

The Ring-tum Phi

By the Students, For the Students

SIGMA LITANY "ANSWERED"
By Duncan Groner—Article Entitled "Leaders and Morons."

KEYDETS HAVE MONEY
That Says Their Wrestlers Will Beat W. and L.—Ask No Odds.

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Poor Health Caused Beck To Take Life

Texas Freshman "Different" After Brain Operations, Say Friends

MOVIE SUGGESTS IDEA OF SUICIDE

No Explanation of Act Left—Boy Tells Friends, Then Collapses

All health has been accepted by parents and intimate student acquaintances as explanation of the tragic death of Odice Vaughn Beck, Jr., mild-mannered freshman who announced to his friends in the dormitory Saturday afternoon that he had taken poison and then collapsed, dying a few minutes later in Jackson hospital.

He left no explanation of his act; apparently he had a bright future before him. Young Beck, who celebrated his eighteenth birthday on February 21, was the son of a wealthy Texas oilman and rancher, his scholastic record here was excellent, and he had a number of friends and was well known and respected in the freshman class. He was a very conscientious boy and deeply interested in religion.

Underwent Operations
While Beck was at home Christmas he underwent two operations through the nose for the removal of abscesses near the base of the brain. Friends say that he was noticeably changed since Christmas and inclined to be moody and much alone. He had previously had similar oral operations and spent four days in the hospital during the middle of February.

Beck had gone with friends Saturday afternoon to see the movie, "The White Parade," in which a woman attempted suicide. After the show he was alone in his room at 224 Graham for a short time and then went to Wayland-Gorrell's drug store and purchased a bottle of carbolic acid, which he took in his room about 4:20.

About ten minutes later he had gone outside and then to the fourth floor of the other end of Graham dormitory. Here he announced to Ben Anderson, freshman from Texas, that he had taken poison and then succumbed. Frantic students did what they could for him, and hurried him to the hospital, where he died at about 5:20.

Tried to Speak
He made several attempts to speak after collapsing, but his words were incoherent. No one had been led to believe that he contemplated such a tragedy. It apparently was not long planned.

The coroner declared the death unusual in that it resulted from action of the poison on the brain rather than from internal acid burns.

The boy's mother, father and younger brother flew Sunday from Texas to Bristol, where their plane was forced down. They came on here by auto Sunday night. Three younger sisters also survive. The Beck's home is in Nocono, Texas, where O. V. attended high school. He expected to enter the commerce school here.

Services Sunday
Services were held Sunday night in the Baptist church conducted by Harry Philpott, a freshman friend, and also in Lee chapel yesterday morning. A guard of honor remained with the body in the Chapel all day and accompanied it to Clifton Forge late last night. Pall bearers, who also acted as the guard of honor, were Ben Anderson, Bob Harper, Frank Reese, Walter Lawton, Bob Ligon, Bob Pinn, Charles Kernaghan, and Harry Philpott.

Beck identified himself with the local Baptist church immediately upon his arrival in Lexington and showed interest in all of its activities. He never missed attending some sort of service on Sunday except the one time he was in the hospital.

O. V., as young Beck was generally known, was a pledge of Sigma Nu until Heel Week. His death was a severe shock to the entire student body, especially so since a number of dormitory residents were witnesses of the latter half of the tragedy.

Faculty Play Changed To Ann Smith Academy

Date of "Tomorrow Appears" Postponed Until Monday; Ticket Sales to Begin Tomorrow; Campus Tax Card Will Not Be Good

"Tomorrow Appears," the faculty play scheduled for production at the Lyric theatre tonight has been postponed until next Monday. The play will be presented promptly at eight o'clock in the auditorium of the Anne Smith Academy building, located on the corner next to the Post Office.

The postponement and change of auditoriums was made necessary by the sudden decision last week of Warner Brothers, Inc., to limit the Lyric strictly to motion pictures in order to secure lower insurance rates. Ralph Daves, local manager of the Warner theatres, is making an effort to have the company change their ruling, but Lawrence E. Watkin, the director, declares that the play is ready for production and cannot be postponed further.

Tickets will go on sale tomorrow and will continue to be sold

until Monday at the Corner store from 1 to 5, 7 to 7:30, and 9 to 9:30 p. m. Since this is not one of the three regular Troubadours shows of the year, Campus Tax cards will not be good for admission. John Beagle, business manager of the organization, announces.

Although the Academy auditorium will seat over 400 spectators, admittance will be strictly limited to 350 to insure maximum comfort and visibility. Beagle states. No seats will be reserved.

Students who attend the production will see Mr. Barnes in the role of a bewhiskered country philosopher, Dr. Smith as his swashbuckling, rip-roaring son, and Mr. Mattingly as a country doctor. One of the highlights of the play, according to members of the cast, is the scene in which Dr. Smith parades in an old-fashioned nightgown and Mr. Barnes appears in a bathrobe.

CAMPUS COMMENT

Some time ago Mr. Gilliam ordered a bushel of oysters from some one in Norfolk, and paid for them. When the oysters reached Lexington they were sent, by some trick of Fate, to the Delta Tau Delta house. The boys asked no questions about the sudden rain of oysters and dug in. They lived in style with oysters on the half-shell, oysters fried, and oysters stewed. Mr. Gilliam went without oysters.

That campus idler, Senator Ed Rankin, is reported to have said something about feeling capable of teaching a few of the classes on the campus. A rose to you, sir! That is more than a few of our professors feel capable of, so go ahead.

Those of you who missed the Sigma litany last week missed something worth hearing. That litany contains a good many things we've always wanted to tell people (not you, Mr. Editor!) but never had the nerve. They say that P. W. wrote it, and this week's first prize goes to him.

A few weeks past when Mrs. Young suffered a broken leg, the write-up of the accident said something to the effect that "Mrs. Young broke her leg while waving to Mrs. Gaines." Some wave, some song-and-dance, what-what?

The Colonial Ball at Southern Seminary was held up for a few minutes last week. When the figure was supposed to begin there was a frantic call from the ante-room. It seems that a couple of the leaders of the figure (three cheers for W. and L.) couldn't tie their ties. None the less, the figure waited patiently until the job was done, and everybody sighed a mighty sigh.

When the Southern Collegian comes out (around the fifteenth of March) take a good look at the cover. It's a beaut, and quite tootsie.

There is going to be a gala event this week-end. Some of the younger dare-devils are renting what they affectionately call an auto. The wreck is all but hopeless, but the boys can take it, for they are going on a trip. The scheduled route is out to Mike's place and back. Heigh-ho and away they go! The Rover Boys at College!

The same sneering group that used to take photographs of the snow scenes are now taking pictures showing the campus devoid of snow and sending them up north (where they had about twenty inches of nice white snow last week-end). Such crust!

The neatest thought of the week comes from one of our professor friends. Says he: "No matter where you spend your money or what you buy with it, be it a Coca-Cola, a suit, or a new car, the customer's always right. But you come to college and spend lots of money for the privilege. Continued on page four

IRC Will Hear Magruder Talk

V. M. I. Commandant To Speak Thursday Night On Far East

Col. John Magruder, Commandant at V. M. I. and recently appointed attache to the Swiss legation, will speak on "The Danger Spots of the Far East" to the International Relations Club on Thursday night at 7:30 in Newcomb Hall.

Col. Magruder, a recognized authority on political and military affairs in the Far East, was a military attache in China for nine years. He will leave for Geneva soon to take his post as an attache of the Swiss legation.

George Boyd will tell the club about the Southeastern conference of the International Relations Club at Davidson which he attended last week. Two hundred representatives from sixty-five colleges attended the conference.

Richmond Newspaperman To Address Journalists

A. Judson Evans, Jr., special writer for the Richmond Times-Dispatch, will address the members of Sigma Delta Chi, journalistic fraternity, on Thursday night, on the American Newspaper Guild.

Mr. Evans is regional chairman of the guild. The meeting will be held at the home of Prof. O. W. Riegel.

Student Gives School \$1,000; Identity Secret

Donation Made Anonymously to Law School Fund

An anonymous student has subscribed \$1,000 to the law school rebuilding fund, campaign headquarters announced today. This contribution, one of the largest yet to come in, was made in the strictest confidence, so that not even the secretary of the finance committee knows the name of the donor.

The student made his gift with the knowledge of Dean Moreland, the treasurer's office, and several other persons connected.

It is still too early to give definite figures on the progress of the drive, John P. Darnall, in direct charge of the work here, said today. The finance committee, however, meets within the next ten days, and it is expected that a report on the success of the drive will follow shortly.

The drive is being intensified this week with an element of personal appeal, the help of one alumnus in each of the 175 localities where there are more than ten Washington and Lee men located being drafted to put the drive across. It is understood that the response to the drive so far, while not startling, is encouraging. The next few weeks will be the crucial period in the campaign.

First Debate Ends in Draw

Question of Government Control of Munitions Leading Issue

In a non-decision debate last night with Ohio Wesleyan, Washington and Lee upheld the affirmative of, "Resolved: That the Manufacture and Sale of Munition Should be Placed Under Government Control."

Robert Cooper and William Wilbur represented Washington and Lee while the opposing speakers were John Eckler and Eugene Busler. The debate consisted of four ten-minute constructive addresses and five minute rebuttals presented by each speaker.

The debate centered upon the more definite problem of whether or not government control would eradicate the present recognized evils of "munition rackets." Washington and Lee argued that nationalization would be a step towards peace, while Ohio Wesleyan claimed government interference would increase propaganda.

Dr. Glover Hancock, Dean of the Commerce School, presided.

W-L Alumnus Named to Fill Epes Vacancy

John W. Eggleston Appointed to Virginia Supreme Court

Justice John W. Eggleston, who was this week appointed to the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, received his B.A., M.A., and L.L.B. degrees from Washington and Lee. He was also an instructor in biology at this institution. Justice Eggleston was appointed by Governor George Campbell Peery, also an alumnus, to fill the vacancy created by the much lamented death of Justice Louis Spencer Epes.

Justice Eggleston was selected for the post from a large list of well-qualified men; a former governor, several prominent members of both the State Senate and House of Delegates, as well as circuit judges and lawyers from all parts of Virginia were receiving strong support.

Justice Eggleston, as a member of the State Senate, received public attention in 1934 when his ability was recognized as chairman of the Virginia Liquor Control Study Commission, and he sponsored the present Alcoholic Beverage Control Act in the General Assembly last year.

He is a native of Charlotte county and attended Hampden-Sydney in 1903-04, but transferred to Washington and Lee, where he received his A.B., A.M., and LL.B. degrees. Besides being an instructor in biology here, he taught at McGurries Preparatory school in Richmond.

Judge Eggleston has practiced law in Norfolk for the past twenty-five years. He is a former president of Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association, and is now a member of the State, American Bar and Maritime Law Associations. He is a Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Phi, Mason, Presbyterian, and belongs to the Princess Anne Country Club, Virginia Club, Norfolk Golf Club and the Westmoreland Club of Richmond. He is married and has two daughters, Misses Mary Elfreth and Susanne Daniel Eggleston.

Dr. Morton to Speak At Half-Hour Vesper

Continuing the "half-hour vesper services," Dr. W. W. Morton will speak in the new "Y" Room tomorrow afternoon at 6 o'clock. This is the second vesper service held since Christmas sponsored by the Christian Works Council.

Although all students are cordially invited the services are conducted informally, and small group discussions are welcomed. The program committee is composed of three members of the Council: Richard Edwards, Morton Brown and Walter Lawton.

Cadets Threaten Wrestlers' Title

Point Getter



Captain Hugo Bonino, who is counted upon for a maximum number of points to help the wrestlers through what bids to be the stiffest Southern conference opposition yet encountered.

Riflemen Drop Second Match

Team Batters Scores of Boston College and Rensselaer Tech

The Washington and Lee rifle club lost its second match of the season to the crack Carnegie Tech marksmen in a mail contest held last week.

While the Generals shot their highest score of the season, 1200, it was not enough to offset the 1374 points of their rivals. Billy Sphar was outstanding for the Big Blue with a score of 266.

At the same time that Carnegie Tech shot against Washington and Lee, it also competed against Boston College and Rensselaer Tech. The former shot 1176 and the latter 1175, so the Generals can claim a moral victory over these institutions.

The five best scores made by the varsity, faculty and freshmen riflemen will be used against the Amateur Rod and Gun Club of New Jersey this Saturday night. Bob Champlin, one of the members of the northern organization, was one of the primary instigators of the rifle club at Washington and Lee, besides being one of its most devoted members.

V M I Professor Speaks On Art and Architecture

A series of lectures, given by Colonel T. A. E. Moseley on the History of Art, has begun at V. M. I., and will extend through Tuesday, April 30. The lectures will be given every Tuesday in the Assembly Room, Nichols Engineering Hall, from 7:30 p. m., to 8:15 p. m., and will be open to the public.

The lectures will start with the Proto-Renaissance in Italy, and will trace the development of French, English, German, Spanish, Dutch, and Flemish art.

Patches For Generals

Best Dressed Custom Not To Apply At Tournament

One thing is certain in the 1935 Southern Conference Basketball tournament—Washington and Lee will not be the best dressed team on the court.

While the Generals were peacefully returning from their trip to South Carolina, the new uniforms purchased for the squad this year fell off the car and dragged behind, ripping the priceless sportswear to pieces.

The managers have spent the past few days gathering all the uniforms in Doremus gym available, and distributing to the squad patcher pants, jerseys and sweat clothes.

V. M. I. Fans Offer Even Money Their Team Beats W. and L.

FOUR FULL TEAMS TO COMPETE HERE

N. C. State Also Leading Contender; Record Attendance Expected

The largest crowd ever to witness a Southern conference wrestling tournament is expected when 38 outstanding wrestlers from six schools meet in Doremus gymnasium Friday and Saturday, Captain Dick Smith announced today.

The tournament will be divided into three sessions, the preliminary round being held at 3 p. m. Friday. At 7:30 p. m. Friday, the semi-finals will be held, and at 7:30 p. m. on Saturday the finals and consolation bouts will be held. The admission will be 50 cents per session.

Coach Mathis said yesterday, "The tournament this year promises to furnish the best competi-

Keydet Money

Supreme confidence in the grapplers who represent the Institute is the main theme of all the bull sessions in barracks these days. The Keydets believe that their matmen will walk off with the conference tournament this week-end with very little effort. In fact, so great is their confidence that they're willing to put their monthly allowance on the meet. Betting odds compiled by the Ring-tum Phi show that the Keydets are willing to bet thus:

That V. M. I. gets more points than W. and L.—even money.

That Captain Curran wins the 165-pound title—three to one odds.

That V. M. I. will have champs in three weights—two to one odds.

tion in the history of Southern conference wrestling, with at least three teams conceded a chance for taking the championship."

S. S. Holobaugh, former Pennsylvania State wrestler and for years referee of all the United States Naval academy tournaments, will have complete charge of the tournament in the capacity of referee.

Washington and Lee has held the Southern Conference championship for two consecutive years, but this year the Generals are conceded no more than an even chance of retaining that title, so strong is the competition.

Only Three Champs

Only three previous Southern conference champions will be wrestling in the coming tournament, and only one of them will be defending his title. Rowland Thomas, who was Southern conference champion two years ago, but not in school last year, will wrestle in the 118-pound class for the Blue and White. Captain Hugo Bonino was unlimited conference champion last year, and will defend his title in that class.

Currence, of Virginia Military Institute, champion last year in the 155-pound class, has moved up to the 165-pound class, and will be a leading contender for that title. Dave Morrah, champion in the 118-pound class last year for N. C. State, is now coaching the State team.

In the 126-pound class, a new champion will be crowned, for Fred Sarkis, who was last year's champion in that class, is no longer in attendance at Washington and Lee. Harvard Smith is another General whose title will change hands.

New champions will be crowned in both the 135-pound class, and the 145-pound class as Nolen, of N. C. State, and Harvard Smith, of Washington and Lee, are both through with varsity wrestling.

N. C. State, V. M. I., and Washington and Lee have entered full teams, and one of the three is slated for the championship. Continued on page four

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A JOURNALISTIC CAREER OF SERVICE

Students accustomed to the blatant display of the metropolitan press have been prone to laugh at the Rockbridge County News, but they do not appreciate the aims and accomplishments of this local chronicle or the character of its late editor, Matthew W. Paxton, whose recent death was such a severe blow to this community. Mr. Paxton occupied a position of leadership and respect among his home people as the last of a triumvirate of noble citizens whose sympathetic interest in the community and the University was supported by excellence of character and unselfish service. The other two men whose contributions of citizenship were also invaluable were the late Col. William Anderson and Dean Harry Campbell.

Mr. Paxton's father was a Washington and Lee man of the class of 1846 and fell a Brigadier General commanding the Stonewall Brigade at the battle of Chancellorsville. Mr. Paxton was a member of the class of 1876 and a foundation member of the Washington and Lee chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. His son, a Lexington attorney, is the third in the Washington and Lee line and a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa. Mr. Paxton was a brilliant man who chose to serve the interests of his own community with all his resources. His paper was a standby with the people of the county and admired by those who know that good journalism is not all a matter of headlines, big by-lines, and forced circulation. The County News has been a faithful interpretation of the life of this county, written in the friendly style of the people and devoted to their interests. There have been many more spectacular and more influential journalistic careers than that of the editorship of this weekly newsletter, but none more worthy.

THE GENERALS AT BAY WITH TWO TITLES

The ascendancy of Washington and Lee in Southern conference sports will be seriously challenged this week-end. Even the wrestlers are not sure of retaining their laurels, for the Keydets of V. M. I. are making a big thing of wrestling this year, too. And they almost tripped the Generals in 1934. The basketball team has not a bit better chance of coming through the tournament than it had last year. But on that slimmest of chances the Big Blue did crash through in spectacular style, and there's a possibility of the same thing happening again.

The team certainly is settling down to go about this job of putting the skids under the favorites in serious fashion. Over at Virginia Cy Twombly's well-trained swimming team will stand a good fighting chance of overcoming the Wahoos' winning streak and bringing back a new crown for the already crowded brow of the Generals. Washington and Lee can hardly expect to hold as many as four titles consistently, but it does not look like this is the year to be slipping. Good luck to the two defenders and the third contender.

The editor has received a letter objecting to Duncan Groner's column signed by S. Burne. The point is not that some people disagree with the vigorous views expressed in "Off the Record," but that there is no such student as S. Burne in school. Mr. Mattingly suggested it might be Sun Burne, but then again it might be Side Burne. A rather small way of trying to air one's prejudices in public without being responsible for them.

The Staunton Evening Leader and the Roanoke World-News appear to be recovering satisfactorily from their recent disorganization.

THE EDUCATIONAL SET-UP OF THE FUTURE

Printed below is an interesting discussion of the problem of mass college education clipped from the Louisville Courier-Journal by Mr. Ernest Woodward. It strongly supports the argument that Washington and Lee should more definitely commit itself to a policy of broad cultural education and preparation for the professions. The needs of the majority will be served best by such an extension of the high school curriculum as is suggested below, but there is growing an even greater need for the liberal arts college that has high standards and can create a genuine atmosphere of culture. Washington and Lee has come through the period when various attempts were made to become a large university of technical schools. Now it must develop along the lines open to the small liberal college or stagnate completely. The Courier-Journal editorial follows:

Long ago Charles W. Eliot, scholarly president of Harvard, expressed the conviction that two years were being wasted in the preparation of students for college.

Educators then set about studying the grades and curriculum of the public schools to find out what could be eliminated and where. They cut their way through a veritable jungle of duplications and repetitions in which teachers and students had been wandering about in circles to come out somehow at college entrance requirements. Much good was accomplished. The surveys incited by growing curiosity developed new ideas of advancement. Junior high schools were established largely to catch and retain interest at the seventh and eighth grades, where too many were dropping out. Junior colleges came into favor for the benefit of the mass of students who were not preparing for professions or scholarly pursuits in after life.

These two enterprises have produced the proof of Dr. Eliot's criticism, according to Dr. J. M. Woods, president of Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., probably the country's most daring explorer in the field of education. He contends that universities over the land are devoting their first two years to high school work and, as the result of his demonstration, Kansas City, Tulsa, and Salt Lake City now enter their high school graduates in the third-year class of leading universities.

Comparative tests at the University of Utah showed the change was for the better in scholarship. The City Superintendent said he saved \$125,000 on the high school to improve the grades. Kansas City has revised its system to six grades, three years of junior high, and three years high to skip the first two years of college. Tulsa divides its system into six grades and six years high school.

General adoption of this plan would work the most profound change the educational system of the country has ever undergone. It would release the youth of the land to enter occupations and acquire habits of industry two years younger on the average than college graduates are turned out today, cutting two years off the tedious, expensive process of qualifying for a professional career, to no detriment. The experiments show that a sixteen-year-old mind is equally as capable as an eighteen or nineteen-year-old mind at college work. Speeding up the curriculum below is said to hold student interest better and reduce retardation at a considerable saving. The more pupils who fail, the larger the enrollment and the more room and teachers are required.

Another result would be to reduce the congestion of colleges, eventually the demand for so many; and it would enable universities to devote their finances and facilities to the university function of training scholars and recruiting the professions.

Educational systems are vast and intricate. Drastic changes of this character are not easily made; but, if Dr. Woods has found the answer to Dr. Eliot's challenge, systems and institutions which don't reform will become as antiquated as the "Little Red School House" and the "Hornbook."

Seen in Ring-tum Phi copy: "The principles of the sport were expounded daily to the sophomores." And also this little tribute to sportsmanship in the Southern conference: "After the main tournament a conciliation tournament will be staged." Maybe something like that will be necessary after the Keydets and the Generals put on their little act.

And if the boys over here snap up a few of those odds the ever-enthusiastic Keydets are offering on their wrestlers, there is going to be more than mere prestige at stake. A few dollars invested here and there have gotten us into some mighty big wars ere now.

Coach Tex Tilson has invited the student body to come out for football practice. We're almost tempted to report, just to see the look on coach's face as we would say: "Well, Tex, here we are. You asked for us, you know."

Warning: If a guy who never bothered to speak to you before now calls you by your first name, he's probably planning to run for office this spring.

Off The Record

By DUNCAN GRONER

Leaders and Morons

The word "shining" is anathema to most true "Washington and Lee gentlemen," and they condemn its very thought, yet there is more of it among our campus "leaders" than among the freshmen, who, for the most part, have not been here long enough to have all traces of individuality beaten out of them by campus opinion. It may be in the Sigma "litany" or it may be an act forced upon goats during Hell Week, but those who feign conservatism outshine the sun in a manifestation of their own shortcomings and stupidity.

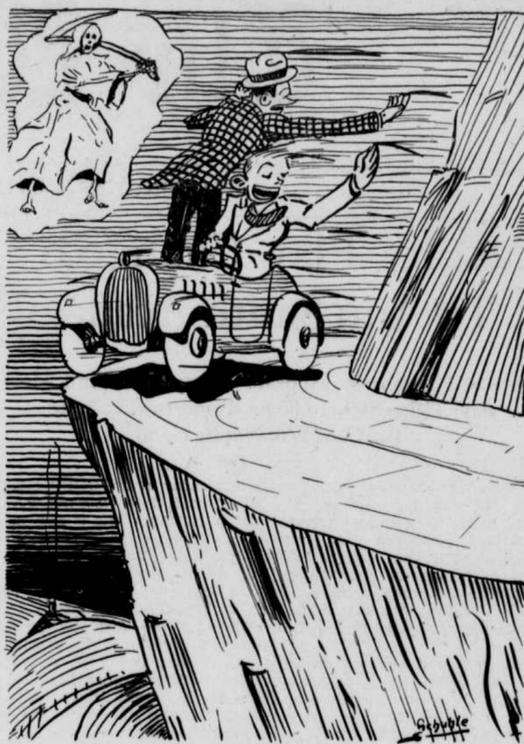
Throughout the year I have unqualifiedly condemned "honor" societies as being without honor and of no conceivable use on this campus. It is perhaps a waste of time, because the instinctive vanity of mankind in wishing to be looked up to will assure life and prosperity to Sigma, "13," O. D. K., and the rest of them. Those who are taken in simply pay an initiation fee which is in reality a prohibitive charge for a single line of advertisement in the Calyx, on which so many editors have got rich.

The show put on for the benefit of the students on Wednesday was even without the excuse of being really clever. There was some praise for members of the administration and some condemnation. Both were for the most part misplaced. The nasty "wit" laid at the feet of a number of students was mostly repititious, unoriginal, and indicative of a jealousy on the part of the bigshots who did the calisthenics. An example of this can be taken by the student who probably got more space in the litany than anyone else. He has unquestionably fulfilled the duties of the office to which he was elected last Spring better than any other man on the campus and deserves the thanks of whatever organization pretends to be constructively interested in the students and their affairs.

On the other hand I can name a student high in the student body organization who has done utterly nothing to justify his position except take his position very seriously and behave in a high-handed manner, and has accomplished absolutely nothing. He is well known to us all and it shouldn't be difficult to identify him from this description, though there are a good many like him. He was not mentioned, as far as I can remember. He is a member of "Sigma."

Sigma is through until next year now. Having delivered its ultimatum on the state of the University, its administration, and students, it will retire to relative obscurity until next February when all the friends of this year's initiates will be on hand, and I express the hope that someone will be far-sighted enough to get among them one who is a little cleverer than those taken in this year obviously are.

But Sigma stands out among the "honor" societies. They at least do something. The rest of them haven't that much excuse. I have said this so many times now that it's getting a little tiresome, but until one of them does something to show that it is really an "honor" society, then there will continue to be orations on their uselessness. If one of them would make the move, while it would probably be too great a shock for most of the campus, it



Four Fatal Accidents Since Last May

Hangovers

By BILLY HUDGINS

A beautiful young damsel from Hollins "High School" who was attending the V. M. I. dances last week-end, told us that she had just said to her date: "I certainly do enjoy your C. C. C. dances." But to show her lack of veracity, she later asked a Washington and Lee student, "How is everything at the Country Club?"

From the V. M. I. "Cadet" we learn that there is rivalry between the two local institutions even when the students are not in Lexington. After a recent dance in Harrisonburg, a Cadet took his girl to a place to eat. He turned his back a moment and when he had turned around again, she was getting in a car with a Mink. The cadet pursued the couple in another car and caught them. He tried to regain his lost possession, but the brass buttons could not persuade her to leave the man in civilian clothes.

Vassar was founded by a brewer who wanted to see if women could be educated. . . . Only 35 women are students at the present time in Japanese universities. . . . An investigation at the University of Iowa shows that one out of every eleven campus engagements results in marriage. . . . Pennsylvania College for Women now offers a course in marriage problems. . . . Because of popular demand, tango lessons will be offered at Minnesota.

Recently the Pitt co-eds turned the tables on the men when they became the hostesses and paid all the bills at a Heart Hop in a Pittsburg hotel. . . . It would take 503 years for one person to complete all of the courses now offered at Yale. . . . In all the universities of France there are no papers, no glee clubs, no athletics and no commencement. . . . Notre Dame's gridiron coach, Elmer Layden, lost 20 pounds during the football season last fall.

Today there are more C. C. C. camps in the United States than there are colleges and universities. The former number 1,641 and the latter 1,466. . . . Lacrosse will soon be added to the intramural sports program at L. S. U. . . . A four-year course in "Brain-Trusting" will be included in the curriculum at Rutgers next fall. . . . Legal subsidizing of athletics is under consideration at Penn State. Requisites are athletic prowess, mental ability and character; scholarships may come from practically anywhere, including the school itself.

We should have a holiday seven days a week because every day is a Holy Day. On Monday, it is the Greeks; on Tuesday, the Persians; on Wednesday, the Assyrians; Thursday, the Egyptians; Friday, the Turks; Saturday, the Hebrews; and Sunday, the Christians.

The Olympic Games of 1936 at Berlin will admit basketball as a contesting sport. There will be from 18 to 20 teams entered in the competition for the world's championship.

Twenty-five high schools in Indiana have gymnasiums which will hold more than five thousand spectators for their basketball games. . . . Fifty students at Vallapin, Spain, locked up two professors until they promised to pass the whole class without examination.

On the Ball

By MAURICE RIDER

The time is soon coming when cool days will be a pleasant memory and the sun will beam mightily upon fevered browses. . . . In mid-afternoon long lines of weary students will be coming from classes fully garbed in coats and pleated trousers.

While the so-called conventional dress is undoubtedly a great asset to the appearance of our lovely campus with its pillars and lawn.

In the summer we all wish, after walking around in the hot sun, that the idea of conventional dress had never been bawn.

And while fluttering shirt-sleeves are quite de trop as far as a gentleman's appearance goes, they are comfort personified.

And a good white shirt, open at the collar and without a tie, is a coolish thing if worn with a pair of grey flannels with bottoms wide.

So off with the coats and untie the ties

Before some sweltering student dies.

Sometimes we think all this convention

Is some torturing invention.

And about the only reason we suffer with coats during the summer

is because some charmed and enthralled visitor

Says, "Isn't it too sweet to see all those well-dressed men!" And

meanwhile the well-dressed men are getting dizzy and dizzy.

While we are not advocating a back-to-nature movement, it would

be a great relief to be able to roam around in relative coolishness

And abolish all this conventional foolishness.

But there is one thing wrong with the idea, something we forgot

in the midst of our literary capers.

If we haven't any coats, where are we going to carry our cigarettes, pencils, pens, and papers?

Letter to the Editor

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Following the BIG BLUE

By ZACH KRAMER

The Grunting and Groaning Racket Exposed to All Who Care to Read; And Marty Kaplan Proves That It's Worthwhile to Fight

The old question of the amateur wrestler against the professional comes up again as Coach Archy Mathis, Cy Young, and Captain Dick Smith let loose with a story that's three or four years old. It seems that one Al Perody (spelled something like that) had just wrestled one Jim Londos to an hour draw in Boston, and looking for new worlds to conquer made a southern tour, stopping at his old Alma Mater, Washington and Lee, on the way down.

been stronger physically than his opponent, so it was skill all the time. After two years of Mathis-coached wrestling, he is the outstanding sophomore on the team. This past week Kaplan has saved the Generals twice, against Michigan and V. P. I. Hence, Marty Kaplan is no longer the weak link of a strong chain, but a fighting General that 851 Washington and Lee students bank on to snatch the Big Blue from defeat.

Candidates For Baseball Await Clearer Weather

Outdoor practice for all candidates for the varsity baseball team will start as soon as weather conditions permit, Coach Smith announced yesterday.

Several candidates for battery positions have already reported and are working out daily in the gym. McIntosh, Gathwright, Kelley, Dickman, Lowy, and Allen are the pitchers that are out while Captain Short, Ballard, Wiggins, and Wisnew aspire to the post behind the bat. Captain Dick expects other battery candidates to report as soon as the winter sports are over.

Although formal freshman baseball practice will not get under way for several weeks, five men have been working out with the varsity batterymen. Charlie Skin-

Swimmers Take Spotlight Now In Intramurals

Dunaj Wins Handball Singles Title Over Bill Rothert

With handball singles over and only the finals left to be played in the basketball tournament, interest in intramurals is turning toward the swimming meet. The preliminary heats in all of the aquatic events will be run off this afternoon at 3:30.

Dick Dunaj won the handball singles title by beating Bill Rothert, Phi Kappa Sigma. The Touring Tiger won in three straight games, 21-5, 21-7, 21-18.

In the semi-final round of basketball the K. A.'s fell before their old nemesis, A. T. O., and the Phi Gams lost to the Delta Tau Delta's. The K. A.'s put up a real fight against the A. T. O.'s and it was only their failure to stop Lyle Benvenuti, versatile freshman athlete, that cost them the game. After trailing throughout the third quarter, the K. A.'s staged a fourth quarter rally which put them in the lead 21-20 with three minutes to play. Then they let Benvenuti get loose and dribble in for his fifth field goal of the evening and the margin of victory for his quintet.

Three times in the last three years have the A. T. O.'s put the K. A.'s out of the tournament. Two years ago it was by a 22-20 score, last year by 21-20, and this year repeated the 22-20 score.

ner, a southpaw pitcher, looks especially promising in the group which includes Barr, Miller, Heatwole, and Remsburg.

'Come Out For Spring Practice' Tex Tilson Urges Student Body

Continuance and expansion of junior varsity football was promised today by Coach Tex Tilson as he asked for a large turnout for the six weeks session of spring football which will start next Monday afternoon. Coach Tilson also expressed his gratification for the support given the team by the student body during the last season.

The drills will last only an hour and a quarter a day and will be arranged so that they will not conflict with those of the spring sports.

Uniforms and equipment will be issued to the trainees Sunday afternoon from 2:30 until 5:30. Coach Tilson's letter to the student body follows:

February 26, 1935
The Student Body,
W. and L. University,
Lexington, Va.

Gentlemen:
I wish to thank you for the splendid support you have given the football team during the past twelve months, and invite each of you, who are interested, to come out for spring football practice Monday, March 4th, at 4:30 p. m.

Trusting we will have the largest number of boys report on March 4th that we have ever had, I am
Sincerely,
W. E. TILSON.

Matmen End Fine Season

Meeks, Thomas, Shively Complete Season Without Being Defeated

The Brigadier wrestling season of 1935 ended in a blaze of glory, leaving three of the Blue and White wrestlers undefeated, and with a tally of 134 points scored for Washington and Lee, and 32 points scored by their opponents.

Harry Meeks, Brigadier 175-pounder, was undefeated during the entire season, and turned in a perfect score, having pinned all of his opponents, and rolled up 25 points.

R. H. Thomas, 145-pounder, and J. C. Shively, 165-pounder, were undefeated during the entire season, turning 19 points each. Szymanski, Hay and Arnold lost only one match each.

The Little Generals opened the

season by taking the grapplers from Augusta Military Academy, at Fort Defiance, to the tune of 31-3. Meeks, Shively, Thomas, Hay and Szymanski scoring falls.

The second match of the season was held in Doremus gymnasium, with the North Carolina yearlings, and the Brigadiers were triumphant with a score of 28-8; Meeks, Szymanski, Palmer, and Arnold winning by the fall route.

The Brigadiers next travelled to the home of the crack Woodberry Forest grapplers, and defeated them 20-8; Meeks and Nielson scoring falls, the latter being an exhibition match.

The wrestlers from A. M. A. were met for the second time, and for the second time the Blue and White was victorious, this time to the tune of 29-6; Meeks, Szymanski, Arnold, and Hay pinned their opponents.

The final match of the year was with Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and the Little Generals triumphed over the Gobblies with a score of 26-10; Meeks, Thomas, Shively and Hay were outstanding.

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When Charley Houston, sports columnist of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, came down to see the Richmond basketball game, he stayed long enough to quiz Coach Mathis on professional wrestling, and when somebody let the cat out of the bag and told this story, he printed it in the Times-Dispatch of a few days ago, also pointing a couple of remarks at Bill Lewis, the Richmond wrestling impresario.

A day or so later, Coach Mathis received a call from Lewis, being offered \$500 for a bout any time Mathis wishes and \$200 for refereeing a contest. Of course, Houston had put Lewis on the spot, and that was his only alternative. Mathis' position at this school wouldn't permit him to accept those tempting offers, but it is easily seen that all Lewis wanted to do was to shift the position of goat from himself to our honorable coach. Mathis is three or four years older than he was when he threw Perody around, and in not near as good condition, but there are still a good many people around here who would back him against any professional wrestler in circulation.

Marty Kaplan may not be the Southern conference 175-pound champion this year, but if he does win the title, his achievement will be one of the greatest examples of perseverance ever seen on this campus. When Marty first turned out for wrestling in the fall of 1933, the only thing he had to boast about was that one of his brothers was a former Washington and Lee wrestling captain. In the beginning, men much lighter than he could pin him and throw him around at will, but that didn't discourage him. Before the try-outs for the first meet, Marty had won only one weekly intrasquad bout, and that was against a man who had been out for the team only two days. Mathis had picked out the Brigadier 175'er already, a fellow named Tomchik, who had some previous experience at Greenbrier, but Marty had Mathis moaning when he beat Tomchik. At a last resort, Mathis called out Marchant, but Kaplan beat Marchant too. The first frosh contest was against A. M. A. on the 13th, but Marty wasn't stumped, and though regarded as the weakest link in the team Kaplan beat his man. This was put down to luck, but Kaplan won again, and against North Carolina university he kept alive Mathis' great freshman record by scoring an unexpected pin which paved the way to victory.

Marty lost only one match his freshman year, but when this year's varsity lined up for their first contest, he was still listed as the weak man. Kaplan, through hard work and unexhaustable fight has developed a method of getting out of pinning holds. He was double jointed, and Mathis mapped his campaign around his one strong point. Now he is the hardest man on the squad to pin. Only seventeen years old, he has never

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Undaunted Generals Face Clemson in S C Tourney

Defeat by Tigers Friday Fails to Discourage Big Blue

YOUNG AND SQUAD PLEASSED BY DRAW

Team Out to Get Big Center in First Round Game

An undaunted and undiscouraged Washington and Lee basketball team will journey down to Raleigh, North Carolina, to meet the Clemson Tigers Thursday night in the first round of their campaign in defense of their Southern conference title.

While possessors of an only mediocre record, the Generals are in exactly the same position they were last year, except that Joe Sawyers, the greatest money player in the game, is conspicuously absent from their ranks.

Although Clemson trimmed the Big Blue last Friday 48-33, the team is confident that they will win. Tired and dazed from a long journey, Clemson jumped to a 17-1 lead on them before ten minutes of the contest was over. In the meantime close officiating netted three personal fouls against Captain Charley Smith.

Fouls Hurt Team

Washington and Lee did not quit fighting, and were within four points of their opponents when Iler and Smith were called out on personal fouls. The Generals' cause was over, and the home team was never reached.

Being the only man present at the Southern Conference meeting not a committee member, Coach Cy Young was the one who fixed the draw. Only North Carolina and Duke were seeded, with the rest picked out of the hat.

Cy Young and the squad were very much elated over the draw, and figure if they can pass Clemson, they're in. To stop Clemson,

is to stop Swail, their six foot six inch center who scored sixteen points for them against Washington and Lee, and is the backbone of their defence. Hence, Bob Spessard, freshman giant, is being used to practice against to duplicate the threat that Swail presents.

Matmen Beat V P I In Last Meet of Year

Undeclared Record Kept By Winning 19-11 Victory From Tech

Closing the 1935 duel meet season, the Washington and Lee wrestlers came through undefeated by defeating V. P. I. 19-11 Saturday night at Blacksburg. The Brigadiers closed their season at the same time by defeating the Tech freshmen 26-10.

Coach Mathis' record with the varsity has reached 60 wins out of 62 dual meets, and his Brigadiers have completed their seventh consecutive season undefeated.

Mathis shifted his line-up for the V. P. I. meet so that his men would not have to make weight, but going into the 155-pound bout, the Generals were trailing 3-11, and the Tech rooters were howling for a victory that to them looked certain. Rowland Thomas was the only General thus far to win his bout, but Glenn Shively and Ed Seitz fought long and hard battles to raise the score to 9-11, with the Blue and White still trailing.

Marty Kaplan, fighting at 175, fought Porter into an extra period, and then pinned him, raising the score to 14-11. The dispute was then in the hands of Hugo Bonino, captain of the Blue and White grapplers, and he settled it by throwing his Tech opponent in three and one-half minutes.

The undefeated freshman grapplers from Washington and Lee took the Tech year-men without much trouble, and succeeded in pushing their six-year record ahead another notch, giving the Brigadiers seven undefeated seasons, a record comparable only to the varsity record.

Palmer, Brigadier 118-pounder, won by a decision, as did Nielsen, 145-pounder. Meeks, Shively, Thomas and Hay defeated their opponents by falls. Szymanski, Brigadier heavyweight, went down to his only defeat of the year before Blackwell Davis, a giant unlimited entry for Tech.

Campus Comment

Continued from page one and just the opposite holds true. Just what we've been complaining about.

There's been lots and lots of talk about the lack of college songs here at Washington and Lee, "The Swing" and "College Friendships" conceded to be our only songs. There are, though, several good songs that have not been popularized as they ought to have been. "Fight! Fight! Blue and White," being one of the better of the forgotten number. So how about including some of them, cheer-leaders, in your teaching repertoire, when you get hold of next year's, freshman class?

On delving into the history of Washington and Lee, we found out that quite some years back, one of the French professors challenged a student to a duel, as a result of a class-room incident. Also that long, long ago a student, who had just been expelled, went up to the president's office and knocked him down. A professor, hearing the prexy go down, rushed into the room and summarily proceeded to beat the student with a pair of fire-tongs. The student, taking the beating to heart, that evening set upon the professor with a band of thugs, but the stout-hearted professor backed up against the wall, using his cane, and fended with his assailants until the local constabulary arrived. Those were the days of iron men!

It is with deep regret that we learn of the death of Matthew Paxton, late editor and publisher of 'The Rockbridge County News.' A pioneer in journalism, and always a friend of the Ring-tum Phi, he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

What freshman lawyer ruined the fancy bridge work of what

junior, in a fistic argument over who had a late date with a certain Keydet's date? The next day, the junior asked the lawyer to please pay for the dental demolishment, but the lawyer couldn't see the point. Finally, after a private hearing, the lawyer was forced by court order to make restitution to the tune of forty dollars. What a lawyer!

Mat Tourney

Continued from page one ginia Tech has also entered a full team, but it does not look as though their all-around strength will make them a serious contender for the championship, although they may spring an upset.

N. C. U. has entered four men with excellent dual records. Duke has entered its two best men, and they have a good chance to place high.

The outstanding men who are logical contenders for championships in the various weights are:

- 118—Thomas of W. and L.; Umstead of N. C. U.
- 126—Crew of W. and L.; Kerr of N. C. S.; Sherrard of V. M. I.; Minter of V. P. I.
- 135—Lowry of W. and L.; Ward of N. C. U.; Shraft of N. C. S.; Witte of V. M. I.
- 145—Shively of W. and L.; Ardolino of Duke; Bonner of N. C. U.; Broyles of V. P. I.
- 155—Arenz of W. and L.; Bernhardt of N. C. S.
- 165—Seitz of W. and L.; Currence of V. M. I.; Furr of N. C. S.; Efland of N. C. U.
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Dunaj Runs 3rd In Barret Mile

General Star Places in Distance Events at Charlotte Meet

In an invitation meet held in Charlotte, N. C., Dick Dunaj placed third in the featured Barret Mile and second in the two-mile run.

Besides Dunaj, Billy Schuhle and George Lowry were also entered in the meet for Washington and Lee. Schuhle entered three events: the 50-yard high hurdles and the 50-yard dash, and Lowry was entered in the hurdles and the pole vault.

In the Barret Mile, Williamson (North Carolina) finished first

with McRae (North Carolina) second. The time was 4 minutes and 27 seconds on an unbanked track.

Dunaj was beaten by Frazier (Davidson) in the two-mile run. The time was 10.1.

Schuhle was eliminated in the first heat of the high hurdles when he struck a hurdle and fell. Townes (Georgia) won this event in 6.6 seconds.

A notable feature of the meet occurred when Jack Torrance of L. S. U. threw the shot 53 feet 11 1-2 inches exceeding Leo Sexton's indoor record by four and three-fourths inches.

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