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Class Warfare.

SEVERE BATTLE BETWEEN SOPHS. AND FRESHIES.

The color red has long been held indicative of hostility, but when wielded in the form of a liberal coating of paint at the hands of sophomores it assumes a double significance,—for the Freshmen at least. Being unlearned in college lore and customs they are taught at once by their kind hearted Seniors that the said decorations represent the thrown gauntlet, challenging them to have the same removed or the stripe thereof promptly changed.

"OLD GEORGE" PAINTED.

Tuesday morning saw the immaculate white of "Old George's" summer coat stained a fiery red; nor was it difficult to discover who was responsible for the deed, since recorded below was the signature of the class of "nineteen-four." This was not all for upon the bulletin board appeared a glaring poster bearing the names of several of the yet unorganized class,—by the Sophs considered unduly fresh.

"EAT 'EM ALIVE!"

The class of 1905, with "eat 'em alive" for a soul-stirring battle cry, promptly called a meeting and unanimously decided that the primary ray then so much in evidence was far too giddy,—besides, it hurt the eyes.

The Sophomores upon the roof smiled derisively and called things green. A few "freshies" murmured monosyllabic replies, but the majority went home and prepared for business.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

In the meantime the Sophs planned a counter move, by means of which they would pass into the possession of the persons of the freshmen officers. Scouting parties were sent out, but without success, until the setting moon was casting sidelong glances at 3 a. m., when several unsuspecting privates and Sec'y Chafee were duly captured as prisoners of war.

This little skirmish gave evidence

that the main battle would soon be on. The Sophs called in their picket line and prepared for action.

'05 TO THE RESCUE.

Beyond some wooden doors and a bar or two the freshmen met with no great resistance until they came to the third story barricades of the Sophs forbidding exit to the roof above.

President Bell forthwith ordered a breach in the ceiling of the hall and the fort carried by storm. The required opening was quickly made, but the early pioneers were confronted by such a fearful hail of boulders as might well dismay the boldest and cause the veteran of many wars to stop and consider. Above this breach darkly pictured by the light of the waning moon appeared a formidable array of heavy weapons, wielded by strong armed Sophs and backed by determined faces. The Freshmen paused, but not for long. Officers Jones and Harrison called for volunteers to follow in the great assault and a score or more came forward. A living pyramid was quickly formed, and Treasurer Jones first ascended and fell fighting—a prisoner. Officer Harrison in three attempts and Private Dotson boldly followed but were fiercely assailed by a hail of blows on head and shoulders which caused both to fall covered with blood and bruises. If the Sophs had reckoned that a display of clubs in deadly action or a wounded comrade or two would daunt the Freshmen they reckoned wrongly for new ones took their places. To knock men down in such cold blooded fashion was not consistent with President Tabb's ideas of a class spirit and he wisely called a parley.

HONORS EVEN.

As a tribute to the Freshmen's valor and a concession to their possible success the Sophs agreed to hold "honors even," and "Old George" before morning light received a half coat of blue—the color held in preference by the class of 1905. Thus ended the hardest

fought class battle in recent years and we have heard no one as yet venture to assert positively that the new class hasn't got nerve.

[A "scoop"—written by our staff correspondent on the field of battle and published exclusively in the columns of this paper.]

* Chapel Exercises.

Wednesday morning was the date of the renewal of the ever memorable weekly chapel service.

After the preliminary song and prayer service Dr. Denny announced that Dr. Stevens would address the students.

Dr. Stevens stated at the opening of his address that it would not be of exactly the character which Dr. Denny had ascribed to the address of the first chapel service, i. e., popular. Indeed, he had at first chosen a subject which would have been very dry, but fortunately some one called his attention to an article written by Mr. Herbert Welsh on criminal anarchy which, thinking that it would be more popular, he had chosen.

Dr. Stevens eulogized Mr. Welsh after which he proceeded to read part of Mr. Welsh's article, branching off then on his own views. He reviewed anarchy, telling of its nefarious ends, and classifying as anarchy several practices which are not usually classed under this head.

His denunciation of lynching was very forcible, as he considers this a form of anarchy, and a form to which the Southern people should put a stop if possible.

Dr. Stevens incidentally gave notice to the world under what conditions he would take a man's life.

Athletic Association Meeting.

The regular fall meeting of the Athletic Association will be held in the Y. M. C. A. room on Friday, Oct. 4, at 4 p. m. A full attendance is most earnestly desired.

The Freshmen have taken to wearing their colors quite conspicuously pinned upon their coats. Do they consider this insignia necessary to identify them as such?

Meeting of Class 1902.

OFFICERS CHOSEN.

The Academic Class of 1902 met on Wednesday evening in Dr. Denny's class room for the purpose of electing officers for this session and transacting other routine business.

After waiting patiently for the coming of the vice-president, who, unfortunately, did not appreciate the honor of his position, as his non-appearance will prove, Mr. Smith was called to the chair and the class immediately proceeded to the election of officers. These positions seemed to be coveted even more than usual and the interest during the balloting in several cases was intense, so close were results. Mr. McNulty was elected president; Mr. William Allen, vice-president; Mr. Boogher, secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Keeble, historian.

Two places on the staff of the Calyx were also filled by the election of Mr. Sydenstricker and Mr. Crawford.

The retiring treasurer took great pleasure in narrating several instances of unpaid debts, all of which will, of course, be paid this session, as the present treasurer was directed to make an assessment for the purpose.

There being no other matters requiring consideration the members dissipated to their several avocations.

Notice.

The board of editors of the Southern Collegian are now ready to receive contributions for the November number.

The attention of the students is directed to the \$60 medal known as the Santini Prize medal which is bestowed by the faculty upon the writer of the best article in the Collegian during the session. An opinion has prevailed that this medal is only given to the writer of a long essay upon some deep subject, but such is not the case. A short realistic story, or a good palms stands equally as good a chance. Let every man with any literary ability try for it. The editors will be glad to give any suggestions or information that may be desired. E. D. Orr,
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Board of Trustees to Meet.

WILL ELECT A PRESIDENT.

Naturally much interest centers in the choice of a president of the University, which the board of trustees propose to make at their meeting on Sept. 30. While several names have been currently spoken of in connection with this office, there seems to be no degree of certainty with regard to the choice of any. Washington and Lee university has been, if we may express it thus, accused of being a sectarian institution, and any choice of a president calculated to foster such an idea would necessarily be detrimental to the character of the University, as it is represented to the public.

While those of us who have been intimately associated with the University can testify that its officers in no way seek to influence the religious opinions or convictions of its students, yet it is imperative and even essential to sustain such a reputation among outsiders that nothing be done which can be in any way construed in harmony with such an idea. We cannot deny, however, that there is apparently some ground for such insinuation among outsiders.

It is a current rumor that the board intends to elect as president a minister of the church strongest in this section and to which Washington and Lee is accused of being partial. We cannot for a moment think, however, that a board, whose

predecessors as well as themselves, have shown such wisdom in their selections in the past, would be so indiscreet as to place any minister of this denomination (or any other) at the head of the institution.

If so, then the clause in the records of the University declaring it absolutely non-sectarian and free from sectarian influences, may as well be blotted out, as a reasonable public cannot be induced to accept its declarations as genuine. If such an unusual policy be pursued, then we may as well cease to adhere to such a claim and herald openly to the world that Washington and Lee is in control of a religious denomination and averse to any innovations in its government.

Perhaps the severest conflict of class rivalry in the annals of Washington and Lee was the strife waged between the Sophomores and Freshmen on last Tuesday night and the following morning. This was perhaps the first time that any injuries of a truly serious nature have resulted from such "warfare." Both classes showed great determination to protest what they considered their rights and to make permanent a reputation which seemed to them honorable.

The marked determination and aggressiveness, as well as the pluck of the Freshmen has caused much notice, and if turned in those directions which the wisdom of our instructors would point out, will prove of lasting benefit to them not only as a class but as individuals. While approving of such class contests in general as productive of college spirit and laudable in so far as demonstrative of class pride and patriotism, we cannot but condemn to some extent the methods employed.

When the matter in question is of no more vital importance than in this case it seems to us that a method which can produce injuries of such character as were received by several of the participants and lay them open to injuries even more severe, lacks sound judgment.

If in the excitement of the contest there are any who so far lose control of their judgment as to resort to such brutal practices they should say away from the scene of action; on the other hand, if any go with any such intentions they should be delinquent from any part in the affair.

Besides the practices adopted in

the actual contest, that of bedaubing the walls and surroundings of the University in such a way as to disfigure them and necessitate an uncalled for expense in repairs is to be deprecated. We suppose that custom has rendered lawful the practice of painting "Old George" and as this is a matter of little moment we do not consider it of such deprecatory nature.

The Athletic Association.

At the mass-meeting of the student body held some days since there seemed to be a misunderstanding on the part of some with regard to the matter of season tickets, and also to the distribution of money received by the Athletic Association, and in order to clear up this subject in the minds of these few and to enlighten others who were not present a word or two is not out of place here.

The Athletic committee at its last meeting decided that all funds subscribed by the students to general athletics should pass through the hands of the treasurer of the Association and be divided between the football, baseball and boating departments in the proportion of 50, 45 and 5 per cent. respectively. The boat clubs by this division will receive more money than heretofore; and will probably be spared the usual necessary assessment. The money subscribed directly for the football coach will not be divided in this proposition but will be used directly for this specified purpose.

SEASON TICKETS.

The regular \$5.00 season ticket has been discontinued, and now it is left with the manager of the team whether he shall get out a ticket for his season or not. Mr. McNulty offers this year a ticket for the football games played on the home grounds; price, \$2.50.

The constitution of the Association also provides that a membership fee of \$1.00 shall be imposed upon all members, and all students are expected to become members and pay this sum.

Mr. Buckingham of Tennessee, has been very much in demand as a social lion during the past week.

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Miller School, 0; W. L. U. 10.

Washington and Lee met Miller School in the first game of the season yesterday afternoon. The game proved rougher than was expected by most of the spectators and the school boys put up a plucky exhibition.

Miller School kicked off and Washington and Lee carried the ball down the field to three yards of the goal by bucking the Miller line. Here the ball went over. The school boys gained five yards and lost ball on the third down. W. L. U. carried it over the goal line, but fumbled, lost the ball and scored a touchback.

Time was called before a score was made.

SECOND HALF.

In the second half W. & L. succeeded in scoring twice but failed to kick goal each time. The ball was lost on fumbles several times during the game, without which the score would have been at least 15 to 0.

The work of Smith of Indiana, and Smith of Virginia, and Haw, Fielder and Walker was probably most effective, Smith of Indiana, making the second touchdown on the longest run of the game, and all bucking the Miller line hard. Connor, who played centre in the second half, also did good work. Walker's knee was badly sprained which necessitated his leaving the game in second half, and Woodson of the Miller team succeeded in breaking his collar bone. Altogether the team shows room for improvement but the material in hand in charge of an up-to-date northern coach would produce a strong team.

Score—W. L. U. 10; Miller's 0.

LINK UP.

W. L. U.	Position.	Miller's.
Whipple, Connor	c.	Koils
Crockett,	r. g.	Critzer
Laird	r. t.	Rhodes
Smith	r. e.	Keynolds
Trundle,		
Butcheron,	l. g.	Rowan
McNulty,	l. t.	McConnell, Capt.
Swartz, Capt.	l. e.	Lewis
Hill	q. b.	Harris
Haw	r. h. b.	Laird
		Timberlake
Fielder, mth	l. h. b.	Monroe
Walker, Allan	r. b.	Woodson
Linemen—Pendleton and Letch		
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Junior Law Class Organized.

OFFICERS CHOSEN.

The Junior Law class met on Thursday morning for the purpose of organizing and electing officers for the ensuing session. Upon motion of Mr. Hays, Mr. Mahoney was made chairman of the meeting, and he declared the chair ready to receive nominations for the office of president.

Mr. Hays placed in nomination Mr. Tucker of Arkansas, and Mr. Pendleton nominated Mr. Ott of Virginia. Mr. Smith of Florida, eloquently seconded all nominations. The ballot being counted Mr. Tucker was declared elected. Mr. Ott then moved that Mr. Tucker's election be made unanimous, which motion was carried. Mr. Dillard and Mr. Moore were by acclamation elected respectively to the offices of vice-president and secretary.

All the officers elected were called upon for speeches and responded by thanking the class for the honors they had received. It was intended that the matter of adopting a class pin be discussed, but this not being generally known, and the chairman declaring a motion to adjourn in order immediately after the last election, the class adjourned precipitately, leaving the pin question unreached.

It is hoped that the members will consider this last matter and at a future meeting adopt some suitable emblem.

Washington Literary Society.

The second meeting of this body took place last Saturday night with the seats but scantily filled. Ere the meeting closed the ringing voices of the debaters had attracted an interested audience and six new members. The orators and declaimers were represented by Mr. Alex. Hamilton, who declaimed a difficult selection in a very satisfactory manner. The question, Resolved, that the educational suffrage is desirable, was represented on the affirmative by Mr. E. W. G. Boogher, and on the negative by Messrs. H. M. Hamilton and E. Sydenstricker. The debate was spirited, and interesting and the negative side of the question was having a fairly good show despite the fact that it never was much, until Mr. Ott championed the opposite side in an eloquent appeal. So after some business was transacted all came away with the conviction that E. D. Ott will make a good lawyer.

'05:

Over 50 enthusiastic freshmen met in Professor Nelson's room on Tuesday evening to affect a class organization and to form plans to meet the sophs a little more than half way. A special guard was placed at the door, and no outsiders except the RING-TUM PHI man was admitted.

Harrison called the meeting to order and the following officers were elected:

Bell, president; Harrison, vice-president; Chaffee, secretary, and O. T. Jones treasurer.

After much discussion orange and blue were adopted as the class colors and it was decided to get caps as soon as possible.

The following committee was then selected to plan and arrange for the attack upon the soph's stronghold: Harrison, Jones, Connor, Payne, Bell, chairman (selected by class.)

After a brief consultation this committee decided to lead the attack from the tennis courts at 4 o'clock the following morning. A collection was then taken up to defray the necessary expenses, and the class adjourned determined to do or die.

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The society opened last Saturday night with an oration by a man from Harrisonburg, which was soon followed by a declamation by Mr. Moffett, who always does himself proud when occasion calls.

Although the real meaning of the question for debate, whether it extended back to the time of Adam or merely to our forefathers of the Revolution or not, created some controversy, a rare thing in our society, yet after this point had been settled by the opinion of our president it was found that those who designed to discuss the question were loaded to the muzzle, expounding their ideas in a highly complimentary manner to all concerned. Mr. Preston, who held that our forefathers of 1776 were masterpieces and that their convictions were the strongest of the strong, found it an impossibility with all his eloquence to convince his opponents, Messrs. Wall and Oberlin, of that fact; their sincerity [was self-evident. Sufficent to say, the gentleman from Lexington, after roll-call, left the hall wearing the crown of victor.

Having completed the pleasant portion of the meeting the society turned to the more complex business connected with executive session, a rare thing in Graham-Lee; and Mr. Guthrie was elected president, while Mr. Blaine was selected for vice-president. Mr. Wall was honored with the office of treasurer, which, as every one knows, is one of the most difficult and trying positions in any organization. But we feel confident with his ability, and the honorable young gentlemen with whom he has to deal, that all will be attended in the best possible manner.

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Football Team :—Manager, C. S. McNulty; captain, O. E. Swartz.

Baseball Team :—Manager, W. S. Robertson, Jr.; captain, R. W. Crawford.

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