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## The Mammoth.

Prof. Campbell entertained the student body at Chapel Wednesday morning with a scientific discussion of the mammoth and its origin. He paved the way to the more serious part of his address with a few apt jokes a la Baron Munchausen by means of which the coldness of Russia and the depths of its snows were vividly portrayed.

He then told in an interesting way of the discovery of the mammoth and mastodon in Russia, Europe and the United States; in the former country several specimens having been found with the meat and hide so preserved as to be eaten with relish by the Russian dogs, the ice and snow having acted as cold storage for mammoth steaks 10,000 years old.

Prof. Campbell then entered into a discussion of the origin of the mammoth. He showed how during the glacier period the greater part of North America, Europe and Asia were covered with a sheeting of ice many thousands of feet in thickness. These glaciers, which are numerous in Greenland at the present time, slowly moved from the north toward the south carrying debris and boulders upon their surface. When the glaciers melted these boulders were left scattered in their present conditions, which often seem inexplicable on account of having no relation to the neighboring strata.

Over this large area of ice the mammoth and mastodon together with many other animals of proportionate size wandered and their remains are so plentiful today that a profitable trade is carried on in hunting and selling their tusks, which were of ivory. A few of the species became encased in the ice and have been preserved in a wonderful manner to the present time.

In conclusion, Prof. Campbell, proved the length of time which had elapsed since the mammoth lived by showing the number of feet Niagara Falls and the Falls of St. Anthony had receded in the same

interval, and dividing that by the number of feet they recede each year. This placed the mammoth between 8,000 and 10,000 years in the past.

## Albert Sidney.

The candidates for the Albert Sidney crew, under the training of Messrs. Jenkins and Tucker, have been on the river for the past week. As yet it is too early to judge much of the possibilities of the different candidates, but so far they have shown up well, and have caught on to the stroke remarkably quickly. The crew will be somewhat handicapped from the fact that it will include no old men in its final make-up, as neither Jenkins nor Tucker will row. It may be safely asserted, however, that the crew finally selected will be up to the standard and will give our friends of the other side an extensive "run for their money."

Seig and Moise have rowed some before and are doing good work. Of the green men, Obenchain and Thompson are good, strong men and will be heard from in the contest for positions. Deacon is a well built man but is handicapped by a late start. Other promising men are Jones, Sale, Wryor, Cockett and Boaz.

For coxswain, Keeble of last year's crew, Ring and Turner are in the field. The crew will probably be selected within the next two or three weeks, thus giving about six weeks of practice together.

## Y. M. C. A.

Mr. G. M. Smith, college secretary for Virginia, gave a series of gospel talks in the chapel this week—commencing Sunday afternoon and ending Wednesday evening. Mr. Smith is a powerful, earnest and impressive speaker, and it was not only a pleasure but a benefit to listen to him. The meetings were well attended by the student body and a source of good not only to members of the Association but to many others and several names were added to the roll. We hope to hear Mr. Smith again in the future.

## Cotillion Club.

The Cotillion Club entertained its friends at a most delightful german on last Monday night, and from the expressions of approval heard on all sides, it may safely be asserted that this german was the social feature of the year. Thanks to the club's able officers the floor of the gymnasium was in excellent condition and our friends of the V. M. I. orchestra seemed to "lay themselves out" for the occasion. Lexington's contingent of fair ones was reinforced by a number of visiting "calie" and there were enough stags present to make stag-leads things to be eagerly sought after.

Mr. G. C. Powell, with Miss Mary Wilson, lead the german with his usual skill and grace.

From every standpoint the german was a complete success and it was with genuine regret that the dancers heard the sounds of "Home Sweet Home" issue from the corner where the musicians were installed. May we have more dances of the same kind.

The chaperones of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Brockenbrough, Mrs. Corse and Miss Annie White. Those dancing were Miss Thompson of Staunton, with Mr. Goshorn; Miss Cameron with Mr. Allen, Miss Louise Brockenbrough with Mr. Johnson, Miss Holland of Manchester, with Mr. Lemley; Miss Paul of Harrisonburg, with Mr. Fletcher; Miss Harrison of Staunton, with Mr. Cooke; Miss Eliza Dillon with Mr. Garrow, Miss Brown of Winchester, with Mr. Hiter; Miss McGuire of Winchester, and Mr. Robinson; Miss Fannie Jordan and Mr. Hartman, Miss Bettie Wilson and Mr. Charne Caffrery, Miss Boker of Louisville, and Mr. Martin; Miss Mary Wilson and Mr. Powell, Miss Lee of South Carolina, and Mr. Frierson; Miss Alexander of Charles Town, and Mr. S. C. Bagley; Miss Graham and Mr. E. D. Moore, Miss Polk of Texas, and Mr. J. W. Bagley; Miss Nellie Brockenbrough and Mr. Owen. Stags, Messrs. Tucker, Guion, Hall, Arnold, Lee, Craw-

ford, Harrison, Sherrard, Schawbe, Wise, Waddell, Marshall, Marrow and Watts.

## Graham-Lee.

The effect of the warm weather upon the attendance of the Society began to show itself last week, as very few members above the requisite number for a quorum were present.

Mr. Corbett of Florida, the president-elect, before taking the chair delivered a brief but pointed inaugural address in which he presented some of the most obvious defects in the management of the society, and offered several remedies for their correction. Mr. Beale, the newly elected vice-president, made a few remarks before taking the chair. The president then announced the following officers for the term: Mr. W. C. Young, secretary, and Mr. Lauck critic.

Very few of the members upon the program were present and the literary exercises were quickly disposed of. After adopting a resolution defining the duties of the judges of the debates, the society adjourned.

## Harry Lee.

For the past week or two the Harry Lees have been taking the regular training and rowing on the river. Three crews are taken out every afternoon with one of the old men as stroke.

Those running for the crew besides the old men are Ellis, Hall, McNulty, Holmes, Allan, Marshall, Cooke and Coe. For the position of coxswain there are two applicants, McCrum and Feamster.

The boat leaks badly, but it is hoped it will stand training until the race if a new boat is not procured.

## Tennis.

The courts have been rolled and are in a good condition, and every lover of the racket can have the opportunity from now until the close of the term to enjoy himself to the utmost. The nets will be put up every evening. In a short time the date for the annual tournament will be announced, so let everyone come out and prepare himself.

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There is much speculation as to what team shall carry off the association championship this year, and the games so far have developed not a few surprises, one of the most unparalleled of which was the defeat of our team at the hands of the V. M. I. This game, however, does not effect the standing of either team as it was but one out of a series of three, except in casting the odds in favor of the Cadets. As it is the white and blue has a good chance of carrying off the honors of the Western section. Roanoke has suffered defeat at the hands of both W. and L. and the V. M. I. The University has not yet played any association games. Blacksburg was defeated by Roanoke. This leaves the percentage as follows:

- W. and L.—100.
- U. Va.—100.
- V. M. I.—100.
- V. P. L.—100.
- Roanoke—33 1/3.

In the Eastern section Richmond college has been defeated by Randolph-Macon, and Hampden-Sidney also met defeat at the hands of the same team. In the next game William and Mary turned the tables by defeating Randolph-Macon. This gave the teams the following standing:

- W. and M.—100.
- Richmond College—0.
- Hampden-Sidney—0.
- Randolph-Macon—66 2/3.

The games played by Richmond college here yesterday was not an association games, as the teams were not in the same division.

## The Wash.

For the Ring-tum Phi.

For some unaccountable reason the attendance at the Wash. last Saturday night, was small and so the regular literary program was dispensed with and an extemporaneous one adopted.

The question debated was Resolved, "That football is a better game than baseball." McNulty and Senft spoke upon the affirmative and Hamilton and Lamar upon the negative. In spite of Lamar's eloquence and Hamilton's arguments the affirmative won.

Messrs. Sanders and Graybill delivered declamations.

The Wash. has one unique possession—a serial story. President Goshorn delivered the second installment of his inaugural address last Saturday night. It is "to be continued" and all are invited to subscribe.

After a short financial discussion, during which Treasurer McNulty reported Wash's finances in a most prosperous condition, the society adjourned. T.

Every university is in a large measure dependent upon the preparatory schools and in proportion to the number of such feeders it may have the larger or smaller will be its attendance. Varsity athletics are also greatly improved by the candidates who come up from the "prep." schools, as they afford the best material for the teams on account of their previous training. It is, therefore, well to keep in as close touch as possible with these schools and athletic games are one of the best ways of doing so. We have already had one game of this kind this year, and in a short time will have another. So let every student take unto himself the task of impressing the members of the visiting team with the fact that there is no other place besides Washington and Lee.

Volume one, number one, of the "Olla Poduda" has come to us this week. It is a weekly, published by the Athletic Association of Richmond College. We wish it success.

The faculty of Iowa College has decided to give the editor of the college weekly three hours credit per week, and the associate editors one hour each credit.—Ex.

The RING-TUM PHI staff heartily endorse this action.

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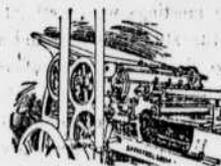
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**GAME STOPPED ON ACCOUNT OF RAIN.**

Washington and Lee met her strongest opponents so far this year in the game with Richmond College yesterday afternoon. They were strong both at the bat and in the field and played a decidedly interesting game but in our boys they met opponents not to be easily vanquished.

The game was well played up to the time of the rain, after which the ground was in such a bad condition as to render good playing on either side exceedingly difficult. The grounds became slippery, players were unable to keep their footing and the ball was hard to control. Washington and Lee scored once in the first inning. Neither side scored again until the fourth when Richmond College brought in a run and tied the score; thereupon the heavens began to weep and the spectators veiled their faces with their umbrellas. The visiting team, like good old Baptists, seemed to take kindly to the water and in the fifth by a series of errors on our part piled up five runs, after which they failed to score. In the sixth inning our boys made one run, and in the seventh tied the score. At this juncture Umpire Robinson gave the Richmond team, who wished to stop playing on account of the rain, the choice of stopping with the score at 6 to 6 or of taking their turn at the bat, and they chose the former course.

Boogher's catch was one of the features of the game, and he and Andrews made two pretty hits. Boyd did good work behind the bat. The game in detail:

**1ST INNING.**

W. & L.—Lee grounds to first, Crawford walks, Bagley is caught out by Sanford. Crawford steals, Andrews hits for two bags and Crawford comes in. Booker fans.

R. C.—Kerfoot gets a base on balls, Leonard grounds to Crawford who throws him out at first. Kerfoot goes to second and steals third, Sanford fouls out, and White fans.

**2ND INNING.**

W. & L.—Bledsoe fouls out, Burns out, Sanford to Staples, and Boogher fans the air.

R. C.—Boyd hits for first and

steals second. Dunaway walks, and Crawford throws Boyd out at third. Taylor strikes out, Blundon reaches first and Staples fans.

**3RD INNING.**

W. & L.—Spencer walks, Lee fouls to Boyd, Spencer is out at second, Crawford grounds to Leonard and is thrown out at first.

R. C.—Kerfoot fouls to Spencer, Leonard hits to first, Sanford reaches first and Leonard is out at second. Sanford steals, White is out Crawford to Spencer.

**4TH INNING.**

W. and L.—Bagley fouls, Andrews follows suit, and Booker pops to Sanford.

R. C.—Boyd hits for one base, Crawford throws him out at second and Dunaway reaches first. Taylor grounds to Bagley and is out at first, Dunaway going to second. Dunaway goes to third on a passed ball and Blundon walks. The ball passes and Blundon goes to second and Dunaway scores. Staples fails to hit, but the ball passed, he reaches first and Blundon goes to third. Kerfoot flies out to Spencer and ends the fun for his side.

**5TH INNING.**

W. and L.—Bledsoe flies out to Dunaway, Burns fans, Booker hits for first and Spencer pops out to Sanford.

R. C.—Leonard hits for one base, Sanford goes to first and Bagley fumbling, Leonard is safe at second. White fouls out, Boyd grounds to first and Boyd goes to second, Leonard scores. Dunaway hits for first and Boyd goes to third on Lee's error. Dunaway steals and Taylor walks. The ball passes, Dunaway goes to third and Taylor to second. Blundon strikes out. Staple hits and Dunaway and Blundon score. Burns throws Staples out at second.

**6TH INNING.**

W. and L.—Lee out at first, Crawford walks and Bagley fouls to Kerfoot. Andrews gets a base, forcing Crawford to second. Booker hits, Andrews goes to second and Crawford crosses the plate. Bledsoe out, Sanford to Staples.

R. C.—Kerfoot flies out to Bledsoe, Leonard out, Bagley to Spencer, Sanford grounds to Crawford, who throws him out at first.

**7TH INNING.**

W. and L.—Burns gets a hit, with White in the box. Boogher fans, Burns steals and Spencer walks. Lee is hit by the ball, Burns goes to third and Spencer to second. Crawford hits for first, Burns and Spencer score. Lee goes to third and Crawford gets second. Crawford steals third. Bagley flies out to Dunaway. Andrews bunts down third base line and scores Crawford. Booker flies out to Leonard.

**SCORE.**

W. & L. U.	Pos.	At B.	R.	1st B.	P. O.	E.
Lee	2b	3	1	0	3	2
Crawford	p	2	3	1	0	0
Bagley, s.c.	ss	4	0	0	0	1
Andrews	3b	3	0	1	1	1
Booker	1f	4	0	1	0	0
Bledsoe	cf	3	0	0	1	0
Burns	c	3	1	1	5	0
Boogher	rf	3	0	1	1	0
Spencer	1b	1	1	0	7	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>

Richmond College.	Pos.	At B.	R.	1st B.	P. O.	E.
Kerfoot	3b	3	0	0	1	1
Leonard	2b	4	1	2	3	0
Sanford	p & ss	4	1	0	3	1
White	ss & p	3	0	0	0	0
Boyd	c	3	1	2	7	0
Dunaway	1f	2	2	1	2	0
Taylor	cf	2	1	0	0	0
Blundon	rf	2	0	0	0	1
Staples	1b	3	0	1	4	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>

Summary—Stolen bases—W. & L. 1, R. C. 6. Double plays—Sanford—Leonard—Staples. Two base hits—Andrews. Bunts—Andrews. Struck out—By Crawford 1, Sanford 3, White 1. Bases on balls—Off Crawford 4, Sanford 4, White 1. Hit by pitched ball—Lee. Passed balls—Burns 1, Boyd 2. Umpire—Robinson.

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## The Constitution of the State Association.

The general plan under which the Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic association has been formed is a very admirable one, but it remains to be seen whether the constitution drawn up for it is one that will stand the wear of actual service. A constitution that is to endure should be so framed that it will accomplish the entire purpose of the organization for which it is drawn up, and have as few open points as possible to be decided for special cases after it is put into operation.

One of the first objects of a Collegiate Athletic association is to abolish professionalism. And the experience of other associations has been to show that very stringent rules are necessary in this respect, most of which are preventative rather than remedial. Nothing is more difficult than to prove professionalism on any player, but there are some rules employed to lessen the possibility of its practice, and just here our constitution seems to be strangely lacking. A rule that has worked splendidly in the Southern association is that no man is eligible to play on a team who shall not have matriculated during the whole year. This is a valuable precaution, particularly in regard to base-ball players, and should have been embodied in our constitution.

We next find one or two rules which are likely to operate with unfairness toward colleges not having rather extensive post-graduate courses. The first section of Article VII provides that "no player shall play on the same team more than four years." The four year rule is a good thing but why the limitation "on the same team" is added we fail to see, unless it be so that a man who has been four years on a team shall be compelled to seek a post-graduate institution, while the colleges not offering such a course will be unable to get men of such experience. The better rule would be to limit a player to four years in the association, whether it be on the same or on different teams.

It is further provided that the president shall be an alumnus of one of the institutions represented. The election coming in the middle of January and the term of office continuing for one year, forces the

man eligible for president either to be an instructor or a two year's post-graduate. This seems unfortunate, as some of the colleges are unlikely to have such men who are sufficiently acquainted with and interested in athletics to fill the office well.

Two points left untouched by the constitution are whether games played between teams in the association but not in the same division, shall count on their respective per cent., and also what is to be done in the case of a tied per cent. between the two leading teams of the same division.

### For the Law Class.

The common law of athletics in this institution has as one of its constituents a particular custom which ought to be abrogated; that this will be done is *potentia remotissima*, but a plea may have some temporary effect.

The interest of the law men in matters of sport seems dependent upon a most remote contingency, but we trust the remainder of the baseball season will vest in that serious crowd of "pluggers" a sense of their athletic obligations. Our regular team has shown itself such a misrepresentation of the real baseball possibilities of the school that it would be *bona fide* appropriate for you to "burn 'em up some day this month." Probable the law school has the material for a team more competent than the Defeaters of the Valley High School, but the public wants more substantial testimony than the parol evidence of the interested parties.

Such a game would strengthen the cordial relations between the different departments and might induce some of the most industrious students to rest for one afternoon.

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