

*J. L. Campbell*

# THE RING-TUM PHI.

'BY THE STUDENTS AND FOR THE STUDENTS.'

### She's Fickle.

She does not love the dainty dude.  
His glad clothes please her not;  
She strikes a scornful attitude  
When he is on the spot.

The gallant soldier has grown tame  
The sailor's day is past;  
She scarcely recollects the name  
Of the hero she loved last.

Each former lover's name is "Mud,"  
She loves, alas, boo-hoo,  
The football player stained with blood  
And one ear bit half in two.

### The Wash Wins the First Joint Debate.

Last Saturday witnessed the first joint debate of the session, between the Graham-Lee and the Washington Literary Societies. Those debates were instituted last year and were conducted with a great deal of interest, and much benefit was derived.

The October debate was not held for some unavoidable reason so the latent oratory compelled to lie dormant during another month could not possibly wait longer and the loyal members of both societies convened at an early hour in the Graham-Lee hall, all eager for the treat in store.

The speakers were all present at the appointed time, not only with their minds stocked with well digested facts and arguments and strains of eloquence which were to hold spell-bound a large audience, but each one carried under his arms several large volumns and as many periodicals. How we all looked forward to the treat in store!

The speakers walked the floor in nervous excitement only waiting the arrival of the judges. Finally Prof. Willis the last to appear in the scene of action was ushered into the hall among deafening shouts, for these pent-up breasts could not possibly retain themselves longer. Quick as a flash the four debaters had glided into their chairs immediately in front of the rostrum. Mr. J. S. McClure, the President of the Graham-Lee, called the house to order and in a few words stated

the conditions of the debate: Each side was to be allowed forty-five minutes, to be decided equally between the members. The Secretary then read the question: Resolved that the Nicaragua canal should be owned and operated by the United States. The President then on behalf of the Graham-Lee introduced Mr. Withers as the first speaker on the affirmative. In less than a second Mr. Withers was on his feet and in the course of a very few minutes the Nicaragua canal was a reality under the sole control of Uncle Sam who was becoming fabulously rich from the proceeds and the whole world profited by the canal. Mr. Withers hadn't told half he knew and had only looked at the index of the first volume but Mr. Bryan his colleague who had equally as much to say, became greatly alarmed lest there would be no time left for him. In view of this fact Mr. Withers had to close without even so much as referring to the wonderful facts bearing on the question contained the following volumnes.

Mr. McNulty was introduced as the first speaker on the negative. He represented the Wash. Society. After a beautiful tribute to the intelligence of her judges he entered with all his heart into the discussion of the subject. After an able speech he closed by saying that in his judgment he had proved conclusively that the United States should not own and operate the canal but if there was a stone unturned or an argument unanswered it would be met and refuted by his colleague Mr. Allan.

Time forbids to tell how the walls resounded with the eloquence of Mr. Bryan and Mr. Allan; how Mr. Withers closed for the affirmative; how Mr. McNulty when called to close for the negative confident in the victory and unwilling to make the defeat more disastrous gracefully kept silent. Are they not all indelibly recorded in the memory of all present? Suffice it to say that the committee composed of Dr. Quarles, Prof. Graves and Prof. Willis after careful deliberation rendered their decision as unanimously in favor of the negative.

### Y. M. C. A.

All those who have ever heard of Mr. L. A. Coulter were glad to welcome him to W. & L. U. He spoke to a small crowd at the weekly meeting of the Y. M. C. A. last afternoon. We regret very much that there was not a larger attendance and express our sympathy for the Christian men of college who missed this treat.

His address was on the subject of 'True Discipleship' and gave three of the tests of true discipleship. First, the disciple, if a true disciple, will confess his Lord. Second, he will continue in his work, and can only do this by careful, diligent Bible study. Third, he will bear fruit. This last test has been brought before the association before, but from its paramount importance we should always keep it before us.

To-morrow is Missionary Sunday and the exercises will consist of talks on some branch of the foreign work. They prove interesting and instructive to many and we hope a large attendance will be present. The hour is four o'clock in the afternoon.

### University College of Medicine.

Washington and Lee has quite a cortege of coming physicians at the University College of Medicine at Richmond this year. Among those whom we all know are Charles Hogshead, Hugh White, Ran Shields, Ran McGuire, Clarence Jones, Rogers and Wallace. With such a distinguished representation, enthusiasm for this old alma mater ought surely to thrive.—*Southern Collegian.*

### Washington Literary Society.

No meeting was held last Saturday night because of the regular joint debate.

A full attendance is desired tonight, as several important questions, including the election of officers, are to be brought before the society.

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As examinations are to com-  
mence so shortly now the RING-  
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til after Christmas.

### Training.

In his address to the victor-  
ious Harvard team President Eliot made  
use of the following pertinent lan-  
guage: "Remember that the best  
way to commemorate our victory  
will be to get ready with equal  
vigor for baseball and rowing vic-  
tories in the spring." That  
thorough training has its proper  
reward has been abundantly shown  
in the surprises on the gridiron  
this fall, surprises in the way of  
victories as well as of defeats.  
Other things being equal the well-  
trained team is not in the same  
class with the poorly trained team.  
Conditions at Washington and Lee  
are such as to lead the men to look  
lightly upon this important factor  
in a victory with any team. Dan-  
gers confront our athletics from ei-  
ther one of two opposite sources.  
If victory attends our contests we  
become overly confident and fail to  
practice as we should; and if de-  
feat meets us we are inclined to  
give up and lose heart. What we  
need is to work hard to maintain  
any standard we have already  
reached or to overcome any diffi-  
culties that may oppose us. Les-  
sons of the past need to impress  
upon us these two great dangers.

*Olive and Blue*, the official jour-  
nal of Tulane University, of Louisi-  
ana, is renewing efforts for the es-

tablishment of a Southern Journal-  
istic University League. Last  
year the question was agitated but  
as it was late when it was proposed  
nothing was accomplished. The  
plan proposed by *Olive and Blue* is  
for the representatives of the vari-  
ous Southern colleges to meet in  
New Orleans during the Christmas  
holiday, the representatives to be  
the guests of the *Olive and Blue*.  
That much good would come from  
such a meeting can hardly be  
doubted and it is sincerely hoped  
that many colleges who have been  
invited to appear through their  
representatives will avail them-  
selves of this opportunity to meet  
together and form a league in  
which questions which concern ev-  
ery institution in the South may  
be freely discussed and possibly  
solved. The more remote colleges  
will not be so likely to appear but  
those near by can do so.

The vigor with which winter has  
already asserted itself makes one  
think of the old superstitions as to  
the goose bone and so forth. We  
clip the following:

The goose bone this year is said  
to be broad and white, which shows  
in a general way that the winter  
will be long and snowy. The keel  
has a sharp curve, with several  
wavy prominences, which are taken  
to indicate particular storms  
and hard weather. There is a pec-  
uliar absence of rain spots. The  
first heavy snow will come about  
November 26th, (yesterday was the  
26th) and will lie on the ground,  
and we will have a big December  
snow on it before it is gone. Just  
before Christmas there will be an-  
other great snow storm with in-  
tense cold weather following about  
the last of the year. About Janu-  
ary 10 will occur the coldest weath-  
er of the winter.—*Staunton Spectator*.

It was unfortunate that Georgia  
considered herself aggrieved in the  
game with Auburn. Great care in  
selecting officials is of prime im-  
portance and it is likewise desir-  
able that the teams abide by the de-  
cisions of the officials if possible.

### Old Southern Life.

The Minstrel show which last  
Monday night exhibited Old South-  
ern Life was largely attended and  
much enjoyed. It was amusing to  
see the genuine negroes trying to  
play the negro and making use of  
book negro dialect.

### Gymnasium.

The physical director has been  
sick for a week or more and has  
been unable to attend to the gym-  
nasium lately, but is about well  
now. Lights will be turned on  
this week, thus giving an hour or  
more each evening to those that  
desire it. The director will get  
everything in regular running or-  
der now and place each man in his  
proper class. All those that desire  
to make out their charts should  
apply to the director at once.

### The Occupancy of Africa.

Wednesday morning the Presi-  
dent by request continued his lec-  
ture on Africa, going more into  
detail. He said the Boers who  
were French and Dutch settlers of  
the South-eastern part of the coun-  
try desired to live quiet lives, and  
therefore did not amalgamate with  
the busy, town-forming English.  
In fact they did not care to have  
anything to do with them and in  
1832 when England emancipated  
the slaves these Boers took their  
flocks and moved north settling in  
what is now the Transvaal and  
Orange Free State. Here England  
left them alone, deciding that it  
was not a good policy to try to  
force a government on a people  
who did not want it.

Diamonds being discovered in  
this region in 1867 and gold also  
a few years later, caused adventur-  
ous people from every nation to  
rush to this country. The Boers  
did not wish to mine, they would  
sell their lands for enormous prices  
and then charge the buyers enor-  
mous taxes. They had such  
stringent naturalization laws that  
it was impossible for the incoming  
settlers to acquire the right of suf-  
frage. Naturally the new popula-  
tion felt wronged and in 1896 at-  
tempted to obtain a more just form  
of government.

They did not succeed, however,  
and the old system still prevails.  
Yet the new population is becom-  
ing so powerful that the day is not  
far distant when England will con-  
trol the Transvaal and Orange  
Free State.

The mineral wealth of the region  
is remarkable, there being last  
year more gold produced than  
there was both gold and silver in  
1873. Aside from gold the coun-  
try is also rich in coal and iron.

In conclusion Mr. Wilson said  
the people in Southern Africa were

confronted with the same race  
question that the Southern States  
of this country had to meet. In  
the English possessions the negro  
is granted the same privileges that  
he has in this country excepting  
that he is practically excluded  
from voting by a property qualifi-  
cation. On the other hand the  
Boer considers the negro only as a  
servant, with them he cannot vote  
or own property and in some places  
he is kept down by labor laws,  
despite the views of the sentiment-  
al philanthropist away in off Lon-  
don.

### University Directory.

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schutz.

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bell.

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lished quarterly by the Literary  
Societies; *The Calyx*, Annual,  
published by the students.

The *Tar Heel* appears this week  
in White and Blue. Whether this  
is an accidental mistake of the  
printer's or an intentional change  
we know not. It does not improve  
the appearance of the paper.

### Personal Mention.

Mr. Gordon R. Houston, Principal of the Valley High School near Spottswood, Virginia, was in town this week visiting friends of whom he has many here.

Dr. Reid White left Tuesday for a visit to friends in Baltimore. He will take a much needed rest.

Miss Lucy Fay, sister of Prof. Edwin W. Fay, left for New Orleans last Wednesday. Though Miss Fay was far from well it was thought best for her to have the change of climate. Prof. Fay accompanied her as far as Buena Vista.

Mr. Perry Alford, of Lexington, Ky., is visiting friends here.

We were sorry to lose Mr. Thomas Williamson from our midst. He has gone to take charge of the public schools of Danville.

Cards of invitation are out to the marriage of Miss Lulu Semmes, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Thomas M. Semmes, to Mr. William Archer Roberts, of Washington. The ceremony will be performed at Grace Memorial Church next Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.

Mr. LeRoy C. Barret, who has been confined to the house with an injured knee is improving.

The young men and young ladies of the town had another enjoyable tenpin roll last Thursday night. Everything conspired to make it a success and a pleasure.

In the Vanderbilt-Central University game Mr. Muir made the longest run and the second touchdown.

Mr. J. W. Johnson's condition has so much improved as to relieve his friends of serious apprehension as to his recovery.

At a meeting of the football team yesterday Mr. Arthur M. Shipp was elected Captain for next year. No more enthusiastic player can be found than "Buck" and we express every wish for his making the team of '99 the best in the history of W. & L. U.

Mr. S. G. Hamner who is teaching near his home in Lynchburg is on a visit to friends of whom he has many in Lexington.

A movement is on foot at Yale to erect a monument in memory of the Yale students who died in the late war.

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And make the papers go. —Ex.

### Football Picture.

The football team met at Miley's yesterday and had their picture taken. They will hardly meet again as a team and so the team of '98 passes into history. To those who strove in the face of the greatest difficulties to make a successful team nothing but praise is due and for those who could and would not there is self-condemnation. From the ups and downs of '98 may there come out a team which shall be victorious on every field in '99.

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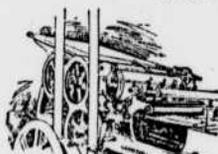
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Ex-President Andrews, of Brown is now superintendent of the Chicago public schools.

The Chicago University has more women students than any other university in America. It is a total of 459 against 697 men.

There is a Mathematical Club at Lehigh University, whose purpose is to foster the mathematical instincts of those who are crazy after that science.

Columbia celebrated her 145th anniversary the other day.

The students of the University of California gave a circus and minstrel show last month. Both shows were very successful.

The 104th anniversary of the founding of the University of North Carolina was celebrated this year.

Prof. Thomas Wilson of the Smithsonian Institute has been conducting some very interesting experiments for the purpose of ascertaining how much light is intercepted or obstructed by ordinary window glass. The tests were made by photography and the camera obscura and the results show the percentage of light lost by the different kinds of glass.

Out of 400 young men graduated at Harvard in '97, it is said that not one studied theology.

Yale has a Hawaiian on her squad who weighs 250 pounds. (The man he falls on will be distinctly opposed to annexation.)

In Germany one man in 223 goes to college; in Scotland one in 520; in the United States, one in 2,000 and in England one in 5,000.

It has recently been disclosed that the Kansas legislature appropriated \$2,000 for the State University football eleven.

To show the spirit with which the people of Ithaca support Cornell students, \$814.00 has been subscribed by them thus far to aid the crew.

The Missouri Legislature has passed a bill providing that in case a man dies without direct descendant a portion of his estate goes to the State University.

The University of Nebraska Team now claims to be the rightful owners of the Western championship.

### Business Notice.

THE RING-TUM PHI should come into the hands of every student or alumnus who is interested in his alma mater. It will try to give all the college news as it happens and will thus serve to keep the men in touch with college. They will know what is going on, what the people are doing, and in general everything of interest about college. The business manager desires to have as many friends as possible take it and so he offers it for the rest of the session for half-price. It will thus come for the two remaining terms of the session for seventy-five cents *in advance*. You may wish to send it to some friend as well as have it come to you.

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