help out until the Monogram Club has accumulated enough funds to buy charms, blankets, sweaters, letters and other awards for athletic lettermen.

Tickets may be purchased from any club member or from the sales table that will be in the front of Washington Hall from this coming Saturday until the Saturday of the dance.

Members of the recently reorganized Monogram Club are: Jimmy Humphrey, President; Paul Cavaliere, Vice President; George Wood, Secretary and Treasurer; John Rulevich, Frank Diloretto, "Bud" Keland, Fred Pitzer, Floyd McKenna, Dick Spindle, "Al" Overton, "Eddie" Marks, Leon Harris, Jack Roehl, and "Ev" Schneider.

Church Socials Planned

Socials are being held in both the Methodist and Presbyterian churches this week for Washington and Lee students and their wives. All Washington and Lee Methodist students and their wives are invited to a Methodist Youth Fellowship party to be held at the church on Saturday, March 9, at 8:00 p.m. Presbyterian students and their wives are to be entertained at a banquet at the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday night, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. It is hoped that a fellowship group for older men at Washington and Lee may grow out of this banquet.

Walker, Zrike Resign; Witte Fills Vacancy

Recent reorganization of *The Columns* staff was necessitated by the resignations of one of the co-editors, Dick Walker, and the business manager, Bob Zrike. The co-editorship vacated by Walker has not been filled and Bob Patterson will continue for the remainder of the year in the capacity of Editor in Chief. Roy Witte has taken over Zrike's former position.

Ex-editor Walker assumed his duties at the beginning of the current school year and served through the recent dance set. Zrike had acted as business manager since early April of 1945.

Veterans Meet To Discuss Lack Of Subsistence

"Do you want your veteran's subsistence?"

There were quite a few Washington and Lee men who definitely did want their subsistence pay, and so on Wednesday morning at 11:15 the classes were sadly depleted while all of these interested men attended a special meeting in room 25 of Washington Hall.

Mr. Mattingly introduced Mr. Vest, Veteran's Administration Representative, who proceeded to tell the assembly why they had not yet gotten their subsistence checks. They were also told what steps to take if they were interested in immediate action.

"Return your form 1950 as soon as it is sent to you," said Mr. Vest. "You will then get your certificate of eligibility which you should turn over to the school officials. That goes on file attesting to the number of years, months, and days of schooling to which you are entitled. The school then endorses it and with an attached certificate of information sends it to the Veteran's Administration."

"If you have filed your form 1950 prior to entering school, your subsistence is retroactive to the date of enrollment; otherwise your subsistence will begin on the date of application," said Mr. Vest.

Anyone who missed the meeting or who has not yet begun to receive his subsistence checks should contact the school officials regarding a form to be sent to the Veteran's Administration.

Getting Your Columns?

The *Columns* staff realizes that many members of the Student Body have paid for the paper and are not receiving their copies, but it is impossible to cope with the situation from merely oral complaints. If you are not receiving your copy, stop by the Business office and leave your name and address in writing on a paper, posted there for the purpose, or drop a postcard to P.O. Box 208.

Spring Dances Are Controlling Factor In Delaying Date

The Inter-Fraternity Council, representing 18 campus fraternities, at a meeting last Wednesday designated April 17 to 26 as the official period for rushing.

Thornton Strang, president of the council revealed that the tentative date for rushing was formerly April 10 to 19, with the provision that rushing be delayed for one week in the event that a Spring Dance Set be planned for that week-end.

While the week-end for the dances has not been officially approved by the faculty, the faculty committee on student social affairs has approved the date and it appears that the dance will definitely fall on the week-end of the 12th and 13th.

Because the matter of rushing will place the entire student body in a temporary state of flux, the election of delegates to the nominating convention will be indefinitely postponed. If this were not done, many men who were elected on behalf of the non-fraternity groups might become obliged after possible pledging to go back on their previous election to office and support their fraternities.

Meanwhile, no date has been set as yet for the registration of all men desiring to be rushed, but an announcement of it is expected in the very near future.

A committee of four, headed by M. G. Heatwole and including John Fox, Richard Hurd, and Lee Reddman, has submitted a list of rules governing rushing. The rules have been approved by the Inter-Fraternity Council, are as follows:

Rushing

No rushee will have more than four (4) dates with the same fraternity.

Rushing will start at 2:30 p.m. the first Wednesday after Spring vacation, 1946—i.e. Wednesday, 10 April, 1946.

All dates will end at 5:15 p.m.

All rushing will end at 5:15 p.m., Friday, 19 April, 1946.

No fraternity shall be permitted to use the facilities of the chapter house for rushing purposes, except in cases where non-fraternity members are residents at the chapter house.

No fraternity shall be permitted to spend more than \$150.00 in conducting the rush period. Each fraternity shall submit an itemized account of its expenditures to the Inter-Fraternity Council for audit at the first regular meeting of the Council following the rush period. This account must be supported by evidence of the expenditure where feasible.

No fraternity shall be permitted to have a membership of more than twenty-five (25) men after the conduct of the rush period. Membership for the purposes of this section shall mean all old

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'30' for Walker

Last week Dick Walker resigned as co-editor of *The Columns*. With his resignation we might say that an era had passed, for he played probably the largest role of any student in guiding *The Columns* through one of its most difficult periods, and had seen a staff which was non-existent when he began, grow into an organization well capable of putting out the paper.

He struggled with *The Columns* when its financial means for undertaking anything "extra" were almost non-existent. He personally made two trips to Roanoke to see about getting cuts of pictures made for the paper, for by so doing he could get the pictures printed in the Roanoke paper first, and thus get the cuts free for *The Columns*. And perhaps his most important contribution of all was never being satisfied with the present state of things, but always struggling for something better.

Furthermore, his contributions were not limited to the journalistic field. At a time when the campus needed some organization to undertake the responsibility of keeping up student body morale, he hurried to see that *The Columns* took that responsibility. He instituted a series of *Columns Services*. There being no Monogram Club, he saw to it that a rally was organized before the Virginia game.

His resignation is deeply felt by the staff of *The Columns*. Probably the realization of the full extent of the position filled by any one man does not come until that position is left empty. But thanks to Dick, himself, *The Columns* is now well enough organized to fill up the gap left by his absence, at least partially, and to proceed. Had Dick not been able to act as editor for the first semester, it is not an exaggeration to question the possibility of having had any paper at all.

The Columns wishes to extend its sympathies to Dr. Walter S. Flick on the death of his father, Mr. Abraham Berkley Flick. Mr. Flick was buried at Fairfield, yesterday.

Pre-War Politics

In the present reconversion to peace-time politics under way at Washington and Lee, it is most important that every member of the student body participate in an enlightened manner. Fraternity men will almost certainly do so, for the fraternities' interest in politics is traditional. It is the non-fraternity men—especially those new to Washington and Lee—who must avail themselves of every opportunity for learning both the mechanics of the politics and the relative merits of the candidates for any particular office. **And then, they must express themselves at the polls.**

The first opportunity for this comes when the six non-fraternity groups meet to elect delegates to the nominating convention. At this time, every member of each group should be at the meeting, and delegates who are truly representative should be elected. The next opportunity for learning about campus politics comes at the nominating convention itself. The date of the convention has not yet been announced, but whenever it comes, there should not be a member of the student body absent at its convention. The convention is perhaps one of the best ways of learning about the different candidates through the nominating and seconding speeches, and of seeing in a general way who seems to be supporting whom. Further opportunity for participation in school government will come in the organization of the different classes.

The final opportunity, of course, is at the elections in the spring. It is then that the voting occurs, and it is then that most members of the student body will feel duty-bound to participate in the campus politics. But in order for these elections to be successful, it is essential that a wide and active interest in politics be manifested now.

Meet It Halfway

It is truly remarkable how many good reasons there are for having bulletin boards. They really do serve a purpose... but the board itself can only do fifty per cent of the total job. Unless a person is a little interested in what's going on, a bulletin board might as well be an Ouiji Board. This is surely not news to anyone; but actually there is very little to prove otherwise.

What the particular notice was doesn't matter now, but certain bulletins were placed on all boards in the dorms and stayed there for several days. Certain information was asked for which would have required only a few seconds to put down; but in the entire dorm only twenty people complied. The bulletin WAS NOT READ.

In another case, a boy asked where he might find a tux for sale; there had been an advertisement on the main bulletin board for several days to the effect that such-and-such was trying to sell one.

Neither of these instances were very important. They serve only to convey an idea. But in the future there will be important notices.

Read your bulletin boards. They are up for the good of everyone and everyone should read them.

Co-Operation Necessary

Due to a recent misunderstanding, a story was printed last week which indicated that the co-op would soon move over into the old dining hall. This is not true. Unhappily it is not true. So not as a criticism, but as a suggestion, we call to mind a condition which, though not serious, could well stand correcting.

The book store over in Reid Hall is known to all as the co-op and it could hardly have a better name; for its size makes cooperation by all a necessity if anyone is to be served. That, however, was not just the kind of cooperation the originators of the name had in mind.

Almost overnight the student body has swelled to three times its December complement, but the co-op and its facilities have not changed.

It's neither relaxing nor enjoyable to have your mid-morning snack in a crowded, smoke-filled closet. The Black Hole of Calcutta has nothing on our co-op at one of its rush hours. Can't we get it back over in the dormitory—or wherever the old site was—as soon as possible?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sirs,

I live in the Dorm. Up until this week it's been the most pleasant place to live I can imagine. But suddenly something new has been added to the Dorm that I hadn't bargained for: namely, natural fertilizer in the courtyard. I like green grass as well as the next fellow but the sacrifice is too great. Have you sat by an open window lately, with a lazy breeze drifting across the campus from the Library? Its an experience you wouldn't forget.

We have always been able to see the Dorm, feel the Dorm, talk about the Dorm, and at times hear the Dorm, but now, dammit, the thing has gone too far.

Clothespin Nose

Reporter-at-Large

By Charley McDowell

This week we stray into Don Moxham's sports field to answer a doubting Thomas in the Co-op, who wants to know "when W & L had a good basketball team, for heaven's sake." To mention a few:

Back in 1917, Washington and Lee had one of the most remarkable basketball teams in Southern basketball history. The Generals of 1917 won all the games on their schedule and successfully claimed the Southern and South Atlantic championship. The star of that team was Harry Killinger Young, who has made it a habit to be affiliated with championship teams ever since. Cy scored 161 points that year, which is more than half as many as the thirteen opposing teams made all together. Among the teams the Generals defeated were North Carolina; Duke; Vanderbilt, who scored only eight points; Randolph-Macon, who scored nine; Tennessee, undefeated for a year; and Roanoke, who had not lost a game in two years. The manager of the team, incidentally, was on Frank J. Gilliam, ably assisted by Matthew Paxton, Jr. These two gentlemen, along with Cy, were around to see the 1947 Generals in action on the thirtieth anniversary of their great team. No comment.

In 1929, Captain Dick Smith coached Leigh Williams' famous "point a minute" outfit. Williams, who was one of the greatest all-around athletes ever to enter W & L, led the Generals to fifteen victories during the season. The only loss was a heart-breaking 31-30 defeat from Kentucky. The team averaged 47 points a game, which in the days of the center jump was considered more than rapid scoring. The score was doubled against Bridgewater, Virginia, V.P.I., Maryland, and all the victories were decisive. Besides Williams, Lowry, Cox, "Red" Hanna and Ernie Wood made up the team that introduced fast basketball to the South.

In 1936, Harry K. Young turned up with another great basketball team—the famous Blue Comets. "That's the best team I ever coached," says Cy, and that means better than the Southern Conference champions of 1934 and 1937. The 1936 Generals didn't win the championship, losing to North Carolina, whom they had beaten once before, in the tournament finals; but they won handily seventeen out of the eighteen scheduled games. Bob Spessard, who is the greatest center we have ever

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OUT ON A LIMB

By Marshall S. Ellis

It is true that young Charles McDowell has no equal as a crusader for worthy causes. It is true that future generations of Baldwin-goers will be indebted to him more than they can ever know. But there are still a few things in the world that can stand correcting (really).

We have tried to rearrange frequently and fairly our lists of things we like and dislike; but no matter how often we juggled the contents of the "dislikes" column, the same thing (and we say "thing" without any reservations) always came up No. 1. The "thing" was "The Man," Theodore Bilbo from Mississippi. Now Mississippi has truly produced a number of good eggs; but Bilbo, in our humble opinion, fails not only to qualify for that group, but tumbles with remarkable ease into the basket with the notoriously bad eggs. We admit that even the smell of rotten egg can be tolerated, but we'd like to add to that there's decidedly something wrong when the smell originates in the Senate of the United States.

For some very revealing reading on Bilbo we would suggest certain sections of the Senate Journal of the State of Mississippi for April 14, 1910. You will find he's stooped pretty low. It's true of course that a man can change a lot in thirty-six years; and Bilbo has... for the worse! For further reading we would like to suggest Edward Kimbrough's "From Hell to Breakfast." It is an excellent satire on the private and political life of Bilbo and his kind. As one born and educated in Meridian, Mississippi, and as one who followed with disdainful interest the unbelievable shouting orgies called political campaigns, Edward Kimbrough may be relied upon fully for the accuracy of his satire.

Impeachment proceedings were once brought against Bilbo when he held a position in the state government of Mississippi; unhappily they failed. Today he is much older and much craftier; and the responsibility assigned him is of much greater significance. The

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The Lighter Side

By Dave Guthrie and Bill Romaine

Robin Hood and Western Bad Men Visit State

The Daltons Ride Again is the first of two entertaining children's films showing at the State this week. Most of us like to be children, though, for a couple of hours now and then, and these little cinematic diversions are welcome enough, provided they don't come too often. Alan Curtis, Kent Taylor, and Lon Chaney tri-star TuesWed in this one, a sequel to "The Dalton Boys" of a few years back. Legend in the West, the story is handled fairly well on the screen—full of the customary gun-play, galloping hooves, etc., stuff you see around the corner on Saturday night. Only a somewhat more liberal studio budget saves the Daltons from a similar fate, but the difference is sufficient to warrant consideration. On the same program, there is a two-reel *March of Time*, "Report on

Greece," and *Flicker Flashbacks*, inevitably amusing.

The second blood-and-thunder is on a grander scale, but the essentials are still there. The *Bandit of Sherwood Forest* is none other than Robin Hood's little boy, Cornel Wilde (that doesn't necessarily establish a father-son relationship between him and Errol Flynn, however). There is plenty of medieval glamour about the thing, suits of armor, sprawling castles, and ladies in distress, chief among whom is Anita Louise. In technicolor, with plenty of action, BOSF is a spectacular production, and well worth seeing, in our humble estimation. Just don't lose your childish imagination; you'll get a lot more fun out of it. Thurs-Sat.

Robert Walker and June Allyson fall flat in *Sailor Takes a Wife*, here for a SunMon run. Perhaps it's the plot; all we know is

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Men About Town . . .

By Roy D. Witte

Back at the old grind has been for some time a trite but true method of phrasing just exactly what the bigger men about this town must be feeling about this time of this week. Since most of these individuals would consider themselves fortunate indeed if any feelings whatsoever were left to them, we consider that any exposition of the whys and wherefores behind their present state of blissful quiescence is decidedly in order . . .

Light-hearted Lads at Lynchburg

Beyond the blue horizon, and nestled in the arms of jimmy creek, the city of Lynchburg rests. According to all of the more reliable sources, old Lynchburg needs a long long rest after the trying week-end she just spent . . . Billy Buck Armistead swears it's a dance, but the wierd gyrations of Lundy and Birney (a new number—the Queen of Hearts wasn't as unaffected as he hoped) seem faintly reminiscent of a Saturday night in the congo. Anyhow, it's called the Birmingham Hop, and the Oakwood Club loved it so much that the performers were invited to do a return engagement—at the risk of their lives . . . Roger Fritchie, though deserving nothing more, deserves credit for cheery disposition in the face of the enemy. When discovered in the rear seat of a parked car (what on earth was he doing, we'll never tell) by the parked car's owner (a monster of indescribable proportions) the cajun faced the issue squarely and in his most challenging manner roared, "Pardon me, I thought this was McKenna's," and proceeded to brush off the owner's coat, shine his shoes, and whistle three choruses of Dixie at the same time . . . Also on the Lynchburg stage were such stalwarts at Baldwin, (no relation to the school of the same name), Bowie, Willis, and McGehee, who lent their lusty basses to two stirring stanzas of the *Swing*, and a hearty rendition of *Who Sweeps the Streets*. All Wahoos present were their accustomed, listless and spiritless selves . . . Buck (Pride of the Prairie) Bouldin, when questioned as the beauty of the ladies present, maintained that he saw but his own. (Attention: This is a paid advertisement) . . . Speaking of paid advertisements, Bill Richards is still enthusiastic about his Chesterfield sales campaign . . .

Dell Dilly Dallying

Spring, Spring, Beautiful Spring—Maybe life isn't as it should be elsewhere, but according to Dink Foerster, Sweetbriar definitely has things under control. The dauntless Dave spent a joyous Sunday communing with whatever you're supposed to commune with at a concert at the patch. According to one Sweetbriar habitue, the back to nature movement was one wonderful race, south of Amherst. The dell was packed, and many a happy couple were observed collecting violets and other of nature's bounty, in the dell and forest . . . When asked to tell all about the rumor that he, Coyle, had spent the entire evening (not just a few choice hours, mind you) on the Sweetbriar campus, the forthright red head replied, with utter naivete, "What's the matter, is that illegal? . . ."

Hollins Had It

Round and about, we've heard advance reports on next week's big picnic in Hollins' Happy Valley. Eagerly expecting (sounds like a maternity story, doesn't it?) are such worthies as Kingsbury, Ramaley, and Sullivan. Emmet Epley (only one of his kind from Montana) has his go-to-meeting clothes laid out already—which is a large order for Emmet. Small wonder that the lid is anxious, with a standing date with Milly Parrish, who according to an Oklahoma informer, is bountifully blessed . . . Not that we tell stories out of school, but little Tex Drake made his second attempt with Nathalie Latham of Hollins. Old Tex, as ardent a swain as ever, seemed more than faintly disturbed when made to bear the brunt of numerous pointed remarks about his passionate manner. In fact, it is said that Tex swore rather loudly to the effect that he was going to stomp someone if they didn't leave him and his woman alone . . . Lest we forget, before we stray from the Hollins pasture we want to warn Honey Hollins, mythical character of the *Hollins Columns*, against wearing an orchid on (and we quote) "the most sophisticated dress she could find," while at the university (Wahoo Tech)—It is not good taste for a young lady to look dazzling while slumming . . .

Sem and Sundry

Of other interest (to whom we're not too sure) is the rather macabre note that has descended upon the Baldwin campus. Several rather beguiling young ladies have been reprimanded rather severely, and they blame it all on a Lexington jeep, which seems rather childish when you think about it . . . We're not being sued for libel—we just can't walk down Main Street, anymore . . . The Sem team wasn't as strong as usual, but young Shep Zinavoy, faithful dog Tray that he is, kept up the home team's score. He might even have added a little to it . . . Mrs. Kellogg seemed pleased with the performance of Watson's sport coupe . . . Krausmann of Kraf-ton's created a diversion, (if diversions can be creat-

ed) by returning from Waynesboro with three fair maidens. Naturally Krause had no especial use for two of his queens, though he had nothing personal against them, so he decided that it would be better for all concerned (namely Krausmann) if he parted company with them (the two, not the third—some people say that he and she were inseparable for the better part of the night). The reason you are being subjected to this talk is that he gave them to some others (other than us) and we are bitter. This must be blank your buddy week . . . Gus Stombeck wants four lively freshmen with big time ambitions to come out and shag foul balls for him as assistants to the assistant manager of something or other . . . In passing (cheer up, we'll be back next week) we might add that it's a lie—you can't get it at Dickenson's . . .

LIMERICK DEPARTMENT

There was a young man of Japan
Who wrote verse that never would scan
When they said "But the thing
Must read with a 'swing'"

He said, "Yes, I know, but I like to put as many words in the last line as I can."

All poets, attention! Limericks, old and new, are planned for this space in future editions of *The Columns*, the only catch being that new ones don't come out of the air. Any bright ideas are welcome. Veterans are warned that we retain the right of censorship.

New Books Added to Library

A number of new books of interest to students have been added to the library. Mr. F. E. Mohrhardt, University Librarian, recently announced. Some of the more important of these are listed below:

1. **Novels and Plays**—So Well Remembered, by James Hilton; Cass Timberlane, by Sinclair Lewis; Repent in Haste, by J. P. Marquand; The High Barbaree, by Charles Nordoff; Brideshead Revisited, by Evelyn Waugh; Best Short Stories, 1945, edited by Martha Foley; Best Plays of 1944-1945, edited by Murns Mantle.

Uncle Lish, by Ralph Frye; The World, The Flesh and Father Smith, by Bruce Marshall; Blue Danube, by Ludwig Bemelmans; Rickshaw Boy, by Lau Shaw; Three Men in New Suits, by J. B. Priestly; Take Three Tenses, by Rumer Godden; White Tower, by James Ramsey Ullman; Prater Violet, by Christopher Isherwood; Short Stories of Henry James, ed-

ited by Clifton Fadiman; The Glass Menagerie, by Tennessee Williams.

2. **Economics**—Sixty Million Jobs, by Henry Wallace; Big Business in a Democracy, by James Truslow Adams.

3. **Education**—General Education in a Free Society, by Harvard University; Democratic Education, by Benjamin Fine.

4. **General**—Autobiography of a Curmudgeon, by Harold L. Ickes; My Twenty-Five Years in China, by John B. Powell; The Hays Office, by Raymond Morley; The Dies Committee, by August R. Ogden; Mainsprings of Civilization, by Ellsworth Huntington.

The New York Times: The Newspaper, Its Making and Its Meaning; Short is the Time, by C. Day-Lewis; The German Talks Back, by Heinrich Hauser; One Who Survived, by Alexander Barmine.

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Du Pont Digest

Items of Interest in the Fields of Chemistry, Engineering, Physics, and Biology

CHLOROPRENE RUBBER DEVELOPED BY DU PONT

Chemists and Engineers Unite to Produce "Neoprene," Prove Value of Group Research

THE synthesis of rubber was for many years a challenge to the chemists of the world. In 1925 Du Pont chemists undertook to solve the problem, using as

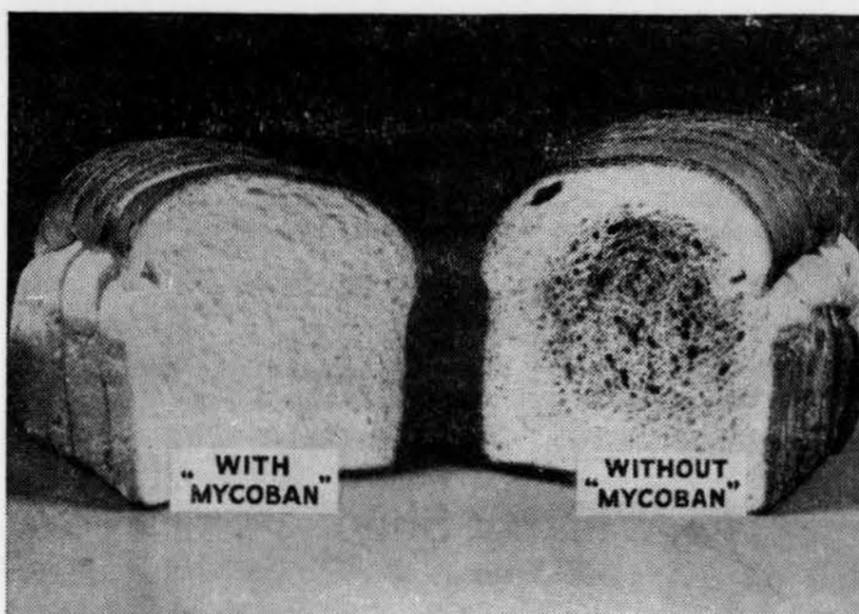
their starting point a discovery announced by Dr. J. A. Nieuwland at Notre Dame University in connection with the polymerization of acetylene. The Du Pont research staff modified his process to form a material known as monovinyl-acetylene and discovered that this, treated with hydrogen chloride gas, produced chloroprene, a chemical previ-

ously unknown. Their next discovery was that the polymerization of chloroprene resulted in a rubber-like solid, superior in many respects to natural rubber itself!

Neoprene, as this synthetic rubber is now called, was first placed on the market in 1931. Although more costly than natural rubber, the demand for it grew rapidly. Du Pont engineers were called upon to design and build manufacturing units embodying improved equipment and better production techniques. The result is that today neoprene production is measured in millions of pounds a year, and the price is only slightly higher than that of prewar natural rubber.

The development, the improvement and the large-scale production of neoprene are another tribute to the value of modern, coordinated research. Neoprene is the result of the cooperative efforts of many Du Pont research chemists, engineers and other technical men.

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Calcium and sodium propionates are made from propionic acid, the synthesis of which (from carbon monoxide and ethyl alcohol) is another chapter in the achievements of Du Pont research—and an interesting one. The propionates occur in low concentration in Swiss cheese and other dairy products, as well as in the human body. Hence their consumption in foodstuffs is both natural and safe.

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Phi Psi's Lead I-M Basketball

Redskins and Zebes Close Behind Leaders

Leading the intramural basketball race by half a game are the undefeated Phi Psi's. Also with an unblemished record are the Redskins, but they have won only two games, one less than the Phi Psi's. Trailing closely in third place are the potent ZBT's with three wins against a single loss. The Lawyer five in fourth spot has split even in their two contests and still have an outside chance to come through. Bringing up the rear are the SAE's, Lambda Chi's and Pi Phi's.

In two of their three victories, the Phi Psi's have been forced to come from behind with second half drives. Although their 29-20 conquest of the legal five was fairly easy, the Phi Psi's experienced plenty of trouble with the rugged Pi Phi's, finally nipping them 25-24 with a late surge. Last Monday the SAE's ran up a quick 10-2 lead on the Phi Psi's, but a torrid second half resulted in the third victory for Captain Bruce West's league leaders, 43-22.

The second place Redskins, after nosing out a weak Lambda Chi five in an unimpressive exhibition, sprang the upset of the play thus far by downing the heavily favored ZBT's 26-23.

Aside from their single loss to the Redskins, the ZBT's, sparked by Buck Bouldin, have knocked off the Lambda Chi's, Pi Phi's and SAE's.

Dropping their opener to the Phi Psi's, the Law School squared their count handing the Pi Phi's a 31-17 going over. With five games remaining on their schedule, the lawyers still have an ample opportunity to rise above their fourth slot.

Team	Standings	W	L
Phi Psi	3	0
Redskins	2	0
ZBT	3	1
Law School	1	1
SAE	1	2
Pi Phi	0	3
Lambda Chi	0	3

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members and pledges. This rule shall not be construed to the prejudice of a fraternity in the event a former member or former pledge becomes enrolled in the university. Married men will count only one-half a man towards the twenty-five man limit.

Bidding

Each fraternity may list the bids it issues and turn them in at a meeting of the Inter-Fraternity Council at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday of Rush week to the Faculty Committee on Pledging, which committee shall be appointed by the Inter-Fraternity Council.

Each rushee will make a list of three fraternities in the order of his preference, and turn this list in at a designated place in the Student Union Building to the Faculty Committee on pledging on Saturday between the hours of 12 and 4:00 p.m.

The faculty Committee on Pledging will meet at their convenience Saturday night and correlate the rushee's choice with the fraternity which bid him.

On Sunday, each rushee will call at a designated room in the Student Union Building between the hours of 9:00 and 12:00 a.m. and will receive a plain sealed envelope containing the name of the fraternity highest in order as listed by him which issued him an invitation. If none of the three selected by him issued him a bid he will receive a plank

piece of paper inclosed in the envelope.

Pledging

The rushee may telephone the fraternity, which is listed in the envelope received, between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, 21 April, 1946. A list of telephone numbers for each fraternity or its duly authorized representative shall be listed at the Student Union Building and in the dormitories.

Penalties

For any violation of these rules by any new man, said man shall be tried by the Council and if found guilty, the invitation under which he pledged shall be declared invalid, and he shall be barred from accepting any bid for a period of twelve calendar months.

Mahan Awards

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testant may submit as many as two entries for the class award; in addition, he may hand in one entry for the prize in verse.

Conditions as to length of papers are posted on the bulletin board in the second-floor corridor of Payne Hall. Those wishing further information about the contest should see Dr. J. S. Moffatt, head of the English Department.



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Wartime Mission in Spain, by Carleton B. Hayes; Lincoln the President, by James G. Randall; The Wilson Era, by Josephus Daniels; Balkan Background, by Bernard Newman; New Frontiers in Asia, by Philip Jaffe.

6. Literature—Supplement 1 to the American Language, by H. L. Mencken; Mid Country, by Lewis

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Baseball Team Begins Practice

Appearance of Four Lettermen Bolsters Cap'n Dick's Squad

Taking advantage of the virtually tropical weather prevalent since last Sunday, the 1946 edition of the Washington and Lee baseball team swung vigorously into early practice sessions Monday on the Wilson Field diamond. Cap'n Dick Smith, the perennial diamond tutor, has thus far confined the work of the candidates to mild forms of batting and fielding practice in order to limber up stiff arms and roly-polly legs.

Most of the player material is untried, but there is a small nucleus of returning lettermen whose presence should lend an air, if not optimistic certainly not pessimistic. Four men constitute the veteran group and all of them are good ball players with enough experience to carry a mediocre team through a not too difficult schedule. Two of the lettermen, Jim Humphrey and Floyd McKenna, are utility men and can be counted on to turn in a good exhibition wherever they might be placed. The remaining two are Ev Schneider and Stu Smith, both infielders.

Catchers Present Problem

Coach Smith has expressed some doubt as to the prowess of his mound staff but has not had a real opportunity to observe his hurlers under any competitive conditions. The backstop department was drastically cut in two Johnny Bell had to leave ring football practice leaving John Vie the lone catcher on the squad. Although not glove-thumpers, several other promising prospects also left the team to report to Art Lewis. However, at the termination of the Spring gridiron sessions, these men will return and should lift the spirit of the General's pilot somewhat.

The outfield presents somewhat of a problem as there is only one man in the garden whose ability has been established—McKenna. But after watching some of the fly-snappers chasing the balls, Mac won't have to handle all three fields. The infield, with Ev Schneider, Stu Smith, and Jim Humphrey, is of less concern to Cap'n Dick. The initial sack is currently being held down by a southpaw, Guy Chamberlin, and Jim Booker.

The majority of those now on the squad are former high school ballplayers, including Les Graham, Bob Zreke, Guy Chamberlin, Jim Booker, Billy Doswell, Toby Tobyansen, Bill Burton, Tom Wilson, and Art Anderson.

Intramurals Delayed

Cy Twombly, director of intramural athletics, has announced that the intramural basketball schedule will have to be postponed until the repair work in the gym has been completed. No definite time has been set for the completion of the work, but ample notification will be given before the next game which will probably be in about a month.

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Generalizing . . .

By Don Moxham

Old "Sol" the sun has certainly turned Wilson Field into a busy couple of acres. Art Lewis's charges are undergoing the real tortue of getting into condition after some lengthy layoffs, while "Cap'n Dick" is running the ball team through the same process. Occasional whiffs of one hundred proof perspiration are picked up near the end of the sessions . . .

With this kind of weather, the baseball club should get many a good workout before their opener with Hampden-Sydney on April 13. If "Cap'n Dick" can uncover some grade "A" chucking, Washington and Lee might go some place this season on the diamond. Not that they'll challenge the Yanks or the Cardinals on their training trips, but with four returning lettermen and some promising newcomers, the situation could develop very nicely . . .

Here's a mark for all General sluggers to shoot at—a four hundred foot drive into the football bleachers at Wilson Field. The

McDowell and Wood Set Scoring Pace as 1945-46 Basketball Season Closes

Below are given the results, en toto, of the General's Basketball season. Especially to be noted is the fact that George Wood averaged a comfortable ten-plus points per game and that "Stick" Harris and Charlie McDowell followed close behind with respective averages of 7.4 and 7.17. Of interest also is the fact that Harris was high man on foul shots, making thirteen of the nineteen attempted and running his total points scored against his opponents in only five games to 37.

Name	Games	G	F	Tot.
McDowell	12	33	20	86
Wood	7	27	18	72
Bean	13	19	16	54
Vierbuchen	13	23	8	54
Tobyansen	11	20	6	46
Harris	5	12	13	37
Chamberlin	13	9	2	20
Zinovoy	13	8	3	19
Roehl	5	6	6	18
Lee	7	7	2	16
Lauck	12	4	2	10
Crist	6	2	1	5
Tercek	2	1	2	4
Snyder	1	1	0	2
West	3	0	0	0
Chidsey	3	0	0	0
Yankee	2	0	0	0
Moffatt	1	0	0	0
Total	13	172	99	443

batter who gets one there will have to be a regular Charlie Keller, for that is just exactly who did it in his undergraduate days at the University of Maryland . . .

Judd Rhea's SAE basketball probably won't even come close in the intramural league, but it won't be because they aren't sportsmen. In the first period of their game with the unbeaten Phi Psi's last Monday, after Joe Rowe of the Phi Psi's was forced to retire from the game with a bad ankle leaving the Phi Psi's with only four players, the SAE's very graciously withdraw one of their men and continued playing four against four . . .

In spite of the stunning defeat, handed them by Wake Forest last week in the Southern Conference tourney, North Carolina has been selected to represent the Southern district in the NCAA tournament late this month in Madison Square Garden. No S.I.C. quintet has ever accomplished anything in post season basketball invitations, but the towering Tarheels might bounce back red hot after the Wake Forest floperoo and gain some national prestige for themselves and the conference . . .

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Charlie Justice heads the football hopes at Chapel Hill next fall. Justice was the high school whiz, who won a starting berth with Bainbridge Navy in competition with numerous college stars. South Carolina's head football coach, Rex Enright, is rumored to have offered Justice a fabulous four digit figure to perform for the Gamecocks, but Mr. Justice has decided on N.C. They probably gave him the football stadium, chemistry lab, and half the freshman dorm.

Baseball Schedule

Apr. 13 Hampden-Sydney	Here
Apr. 17 VPI	There
Apr. 18 VPI	There
Apr. 18 Hampden-Sydney	There
Apr. 26 Univ. of Richmond	There
Apr. 27 William and Mary	There
Apr. 29 Univ. of Richmond	There
May 2 Univ. of Maryland	Here
May 8 Univ. of Virginia	There
May 10 VPI	Here
May 11 VPI	Here
May 14 William and Mary	Here
May 18 Univ. of Maryland	There
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Spring Practice

Thirty gridiron hopefuls answered Coach Art Lewis's spring practice call on Wednesday afternoon. Although these sessions will last until April, no scrimmages may be held with VMI or any other school due to a recent Southern Conference ruling. The workouts will condition the team and will familiarize the players with the T formation which will be seen on Wilson Field next autumn.

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The Lighter Side

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that something somewhere doesn't tick.

Dick Tracy steps out of the comics onto the screen Mon/Tues at the Lyric. Wednesday brings **The Crimson Canary**, or the Purple Parrot, or something along those lines. **Weekend at the Waldorf** is back for a Thursday stand, and Fri/Sat we take a **Stagecoach to Monterey**, and high time, too!

Concerning Tchaikowsky And a Nutcracker

This week will be for the "long-hairs"; the subject is far from new but always good. It concerns a little girl's Christmas present, and how that present came to life under the masterful guidance of an imaginative Russian composer. The present, incidentally, was a nutcracker, and Peter Tchaikowsky succeeded very well in making it come to life for more people than the romantic young lady.

From the "Overture Miniature" to the "Waltz of the Flowers" the Nutcracker Suite is brilliantly and flawlessly executed by the Philadelphia Symphony under the direction of Eugene Ormandy. The majority of Tchaikowsky's musical

accomplishments reflect his attitude toward the futility of human endeavor, but this is his most notable exception without a shadow of a doubt. The collection of compositions embodied in the Suite range from the sublime to the ridiculous, from the restrained to uninhibited outbursts of happiness.

The dainty predominance of violins marks the beginning of the story in his "Overture Miniature," which is followed by the bold cadence of the "March," ushered in with the horns, and later clarinets; its exit is fully as lively as its entrance. When Tchaikowsky first heard the celesta, he was so impressed by the unusual sweetness of the instrument that he wrote "The Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy" for it, and full use of this musical instrument is easy to note in this dance. The quick, clipped tones of the "Trepak," a wild Russian dance, hardly die out when the languorous, exotic "Arabian Dance" sets a contrasting mood. The tempo of this mood is slightly heightened in the "Chinese Dance," the violins and bassoons which herald the approach of the flutes, in their "Dance of the Flutes," but the crowning glory of the "Waltz of the Flowers" is in a class by itself. Perhaps the most universal in appeal of the whole collection, this flowering, dignified, and beautiful waltz makes wider use of the instruments in the orchestra than the others, and hence brings in the violins, the woodwinds, and then the horns to lend power to its dignity. It is a fitting climax to a collection of fine classical music, and, needless to say, hearing is appreciating.

Reporter-at-Large

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seen (and that includes All-American George "I-can't-see-a-thing" Glamack) led the Comets to wins over such teams as North Carolina, Duke and Navy, averaging almost eighteen points a game. Big Bob (6 feet 7 inches) had a four-year average at W & L of sixteen and a half points. He was All-Southern for three consecutive years, setting a record of forty-two points in the 1936 tournament.

Besides Spessard, Norman Iler and Joe Pette were named to the 1936 All-Southern, making the first time a non-championship club had placed a majority on the mythical team. The other two players, Carson and Heath, made the second team and honorable mention, respectively.

Pette, one of the greatest "chips down" players W & L has ever had, and twice All Southern, captained the team. Norman Iler, the only three-time unanimous All-Southern in Conference history, played guard, along with "Kit" Carson, who was All-Southern the next two years and also named to

McKenna and Humphrey Named to Athletic Posts

The Physical Education Department of Washington and Lee has acquired two new instructors, in Physical Education, according to Cy Twombly, head of the Physical Education Department. They are Floyd McKenna and Jim Humphrey.

McKenna and Humphrey have taken over the instruction of the regular physical education classes, while Cy has charge of the special class of students.

McKenna's and Humphrey's work is all part of the work done in Hygiene and Physical Education 205, a course for those men who, generally speaking, plan to

enter the field of physical education in some way or another. The course consists of first-aid, plans and forms of exercises, anatomy, and those other requisites of a physical education instructor or coach.

"The use of the students of this class is a great aid to the Physical Education Department, and it also prepares them for future work in this field. While Washington and Lee does not offer a degree in Physical Education, any man who takes this course will find it a great aid when he goes to a special physical education school to get his degree," stated Mr. Twombly.

Both McKenna and Humphrey have been associated with athletics at Washington and Lee for some time. Both have played varsity football and baseball, and both are noted for their keen interest in sports.

We are very desirous of getting a cartoonist and a photographer for the paper. Anyone interested will please contact one of the editors of the paper, or send a postcard to P. O. Box 10.

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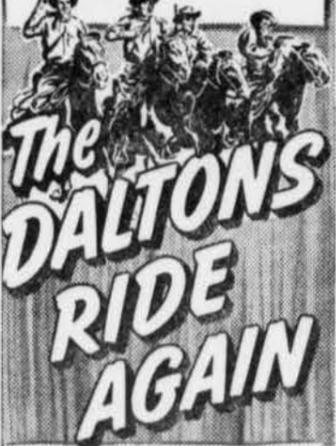
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March Of Time
Sports

Out on a Limb

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proceeding which took place in Mississippi thirty-some-odd years ago should be repeated today against the same man in the Senate of the United States—but this time they should not fail. If the happy event should come to pass, they must not fail.

"A politician thinks of the next election, a statesman of the next generation." Tell us what you're doing for the next generation, Senator Bilbo.

Having now washed our hands and put a new ribbon in the typewriter, we can proceed with the hope that the subject of the foregoing paragraphs no longer remains to taint what follows.

It was not too long ago that a congressman proposed the nation should observe a "Be Kind To Your Congressman Week." We don't know how to give a burlesque of a horse-laugh and ask an unqualified "why" at the same time—but in this case it would certainly be a worthwhile skill.

Why Minks Aren't Long-Hairs

It was almost exactly fifty years ago. Most of our pappys were undergoing transitional training from kiddie cars to tricycles and just a few days before, on the evening of February 29, the Battle of Adowa, Ethiopia, began. Now you ask, "What happened?" It was this: Mr. Hugh Williams the present head of both Lexington barbershops, established himself as the tonsorial expert of Rockbridge County, a position which he has held and upheld ever since. It has been estimated that if all the Minks whose hair Mr. Williams has cut were placed end to end at the equator... they would probably look pretty silly. But no one would deny that the 50th anniversary of any business, celebrated under the original ownership, is something to yell about. Congratulations and thanks on the occasion to Mr. Williams for three generations of Washington and Lee students.

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