

## SIXTEEN TEAMS NOW ENTERED IN THIS TOURNEY

Five States Represented In  
List Compiled This  
Morning

### PLAY STARTS THURSDAY

Smith, Director and Coach Head  
Official Again; Dance and  
Swim Features

Final plans for the Fifth Annual Scholastic Basketball tournament are well under way and are expected to be perfected before Monday or Tuesday the deadline for the entrance of participants. Committees have been appointed by Captain Dick Smith, originator and director of the tourney, and the chairman of these committees expect to have everything ready to turn over to Coach Smith upon his return from the Southern Conference tournament, now being staged in Atlanta.

Of the 22 teams invited by the Tournament Executive committee, 16 have already signed for a crack at the South-Atlantic title, and the others are expected to return their application blanks by Tuesday, the 28th. These 22 prep and high school teams are the cream of West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina and the District of Columbia, and have merited their invitation by outstanding conquests on the court in their respective districts. When Coach Smith originated the tournament back in 1924, he visualized only a state-wide contest, but since then the annual tournament has taken on a sectional aspect, and every year the best teams from three or four states and the District of Columbia compete in this prep classic.

The first year, John Marshall Hi of Richmond won the title but relinquished it the following spring to the cadets from Staunton Military Academy. S. M. A. fought valiantly to retain the title at the tournament in 1926 but Oak Ridge Institute from North Carolina stepped a faster pace and captured the title and all the trimmings that went with it. Last year John Marshall downed the A. M. A. cadets to become champions for the second time in four years. Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The second session will be held that night.

Immediately after the final game the Monogram Club will entertain with an informal dance in the gym in honor of the visiting teams. Music will be furnished by the Southern Collegians. Dr. Henry Louis will present the prizes and awards during intermission. Announcements as to tickets, and awards may be found elsewhere in this issue.

Teams which have already officially entered the tournament are: Swavely School, Virginia School for the Deaf, Waynesboro Hi, McGuire University School, Massanutten Academy, Newport News Hi, Benedictine Hi, South Boston Hi, and Hargrave Military Academy, all of Virginia; Greenbrier Military Academy of West Virginia, and Bingham Military Academy, and Oak Ridge Institute of North Carolina.

Officials of the tournament are as follows: R. A. Smith, director and executive manager of Tournament. Chairman of Special Committees: George Lanier, finance and advertising.

J. W. Alderson, Jr., entertainment. W. D. Bach, arrangement. A. L. McCardell, reception. P. R. Harrison, publicity director. H. P. Johnston, official scorer. Ed. Newson, official statistician. E. H. Ould, announcer. Committee on Awards: Hollis Spotts, Forest Fletcher, E. P. Twombly, W. S. Gooch, Jr., R. A. Smith, E. P. Davis, A. E. Mathis. W. S. Gooch, Jr., (Virginia) Head Official.

### Basketball Point Race

	Goals	Fouls	Tp.
Spotts, W.-L.	71	47	189
Woodson, R.-M.	76	29	181
Silverman, W.-M.	58	53	169
Millen, U.-Va.	65	38	168
King, R.-M.	62	37	161
Lowry, W.-L.	54	37	145
Jones, U.-Va.	56	32	144
Peterson, U.-Rich.	61	21	143
Tyler, U.-Va.	55	26	136
Mann, U.-Rich.	41	19	101

## Varsity Baseball Practice Starts Week After Next

Eleven Veterans Ready For Action  
Under Coach Smith And  
Captain Folliard

Varsity baseball for 1928 will begin a week after the prep school basketball tournament, according to Coach Smith. Several letter men as well as likely prospects have been doing a little informal practice for the last few days to get into condition before the season starts.

Faul Folliard, hurler de luxe for the past two years, will captain this season's aggregation and will have for his battery mates Tips and Jones both veterans of two years. Spotts who led the team in batting last year with an average of .322, will again hold down the initial sack, Egleback, at third, is the only other monogram left in the infield. Lowdon will again take over the left pasture with Warthen, Johnston, and Hickman reporting for outfield duty. Gene White will be out for infield or pitching position and Osterman is ready to try for a mound job.

The South Atlantic League, formed last spring by Captain Dick Smith, will be in operation. The purpose of this league is to revive interest in college baseball in the various institutions which are members. The Generals will play two games, one at home and the other away, with every team in the organization except V. M. I. This means a pair of games are already scheduled with Virginia, Maryland, V. P. I., North Carolina, N. C. State and Duke. A complete schedule will be announced in the near future.

## Southern Seminary Grad Principal In Unique Marriage

Miss Margaret J. Rochester, of Baltimore, Md., a graduate of Southern Seminary, Buena Vista, and lately engaged in library work in Baltimore, was married recently to Walter W. Phillips, of Camden, N. J. The ceremony was performed in the cellar of a fraternity house at St. John's College, Md., and created great interest because of the unique explanation given by the principals of their "code of ethics" and the nature of the bridal party.

The Associated Press dispatch telling of the wedding gave a description of fraternity brothers of the groom dressed in bridesmaid attire, waiting on the floor above, and of a jazz orchestra on the first floor, with cheers for the bride and groom as they emerged from the basement.

Phillips enlightened the press with the following statement: "We do not consider the marriage ceremony essential, but realize that we have to conform in some measure to the rules of society. We approached the ceremony in the same state of mind. For the words 'until death do us part' we mentally said 'until love does.'"

"My marriage is just a partnership; it is similar but not the same as companionable marriages. We decided to get married with certain understandings. For instance, neither one is obligated to support the other."

## Seehorn Wants to Give Up Baseball

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 24.—Tommy Seehorn, fine infield and outfield prospect secured by the Jacksonville Fars last season, has decided to retire from professional baseball, he notified Charles B. Griner, president of the local club, yesterday.

However, local officials are anxious to retain the youthful performer and have forwarded to him substantial salary inducements.

Seehorn stated most emphatically in his letter that he did not wish to be regarded as a "hold-out". He has a good position in a Memphis bank, it is said, and wishes to continue in the money counting business, going on baseball's voluntarily retired list.

Still, the lure of the diamond in the spring and a bigger salary check than that of last year are factors counted upon to bring Tommy back to Jacksonville. Two years ago he was captain of the Washington and Lee nine.

## Equal Intelligence Exists in Athletes And Non-Athletes

How do athletes compare scholastically with non-athletes?

The Carnegie Foundation's report, prepared by Dr. Howard J. Savage, which was expected to settle the mooted relationship between athletics and scholarship, has been issued after a year of preparation. But it does not settle the question, even though it covers investigations in forty-four colleges and universities. Dr. Savage advances several reasons, among them lack of objectivity and absence of common grounds of comparison, why his results may not be considered final.

Yet on the basis of careful and detailed study of the problem at Columbia University, Dr. Savage is ready to announce certain conclusions. He summarizes:

"With respect to the class of 1925 at Columbia College, those members who participated in sport and those who did not, appear to be of about the same intelligence. On the basis of course grades, however, the athletes in their studies fell below the non-athletes.

"In spite of the fact that athletes tended to remain longer in college, a smaller proportion received degrees, and a much greater number of athletes incurred probation. The athletes tended to carry light programs. Both athletes and non-athletes elected easy courses more frequently than hard, and in them received higher grades than in the courses that are demonstrable statistically as more difficult. Finally, the grades of athletes show a stronger tendency to gravitate toward the passing line than the grades of non-athletes, and athletes received on the whole more marks of C- or C than their classmates.

"Both this method and these conclusions are proposed, not as innovations or as unusual generalizations, but as the result of extended preliminary efforts to answer the question: What is the relation of the scholarship of athletes to that of non-athletes in American universities and colleges?"

"In the past, the matter has excited wide interest and much discussion, both within and outside of college walls. With the co-operation of a number of colleges and universities in supplying comparable data, conclusions can be drawn to cover a such larger field and to reach a much greater validity."—N. S. S.

## Tank Teams to Meet Cavaliers Tonight

The Varsity and Freshmen swimming teams meet the Cavaliers tonight in Charlottesville. This is the last meet scheduled for the first year men, while the veterans have one more on March 3 with Catholic University.

The following men will make the trip:

Varsity: Smith, Moffatt, Swink, Farrell, Fangbener, Reis, Strahorn, Day, Kurk, Ayars, Cooke. Freshmen: Harberson, Burn, Jancke, Zachary, Martin, Luria, Bruere, Lynn.

## CAPTAIN SPOTTS COPS LEAD AMONG SCORERS IN VIRGINIA BASKETBALL

Hollis S. Spotts, captain of the 1928 Generals' basketball team, went on a scoring rampage last week and pushed Abe Silverman, of William and Mary, from the lead in the race for high point man in the state. "Babe" had totalled 189 points in twelve games, for an average of about 16 per fray, according to statistics compiled by Charles H. Hamilton, W. & L. alumnus, for the Richmond NEWS-LEADER.

In commenting on the W. & L. leader's spurt to the top of the heap, Hamilton says:

"Abe Silverman, of William and Mary, is 20 points back of Spotts, while Phess Woodson, erstwhile John Marshall luminary, and now at Randolph-Macon, is second in the state with a total of 181 markers.

"In going to the top today in individual scoring Babe Spotts is carrying out the habits he has acquired over three years' varsity play. As a sophomore, he was second in the state to Herby Peterson, of Richmond; as a junior, he was again second, and to the same man; this year, as senior and captain, he has been moving up for the past month—and today leads the field.

## Davis Denounces Intolerance Before South Carolina Bar

Hon John W. Davis, alumnus of Washington and Lee, member of the board of trustees and Democratic presidential nominee in the 1924 campaign, denounced religious intolerance in civil life during an address delivered last week before the annual convention of the South Carolina State Bar association, meeting at Columbia.

Saying that Gentile England had in Disraeli a Jew for prime minister, Protestant Canada, a Catholic premier in Laurier, and Catholic France a Protestant president in Doumergue, he declared:

"I'd be ashamed to believe that the spirit of tolerance is less in America than in those great democracies I have named."

Some recent manifestations, he said, "warn us not to be vainglorious," over our progress from ancient days when "human beings slit each other's throats because they couldn't agree on what was to happen after the throat was slit."

"I am perfectly aware," he added, "that if I press this subject I shall be suspected of talking politics."

In his speech Mr. Davis did not discuss personalities connected with the present political situation in the country, but earlier in the evening he declared that Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, was "highly acceptable to him as a Democratic nominee," and avowed that he would not permit his own name to be placed before the Houston convention.

The address dealt principally with the services to the United States and to humanity of Thomas Jefferson as a lawyer.

The fundamental basis of the Jeffersonian philosophy, he declared, was the worth and dignity of the individual man, on which was postulated his doctrines of human freedom.

A solemn warning that the trend of the times since the war has been away from the theory of personal rights was sounded by the speaker.

"How many nations," he asked, "have we seen turn to dictators, as in Italy where a director proclaims that the man is nothing, the state all in all." Saying the conflict was raging everywhere, Mr. Davis closed with, "Everywhere to liberty-loving men the bugles call and call and call."

## Dr. Smith Speaks at Washington College

President Henry Louis Smith spoke before the students of Washington College at Chestertown, Md., Thursday. From there he drove south to Greensboro, N. C., where he will visit relatives until next Monday or Tuesday.

Dr. Smith will return here in time to preside at the compulsory university assembly next week, at which Dr. Robinson, president of the College of the City of New York, will speak.

## W. & L. Debaters Meet R. M. W. C. In Lynchburg Today

'Resolved: That Co-Education Is a Failure' Is Subject of Teams' First Meeting in Debate

Washington and Lee and Randolph-Macon Woman's College have their first meeting in debate this evening at 7:30 o'clock at Lynchburg in the Smith Memorial auditorium. The question debated is, Resolved; That co-education is a failure."

The W. and L. team defends the affirmative and is represented by B. J. Wagner and Harold Platt. Both Wagner and Platt argued in the debate last fall against the visiting English team on the same subject, and won the forensic battle by a small margin of votes. Wagner has had considerable experience as a debater, this being his third year on the team. Platt has also represented Washington and Lee in a number of meets.

Randolph-Macon is defending the negative of the question and her two delegates are Miss Nadine Clark, senior, and Miss Anne Davenport, freshman. Miss Clark is president of the Randolph-Macon Debating Council, and represented her college in the debate against the English team. Miss Davenport is considered a promising debater.

## Varsity Wrestlers End 1928 Season With Northern Trip

The General matman officially ring down the curtain on the 1928 season on Monday evening, Feb. 27, when they met the strong Franklin and Marshal team in Lancaster, Penn. This meet will end the eastern trip, now underway, which also includes a meet with Princeton on Saturday.

Captain "Mike" Seligman accompanied the team but due to a broken rib he will not be able to enter the mat. This is not only an unfortunate occurrence for the team but for "Mike" as it means that he has already ended a brilliant career on the Generals wrestling team, since this is his final year on the squad. Coach Mathis took both Rosenberg and Bolton in the 175 pound class, as he has not yet fully decided which one he will use.

The fag end of the season does not find the team in exactly perfect condition. Gresham, the 115 pound flash, is troubled with a bad rib, though he will fill his usual position in both meets. Tully and Thompson also report minor injuries. Despite these handicaps, the team was in high spirits on Friday morning as they left Lexington in two machines for the eastern invasion.

Those making the trip are: Gresham (115); Thompson (125); Davis (135); Tully (145); Madison (158); Bolton and Rosenberg (175); Hughes (unlimited); Captain Seligman, Manager Harry Godwin and Coach A. E. Mathis.

## Debaters-Florida Saturday, March 3

The Washington and Lee debating team will meet Florida for the first time Saturday, March 3, at 7:30 in Lee Chapel. The subject to be argued is, "Resolved, that the United States should cease to protect, by armed force, capital invested in foreign countries, except after a formal declaration of war." The locals will uphold the affirmative.

R. Morrow, R. Merritt, and D. Sherby will represent Washington and Lee. Professor Baer, debating coach, stated that he expects this combination, even though Merritt is the only one who has had previous inter-collegiate experience, to show up well against the 'Gator team. The Florida forensic battlers have had a successful season so far and are reputed to rank among the best in the South.

## GENERALS PUT OUT OF BATTLE FOR S. C. TITLE

Mississippi A. AND M. Wins  
Yesterday Afternoon  
By 44-24

### HOLLIDAY HIGH SCORER

Locals' Spurt In Second Half Cut  
Short When Aggies  
Open Up Again

Special to RING-TUM PHI.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 24.—Washington and Lee was eliminated in its first game in the Southern Conference tournament here this afternoon, losing to Mississippi A. and M. 44 to 24. The Generals got off to a slow start, and the Aggies had rung up a seven-point lead before Eglebach dropped a field goal.

The losers missed many shots, numerous tries rimming the basket and failing to drop through. Holliday of the Aggies sank many shots during the first half, while Spotts was finding the basket for W. & L. White went in for Lowry and made three goals from the floor, and Groop had replaced Howe at guard before the period ended. The half ended with the Generals trailing on the short end of a 23 to 12 score.

Ebert went in for White at the half, and the Generals were again slow in getting under way, while the Mississippians took advantage of their opportunity to ring up nine points without a single W. & L. marker being registered. White replaced Eglebach, and the Generals got under way again.

A short rally in the second half, which brought the Generals to within eight points of the Aggies, was short-lived, and the game ended with the winners sporting a safe lead. The losers were hampered by having numerous fouls called on them.

Harris, of the Aggies, was high point man, ringing up seven from the floor and one free try for a total of 15 markers. Captain Spotts and Holliday tied for second honors with ten each.

Summary:

Miss. A. & M. (44)	G	F	T
Holliday, f	5	0	10
Harris, f	7	1	15
Meredith, f	1	0	2
McElveen, c	4	1	9
Chadwick, g	3	1	7
Berry, g	0	1	7
Totals	20	4	44
Wash. & Lee (24)	G	F	T
Eglebach, f	2	0	4
Lowry, f	0	0	0
White, f	3	0	6
Ebert, f	0	1	1
Spotts, c	4	2	10
Wood, g	1	1	3
Howe, g	0	0	0
Totals	10	4	24

### SUMMARY OF FRIDAYS TOURNAMENT PLAY

Louisiana State	44
North Carolina	38
Georgia	47
V. M. I.	36
Georgia Tech	50
Florida	24
Virginia	42
Alabama	28
Old Miss.	40
N. C. State	33
Miss. A. & M.	33
W. & L.	24
Auburn	27
Clemson	26
Kentucky	56
So. Carolina	40

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## THE CAMPUS TAX

"CAMPUS TAX is favored in Graham-Lee Debate", read a headline in the last issue of the RING-TUM PHI.

For several years mature students at Washington and Lee, especially those who have had an opportunity to study the situation closely, have been of the opinion that a blanket campus tax for Finals, publications, Y. M. C. A., and other soliciting organizations on the campus should be put into effect. At times it appeared that some headway was being made toward securing the adoption of such a plan by the student body, and the official sanction by the administration in co-operating in its collection. But always somewhere, somehow, in some way, the campaign has broken down, either through apathy on the part of its sponsors, the postponement of action until too late in the school year, or through the unwillingness of the university authorities to recognize the wisdom of the proposal or its long-run saving to undergraduates.

Several arguments are proposed against the installation of the system here. It is common knowledge—too common—that the university tuition fee, exclusive of special laboratory charges, apparatus fees, and similar extras, has risen steadily for several sessions past. The increases are no doubt justifiable in the light of existing conditions which have to be cared for, and it is not the purpose of this editorial to discuss their merits. Some claim that the university takes too much of a matriculate's money at one time as it is, and that the addition of a small activities fee would be preposterous, resulting in a burden which a great many students would be unable to carry.

This argument might apply in several cases, but not in more than a very few, we believe, and it has been greatly over-emphasized by opponents of the blanket tax whenever the subject has arisen.

Other opponents base their contention on the ground that a man might not desire to take all three publications, attend Finals and support the Y. M. C. A. It might just as well be argued that a man does not want to pay a large tuition fee, buy new books every year, and the like.

Activities in general at Washington and Lee are carried on for the good of the school at large, not for the enrichment of a few. Naturally it takes small committees or individuals to attend to the details of running a job, but such activities as the proposed campus tax would care for could be well grouped together under the common banner of the RING-TUM PHI—"By the Students, For the University."

Imagine the prestige of a university without dances, without a newspaper, a humorous magazine, without an annual and a campus Y. M. C. A. organization.

It takes money to enable these organizations to continue successfully from year to year, and it takes days of effort and worry on the part of a very few to make them "go." Why not have the burden lifted from the few who take part in "drives" for this, and "campaigns" for that, and place it uniformly upon the broad shoulders of the entire student body?

The cost would be less than even the most optimistic supporter of the plan would say without definite figures. As things stand now, Finals takes ten dollars, the Y. M. C. A. from five to ten, and the three publications alone cost a student nearly twelve dollars. A student who supports the activities of his school as he should "puts out" between twenty-five and thirty dollars.

But what of the man who does not support all these numerous organizations, but merely backs two or three which he chooses?

If a man takes one publication at an average of four dollars, and gives five dollars to the Y. M. C. A. and five or ten to Finals, he has parted with at least much, if not more, than he would pay out if the uniform blanket activity tax were in effect.

Not only would the expense be less to individuals, but it would react to the benefit of the entire student body. Each activity would know at the start of the year just how much money it would have to spend between September and June, budgets could be figured out to the cent, and better results could be obtained by long-term bargaining backed by the assurance of solid financial backing. Publications could be enlarged, the proportion of advertising to reading matter could be diminished, and results far more satisfying to readers would be achieved than under the present hit-or-miss system.

Let's look the matter straight in the face. It is not too late now to put the proposal through for next year if the sentiment of the student body is back of it. There is plenty of time for

serious thought and consideration, and yet there is no time to be lost if due weight is to be given to all opinions and a decision reached in time for it to take effect in September. The question has hung fire at W. & L. for several years, always being smothered at some point in its journey toward enactment.

Is the student body to be harassed at regular intervals next year with pleas to give to this, support this, subscribe to this, ad infinitum?

## Washington and Lee In The Past

1920

The Monogram club met recently and made quite a few distinct changes in its organization. One of the most significant was the passing of a scheme to establish a monogram club scholarship to be awarded each year to some worthy athlete of limited financial support.

1923

President Warren G. Harding was cordially invited to visit Lexington and surrounding points of interest by Congressman Harry St. George Tucker of this district. The invitation was thought to be prompted by President Harding's recently expressed cordiality and fellowship towards the united Confederate Veterans convening in New Orleans.

1924

Edgar Lee Masters, Chicago lawyer and poet, paid Lexington a visit recently. Mr. Masters has been a life long admirer of General Lee and said that he was glad of the opportunity of quenching a thirst that he has felt since childhood. Mr. Masters stated that his father, although a staunch Yankee, was also an admirer of General Lee and named his son after him. The "Edgar" was meant for "Edward."

1925

Tulane University of New Orleans eliminated Washington and Lee in the first game of the S. I. C. basketball tournament by the score of 37-20. The Generals put up a hard fight but were outclassed.

1926

The Generals ran away with the Virginia Cavaliers by a score of 46-27 in a basketball game here Saturday night before a record crowd. Spotts and Lane were the stars in the basket looping.

1927

Outlook ran a full article on "The University of Washington and Lee" in a recent current issue. It gave besides a sketch of the university, a brief historical summary and an elaboration on the institutions ideals and plans. Several familiar illustrations accompanied the article.

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## President's Paragraph

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### Two Pictures-Study Them

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## Dr. Desha Speaker At Alumni Dinner

Dr. L. J. Desha was the principal speaker at a banquet of the Lynchburg Alumni given at the Virginian hotel in Lynchburg, Wednesday night, to celebrate the birthday of one of the founders of the University.

The subject of Dr. Desha's speech was "Washington and Lee in the Past and Present." The other speaker of the evening was Colonel J. Aubrey Strobe, '92, who talked on the "Traditions of Washington and Lee."

Approximately 50 Alumni, most of whom were from Lynchburg, attended the banquet. Twenty-eight boys of the senior class of the E. C. Glass high school in Lynchburg were also present as the guests of the Alumni club.

After the banquet and speeches, R. D. Ramsey, '10, and D. M. Barclay, '12, were elected president and vice-president respectively of the Alumni club.

## Students Healthier This Year Than Last

Washington and Lee students are twice as healthy this spring as they were last spring, according to the records of the Jackson Memorial hospital. During the first 24 days of February, 1927, 26 students came to the hospital, while only 15 have been there for the same time this year. The decline in illness throughout Lexington is almost on a par with that among the students the records show.

A thme present time eight students are in the hospital. They are: D. I. V. N. Conn, Jr., Gregg Kurth, T. J. Raymond, W. V. Gilbert, R. J. Miller, T. C. Banks, V. J. Barnette, and L. C. Gwin.

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**Castle Hill Bridge Will Be Demolished**

The town council, with the advice of Colonel James A. Anderson, town engineer, Thursday night condemned the old foot bridge across Woods creek valley from the railroad station to Castle Hill. The bridge will be closed.

This action was not unexpected, as it has been thought for some time that the bridge was unsafe. It is a high wooden structure several hundred yards long. The bridge was built twenty years ago by Paul M. Penick and E. A. Moore after they had bought the Castle Hill properties. Residents of West Lexington and the golf club contributed part of the cost. About ten years ago, the west half of the bridge blew down and was rebuilt with the old timbers and strengthened and braced. This work was done by Washington and Lee, subsequent owners of Castle Hill and other users of the bridge.

**Trackmen Will Don Spikes In Few Days**

The Washington and Lee indoor track men within the next few days will discard their gym shoes for the spiked ones in preparation for a spring campaign on the cinder path. Captain Reardon has already gotten off to a flying start with a first place in the Richmond indoor meet and the relay men were equally successful. The men in the field events have been working at intervals throughout the winter and are also in good condition.

**DR. SHELLY TO SPEAK BEFORE GRAHAM-LEE**

Dr. Henry Vogel Shelly of the Department of Ancient Languages will speak before the Graham-Lee society tonight on "Travel as Related to Education."

President Hawes of the society requests that all members be present. He extends this invitation to all students and members of the Faculty. The society meets at 7:30 o'clock.

**Garden for '94 Hall Under Construction**

Work has been started grading the memorial garden in front of '94 Hall, the new gymnasium, at V. M. I. Each end of the space between Smith-Shipp hall and Jackson hall is being raised to accommodate a garden spot, and two large plots on the sides of the central walk will be planted in grass. Gravel walks will encircle the grass plots, with shrubs planted as before for the walks.

Selected passages from the writings of General Francis H. Smith, made at the founding of the school will be emblazoned in bronze on the wall between the double entrance on the west side. Plans call for the inscribing at a later date of the V. M. I. roll of honor on the walls which support the steps.

**VALLEY SHOWN ON MOVIES**

Moving pictures of the Shenandoah Valley shown at the Theatre Tuesday and Wednesday included several views of Lexington. The Virginia Military Institute with the cadets on parade, scenes at Washington and Lee and the Jackson statue in the cemetery were shown. There were also views of the Natural Bridge. The picture was released under the auspices of Shenandoah Valley, Inc.

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## PLAN AMERICAN DORMITORY FOR PARIS COLLEGE

Fifteen University Presidents In United States Back Project For Student's Home

Fifteen prominent university and college presidents, representing all sections of the United States, have issued a joint statement urging that a dormitory for American students be included in the building program of the Cite Universitaire.

The Cite Universitaire, an international student city now being built on a seventy-acre tract at the far end of the Latin Quarter, Paris, contemplates a group of dormitories erected upon the American dormitory plan to house the students from all over the world who go to Paris to study.

Each dormitory is to be built on a site donated by the University of Paris, out of funds provided by the country whose students will occupy it, and will be conducted under the supervision of a Council of Administration composed largely of citizens of every country concerned. A central building will provide auditorium, library, restaurant and gymnasium facilities.

Canada was the first nation to erect a dormitory for its students. England followed. Seven French dormitories and a Belgian dormitory have been built and occupied. Japan has raised the money for its building.

An American Committee, with headquarters at 50 East 42nd Street, New York, has been organized to raise \$400,000 by public subscription, with which to build and equip a dormitory for American students.

The educators who joined in the statement advocating the American dormitory are: President Edwin Anderson Alderman, University of Virginia; President James Rowland Angell, Yale University; Chancellor Melvin A. Brannon, University of Montana; President Nicholas Murray Butler, Columbia University; President W. H. P. Faunce, Brown University; President John Grier Hibben, President Ernest M. Hopkins, Dartmouth College; President Clarence C. Little, University of Michigan; President Max Mason, University of Chicago; President Henry Noble McCracken, Vassar College; President William A. Neilson, Smith College; President Ellen F. Pendleton, Wellesley College; and President Ray Lyman Wilbur, Leland Stanford, Jr. University.

### Graves For County Attorney At Home

The following clipping regarding "Tommie" Graves, '26 Law, is interesting to the student body here: "Thomas A. Graves, one of Cuero, Texas, youngest and most promising lawyers, makes formal announcement of his candidacy for the office of Dewitt county attorney, subject to the Democratic primaries, in today's issue of the record.

"Tommie," as he is known to his many friends, is a native of Cuero, a graduate of Cuero High School and Washington and Lee University. "Graves graduated from Washington and Lee over a year ago after six years of schooling in that institution, and for the past nine months has been connected with the firm of H. W. Wallace, prominent attorney of this city."

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### Hours Among The Latest Books

CLAIRE AMBLER by Booth Tarkington.

From the perspective of maturity Booth Tarkington has sketched accurately the thinking of youth in his recently published Claire Ambler. He has taken for his subject the intellectual growth of a fascinating American flapper. The result is a subtle work and facile reading, but the student should not fall into the pit of sensationalism the publishers suggest on the book's cover.

The publisher would like you to think that Claire Ambler is a racy characterization of a typical American flapper that "will thrill the younger readers and startle and amuse their mothers and fathers." The only thing worse that the publishers might have done would have been to award it a prize, thus completely damning it for any intelligent reader.

What Claire Ambler really is, might be explained as a literary delineation of the old Greek "Stages of Wisdom" theory, recast to appeal to live modern readers. It is a story of the development of all youth—or rather, all youth which does not rot in the budding. It is a story and it is a treatise, but a treatise with a most delightful sugar coating.

Claire Ambler enters as an eighteen year old girl, completely lost in the trial and appreciation of her charms. To her, a boy was, "A pleasantly coloured shape that made more or less agreeable noise." The pain one of the "shapers" flung back at her brought her to the realization that she was not the only being in the world, and that the rest was more than a screen of the cinema for her diversion.

Claire does not stop there, but uses the next seven years of her life in the elaboration of that viewpoint, until at twenty-five she has a rather accurate estimate of her worth and of her relation to the rest of the world.

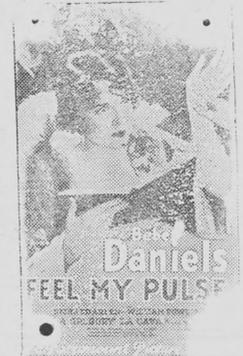
And as for the way the book is done, it is simply Tarkington, probably at his best. He has followed the best American traditions with neither defense nor apology. He is scintillating, sometimes satirical, but never cynical.

He writes with that simple lucid style, which, fortunately for American literature did not die with Mark Twain. There are many aspects of Tarkington's writing which are decidedly suggestive of the earlier American.

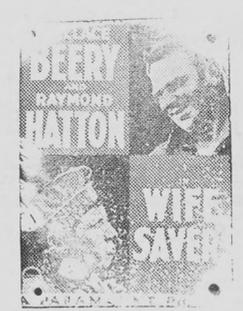
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### Campus Doings Here and There

BASEBALL—Manager W. D. Bach has called all candidates for the sophomore managerships of baseball to report to the gym at 3:15 Monday.

FOOTBALL—Manager George Lanier has called all freshmen who will be candidates for sophomore managerships of football to report to the gym at 3:15 Monday.

FOOTBALL—Head Coach J. P. "Pat" Herron has issued a call for all candidates for the 1928 football squad to report for opening Spring practice Monday afternoon, March 5.

ADMINISTRATION—Compulsory University assembly Tuesday at 1 p. m. in the gym. Dr. Frederick B. Robinson, of College of the City of New York, will speak.

RING-TUM PHI—All freshman and sophomore tryouts for editorial staff positions report at journalism room Monday night at 7:15.

EPISCOPAL—Special Lenten services. Tuesdays at 12; Wednesdays at 5; Thursdays at 7; Fridays, children's service at 5; Holy Communion, first Sunday in month at 11, others at 8 a. m.; regular services Sundays at 11 and 8 Holy Week services announced later.

LITERARY—Graham-Lee Society meeting tonight at 7:30. Dr. Shelly speaker.

WRESTLING—Varsity vs. Princeton there tonight; Varsity vs. Franklin and Marshall there Monday night.

SWIMMING—Varsity and Freshmen vs. Virginia there tonight.

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Under the new order, the College of Literature, Science, and Arts assumes the status of a professional school to which admission will be granted only upon successful completion of two years of work in the new university college. The same requirement will control admittance to the other professional schools.

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