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Agitator for Socialism To Speak Here Friday; Will Form Local Club

Granting of Charter Depends on Interest Shown

FOOTBALL PLAYER LEADS MOVEMENT

Group Intends to Take Part in Student Election Campaign

By MARTIN CRAMROY

A chapter of the League for Industrial Democracy, a national organization headed by leading American educators and economists, will be organized at Washington and Lee within the next few weeks, it was announced today.

Thomas A. Molloy, freshman football player, of Newton, Mass., has been recognized as the leader of the group and it was to him that the University granted permission to organize the society. Molloy is now endeavoring to secure a charter from the League, which, though eager to sanction the organization, desires an approved number of interested members before a complete charter is given.

George Edwards, director of the student department of the League for Industrial Democracy, will arrive in Lexington on Friday to address a number of students interested in joining the group, according to a letter received by Molloy today. He will endeavor to explain the organization and purpose of socialism and also investigate the new student group. Edwards is a graduate of Southern Methodist University.

In a statement to the Ring-tum Phi today, Molloy gave as his reasons for starting the new organization a desire to consolidate the group on the campus which is interested in socialism; to explain more fully the theories of socialistic beliefs, and to form eventually a student political group with socialistic tendencies to operate on the campus during student elections.

Molloy said: "Socialism as a political theory will play a large part in the future of nations, and a clear understanding of its essentials should be desirable to every student."

Meetings of the new club will be held once every two weeks and will be open to all. Professors and speakers sent from the League headquarters in New York will speak at the meetings.

Mid-Term Reports To Be Sent Home During Spring Vacation Week

The day spring vacation starts for students is also the day upon which Mr. Mattingly's office starts working overtime. Mid-semester reports from all teachers are due in his office Saturday, March 23, he revealed today.

Sometimes the following week, approximately 850 parents and guardians of young men studying here will receive a little envelope from the Registrar, with the not always pleasant records of the first half of the second semester of the school year.

Michael Perna Receives Annapolis Appointment

Michael E. Perna, a sophomore, from Hazelton, Pa., has received a congressional appointment to Annapolis.

Perna, who is the director of the Southern Collegians orchestra, will register at the Naval Academy in July.

Mr. Frank Leavelle, secretary of the Baptist Student Work in the South, will conduct the mid-week devotional service in the Christian council room on Wednesday evening at six o'clock.

Lessons For Chaperons

The office of the Dean of Students has just completed a survey of what visiting girls do and don't do at Washington and Lee fraternity houses during the dance sets.

The information, which was requested by a near-by girls school that is contemplating a modification of its restrictions regarding dances here and at the University of Virginia, was volunteered by the presidents of all fraternities in interviews with Dean Gilliam.

Dean Gilliam declined to make any public statement regarding the results of the survey, but said the desired information was being sent the girls' school in question. Information was wanted regarding house rules and the extent of chaperonage in fraternity houses.

Board Selects Candidates For All Publications

Keys Will Be Awarded To Outstanding Members Of Staff

Publication board nominations were announced today as the first public development in the spring political campaign, already well under way beneath the surface.

The board met in special session yesterday afternoon and nominated two men and an alternate for each of the publications posts. The board also voted to award suitable keys annually to two freshmen or sophomores who have done outstanding work on each of the editorial and business staffs, and carried a motion to hold a banquet following the spring elections.

All nominations are made by present editors and business managers and approved by the board. Alternates are privileged to run only if one of the other candidates does not choose to enter the lists.

The following nominations were made:

Calyx Editor
Herbert "Doc" Sloan, Phi Kappa Sigma; William Connor, Sigma Nu; Alternate, Albert Durante, Alpha Tau Omega.

Calyx Business Manager
John Beagle, Beta Theta Pi; Jack Simmons, Phi Gamma Delta; Alternate, Lee Reeser, Beta Theta Pi.

Ring-tum Phi Editor
Ben Thirkield, Delta Tau Delta; Parke S. Rouse, Non-Fraternity; Alternate, Deverton Carpenter, Delta Tau Delta.

Ring-tum Phi Business Mgr.
Frank Crew, Beta Theta Pi; Ernest Barrett, Phi Delta Theta; Alternate, Ben Schull, Phi Kappa Psi.

Southern Collegian Editor
Dick Fiske, Non-Fraternity; Wallace Davies, Delta Tau Delta; Alternate, Duncan Groner, Beta.

Southern Collegian Bus. Mgr.
George Boyd, Delta Upsilon; William Riley, Phi Gamma Delta; Alternate, Price Berryman, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Lawyers to Meet
Tucker Inn of Phi Delta Phi, legal fraternity, will hold its March smoker in the geology lecture room in Washington college Thursday night at 7:30.

Captain William A. Ackerly, graduate of the Washington and Lee law school and Commonwealth's attorney for Rockbridge county, will address the students on the functions and duties of the office which he fills. All law students are invited to attend.

Those in the hospital this afternoon were Arnold Uggla, John Spalm, J. W. Curtis, Richard Simon, J. B. Tomlinson, Alexander Harwood, O. L. Hirst, and E. E. Krewson.

Football Test With Cadets Is Scheduled

Scrimmage Will be Held Wednesday and Thursday on Wilson Field

WHITES WIN FIRST GAME FROM BLUES

Touchdown by Sample Is Margin of Victory For Bolen's Team

All precedent will be broken when the V. M. I. and Washington and Lee football teams meet in practice scrimmages on Wednesday and Thursday on Wilson Field. No score will be kept, and no yardage marked. Each squad will have a chance to take the offensive for half the time, and the defense for the other half.

The rivalry between the two schools has increased immensely ever since the Keydets took the wrestling crown away from the Minks.

Through mutual agreement the football game between the University of Kentucky and Washington and Lee at Lexington, Virginia, on September 21, 1935, has been cancelled, and a three-year contract starting in 1936 will take its place. The game in '36 will be played here, with the next two at Kentucky. Kentucky will play Maryville College of Tennessee in the Generals' place. Captain Dick Smith has not scheduled anyone in place of the Wildcats as yet.

The Whites, under the direction of Coach Bolen, eked out a hotly contested football victory over the Blues, directed by Coach Seaton, on Saturday afternoon, with a final score of 6-0.

Sample made the touchdown for the Whites, in the third period of the game, after Wilson blocked a punt by Moore of the Blues.

Both squads showed up exceedingly ragged, but when it is remembered that this was their first real line-up for several months, they showed up as well as could be expected.

Amos Bolen, captain of the 1933 eleven, will coach the Blues who will be captained by Dick Gumm. Billy Seaton, backfield star of the 1934 Generals, will coach the Whites captained by Duane Berry.

Chappell Names Yearbook Staff

Appoints Fourteen Editors And Eleven Editorial Assistants

Ed Chappell today recognized the work done by members of the student body on the 1935 Calyx with an announcement of the "official" staff for this year. Chappell named fourteen "editors" of various varieties and eleven "editorial assistants."

The appointments were as follows:

Contributing Associate Editor—Manning Williams.

Managing Editor—Herbert Sloan.

Associate Editor—William Conner.

Associate Editor—Albert Durante.

Assistant Editor—Til Payne.

Assistant Editor—Ken McDonald.

Assistant Editor—Arnie Uggla.

University Editor—Latham Weber.

Fraternity Editor—William Karraker.

Photographic Editor—J. B. Douglass.

Society Editor—George Gilleland.

Athletic Editor—Horace Kramer.

Assistant Fraternity Editor—Billy Hudgins.

Assistant University Editor—Joe Haseldin.

Editorial Assistants—Ben Anderson, Herbert Baltuch, Frank Kibler, Les McLean, Ben Olds, Robert Harper, John Sherman, Ed. Sullivan, Chester White, Murat Willis, Clark Winter.

Faculty Asks Athletic Rule Investigation

Committee Named to Consider Revision of Eligibility Regulations

MEN QUITTING NOW TERMED INELIGIBLE

Present Set-up Allows Athletes Hitting Automatic To Play

The faculty devoted most of its meeting yesterday afternoon to a discussion of athletic eligibility rules and designated a special committee to study revision of these rules and make recommendations to the faculty in the near future.

The faculty also ruled that pending the report of this committee any student who withdraws from school will not be eligible for football next session. This rule is not retroactive on Jack Bailey and Tubby Owings.

Those appointed to the special committee were Clayton Epes Williams, chairman; John Higgins Williams, William Gleason Bean, Fitzgerald Flournoy, and Livingston Waddell Smith.

The present regulations require all but law students to pass nine hours work, while law students are required to pass eight hours work. Thus a man may fall under the automatic with two F's and still be eligible for athletics. The present rulings, all of which are local and have no connection with the Southern conference, also stipulate that no man who does not have a C average can participate in two sports in one semester.

Mary Baldwin Girl Contributes Cover For New Collegian

The spring issue of the "Southern Collegian" comes from the press Thursday with an array of unusual features and several clever cracks at the expense of the "Briar."

The longer stories contributed to this issue are "The Cause of It All," collaborated on by Robert Weinstein and Martin Cramroy, a story which promises "to grip you"; "Fun at Sweet Briar," by Jay Reid, a vivid picture of a collegiate week-end, and "Riposte," by A. E. Moss. Maurice Rider contributes a comedy in three acts, "She Ain't What She Used to Be," Barclay Dillon "Protege," and Don Sheldon a short short story, "Meet Me at the Train."

The cover for the spring "Collegian" is drawn by Miss Phyllis Daugherty of Mary Baldwin College, and is a charcoal profile sketch. Another unique feature of the new "Collegian" is Irene Purcell's autographed picture, which accompanies Bill Hawkins', "The Theatre."

Seven to Make Field Trip

Seven students, accompanied by Prof. O. W. Riegel, head of the department of journalism, will make the third annual Journalism Department field trip to New York Monday and Tuesday, March 25 and 26.

Co-operating organizations include the New York Herald-Tribune, the New York World-Telegram, the New York Times, International News Service, United Press Associations, the New York Evening Journal and Editor and Publisher.

Those who will make the trip are: O. T. Baxter, A. R. Fiske, B. B. Mantell, V. D. Martire, A. W. Moss, A. N. Walker, and R. C. Weinstein.

Graham-Lee Society

The Graham-Lee Literary society last night, in regular meeting, held eliminations for the forthcoming debate with Washington society on the subject, Resolved: That Washington and Lee should adopt the Swarthmore system of educational instruction. Those who qualified to represent the society are, Charles A. Matthew, John Nicrosi, and Edgar Smith, with Robert Morris as alternate.

Student Committee Meets To Launch Drive to Bring National Mat Bouts Here

Troubadours to Attempt Modern Historical Drama

"Richelieu," by Edward Bulwer-Lytton, Unusually Hard To Produce, Says Watkin.—Date Set For Friday During Spring Dance Set

"Richelieu," by Edward Bulwer-Lytton, will be presented by the Troubadours Friday night, April 26, before the opening dance of the spring set. Tryouts will be held informally all during the week, beginning today. No previous experience is necessary, and those interested in trying out can make arrangements by calling Mr. Watkin, telephone 399, the director declares.

The play, a historical drama, is the first of its kind to be attempted by the Troubadours in several years. It calls for elaborate costumes and sets, Mr. Watkin declares, and will be unusually hard to cast and direct.

Since there are twelve important male roles and a number of minor ones, students interested in

playing parts have an unusually good chance with this production. Mr. Watkin states. Tryouts will be held informally all during the week, beginning today. No previous experience is necessary, and those interested in trying out can make arrangements by calling Mr. Watkin, telephone 399, the director declares.

"Richelieu," which has been called the finest historical play since Shakespeare, deals with the intrigues of the clever Cardinal of the court of Louis XIII in France. It was presented with enormous success recently at the University of Virginia and has toured the country in the last year with Walter Hampden in the title role.

Seven Outfits Have Champs

Byers, Independent, Scores Upset in Beating Jim Walker

Seven men representing seven different fraternities won intramural wrestling championships last night in hard-fought and interesting final round matches. Jack Evans, Phi Psi 118-pounder, was the only champion who escaped being upset. Evans pinned Payne, Pi K. A., with a head scissors after holding the edge through five minutes and thirty-three minutes of slow grappling.

In the feature match of the evening, Lyle Benvenuti, A. T. O., frosh football star, was defeated by his more experienced opponent, Bob Secord, Lambda Chi, after eight minutes of slam-bang battling. Secord brought his man to the mat and piled up several minutes of time advantage, but Benvenuti, huffing and puffing in professional style, came back strong toward the last and cut Secord's advantage to 1:07. Both men showed strength and speed.

Independent Wins

Jimmie Byers, lanky Independent and the dark horse of the tournament, surprised the fans by scoring a clean cut victory over Walker of Phi Kappa Sigma in the 175 pound class. Byers pinned Walker, who was favored after he had beat Dave Bennett in the semi-finals, with a half nelson in 1:16.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon's defending champ, Van Voast, was dethroned in the 135-pound class by Reid of Phi Delta Theta. Reid got top position midway in the fight and rode his tired opponent hard to get a winning time advantage of 2:05.

Newberger, P. E. P., won the 135-pound title by beating Charlie Clark, Beta freshman. Newberger was on top during most of the fight and piled up an advantage of 6:15, but Clark was fighting up to the final whistle.

Paul Holden, Phi Gam freshman, combined power and skill in pinning Wishnew, Touring Tiger, with a half nelson in the fast time of 1:19. Holden displayed tremendous power as he tossed Wishnew around.

The fans were much disappointed when the scheduled bouts between Dunaj and Miller, an S. P. E., and Marchant and Martin did not materialize. Dunaj is suffering from an infected knee which he received in his last fight and was unable to fight. The intramural board will decide whether he will be permitted to fight. Continued on page four

Pledge to Buy Ticket Next Year Will Be Asked

SHIVELY ALLOWED TO ENTER TOURNEY

Bonino and Lehigh Man Outstanding in Heavy-weight Division

A determined bid to bring the 1936 intercollegiate wrestling tournament here will be made before the rules committee at Lehigh this week-end, provided student support can be mobilized before tomorrow night to assure the financial success of the event, Coach Mathis announced this afternoon. The intercollegiate next year will be the semi-finals of the Olympic tryouts, and would draw the nation's best wrestlers here.

A meeting of a committee composed of representatives of both fraternity and non-fraternity men will be held in Doremus gymnasium at 8 p. m. tonight to discuss the possibility of bringing the tournament here next year and to formulate a plan by which means can be obtained for meeting the obligations which must be assumed in order to get the tournament here.

Must House Entrants

Providing that the committee decides favorably on the plan, the members of the committee will begin at once to solicit pledges for tickets for the national tournament from the members of the student body. If the meet is not held here the pledge will not put anyone under any obligation.

On Olympic years the American Olympic committee is compelled to depend to a great extent on the national intercollegiate tournament for funds to support the American Olympic wrestling team. For this reason the national tournament in 1936 will place a greater obligation on the school holding it than in any other year.

Before Washington and Lee can be in a position to bid for the tournament, it must be assured of two things:

First, the housing and feeding of visiting teams in a manner similar to that used at the time of the South Atlantic basketball tournament.

Pledge to Buy Tickets Asked

Second, pledges from the students regarding the purchase of tickets to the tournament must be gotten in a number sufficient to assure a substantial money guarantee to the national rules committee.

The student committee is composed of the following men: Phi Kappa Psi, Tucker and Eaton; A. T. O., Durante and Iler; Beta Theta Pi, Cochran and Crew; Delta Tau Delta, Davies and Thirkield; D. U., Ulfelder and Johnson; Kappa Alpha, Reed and Wilson; Kappa Sigma, Capito and Winfree; Lambda Chi Alpha, Eshbaugh and Price; Beta Theta Theta, Hay and Lane; Phi Epsilon Pi, Kramer and Garber.

Phi Gamma Delta, Higgins and Macey; Phi Kappa Sigma, Powell and Franklin; Pi Kappa Alpha, Mury and Young; Pi Kappa Phi Winter and Shively; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Maynard and Van Voast; Sigma Chi, Ruth and Meeks; Sigma Phi Epsilon, Stradling and Bricker; Sigma Nu, Melton and Ligon; Zeta Beta Tau, Seligman and Weinstein.

Non-fraternity, Ed Jean, Bud Radcliffe, Ollie Colburn, Ajax Browning, Dave Basile, Jim Johnson, Lewis McMurrin, Ed Ruff, John Taylor, and Larry Wilson.

Glenn Shively was given permission to go to the national intercollegiate wrestling tournament at a meeting of the executive committee of the faculty yesterday.

When shown statements, signed by five professors under whom Shively has classes, stating that he

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Washington Society

The program of the Washington literary society in its regular meeting last night consisted of a debate upon the subject, Resolved: That Washington and Lee should adopt the University of Chicago system of attendance at classes. The affirmative was upheld by Grover Batten, Jay Reid, and Henry McGehee; the negative by A. H. Alexander, Bill Baker, and Elbert Sisson. The debate was declared a draw.

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AND THEY SAY: STAY EAST, YOUNG MAN, STAY EAST

It was a great disappointment to hear the president of the American Bar association advise the law students of this University in the presence of the whole student body to enter politics as a sort of post graduate course in how to get along in the legal profession, but to steer clear of politics as a life's career, or, as he put it, as a "business." How can this democracy of ours ever make any progress in efficient government if it is to be run by fledgling lawyers out to make money in business and by crooks out to make money in politics? It is inconsistent for a man to discourse on the responsibilities of citizenship and then to discourage young men from taking a career of public service from the bottom up as seriously as a career of "public service" from the speakers' table at the Rotary club. In England young men regard statecraft as a profession, and seek to make a name for themselves and serve their country in active participation in the political arena. In America we use our legislatures to show young lawyers how laws are made so they can then help others evade them and we have a senate to which millionaires are retired for a demagogic old age. Idealistic, yes, but if the accepted American principles we hear so much about are not vigorously supported by men who are willing to make a career of their principles, then our government is certainly going into the hands of the socialist and the communists, who have principles that they will fight for through long and bitter years. "All the 'isms" that Mr. Loftin denounced so flatly have one thing that compels admiration, and that is the enthusiasm and earnest conviction of most of their adherents. One of the surest ways for the American Bar association to combat these sinister influences if it thinks it must is to urge the young men of America to take up the fight with the weapon of sensible leadership and liberalism where it counts, before the people and in the legislative halls. Idealistic, yes, but it is an idealism that will bear more fruit than will Toryism and platitudes.

BRINGING THE SIDE-SHOW UNDER THE MAIN TENT

When the faculty yesterday appointed a committee to consider and recommend changes in its eligibility rules for participation in intercollegiate athletics it either side-tracked the issue as has been done many times before, or else it throws the whole question open to heated controversy with the possibility of rather far-reaching action. What happens depends on what the committee recommends, on whether it will say there is no need for revision like the last committee reported, or whether it will adopt the known views of some of its members and what has been a strong minority sentiment for some time and recommend a definite tightening of the rules. The real issue at stake is whether Washington and Lee will continue to let intercollegiate athletics develop as a sideline activity associated with the University, but independent of it and separate from it as regards aims and purposes. In most large institutions football and many other sports are already on this side-show basis. The same thing is true at Washington and Lee in a lesser degree, and the University is undoubtedly reaping much publicity of a sort through its prominent place in the Southern conference. There are many athletes at Washington and Lee who are here to be students and many others who are here to be students and have been diverted from their purpose by over-participation in athletics. The decision, then, is whether the side-show is to continue co-ordinated with the University, or to be made definitely subordinate and secondary to it in the eyes of the student body, prospective students, and the public in general. The latter course of action would mean a rapid topple from the top in conference circles and a consequential disappearance of the name of the University from the sport pages. It would mean more

and more emphasis on intramural athletics and unorganized athletic recreation, and less and less emphasis on intercollegiate competition. It is an important decision that the University will have to make, and its future as an institution of learning is hanging in the balance today. If this University thinks it can survive and perform worthwhile service without the side-show of intercollegiate athletics as a main attraction it has a great avenue of progress opened to it. If the University is not prepared for academic progress to offset the likely loss of its athletic prestige, however, it will be cutting its own throat if eligibility rules are tightened to any appreciable extent.

There are probably several ways in which effective tightening of the eligibility rules can be accomplished, and this is a matter left up to the committee and the faculty, but the change is going to have to be equivalent to raising the number of hours a man must pass in one semester from nine to twelve, adding the provision that six or three quality credits must be earned where none are required now, and ruling that no man under the semester automatic is eligible. As it is now, a man can fall under the automatic at mid-year or finals and still be eligible for sports competition the next semester. The Southern conference has no rules on the subject of academic eligibility, leaving the matter entirely up to each individual school, for as academic standards vary so in the several schools no uniform eligibility rules could be set and enforced by the conference. The Administration has adopted the policy of following its existing rulings closely, without exceptions either way, so that any change in athletic eligibility policy must come through a revision of the rules. It will be interesting to see what recommendations the committee will make and what action the faculty will take on them, for the decision on this one question may lay down a broad and far-reaching platform for academic progress.

THERE'S ONE LESS RING IN THE SIDE-SHOW

The athletic council abolished boxing and wasted little time about it, but its announced justification of its action, while enough in itself, perhaps, hardly tells the whole story. The fact is, that the athletic department has not seen its way clear to put out the necessary money to maintain boxing as an intercollegiate sport here. It is also true that the participative interest of the student body has not been great enough to warrant the continuance of boxing, but it is expected that this is a consequence of the failure to pump enough money into the sport as much as it is a natural consequence of the smallness of this student body and the popularity of wrestling. The athletic council either had to hire an experienced coach or give up the sport, and it took the wiser course of action. Intercollegiate sport is already overdone at Washington and Lee, and a heroic but stragglng attempt to maintain boxing here would have been nothing more than pitiful evidence of that fact. Washington and Lee needs to realize more fully that it must stress competition with larger and better equipped schools in the field of scholarship and education as well as competition in the side-show of intercollegiate athletics.

WHAT DOES CHARLIE HOUSTON MEAN THIS TIME?

When Charlie Houston is in rare form one can never tell whether he means what he says in his Times-Dispatch sports column or is getting in some telling blows with his particularly effective weapon of subtle satire. This is particularly true in reference to his comment following the announcement that Owings and Bailey had left school. If Mr. Houston was not being sarcastic, he certainly was beating around the bush to draw some rather forced conclusions. His remarks follow:

It appears, on the surface of things, at least, to be settled once and for all that Washington and Lee doesn't subsidize its athletes. The facts in the case seem plain enough. There is Tubby Owings, a 250-pounder, who was good enough to make all-State tackle his first year out, and Captain-elect Jack Bailey, the best blocking back in this State and several others now that George Smith is about to be graduated at V. P. I. Both have quit school "because of financial reasons."

If there were anything resembling subsidization, then school authorities, loyal alumni, and this and that group, might have been expected to jump forward with ready cash in hand to aid these more-than-usual "deserving boys."

Of course, an agnostic might pop up and say that the youngsters were subsidized in the first place, and, upon finding that they were really good, came across with a strike for a bigger portion of subsidization. But that would not hold water... Washington and Lee, like all the rest, may help the boys along with jobs—which is highly laudible, of course—but still be unable to solve all financial problems such as those which harrass the best of us. It is hoped that times take a turn for the better, because Virginia football will have suffered a severe loss if Owings and Bailey are not in the line-up when the Generals square off against Duke in the Richmond Stadium here next October 5.



The Big Clique May Save Us This

OFF THE RECORD

By DUNCAN G. GRONER

Our most distinguished alumnus of the last decade and one of the most prominent of the younger American writers is Tom Sugrue, who is spending this week in Lexington, "taking a rest." Having spent the last eight months travelling all over the world as a sort of private Richard Halliburton for the American magazine, Mr. Sugrue has differed from the progenitor of 20th century globe-trotters in that he has recorded what he has seen other people do rather than what other people have (or have not) seen him do.

It is gratifying to find that Washington and Lee is still capable of putting out men who think. Last night he talked easily of what he has observed and of what he thinks we are coming to. A professed iconoclast, Mr. Sugrue is nonetheless, not at all impressed by his own importance. He says that he sees no reason for any undue worry. Even if our civilization does collapse, then it will be taken up by one of the remoter nations who will not be embroiled in the next struggle "to make the world safe for democracy or Huey Long or Father Coughlin" or some other equally obnoxious nonentity.

But neither is he a grey-beard and he is utterly without any high-flown titles. In the five years he has been out of college he has done a great deal—more than most people do in a lifetime. He has seen from close range a good deal of the world and believes that a job is coming to most people when they get out of the dream world of college. Washington and Lee hasn't changed since he was here, and incidentally that statement will probably be good for another fifty years. But Mr. Sugrue doesn't despair of the state of "thought" around here. Rather, he believes that college students are necessarily just awakening to life and are too preoccupied with that new-found thing to be pushed out into the world of stern reality too soon.

While he was in college, Mr.

Sugrue was the Southern Collegians' chief reformer and muck-raker, which gives me encouragement. The only difference is that he was a Phi Beta Kappa student, which would eliminate any possibility of his getting that honor after and not until he has got any of the required titles. And while I'm on that subject I suggest that he might have something to say to a group of students. Of course, as I said before, he has no titles, but it seems to me he would have something to say, which is more than some of the big-wigs that are foisted upon the student body have to their credit. I did not suggest any such idea to him and he will probably be head-hunting for me if he gets wind of my suggestion, but we truckle too much to titles around here rather than to what a man has done.

He calls this revisit to Lexington "another dip into the pool of youth," which phrase, it seems to me, would definitely place him in the same category with the aforementioned Mr. Halliburton. Nothing is changed, he said after finding the same barber in the same place, the same bootblack, and the same stamp salesman at the post office. It is perfectly true that the world whizzes past Lexington and never a rustle does its sanctimonious skirt get, though it covers a multitude of sins.

But the fact that Mr. Sugrue thought while he was in college does not do the Washington and Lee student body a great deal of good. He learned to think while he was here and he has made good use of that since he left. A professor remarked to me the other day that many of the students here are afraid that if they use their brains too much while they are here they will be worn out by the time they graduate. That is a common attitude on this campus but the result will be that any brain which is now there will have completely shrunk from lack of use.

On the Ball

By MAURICE RIDER

After we had written one of these things called "In Defense of Professors," we were chided. Because somebody thought we were trying to inaugurate ourselves in professorial circles, but weary of being derided. We turn about and attack the so-called "dignity professorial." Since time immemorial the professor has been an object of ridicule by the great and the small. But such is their academic strength and cranial power that no one has ever been able to get 'em with their backs to the wall. The professor is noted for making remarks about how dumb the average collegian is, and that "when they were young" the collegiate state was much better. Which all proves that the prof is an abysmal forgetter. If he only would, by some effort of memory, look back at those peaceful days of his youth. And see the truth. He would not be so disgustingly dogmatic. And aristocratic. The professor who goes about with a collection of keys which positively strains his watch-chain often gets the erroneous impression that he is but a step from the heavenly gates, if you'll pardon the expression. And walking about in the clouds with a supercilious air. He is neither here nor there. But still worse is the fellow who wants to be one of the boys and during the class makes the funniest jokes ever heard. Some day a whole class will rise in wrath and give him the bird. But before something is said here which might be later regretted, let's back-track. And close the attack. We hope that now everybody is satisfied at our impartiality. And lack of originality.

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Following the BIG BLUE

By ZACH KRAMER

The Abolishment of Boxing Was a Big Mistake—The Basketball Squad Turns Out in Full Force For Baseball—From W. and L. to Class AA Ball

Intercollegiate athletics at Washington and Lee received a terrific blow when the Athletic Council abolished the sport here last Friday. With proper coaching and proper facilities, there is no reason in the world why boxing could not reach the plane that wrestling has attained at Washington and Lee.

In 1925 only fourteen men turned out for wrestling, but Coach Mathis was able to make it one of the most popular sports at school. Today many men go out with no idea of making the varsity, but just to learn how to handle themselves.

There is not one fellow in the student body that would not be glad to know the art of self-defense, and by the time a man graduates from college he should be able to. An expert coach could make this possible and send out winning teams that would not be humiliated inside the ropes.

Lew Martin was not to blame for the poor showing of the Brigadiers; he didn't have anything to work with. If the calibre of the frosh boxing aspirants must be this low, then let's forego the freshman team and train men for future years.

An expert with a year to work in could mould polished performers out of inexperienced weaklings. He would not have to start from scratch, for with men like Fallat, Davies, Skinner, Stuart, Jean, Gumm, Jones, and Bailey a varsity could be presented that could hold its own with most conference teams.

I would not blame anybody for not having gone out for leather-pushing when all he had in store for him was black eyes, broken noses, and busted ribs, but with softer and lighter gloves (a new Southern conference and possibly national rule), head guards, and scientific training for the beginner over a long period, no such torture would be necessary.

As Lew Martin said in an interview recently, Washington and Lee will be put in as bad a light as Virginia was a few years ago when they dropped wrestling. It makes Washington and Lee look like a school that has been so used to winning that the first year it has a losing team, it quits a sport, even though a financial success.

None of the men on the team were for abolition of boxing, and if they don't know the facts who should? However, if the Administration feels that it cannot afford to hire an expert who will specialize in boxing and provide candidates with the proper equipment, then the move was a wise one.

An interesting item appeared

Spring Track Draws Score

Outdoor Practice Begins For Both Varsity And Freshmen

Led by Captain Billy Schuhle, a squad of twenty varsity and ten freshmen candidates reported for outdoor track practice Thursday afternoon.

Ten lettermen are back from last year's aggregation, and with these and a few talented sophomores, Coach Fletcher ought to be able to mould a pretty fair team.

Dick Dunaj will run at the most two races a contest this season, and he will be out to bring home a few championships. Captain Billy Schuhle will stick to the hurdles, running the 220 lows and 120 highs each meet.

Not much is known about the Brigadiers, except Prater, Batten, Taylor and Heath. After the spring practice of football is over, Coach Fletcher will be able to determine their strength much more easily.

A newcomer out for the sport is Charley Smith, who claims that he can throw the discus.

Varsity candidates are: Heiserman*, Price*, Browning*, McGeary*, Wharton, Dunaj*, Davis*, Pierce, Schuhle*, Lowry, Higgins, Strong*, Brasher, Dyer*, Smith, Robertson*, Kingsbury, Berry, Skarda, Scully. *Denotes letterman.

Freshman candidates are: Holden, Pollack, Reed, Prater, Thomas, Batten, Meems, Rogers, Taylor, and Heath.

recently in Charley Hamilton's column in the Richmond News-Leader. He remarks that Richmond has taken in basketball the exact stand that the Generals took in football last fall. Coach Mac Pitt mentioned that even if the Big Blue had won the Southern conference basketball title the Spiders would not have played them a post-season game. As Pitt puts it, "We feel that we've cleaned up everything in the State, so there's no sense in another encounter with Washington and Lee." Which puts my predecessor, Andy Browne, in a much more favorable light.

The basketball squad is generously represented on the diamond this spring. The pitcher and the entire infield all are ex-court stars, for Pette, Jones, Field, Iler, and Pullen will be wearing spikes this season.

Russ Peters, star of the '34 Brigadier ball club, has made quite a success on the diamond since he left school. He is now the regular shortstop of Albany, a member of the International League, Class AA. The temperamental Peters looked pretty good against Washington the other day as indicated by the box score. Russ still swings a mighty war club, and fields with grace and ease. If it wasn't for his mighty temper he'd—well, maybe he will in spite of himself.

Frosh Baseball To Be Coached By Fitzgerald

Former All-American Will Relieve Twombly Of Bragadier Duty

Harry Fitzgerald, all-American first baseman in 1932-33, and now a senior lawyer, has been appointed frosh baseball coach subject to approval of the Athletic Council and the faculty.

The appointment of Fitzgerald relieves Cy Twombly from his baseball ties, and he now will be able to devote more of his attention to the golfers, who are Southern conference champs.

Practice will not be called until after spring vacation as a large number of freshmen who are eligible for baseball are engaged in spring football. The Brigadiers will meet Adelphi Academy, of Brooklyn, N. Y., here on April 3rd in their initial game of the season.

The Adelphi nine is coached by Babe Spotts, one of the greatest all around athletes that ever attended Washington and Lee. Adelphi Academy is one of Brooklyn's leading private schools.

I. R. C. Meeting

Dr. Francis P. Gaines will deliver a short travel lecture, "Mediterranean Comments" at a meeting of the International Relations Club in Newcomb Hall tonight.

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Freshman And Varsity Golfers Begin Training

Coach Cy Twombly announced yesterday that, while no official freshman golf team will be sponsored by the University this spring, several matches with nearby clubs would be scheduled to

give the most promising freshmen experience. A tournament may be held to pick the best men, who will practice with the varsity. At present Spence Kerkow, Henry Ray, Jack Bear, and Bill Baker seem to be the leading prospects but several other freshmen have shown real ability.

Although several of the golfers have been lured to the course by the arrival of good weather, formal practice will not start until after the holidays. The varsity will have to get down to intensive work when they get back for a meet with the University of Florida on April 13 here.

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CAMPUS COMMENT

And here is another way to avoid paying a soda check: Two guys make up a team, pick up a third man, and go into a store and order beer or what have you. When the check comes, the team starts an argument. They argue about anything, just as long as the argument has fighting possibilities. Finally the team gets very angry, and one of the boys says, "Okey, if you make something of it, let's go outside and settle it!" Whereat they get up and storm out of the store to settle the "argument," leaving the third man holding the check. The team then goes to the movies or home to bed. It works.

Every night at a certain time the police go around and put out the lights in the store showrooms and try the doors to see if they are locked. Last week the arm of the law got around to Tolley's store to see if things were all right, turned out the lights and went over to the door to see if it was locked. The door always is locked, and the cop wasn't set for what happened. He pushed on the handle, and the door flew open, catching him quite off balance and unprepared. He fell flat inside the store while the spectators laughed and laughed. Nothing hurt but dignity.

Two members of the Southern Collegian staff were on their way back from Natural Bridge last week and saw a youngster standing on the side of the road, thumb in air. He looked like one of the country boys, so the two in the car thought they'd do him a good turn by taking him down the road to the next farm, or wher-

ever he wanted to go. So they stopped and told him to get into the rumble. "Where are you going?" one of them asked. The little country boy, dirty and mussed, got into the rumble and said, "Minneapolis."

At the assembly on Friday some of the boys thought up a grand scheme. If you do not attend a compulsory assembly, the University socks you a two-dollar fine or, if you don't pay, suspends you from the college. All right, here is the idea: If an assembly occurs just before a holiday, you don't go to the assembly and don't pay the two dollars. Then you are suspended from the college. So you go home right away and enjoy life. You come back after vacation is over, pay the two dollars, are reinstated, and the University cannot take off any quality credits for your leaving early since they suspended you from the University. Simple, isn't it? We don't know if this works, but it's a nice idea, anyway.

The Curious Soul finds that: The Lambda Chi's have more tough luck than enough. If one of 'em hasn't a black eye, it's another. This time it's Frank Price, and a peach of a shiner it is . . . The exhibition put on in the Southern Inn early Sunday morn by a chap looking a lot like Homberg was very touching. Some long-lost girl friend came in, and his show of affection was most interesting . . . This is the last time until after vacation that this particular correspondent will nibble at news . . . Whaddya think collaborators are for? . . . So have a good time and grab those mid-semester reports before the family gets them.

Whether or not Washington and Lee will have good dance bands in the future depends upon the attitude of the students towards the Finals drive. When Don Wallis got a popular band for Fancy Dress, he received fine support, and Lew Martin, in signing the two best bands in the country, expected the same support. So far, the response has been miserable. If the student body doesn't support Lew, no dance-leader in the future will take the risk of getting a good, and necessarily expensive band. If he is supported, every dance-leader will have confidence in the student body, and we will always have good bands. So the decision rests with you.

The latest admonition around the gym is "Don't do that, or I'll have Kramer pick you to win!" Which, the athletes say, means sure defeat.

That interview in the Indiana Daily Student about the co-eds' opinion of Indiana men was very interesting. One of the girls made this statement—"I. U. men are very attentive, particularly those whose fraternity pins are out. However, the attitude of men is very different in the South. At Washington and Lee university boys are excellent hosts, and are always properly dressed even in the absence of girls. They are more hospitable and respectful, probably because their associations with girls are fewer." Thanks, Isabel.

The following week the "Daily Student" ran an interview with the men students, asking them whether they believed women really were deserving of the respect and attention they demand. This answer is the prize! It comes from Bruce Temple, the Phi Gam president there.—"These University 'ladies of the court' seem duty bound to point to the Southern gentlemen as the Lord Faunterloys of American collegians. Why don't these 'campus queens' move their estates to Washington and Lee, taking their regal airs to the land where the men would bow low at the rustle of their pompous skirts?" Okay, Bruce Temple.

Washington and Lee stands ready to welcome any Indiana U. campus queens interested in the Lexington movement!

The most ironical thing of the week was the headline declaring the abolition of boxing at Washington and Lee. On the same page was the announcement of next year's boxing managers. Tough luck, boys!

Glen Shively Permitted To Enter Lehigh Meet

Continued from page one has at least a "B" average, the committee reversed its former decision and decided in his favor. Three of Washington and Lee's Southern conference champions will make the trip to Lehigh University, at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where the tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23.

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