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'BY THE STUDENTS AND FOR THE STUDENTS.'

THE BURNING QUESTION.

The burning question, I repeat,
As wild the storm clouds roll,
Is, how to get a ton of heat
From half a ton of coal.
—N. Y. Tribune.

W. & L. U. vs. Richmond College.

On last Monday our football team gained its first victory of the season and incidentally showed an improvement in play, which if continued will yet result in making the team of '98 compare favorably with any which have heretofore represented the University. The eleven, to a man, played the game for all there was in it, and that Richmond escaped from overwhelming defeat, was due to unparalleled bad luck which our team met with throughout the entire game. Twice was our opponents' line crossed, only to lose the ball on a fumble, and three times after carrying the ball to within 5 yards of a touchdown, by some unfortunate slip, it went over on downs. Bearing these facts in mind, it was natural that we should be well satisfied with our victory.

Game in detail:

FIRST HALF.

The game opened with W. & L. defending the N. E. goal, and the visitors having the wind in their favor. Campbell kicked off to Lankford, who returned the kick, the ball rolling out of bounds at the 40 yard line, and being secured by Campbell and brought in 15 yards. On the line-up, Bledsoe gained one yard, Campbell two, Bryan two, McNeill two, and by a series of short bucks the ball moved rapidly down the field, until finally by a ten yard buck by Campbell it was carried to the 8 yard line. Just at this point misfortune No. 1, deprived us of an easy touchdown. McNeill bucked for five yards, and on being tackled, fumbled the ball, which rolled over the line only to be fallen on by Richmond for a touchback. The ball, having been kicked off from the 25 yard line by McNeill, was caught by Campbell who made a pretty run of fifteen yards before being downed. By using the tackles-back formation W.

& L. carried the ball steadily down the field, until the 5 yard line was reached when Richmond braced up and the ball went over on downs. Richmond attempted to break the line but fumbled and McClure secured the ball for W. & L. on the 2 yard line. On the line-up, McNeill was shoved over the line, for what had all the ear-marks of a touchdown, but unfortunately the referee did not see it in that light, and after much wrangling it was decided that Richmond was entitled to another touchback, as McNeill lost the ball before being downed.

McNeil punted thirty yards, and Campbell brought the ball back half that distance. In the scrimmage Campbell was slightly hurt but after a short intermission was able to resume play. Bledsoe advanced the ball three yards, Campbell two, and Bryan circled left end for seven more. At this point Richmond braced up and obtained the balls on downs on the 30 yard line. Frazer fumbled on attempting to buck the center and McNeill fell on the ball for W. & L. The referee, despite the fact that in the spectators' minds there could be but one decision on the play, gave the ball to the visitors on the ground that Frazer, for some unaccountable reason had cried "down" before he had even been tackled. Richmond made use of the guards-back formation with good effect and Frazer and Langford advanced the ball by short rushes to the center of the field, when their onward career was checked by a fumble, and secured the ball for W. & L. W. & L. carried the ball to the 25 yard line, where it was lost on downs. Richmond had only time to make two short bucks, both of which were stopped by Bledsoe's good tackling, when the whistle blew bringing to an end the first half.

Score, W. & L. 0; Richmond College 0.

SECOND HALF.

Campbell secured the ball on the kick-off and carried it to the 20 yard line before being downed. On the line-up W. & L. failed to make the necessary five yards on the first two downs, and Campbell punted twenty-five yards to Bagby, who ran twelve yards before being downed by Bartlett. Richmond at

once lost the ball on a fumble, and W. & L. commenced to rapidly work their way down the field, Bledsoe gaining two yards, Campbell four, McClure five, Bledsoe four, and then Bryan made the longest run of the day, in circling left end for a twelve yard gain. Campbell then bucked for four yards, Bledsoe and Bryan one. McNeill at this juncture fumbled, Bledsoe falling on the ball for a loss of one yard. With five yards to gain on the third down, Bryan was given the ball and made a beautiful run of ten yards around the left end. Campbell failed to gain through the center. Bryan and Campbell again tried the center, this time with better success, gaining five yards. McNeill gained one yard, Campbell one and then the ball went over on McClure's failure to make the necessary three yards, Richmond obtaining the ball on her 4 yard line. Richmond now took a brace and used mass plays with telling effect for a few minutes. Langford and Frazer alternated in taking the ball, and by short rushes varying from one to five yards in length, the ball was carried almost to the center of the field, when Lankford in attempting to circle the end fumbled and McNeill fell on the ball. The half was now drawing towards a close and W. & L. went to work with a will to make the touchdown which they had so many times had almost within their grasp. Bledsoe went around left end for seven yards, Bryan added ten more around the other end, Bledsoe joined one yard, Campbell five and Bledsoe eight more. Campbell then failed to gain and on the next play Bryan was thrown back with a loss of five yards. Campbell then attempted a goal from the 25 yard line, the ball rolling over the line, after being touched by one of the visitors. "Stiffy" Moore made a graceful dive for the ball, stood on his head for a few minutes, and then rolled over on top of the pigskin, thus making the first score of the game. After a few minutes spent in senseless kicking by the visitors, Campbell, with his usual accuracy, kicked a pretty goal.

Score, W. & L. 6; Richmond College 0.

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Our game with Richmond College last Monday resulted is such a way as to bring surprise to the visitors. We are proud of the work done by our men. This year difficulty after difficulty has arisen and yet we have a team of which we have every reason to feel proud. It is highly important that they train hard and regularly as they go to play Richmond College, Randolph-Macon and Hampden. Sidney next week starting Saturday morning and returning Wednesday. Then we must not lose sight of the game with St. Albans in Roanoke. These will be the only trips we will take but we have Roanoke and St. Johns here on our grounds before Thanksgiving.

The plan of having some visiting school team play our second team has never been arranged for and carried out before. It seems a good plan and one which both teams appreciate. The helping athletics in the preparatory schools will do much to improve athletics in college. What we need is men who are trained in athletics at school just as well as in studies. A small outlay in this line would do much good in many directions and it is hoped that a wise plan once organized will not be cast aside for lack of support and supporters.

We will look with interest on the game this evening between St. Albans and the V. M. I. We play them Thanksgiving in Roanoke and look forward to in interesting game.

Valley High School

vs.

W. & L. U.'s Second Team.

On last Wednesday the second team met and defeated the Valley High School in a fine game which abounded in fast playing, long runs and fumbles.

For several days previous large blue posters had announced that this long expected and much talked of event was about to take place so when "Babe" Mason appeared on the campus Wednesday morning, his portly form adorned with a beautiful red sweater and accompanied by his band of faithful followers, the enthusiasm of the lovers of the sport knew no bounds and many were the speculations as to whether Linwood Holmes would run over, Jim or go around him.

At 3:47 P. M. the boys from the High School appeared on the grounds after a most successful street parade and at 3:49 P. M. Capt. Sloan wearing a don't-let-me-at-him kind of look and followed by his men rushed into the arena. The preliminaries were quickly arranged and at 4:59 P. M. referee Barret whistled upon his finger and the game had begun.

With bated breath the spectators watched Johnny Graves as he fell back, then rushing forward sent the ball spinning towards the Valley High School's goal.

Down came the ball on the High School's 15 yard line when a High School man fell on it without gain. McCormick tried right end without gain, then the quarterback got excited and threw the ball over the fullback's head and Hiter fell on it on High School's 1 yard line. Slowly came the signal 7-9-5—"give the ball to Martin"—and Martin summoning every effort rushed at the line, being suspended in mid-air for a second then dropped easily and gracefully over the line for a touchdown in just twenty-five seconds from time of starting. Graves kicked a difficult goal.

W. & L. U. 6: V. H. S. 0.
High School then kicked off but unluckily tried to kick it over "Shorty" Woolridge's head. "Shorty" grasped the spheroid but after a run of two feet was downed. Then came the feature of the game; for Graves taking a long breath, and shaking himself together circled the right end and after a race of seventy yards served the second touchdown amidst the acclamations of the assembled multitude. Not content with this glory how-

ever he kicked goal.

W. & L. U. 12; V. H. S. 0.

From this point until the end of the half the play consisted of short bucks interspersed freely with fumbles. Captain Sloan sprained his ankle and had to retire from the game, Davis taking his place.

SECOND HALF.

V. H. S. kicked off to W. & L. U.'s 30 yard line and Bledsoe was downed without gain. Then Graves gained two yards through left tackle and Martin five around left end, then W. & L. fumbled and High School got the ball. McClure gained two yards and one yard, McCormick gained two and McClure two more, then came another fumble but the quarterback fell on the ball. McCormick fumbled and Harris fell on the ball with a gain of four yards.

Just at this point Lakin lost his teeth but being thoughtfully "nervy" resumed played without them.

McClure gained two and a half yards, McCormick two, Lilley added a half yard to the total, McCormick made two and a half more and McClure three.

Then W. & L. took a brace and after the High School had hurled themselves against the line three consecutive times without gain, the ball went over.

Graves gained five yards and then came another fumble and High School fell on it, made two short bucks and time was up.

For W. & L. Graves deserves special mention for his ground gaining and Joyner for his tackling and all round good work.

For V. H. S. McClure, C., McCormick and Lilly, J. did the best work.

LINE UP.

W. & L.	Position.	V. H. S.
Lakin	C.	Gilkeson
Lind	R.	Mason
Hiter	R. T.	McCay
Joyner	R. E.	Harris
Holmes	L. G.	Meeks
Woolridge	L. T.	McClure, J.
Bledsoe, E.	L. E.	Lilley, J.
Sloan-Lee	Q. B.	Wallace
Martin	R. H. B.	Lilley, W.
Graves	L. H. B.	McCormick
Lee-Davis	F. B.	McClure, C.

Time of halves: First half 20 minutes; second half 15 minutes. Touchdowns, Martin and Graves. Referee, Mr. Barret, W. & L. U. Timekeepers, Mr. Anschutz, W. & L. U. and Prof. Humphreys. Linesmen, Mr. Robinson, W. & L. U. and Prof. Houston, V. H. S.

Central University has A. H. Conley as physical director and football coach.

Y. M. C. A.

The weekly meeting of the Association was conducted by Mr. Chas. McNulty. The topic for the evening was, "Christ as a Man of Prayer." Quite a number of references were cited showing in what close communication Christ lived with the Father and there is no characteristic more clearly shown than his prayer life as shown forth throughout his ministry.

Quite a number of the members volunteered a few remarks, making the meeting in all respects an interesting one.

The subject for Sunday, Nov. 6th is a Missionary topic. The meeting will be conducted by Mr. W. Blain, Assisted by several other members of the Association.

Wednesday Morning.

President Wilson being absent Prof. Stevens addressed the students at Chapel, taking for his subtitle the honor system as it exists to-day in American colleges.

Among other good things the Prof. related several anecdotes illustrating the honorable and dishonorable system. He said that martyrdom for an abstract principle is honorable but in some cases the sense of honor may be too high. This evil is not to be feared, however, but its opposite the lack of honor can justly be dreaded.

As the reason why the majority of instructors in the country at large found dishonesty on examinations the Professor gave the old maxim "As the fathers so the son." He said that deceit practiced in the business and political world by the fathers instilled in the child little sense of honor.

The moral sense needs training just as the mental or physical powers. A step has been taken in the right direction throughout the South where the honor system is indigenous, the start is made and there must now be no halting.

In conclusion the Professor produced some statistics which he had gathered, showing that the system was not in vogue too so large an extent in the colleges with a prescribed curriculum; that the longer a man is in college the more he favors the system and that its adoption by colleges throughout the land is growing.

Marshall, Yale's big guard, has returned to New Haven.

Personal Mention.

W. Ross McCain is visiting here. Having taken his degree of M. A. at the University of Arkansas, he is on his way to Europe where he will spend two years in travel and study. "Micky" has lost none of the ways which used to make him so attractive.

President William L. Wilson left Monday to attend a meeting of the Southern Inter-State Associations of Colleges and Preparatory Schools at the University of Georgia at Athens.

Mrs. Henry Alexander White who since her return from Europe a month ago has been spending the time with Judge and Mrs. Wellford in Richmond is again at her home in Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. James Quarles are visiting Dr. and Mrs. Quarles. They were given a delightful reception at Dr. Quarles' on Thursday night and at Mr. Tucker's on Friday night.

The friends of R. A. Watson will be glad to know that he is improving rapidly.

Our Football Team.

To a "looker-on in Vienna," whose eyes are not expert, our present eleven seem to deserve great credit, as, in some respects, equal to the best we have had. The conditions have not been favorable to them, and for this reason they have not attained the excellence of which they are capable. Their defeats are either physical or else due to lack of opportunity for the best training. Nevertheless their moral is high; their spirit admirable, and they have worthily won the respect of their adversaries and the confidence of their friends. They should be sustained by all lovers of manly college sports.

SEXAGENARIAN.

The Calyx.

Editor RING-TUM PHI:

The importance of getting the *Calyx*, '98, under way is recognized by all and we should begin as soon as possible by electing the Board of Editors. The only question is the manner of election and I wish to advocate the plan which was adopted last year, which is as follows:

The student-body in mass-meeting elected the Editor-in-Chief, Assistant Editor-in-Chief and Bus-

iness Manager and empowered the graduating classes to complete the Board of election from their number, the Academic Graduating Class (including the Engineering Class) to elect three, the *Calyx*, '99, one, the Graduating Law Class two and the Junior Law Class one.

At the time that this method was adopted, other methods were fully discussed and laid aside, and this seemed the best to the mass-meeting.

It certainly is fair enough to all concerned and gives a Board representative of the whole student-body and in numbers neither too large nor too small.

The Editors of the *Calyx*, '98, express themselves as very well pleased with the working of the system and advised its continuance. See *Calyx*, '98, page 78-9, where will be found a review of the different plans we have tried.

Above all, we should make haste to elect and to get out "the best *Calyx* yet."

RICK.

The best bicycle riding ever seen in this town was that displayed by two tourists on our streets yesterday. One of the men was a most successful trick rider and the other an equally successful clown rider.

There will be a new feature in the chapel exercises at Pennsylvania for the coming year. Distinguished men will be invited as often as possible to attend the services and make short addresses to the students.

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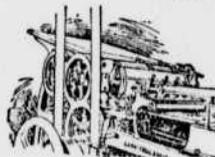
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McNiel kicked off for Richmond and Campbell catching the ball brought it back twenty-five yards before being downed. On failing to gain, Campbell punted for forty-five yards to McNiel. McPheeters made one of the prettiest plays of the game in tackling McNiel as soon as the ball touched his hands, and then falling on the ball for W. & L. on Richmond's twenty yard line. Campbell gained one yard, Bledsoe five, McClure six, Campbell five, Campbell two, and the ball was within one yard of the line. A dispute now arose among the time-keepers as to whether time was up or not, and after everybody on the grounds had expressed his opinion on the subject, it was decided that we had thirty seconds more in which to attempt to add to our score. Campbell twice attempted to buck the center but the Richmond line held a stone wall, and then time was called before Richmond had a chance to advance the ball.

LINE UP.

W. & L.	Position.	Richmond.
Deacon	C.	Commack
Moore	R. G.	Fleming
Bartlett	L. G.	Watson
McClure	R. T.	Stone
McNeill	L. T.	Bloxton
McPheeters	R. E.	Scott
Mullen	L. E.	Pope
Bryan	R. H.	Lankford
T. Bledsoe	L. H.	Frazier
Campbell, (capt.)	F. B.	McNiel
Shipp	Q. B.	Bagby
Umpire, Mr. Barret,	W. & L.	
Referee, Capt. Milton,	of V. M. I.	
Linesmen, Tucker, W. & L.;	Ellyson, R. C.	Timers, Withers, W. & L. and Kauffman, R. C.

Program of

Washington Literary Society, November 12th.

To Orate:

McDowell, Graves, J. K.

To Declaim:

Theobald, Sloan, F. D.

To Debate:

Aff.	Neg.
Moore, W. C.,	Senft,
Chermside,	Leffel,
Bledsoe,	Lee, J. W.

Question; Resolved, That a lie is sometimes justifiable.

To Orate Nov. 19th:

Brown, Barnes.

To Orate Nov. 26th:

Ott, Smith, C. T.

C. N. Roark, C. S. McNulty, President. Secretary.

The S. R. Entertainment.

On Monday night, under the most favorable conditions, the youth and beauty of Lexington, also Mr. Bushong, met at the residence of Capt. Pres. Moore's, to spend a few happy hours under the auspices of the S. R. Club, that mysterious organization which has recently sprung up in our midst. That the entertainment was held at Miss Moore's is synonymous with saying that all had a most enjoyable time. Since the gentlemen were ineligible for membership in the Club, they were, by way of compensation, initiated into the Farmers' Alliance and other similar organizations. The party also indulged in flash-light photography and charades. At eleven o'clock they separated, loud in their praises of their charming hostess and the S. R. Club. May they have many 'goats.' Those present were: Misses Mary and Martha Moore, Fannie White, Louise Brockenbrough, May Ross, Anna Anderson, Belle Webb, Caroline Moore. Also Messrs. Preston, Goshorn, Crockett (really invited), McNulty, Senft, Moore, Young, Theobald, Roark, Bledsoe, Chermside and Mr. Bushong.

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