

STRAW VOTE ON PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES TAKEN HERE TUESDAY

Athletic Association Places Student Admission to Games Under Passbook Plan

Football Passes To Be Used Here For 1928 Season

Students Must Have Pass Book to Gain Admission At Old Rates

PASS BOOKS ISSUED TONIGHT AT CORNER

Graduate Manager Makes Announcement Charging Admission Plan

Athletic officials of Washington and Lee have adopted a new system of admitting students to athletic contests, Captain Dick Smith graduate manager of athletics said last night.

Instead of admitting all students to athletic events provided they pay an admission fee of ten cents, a coupon book will be given each student this year and he must present the book and admission fee at the gate.

Starting tonight at the Corner distribution of these coupon books will be made among the student body. Each book will be numbered and a record kept of the person to which it is issued. Each member of the student body will be given one book, free, while members of the faculty will be charged \$10.

Those not connected with the University who desire a book, the price will be \$15, it was stated.

Must Present Book Distribution will be in charge of John Bell Towill, president of the student body, Captain Smith stated. He then explained that no book can be transferred from one person to another and no coupon will be good unless presented in the book.

The coupon books are said to resemble a baseball pass book and are in use by practically all the large universities of the country.

Will Reserve Seats For students who desire reserved seats, a contest where reserved seats are sold, a special arrangement will be made. It is planned to have the students present their coupons at the graduate manager's office where an exchange will be made. Notice of contests where reserved seats will be sold will be made through the RING-TUM PHI.

A rigid enforcement of the new system is promised. Officials said that unless the coupon books are presented students will be required to pay the regular entrance fee.

All athletic contests to be held in Lexington this year will be subject to the new system. For games on other campuses students will be required to pay the full admission prices.

20 Cross Country Men Report For Opening Practice

Approximately twenty men were present at the opening cross country practice yesterday on Wilson Field. No running was done but the men were familiarized with the course by walking over it.

Pilley and Brock are the most promising men back from last year's team. Other men who are expected to show up well in the coming practice are Hickin, Backus, Simmons, Johnston and Junkin.

Time trials will not be held for quite a while as the first meet is not until October 27 and there is plenty of time for such try-outs. The men will be rounded into shape slowly. First on the track and then increasing the distance until they are ready for the cross country course which is six miles long.

FRESHMAN RULES

1. Freshmen must wear the regulation cap until Christmas holidays, the regulation hat from Christmas until Easter, and a hat or cap the remainder of the year.
2. Freshmen will be permitted to attend University social functions prior to the Easter Dances, only when authorized by the Freshman Council.
3. Freshmen will be in their rooms by 10:00 p.m. except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.
4. Freshmen will be permitted to have social engagements prior to Easter, only when accompanied by an upperclassman, or on occasions authorized by the Freshman Council.
5. Freshmen are required to attend all Student Body rallies and assemblies; and to learn all songs and yells.
6. Freshmen will conduct themselves at all times as gentlemen.
7. Freshmen must speak to all students and members of the faculty without awaiting to be addressed by the old men.
8. Freshmen will not be allowed to own or operate cars except on occasions authorized by the Freshman Council.
9. Freshmen shall not wear knickers or any unconventional dress during the year.
10. Freshmen shall not walk on the grass of the campus.
11. These rules may be amended at the discretion of the Freshman Council.

Rocky Football Season Forseen But Hopes Rise

Appearances Now Point To Stronger Team Than Last Years

By Henry MacKenzie The Generals are in for a rocky football season if the opinion current among Southern Sports Writers holds good. On paper, Washington and Lee's chances are none too bright, as this season will see eight former letter men, seven or whom played on the first eleven missing from the lineup. Actually, however, it appears that the Blue and White will be represented by a stronger combination at the opening of the 1928 season than took the field at any time last fall.

Several substitutes and scrubs left over from the 1927 squad have improved until they are now capable of a brand of football equal to or better than that displayed by those regulars who were lost to this year's varsity. The 1927 freshman team which lost only one game and which trounced the Virginia yearlings by two touchdowns has come out for the varsity practically intact. Among them are four or five men who are already of varsity calibre.

Backs Get More Help The varsity backfield which was, perhaps, the department least hurt by graduations, has been the one which has received the heaviest reinforcements. Faulkner and Thibodeau are as near finished products as any pair of backs Captain Eddie Parks Davis has sent up to the varsity in several years. The work of Thibodeau has been an outstanding feature of early drill. He is heavy and fast and is reputed to be well supplied with football brains. He knows how to pick the holes in the enemy line, but his strongest point is getting up to full speed in a remarkably short time.

The showing of Faulkner has only been eclipsed by the fine exhibition of his former freshman mate. The big Arkansas boy is an expert ball carrier, punter, and

Fraternity Goats Are Announced

Board Trustees Considering New University Head

The term of Dr. Henry Louis Smith as President of Washington and Lee University will automatically expire during commencement week, 1930, after eighteen years of service to the institution. This condition arises from the following resolutions enacted by the Board of Trustees on January 17, 1920. "1. That when any officer or professor shall have reached the age of sixty-five years, the Board at its next meeting shall make a special investigation to determine the advisability of his retirement, and the terms thereon, should such retirement be considered advisable. 2. When an officer or professor shall attain the age of seventy years his office shall be vacated at the next following Commencement. The Board however, at its pleasure can re-elect him from year to year.

May Re-elect Smith Dr. Smith will thus be either re-elected from year to year, given some office other than that of President, or will be retired as President Emeritus. Since, however, the administration must sooner or later pass into new hands, the Board has appointed a committee consisting of Trustees Davis, Munce, McCorkle, Sproul, and Rector St. Clair, to consider this matter.

Three fields are open from which to draw possible material, the present faculty, outside educators, or men of business and public affairs. All past Presidents have been chosen from one of these three fields.

Consider Campbell In the first group several names have been thought of, including Dean H. D. Campbell and Dr. J. L. Howe but both reach the retirement age in a short time. Other possibilities are Dr. L. W. Smith, Dr. D. B. Easter, Dr. E. F. Shannon, Dr. L. J. Desha, and Law Dean W. H. Moreland. Two more men nationally noted are Dr. W. M. Brown, and Dr. R. H. Tucker.

The second group presents an array of brilliant and competent men in Dr. John E. Latane, a former Professor of History here,

Student Groups Meet In Milan

E. H. Miller, president of last year's student body, acting in his capacity as president of the National Student Federation of America, was chairman of the American delegation to the International Student Congress held in Paris from August 16 to August 26.

With him as representatives of Washington and Lee were J. H. Hardwick, L. C. Spengler, W. D. Lindsay, H. W. McElrath and H. R. Dobbs. Students from Columbia, Smith Wellesley, Vassar, Goucher, Ohio State and Leland-Stanford made up the rest of this delegation which was sponsored by the N. S. F. A. in cooperation with the plan of the International Student Congress to promote international good will among the students of the world.

The delegation met Professors Gill and Graham and their party while in Milan, Italy. Professors John Graham and Carl Gill, with five Washington and Lee undergraduates, made an extensive tour of Europe during the summer months. The group: J. B. Towill, E. L. Gamble, R. W. Laceyfield, T. B. Fitzhugh and E. S. Graves, visited Amsterdam and watched the Olympic Games for five days.

Spirited Rushing Marks Pledging

Nineteen Fraternities Stage Unusual Contest For Outstanding Frosh

That season of a few days duration which is so hard on both new and old men is over.

The rushing of new men by fraternities will continue for a while, but the most hectic and nerve racking part is over. Below is a record of the results of the pledging thus far:

- Beta Theta Pi Charles Long, Dallas, Texas; John Ladd, Mobile, Ala.; Frank Smith, Lexington, Va.; Robert Saxon, Chicago, Ill.; Harold Miller, Manassas, Va.; David Crossen, St. Louis, Mo.; William Edward, St. Louis, Mo.; David Nickles, Slaughter, Miss.
- Pi Kappa Alpha Irving Dobbs, Glen Ridge, N. J.; Thomas Doughty, Ronceverte, W. Va.; Robert Avent, Jacksonville, Fla.; Lawrence H. Norman, Crossett, Arkansas; Wallace Tiffany, Morgantown, W. Va.; George F. Parsons, Capeville, Va.; Lewis L. Tignor, Urbana, Va.; James Sparks, Monroe, La.; Charles Richardson, Dallas, Tex.

- Alpha Chi Rho R. D. Reynolds, Selma, Ala.; Mitchell Wilcox, Binghamton, N. Y.; Carl Thomas, Annapolis, Md.; Hilton Mount, Allentown, N. J.; Fred Palmer, Yonkers, N. Y.; J. J. Broderick, Yonkers, N. Y.; Al Smith, Yonkers, N. Y.; Melvin Kempton, Yonkers, N. Y.; Ben Eastwood, New Orleans, La.; Walter Wine, Harrisonburg, Va.; Joe Conner, Bloomsburg, Pa.; Kenneth Yager, Binghamton, N. Y.; Eugene Martin, Baltimore, Maryland.

- Sigma Chi Edward Riley, Lexington, Va.; Melville B. Cox, Washington, D. C.; Walter Cremin, Tulsa, Okla.; Perry O'Conner, Carlsbad, N. M.; Edwin Nesbitt, Dallas, Tex.; R. L. McKinney, Jr., Little Rock, Ark.; Robert Olmstead, Dallas, Tex.; R. B. McFarlin, Tulsa, Ok.; John W. Zimmerman, Cincinnati, Ohio; John G. Hamilton, Cincinnati, Ohio; Richard M. Wagers, Centralia, Ill.; Pat Mitchell, Portsmouth, Ohio.

- Phi Kappa Psi Robert Hornor, Clarksburg, W. Va.; Albert Boice, Amarillo, Tex.; James Barnard, Chicago, Ill.; Robert Annin, Toledo, Ohio; Alec Forester, Lewisville, Ky.; John Shukert, York, Pa.; Tom House, Virginia Beach, Va.; Thornton Berry, Charleston, W. Va.; Royal Sleeper, Binghamton, N. Y.
- Sigma Nu B. A. Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.; G. A. Holmsted, Charleston, W. Va.; John Presson, Port Washington, N. Y.; E. S. Langley, Port Washington, N. Y.; S. R. Nichols, Des Arc, Ark.; E. A. Wimer, Butler, Pa.; J. R. Wright, Great Falls, S. C.; H. A. Cox, Osceola, (Continued on page 4)

IMPORTANT MEETINGS

There will be an important meeting of the business staff of "The Southern Collegian" Thursday night at 7:30—first floor of Newcomb Hall. All Freshmen and old men interested are urged to attend.

There will be a compulsory Freshman cheering practice at 7:30 Tuesday night (Sept. 25) in the Doremus Gymnasium. All Freshmen will be expected to know the cheers and the "singing" at that time.

Tryouts for sophomore assistant cheer leaders will be held at 7:30 Monday night (Sept. 24th.)

Freshman Class Rated High In Mentality Test

Dr. William M. Brown

If the results of this year's psychological tests mean anything, they show an unmistakable trend in the direction of improvement so far as the mental capacity and the previous training of the members of the freshman class are concerned. More men reported for the tests on the opening day this session than ever before in the six years that the examinations have been given at Washington and Lee. A total of 278 men were examined on Tuesday, September 11th, including approximately forty transfers from other institutions. About thirty men are yet to take the tests, which will be repeated for their benefit about October 1.

No "Flunkers" The striking feature about the psychological examinations is the fact that no student ever "flunks" All who take the tests automatically pass and it is only an occasional student who does not do his very best while taking the examination.

This year for the first time the tests were administered in two separate periods of two hours each, this arrangement being made necessary because of the change in the schedule of the University, which made it impossible to complete the tests at one sitting as heretofore.

The sole purpose of the testing program is to classify the members of the entering class on the basis of their mental ability and the amount of their knowledge of certain fundamental subject which have been definitely proven to bear a direct relationship to success in college work. The tests are graded by a group of trained scorers immediately (Continued on page 4)

25 More Students On Campus Today Than One Year Ago

With registration still in progress it was learned today that twenty-five more students are enrolled in Washington and Lee than at the same time last year. In a statement to the RING-TUM PHI, registrar E. S. Mattingly said that it was impossible for his office to determine the exact enrollment at the present time but that it was at least 25 ahead of registration on the same date last year.

Belated registration by both old and new students was given by the registrar as the cause for the difficulty in determining the total student body.

Based on an estimate on figures released October 1, 1927, it appears that Washington and Lee's student body now numbers about 900. On October 1, 1927 the registrar reported 870 men enrolled in the University. Should the rate of enrollment continue at its present rate, it is estimated that 895 men will be enrolled on October 1 of this year.

The registrar's statement that the 1928-29 enrollment is in excess of the 1927-28 enrollment refutes a rumor circulated about the campus that the student body is short 300 men this fall. The freshman class alone is known to total approximately 300 men.

Total enrollment in the University last year, including both semesters, was 909. The final was made on February 20, of this year. If the authorities admit a proportionate number of students between now and the time for the final report it is estimated the final enrollment will total 930 men.

V. M. I. OPENS SEASON

The opening gun of the 1928 football season in the Old Dominion will be fired Saturday afternoon on Alumni field when Captain Ab Barnes leads his Keydets against the Hampden-Sidney Tigers. Under the direction of Coaches Raferty and Hess, the V. M. I. gridders have rounded into excellent physical condition and are looking toward the battle with zest. Great things are expected of Hawkins, the field general, and McCray at full, while the other ball-toter is to be chosen from Briggs, Harner, Hitzclaw, and Williams.

The Tigers will not be as strong this year as last due to the inauguration of the three year rule, but they have been practicing earnestly for two weeks and bid to give the Lexington boys a merry battle. The game will be watched with interest by the rivals of both institutions, and the Keydets mentors are confident that their charges will get off to a flying start in their quest for Southern Conference honors. The game will be called at 2 o'clock.

Plans Discussed at Editorial Meet on Paper's Policy

Journalism Professors and Editor Address Staff RING-TUM PHI

Plans for so improving the quality of the RING-TUM PHI to make readers consider it a constructive necessity in University life were suggested at a conference of last year's staff in the journalism rooms Monday night.

An increase from a six to a seven column paper, adoption of a strictly editorial page with a humorous column, "By The Way," and approved metropolitan newspaper make-up, Henry Johnston, editor, listed as marked changes already made. Entrance of the RING-TUM PHI as a powerful factor in campus affairs, apportioning regular "beats" to reporters, and formation of the new office of University news editor, were planned for the immediate future.

"No paper is necessary as long as it does no more than print the news," Mr. Ellard pointed out. "It must do something, must stand for something that will arouse college or civic interest and that will build permanently the community in which it exists. That is the history of successful journalism—and it is the only enduring way to catch the interest and enthusiasm of readers. Make your paper—college or after-college—so dependable and so constructive that readers feel they cannot well do without it."

Mr. Ellard illustrated his talk with examples of reform campaigns city newspapers have conducted to their own and their cities' advantage. He also urged that the RING-TUM PHI adopt a real newspaper slogan for the good of Washington and Lee.

William L. Mapel, assistant professor of journalism, gave a ten-minute talk in which he stressed accuracy in reporting. "Accurate writing presupposes accurate thinking," he said, "and the only way to secure the latter is to be in full possession of all the facts before you start to put your thoughts on paper."

Johnston announced a list of staff vacancies to be filled by competitive work on the RING-TUM PHI. He asked all ambitious embryo journalists to tell which position interested them. An average of two men announced candidacy for each place on the staff.

Student Papers Hold Nationwide Political Voting

Students Asked to Ballot According to Their Own Beliefs

RING-TUM PHI TO TAKE CHARGE VOTING HERE

Washington and Lee to Join in National Poll Run By College Humor

Will W. & L. support its nominee?

This question will be answered by a straw vote conducted by the RING-TUM PHI next Tuesday. Representative university newspapers all over the United States are sponsoring similar elections and College Humor, will announce the total student vote in a feature story to appear soon.

All students, regardless of age, are urged to vote. The poll will be located in the "Y" room from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Ballot blanks will be included in Saturday's edition, though votes may be cast on any piece of paper. No voter will be allowed to cast more than one ballot. Student editorials discussing the nominees or any political issue would be greatly appreciated by the editor of this paper.

Seek Collegiate Views

What do college men think of the nominees and platforms of the political parties? Such a surprising interest in this subject has arisen among citizens of this country that College Humor has decided upon a nation-wide vote of college students to determine the answer. This may indicate the outcome of the national poll.

Chief among those interested in the settlement of this question should be Washington and Lee, the institution which in the spring named the candidate who was later nominated by the Democratic party. Four times have students here correctly chosen the nominee. And each time class-rooms and halls have reverberated with political discussions and arguments.

Mock Convention Remembered

This balloting will create memories of a crowded convention hall filled with smoke as thick as a London fog. Representatives sit in irregular groups and discuss their nominee amid the continuous roar of the immense chamber—an ant hill of gesticulating politicians. Banners, like clothesline hangouts of tenement houses, are scattered everywhere.

A parade! Shouting delegates dance around the lanes of the hall. New York leads them on. Smith must win! And Smith did win on the 17th ballot.

Convention Widely Known

News stories of this mock convention were carried in the columns of some of the leading newspapers of the country. Readers of these articles are naturally interested in the vote of this university, which reputation credits with a broad political outlook.

Washington and Lee is a southern school; will it follow the southern tradition of following the Democratic party? ask the interested readers.

The straw vote will decide.

W. & L. Band Takes Steps to Organize

The Washington and Lee band will go with the Generals to the Maryland and Virginia games this year. It will also play at all home games and rallies.

Slanker, leader of the band, looks forward to a successful season and requests all who play musical instruments to communicate with him immediately. He may be reached at either the Alpha Chi Rho house or the Corner.

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A STRAW VOTE

We are co-operating with College Humor in running a nation-wide straw vote of all the universities and colleges in America on Governor Alfred E. Smith and Herbert Hoover for president. The mock convention here last spring showed there existed enough interest in our national politics to warrant such a straw vote.

The straw vote will be run by the RING-TUM PHI solely for and by the students. We shall run in the two issues, preceding the balloting a column devoted to Smith propaganda and one to Hoover. Every student, regardless of age, is eligible to cast his ballot, and is urged to do so that the RING-TUM PHI may get a correct estimate of how the student body stands on the candidates for the highest office in our United Union.

It is needless to say anything upon the stand that the RING-TUM PHI takes in the coming election since Washington and Lee is a Southern institution endowed by our noble leader, George Washington, a typical and true Southerner; and sponsored by the immortal Robert E. Lee, the leader of the South. Being a Southern University, run by Southern men, and composed largely of a true Southern stock the RING-TUM PHI stands for the New York governor.

It is not the intention of the RING-TUM PHI to attempt to mold the ideas of the student body upon the question; so, for this reason, we are remaining non-partisan. We are offering an opportunity for backers of Smith and Hoover to voice their opinion through the special column while the paper takes no active voice.

We feel that every student has his own views, and since this is a country founded upon the principles of freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and religious freedom that he is justified to vote as he sees fit.

The balloting will be done under the "Gentleman's agreement"—that is no student will cast more than one vote for either of the candidates. The ballots will be counted by the executive heads of the RING-TUM PHI and the results published in next Wednesday's issue. A full account of the voting is being run elsewhere in this issue.

THE "MINK" QUESTION

Several apparently conflicting angles of the Mink's demise should be considered. Snap-judgment usually is journalistic "eye-wash." In this case it would obviously be so.

Relative position determines one's idea of justice. It's all in the point of view. "Justice to the dreamer is a vision of new stars. To the working man—aonther loaf of bread." To the elected editor and business manager of the MINK, now deceased—what? To the faculty, whose duty it is to keep Washington and Lee standards high—what to them is justice?

Innumerable letters were received last spring by the administration of Washington and Lee, from alumni, friends and the parents of students, all deploring the "indecent material" being published in the college comic monthly. These older friends of the institution demanded action. Conferences were held with the editor of the Mink. Upon his promise that the Mink would be purged of its indecency, he was allowed to continue publishing the periodical the remainder of the year. In the last issue, however, the promise was apparently entirely forgotten.

A trust not carried out—was that equity? The faculty was left to realize that justice tempered with too much mercy becomes injustice. They discontinued the Mink.

The resolution adopted by the faculty reads: "Resolved: That in view of the very objectionable and vulgar character of the fall issues of the Mink, and on account of the editor's failure to eliminate vulgarity from the April number, after he had assured the faculty committee that this would be done, the committee of the faculty recommends to the President that further publication of the Mink for this session be forbidden."

Then there is the cast of the men elected for this year.

Last spring two students emerged from

a competitive election as pilots of the Mink. They bore the expenses of their own campaign. With the publication of the Mink they would have been repaid. The Mink has been abolished; two students are left "holding the sack." Is that justice?

A university with the reputation of Washington and Lee should have a comic monthly. Cannot the faculty institute a temporary censorship of a publication of that sort?—Some arbitration should be possible.

And—to prevent further damage to the name of the University from the shady reputation of the Mink and to avoid a new effort's inheritance of the bad name of a bad dog—it might be well to change the name of a new comic periodical, should one be selected.

Justice should be for all! And all may yet be served—by unprejudiced, deliberate, conference between student leaders and the faculty committee on the Mink.

Smith vs. Hoover

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is an article contributed to the RING-TUM PHI by a student, and is in no way a voice of the paper. We are remaining non-partisan on the political stand in the straw vote, and we take no responsibility for the opinions expressed in the following article.

SMITH OR HOOVER?

In view of the forthcoming straw-vote, the students would do well to examine the two parties which now are gambling on the stage of American politics. The manufactured enthusiasm of the convention must now have subsided to such a degree that some attention can be paid to the details of these parties.

Probably the most outstanding item in the whole parade of mummery is the absence of issues. The Democrats have fallen to such an extent that they aren't even ashamed to emulate the Republicans. One couldn't discover the trace of an issue with the aid of the Yerkes telescope. Prohibition is a farce on both sides, as it is all over the country. Farm Relief has been relegated to the usual limbo of obscure and evaporating promises. Tariff—this is enough to make any self-respecting Democrat weep bitter tears. And what else? A few mouthings such as have bolstered up platforms in previous campaigns, vague allusions to prosperity, and a great deal of nonsense about party tradition and progress.

The truth of the matter is that one could just as well vote for the Republican as for the Democrats were it not for the personalities which head the parade. Here we find the battle prevailing. The religious question, I take it, does not concern the students. Then we have a Wet running on a dry platform at the head of a party whose support comes from the southern desert. This is not a paradox by any means. Smith's personal preferences concerning the question of liquor, the Volstead act, or the Eighteenth Amendment aren't really any more important than Hoover's rather dependent assurances about enforcement. What the dry's expect from Smith in the way of destroying the present status of alcohol is beyond me.

So the whole thing narrows down to the rather obvious fact that the campaign as it now is being conducted reeks with idiocy. The South, many say, would prefer Hoover to a Tammany man. Rot! Prefer Hoover who was elected by the combination of the Vire and Indiana-Illinois Republican machines whose records make Tammany's appear angelic. Hoover, hailed last year as the political redeemer, the non-politician, and who has turned out to be only a farther reflection of Coolidge, who has spoken with time-honored Republican evasiveness; and who has proved himself to be a politician of the usual dimensions.

Smith, at least, has a political record behind him which one can examine and congratulate. If he is a politician he is at least a capable one. He has fought the enemies of the people of New York State with a strong hand. The Power Trust has little liking for Al. Perhaps his experience with foreign affairs is limited. So much the better, for since he knows little about the usual necromancy surrounding international diplomacy he may do away with such unnecessary velvet. His knowledge of the King's English may be shady but I would prefer a president who spoke forwardly in questionable English than one who said nothing, with a great deal of verbosity. Al is Wet. But what has that to do with anybody else, except, perhaps, as a happy illustration? The Amendment will remain for all his personal desires. He has no power to change these laws. To say he would not enforce them is utter foolishness. I'd expect him to do a better job than the present incumbent.

Student Views

DEAR EDITOR:—

The Mink has been discontinued—whether temporarily or definitely has not been decided. This action was by a committee, composed of faculty members, which was appointed to investigate the character, value, and effect, of the publication.

Criticisms by alumni, and other outside readers of the magazine greatly influenced the decision of the committee. The final touch came in the April issue; "vulgarity and smut" of the fall issues had not been eliminated. Hence, the resolution of discontinuation.

Were the critics fair in their censure of an organ created to amuse the students and to assist them through moments of drabness in the school year? If the magazine is published by and for the students, what type of copy is most effective for its columns? Does this "vulgarity and smut" affect the student as critics seem to think it does, or do students read it, laugh at its jokes, and forget them as soon as they toss it aside?

An old English proverb says, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." But it doesn't say what kind of play. Then we have the saying, "Laugh and be well." If the vulgar and smutty joke causes laughter, is it worthwhile? Too much seriousness tends to drabness. Even our Supreme Court, the highest tribunal in existence, has its moments of laughter.

Fools laugh at anything. The average college student does not. He appreciates only the joke with its fresh and unexpected angle. Is the student who satisfactorily passes the psychological entrance examination of this institution the type whose sense of humor is saturated with "vulgarity and smut"? Some of our greatest heroes of history enjoyed and reveled in their "smutty" jokes. But the instances were moments of relaxation.

On the other hand, the Mink's outside readers should be considered. Mothers and sisters may not understand the attitude with which their sons and brothers take this "vulgarity and smut" It probably affects outsiders seriously. They take it as a medium through which they may keep in touch with and understand the inside life of the University. They are puzzled by such student publications of so well-ranking an American institution of learning. "Is that what my son, or brother, goes to Washington and Lee to learn?" Is this typical of the atmosphere which he hears charged with the heritage of Washington and of Lee? It is not illogical for them to ask this. Are we fair to them—and to our University?

Could General Lee, the white-haired old warrior and gentleman of the South who rode Traveller to the doorsteps of Washington College in 1865, could he, in his culture and fairness, endorse such reading matter for students at the institution of which he was president.

What have we? Fewer laughs, or harder work to produce humor, against better reputation and sounder training?

DEAR EDITOR:—

The Mink has been discontinued. Washington and Lee's monthly comic publication, revived two years ago, is gone again. It did not die of frailty, for it was a healthy financial success. Student faculty and alumni opinion, culminating in faculty action last week killed it.

The Mink had an able staff last year. Copies were always received eagerly by the students. Girls at Women's colleges were numerous among the Mink's readers. "College Humor" quoted frequently and at length from the Mink. A large body of the outside public read the Mink, circulation in-

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creased, and advertisements were many.

Readers showed their enjoyment and approval by buying the Mink in ever-increasing numbers. A smaller body showed their disapproval by writing to the Dean, and to Doctor Smith. Dozens of letters poured in to their offices from parents, alumni and patrons expressing sentiments of disapproval. Copies were returned and demands made to remove names from the mailing lists.

An alumnus of Washington and Lee showed copies of the Mink to the editors of the Cornell "Wildcat" one of the "raciest college publications in the east." The editors were aghast. "How do they get away with it?" was their question. "How does it get through the mails?"

The faculty committee appointed to study the situation went at it in a fair way. They held many meetings of discussion seeking a way out. Unfortunately as a recommendation favorable to the Mink was about to be reached, the April issue appeared, sealing the doom of the magazine for this year at least. Whether it will be published next year is another matter.

Students, of course, on this point are divided. Some think that the Mink should have been discontinued long before and now that it is gone, should not be revived again. Others think that a new and unobjectionable Mink can arise, Phoenix-like from the ashes.

"The Virginia Reel", two years ago, was barred from the United States mails because the Charlottesville postmaster interpreted its contents as obscene. That magazine is being published today. I see no reason why the Mink can not do likewise. Under proper supervision and with last year's record still fresh in memory, it is hardly likely that a new Mink would be objectionable.

Discontinuance of the magazine works a distinct hardship on the men elected to head the undertaking this year, as well as on those unremunerated members of the staff who desire a medium for expressing themselves in a light vein. Surely they deserve a chance to publish a clean humorous magazine that represents the jovial side of the student life.

I believe, with the majority of the student body, that a clean, humorous, comic monthly has its rightful place on this campus and that the Mink can fill this place.

PRESIDENT'S PARAGRAPH

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First Issue of Literary Sheet Due Next Month

The "Southern Collegian," the oldest publication on the campus, will appear for the first time this year during the third week of October. Thomas J. Sugrue will again be Editor, with Graham Morison as Business Manager. The "Southern Collegian" though a literary magazine, will attempt in a measure to take over the burden left by the "Mink" and will have a humor section this year. Many prominent authors and poets have promised contributions for the 1928-29 issues, and it is expected that an even higher standard of copy will be forthcoming this year.

It is desired by the editors that the student body remind themselves that the "Southern Collegian" is on probation, and must make good this year if it is to continue as a University Publication. So far only a limited number of students have subscribed, and it is urged that when the subscription campaign gets under way next week every student sign up. The subscription price is one dollar, and with a humor section added to the literary department Sugrue stated "that the students should scent a good investment and subscribe without the usual brow-beating."

Short stories, essays, poems and articles of all kinds, are desired in abundance. The Santini Medal will again be given for the best essay published in the "Southern Collegian."

Students desiring to try out for either the business or editorial end of the work are asked to attend a joint meeting to be held in Newcomb Hall on Friday night at 7:30. Both Editor Sugrue and Business Manager Morison will be present, and plans for the coming year will be fully outlined.

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Gymnasium Takes On Usual Activity

Doremus Gym will once more resound with athletic activities as the curtain rises today on the minor sport program for the year. The different branches of competition will swing into shape for the coming winter campaigns under the direction of Coaches Twombly, Mathis and Fletcher.

The Generals have exceedingly bright prospects for ring-honors this year, a large number of monogram men and members of last year's freshman team having returned to school. Coach Mathis will be assisted by Bill Price, last season's captain and stellar 135 pounder.

Julian Black, undefeated bantamweight of two seasons ago, has returned to school and is eligible for another season within the squared circle. Jack Crosland is a promising welterweight, while Tommy Thompson will again don the gloves for the Generals in the middleweight class. Johnnie Faulkner, the 1927 yearling slugger, looms as a good bet in the light-heavy division while there is a wealth of material in the heavyweight squad.

A tentative schedule is being arranged which includes bouts with Virginia, V. P. L., N. C. State, Army and N. Y. U.

Bill Tallyn, yearling captain of last year, and Mike Seligman, who will shift his attention from the mat to the ring, are two of the candidates for the unlimited position. Other promising pugilistic aspirants from the frosh team are Noyes, Palmer, Cloud, Lynn, Crenshaw and Stilwell.

Mathis and Price will also handle the little Generals and judging by the large number of candidates seeking positions, it is expected that their campaign will be attended by success.

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Rocky Football Season Forseen

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defensive man. Coach Herron is grooming him for right halfback, a job which Bobby Howe held down most of last season. His hard tackling and ability to guess the spot of the opposing drive attracted attention in spring practice and it is very probable that Faulkner will back up the line on the varsity this season.

Cohen Showing Up

Marcus Cohen has been showing up very well as quarterback. He handles himself in a much smoother manner this year than he did while acting as understudy for Tom Stearns in '27.

Red Jones is another former substitute who will be heard from this year. Jones is a great ball totter, but only his size keeps him off the first string machine.

Although both Barnett and Eberhardt earned their monograms in '27, neither played regularly and both have improved until they can hardly warm the bench for another season. Barnett made quite a name for himself last season as a line-plunger against Kentucky. "Cutie" has been shifted from full-back because of the quantity of good material for that job and moved up to quarter which is not so well fortified. He has added several pounds of muscle which makes him all the more formidable.

If Eberhardt continues to show the same form throughout the schedule that he has in practice, he will be the most colorful runner in the backfield. He has perfected his side-stepping and change of pace until he is now breaking away from the scrub defense quite regularly.

Six Linesmen Lost

The line caught the brunt of the losses from last year, Spotts, and Dorsey, ends, Fisher, tackle, Tips, guard, and Latham, center, all of whom were in the varsity line in 1927 have hung up their equipment, while Eglebach, Dorsey's first alternate, completed his three years of football.

Outstanding among those who are attempting to fill these gaps are Martin, guard, Groop, center, Hostetter, tackle, and Day and Williams, ends. Martin attracted no particular attention as a guard on the "Daffodils" last fall, but he has certainly come to the front during the preliminaries to the 1928 campaign. He is fairly hefty, fast, and will fit into Coach Herron's style of play which pulls a guard from the line to run interference on cer-

Fall Baseball to Be Held for First Time This Season

Graduate manager R. A. Smith has arranged a fall practice for members of the Varsity and Freshman squads. With the intention of doing big things in the inter-collegiate baseball world next spring.

The drills will continue until the cold weather sets in and will be under the supervision of Cy Twombly. He will meet his charges on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons on Wilson Field. Candidates for field positions as well as aspirants for battery posts are urged to come out. It is the desire of Graduate Manager Smith to have all men who are not engaged in some athletic activity at present to be on hand. A few weeks still remain in which any number of combinations can be whipped into shape and several games played.

The coaches are confident that this move will meet with immediate success, and they will be able to reap many benefits from this conditioning next spring.

tain plays. He is giving Seligman an experienced man, a tustle for his job.

Center Is Stronger

The center post will be stronger this year than last. Snodgrass has smoothed many of the rough spots which characterized his play last season, which leaves the General's with a veteran pivot man. He has an excellent understudy in Herb Groop. Groop seems to be the most outstanding sophomore in the line, and has been holding his own against varsity competition.

Hostetter has had two seasons' experience and is undoubtedly marked for first relief man among the tackles. He doesn't seem to have much trouble in smashing varsity plays when playing in the second string line. Tillar, a sophomore, looks promising and Coach Herron has been giving him a fling at the varsity tackle jobs with the idea that he may come in very handy in another year or two.

Ends Lacking

Finished ends are lacking for the varsity, so Coach Herron has drafted Day and Williams from last year's frosh to help Sproul fill the gap. Both of the Sophomores have prospects, but Williams is regularly getting the call on the left flank because of his superior height, weight, and speed.

There have been very few injuries of any consequence so far this year. Captain Fitzpatrick was kept from practice for a few days with an injured hand, but he was back in uniform Monday afternoon. Fats Bauer has been out for some time with a sprained ankle, but is expected to rejoin the squad before the end of the week. McGinnis pulled a charley-horse in scrimmage Friday afternoon and will be missing from the field for a few days.

Wrestlers Hit By Loss of Men

Captain Tully, Marshall, and Hughes, Veterans, Fail to Return

The chances this season for a wrestling championship have been somewhat dimmed by the failure of three monogram men to return to school. Captain-elect Mike Tully, Walter Marshall who won the Olympic tryouts, and Tommy Hughes are the veterans that will be missed greatly this winter.

Mike Seligman, last year's captain, has completed his third year of competition and is ineligible for further grappling honors.

Coach Mathis, however, will start immediately to rebuild a team, and will hold practice every day at 4:00 p.m. with both Varsity and Freshman candidates, Rule, captain of the 1926 squad, Dick Bolton, Gresham, Madison and Davis are the veterans that Coach Mathis will use as a nucleus crew of a new team. Palmer, Kaplan, Bowes, Lewis, Flagg and Clarke of the frosh squad, will fight for positions on the varsity. Matches with Virginia, V. P. L., N. C. State, Franklin and Marshall are being booked.

Swimming

The Varsity and Frosh swimming squads will hold forth at 3:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, under the supervision of Cy Twombly. The W. and L. natators have more material than ever before and look forward to a successful season. Moffett, Cook, Smith, Swink, Ayres, Fangbner, Jahncke, Martin and Burns are some of those that will splash their way through for places on the team. Meets with Virginia, Duke, Catholic University and others are looming. Cy Twombly will also give a class in swimming on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 11:30 a.m.

The intramural basketball league under the direction of Cy Twombly and the basketball managers will get under way today with the organization of the team.

It is expected that some thrilling contests will be provided in the battle for first place and the Doremus memorial medals. Games will be played every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon at 4:00.

The W. & L. gymnasts will work-out every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 5:00 P. M. with Cy Twombly as the mentor. There are a large number of candidates out for the team and a well balanced squad should be produced. Waddell, Coleman and Merrick are some of the veterans who will again cavort on the flying rings, horizontal and parallel bars.

Intramural football will soon show interest to Wilson Field. Cy Twombly will coach the Academic eleven, E. P. Davis the frosh, Mike Palmer the Lawyers and Coach Mathis the Commerce gridders. Practice notices will appear in the RING TUM PHI.

The coaching staff has so arranged the program that there is ample opportunity for every man to interest himself in some branch of athletics. Coach Fletcher feels sure that the benefits of competition under expert tutelage are far greater than one could derive from individual exercise. The classes under Coaches Mathis and Twombly in the morning are for those who are not able to participate in regular activity.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

The freshman foot-ball squad is working out every afternoon on Wilson Field. Capt. Davis has some eighty men trying-out for the team, among whom there are many promising candidates.

At present Coach Davis is drilling his team in the fundamentals of the game. Such work as blocking, tackling, punting, and general conditioning constitutes the most important part of the work-outs. A little time has been spent in explaining the various plays and formations.

"Bill" Dorsey and "Monk" Maddox are assisting Coach Davis in the work by devoting their time to the candidates for the line positions.

Former Athletes Return to School With Brief Visit

Four prominent Washington and Lee athletes who finished their intercollegiate competition last year saw "younger blood" in action on Wilson Field this week.

B. B. "Horse" Tips, captain of last year's football team, and H. S. "Babe" Spotts, all-around athlete sport teams and captain of the one on three of last year's major basketball team, were two of the visiting alumni. They played baseball on a class "B" professional team in Ohio this summer.

Paul Foliard, captain and pitching ace on last season's baseball team, who played professional ball in Mississippi this summer, stopped in Lexington for a few days during the fraternity rushing season, on the way to his home in Church View, Va. Last year Foliard won three games and lost two. He also played in the infield.

The fourth letter man was R. F. "Bobby" Howe, who was on his way to the Harvard business school. Howe was halfback on last year's football team, guard on the basketball team, and president of the 1928 Finals.

BOLT HITS CHURCH

A bolt of lightning struck the tower of the First Methodist church on Main street late Saturday afternoon tearing a hole in the roof and breaking a number of small glass panes.

Although the tower is within ten feet of the sidewalk where people were walking, no one was injured. Those who saw the lightning said it sent shingles flying into the street.

Board Trustees Considers Head

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and Dean of Johns Hopkins University; Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, prominent educational promoter, and President of the College of William and Mary; and Dr. William Reynolds Vance, former Professor of Law at Washington and Lee, and now Professor of Law at Yale.

May Encounter Trouble

Complications arise in selecting a man from the business or public world who would be willing to give up a promising career in order to become the President of Washington and Lee. Perhaps the first to be thought of in this respect is the Hon. Newton D. Baker, prominent statesman, alumnus, and member of the Board of Trustees of Washington and Lee. The Hon. John W. Davis, also an alumnus and a Trustee, has been brought forward. Others in this field are Dr. Douglas Freeman, alumnus and Editor of the Richmond, Va., News Leader; and Col. Leroy Hodges, Director of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

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Freshman Class Rates High Here

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after the examinations are completed, and the results are made available to the members of the registration committee and the Dean's office within twenty-four hours. This year all scoring and classification were done within a little more than twelve hours after the tests were given.

While it is the policy of the University to refrain from publishing the results of the psychological tests so far as any individual is concerned, it may be of interest to know that the classification of new men is made in five distinct groups. For the present session the grouping follows:

Group 1 (Very superior)	27 men
Group 2 (Superior)	81 men
Group 3 (Average)	110 men
Group 4 (Fair)	52 men
Group 5 (Inferior)	8 men

Total 278 men

The most gratifying feature of the above classification is the very small number of men who have fallen into the lowest, or inferior, group. It is to be expected, hence, that there will be a much smaller percentage of failures from this year's freshmen than from any class which he entered the University in recent years.

So far as the psychological tests are concerned, three important facts should be impressed upon the minds of all who take these examinations.

1. The student usually does much better on the tests than he thinks he has done. The tendency to discount one's performance on the tests should, therefore, be strenuously combatted.

2. A man can, in almost every instance, do better work in his classes than he thinks he is capable of doing. This may be accomplished by economy of time and effort, acquiring the technique of "how to study", keeping regular hours, etc.

3. The results on the psychological tests are only one of the many factors entering into the possibility of predicting an individual's probable success in college. Other factors are the student's health, his financial condition, his previous preparation, or lack of certain character traits, his moral habits, etc.

A student's professors by no means condemn him to failure in his college course simply because he does not happen to make a high rating on the psychological examinations.

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Doubt Arises Over Identity Of Lee Picture

The identity of an old oil painting supposedly a portrait of General Robert E. Lee's mother, is being questioned by Mrs. Mildred Lee Francis, granddaughter of General Lee. This picture was presented to Washington and Lee by the widow of the late F. A. McNutt, church official at Rome, and is now hanging in Lee Chapel.

"There is no known proof," says Mrs. Francis, "that the portrait is that of Ann Carter of Shirley, Virginia, wife of 'Light Horse-Harry' Lee and mother of General Robert E. Lee. Mrs. Lee's children never mentioned any picture of their mother and she certainly did not go to Europe to have it made. Moreover, Mrs. Lee had brown eyes and the portrait bears distinctive blue eyes. Since the rest of the family portraits have been preserved, there is every reason to believe Mrs. Lee's would have been also."

The portrait is that of a lady in colonial dress and bears the inscription: "George Washington To his dear Ann." It is known that the colonial Lees held a marked reverence for George Washington.

According to Mrs. Francis, Mildred Childs Lee, youngest daughter of General Lee, denied identification of the picture in Rome and expressed doubt of its authenticity.

Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of the University, has written Mrs. McNutt asking her to submit all memoranda and possible proof that the portrait is actually a representation of Robert E. Lee's mother.

Class Election Dates Announced

Five classes in the University will hold elections of officers during the next two weeks according to an announcement made by the Executive Committee last night.

Seniors in the academic school will choose their officers on Sept. 24, in the geology room.

The Seniors in commerce will hold their election on Sept. 24 on the first floor of Newcomb Hall. Seniors in science will name their men in Reid Hall on the same date.

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The freshmen elections come on Oct. 1, and will be held in Lee Chapel.

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"Tristram," Edwin Armstrong Robinson, Macmillan Co., N. Y. C., \$1.50 "Poems In Praise of Practically Nothing," Samuel Hoffenstein, Boni and Liveright, N. Y. C., \$2.00.

In these two books, one a poem, the other a collection of verses, there is a definite step forward in both the sacred art of poetry and the more cacoplastic level of the same. Poetry in America has taken a most damaging turn of late, and it is with relief that we see the line clearly drawn between serious poetry and mere verse by these two books, both best sellers. Mr. Robinson has taken poetry from the hands of muddy-water anthropologists, smoke-stack free-versifiers and curbstone philosophers who would drown themselves in tons of salt water but haven't the nerve. Mr. Robinson has brought poetry back to legitimacy, back from the Valhalla of sedentated things to which it was almost cast by willing but inferior workmen. He has freed himself from the fault of over-restraint and in simple, impressive blank verse makes one of the greatest of our romances a love epic of lasting beauty. Mr. Robinson has raised himself to the rank of a great poet with this work, and he has regenerated American poetry with the same

"Tristram" is a great love epic, a great narrative, a great poem. In simple and impressive language Mr. Robinson has endowed it with an intensity of emotion and ardor of passion which sweep through its pages like a clean, cool breeze. He has here achieved dramatic skill and technique which mark him as capable of recognition with the greatest of living poets.

In a way it fortunate that Mr. Hoffenstein appears at this moment, for he serves to set off very definitely the other division of verse art. Not that Mr. Hoffenstein fails in what he attempts to do, quite the opposite. He realizes that his is not the poetic urge and he, therefore, proceeds with his ability along proper lines,

unconsciously setting a standard for this sort of cynical, critical and satiric verse, and making it magnificently complete with parodies on the verse-writers of his own class who mistake their progress and aspire to the heights which Mr. Robinson in "Tristram" shows are so clearly above them.

"Poems In Praise of Practically Nothing" is a collection of rare bits of the cynical philosophy so characteristic of this neo-classical age. In the realm of light verse it has no equal in the present decade, in the field of parody it is unexcelled.

Some of the section titles, which are not the least charming part of the book, may serve to indicate the trend of the author's thought. "Songs to Break the Tedium of Riding a Bicycle," "Seeing One's Friends, or Heartbreak," opens the volume, and later we find "Poems of Passion Carefully Restrained So as to Offend Nobody," "Songs for an Old Fashioned Lute," and "Songs of Fairly Utter Despair." A absolutely charming and amusing genius of Mr. Hoffenstein, the Messiah of the left-wing of American verse.

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All my waking haunt,
Tell me, tell me, do you know
What the hell you want?"

"Oh it is cruel and inhuman
Not to pick up a fallen woman!"

The man who will not pick her up,
Shall have but water in his cup."

And so we have poetry again on a stable basis, the lesser lights with a leader to follow to the heights of light verse, poetry itself with a figurehead to show the way, and keep legitimized, and un sullied the untarnished and undying art.

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One thousand new subscriptions are needed to make the Alumni magazine a monthly publication, according to Verbon Kemp, editor. The magazine is now issued quarterly and has a circulation of one thousand. A campaign was launched for the additional thousand and subscriptions in the summer issue.

In his appeal to the alumni, Kemp said, "We would like to increase the usefulness of, and the interest in, the magazine by issuing it monthly during the college year and once during the summer—ten issues a year. Athletic news would reach subscribers more freshly; alumni could keep better informed as to football prospects and plans for the big game and for alumni reunions; and the volume of magazine features would practically

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