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Soph - Freshman Bowl Fight.

FRESHMEN WIN

This year the time honored custom of having the glory of painting George Washington was superseded by a different form of contest between the Sophomore and Freshman classes. This year the bowl fight was adopted, a form of contest inaugurated by the students of the University of Pennsylvania.

The contest was divided into two halves. In the first half the Sophs. attempted to put the Freshman bowlman in the bowl, while in the second there was a general tussle ending in a strenuous contest between the two sides as to which could get the most hands on the bowl when the contest ended in order to obtain possession of it as a trophy of victory. The judges of the contest were Dr. Crow and students White and Stone.

Any one who looks tightly upon an affair of this kind thinks but lightly. It was a battle royal. The Cohorts of Caesar never attacked more valiantly; the faithful few at Thermopylae did not defend more bravely. The tense expression of expectancy of impending death was seen upon the faces of some; the consciousness that great things must be done on the faces of all. Some gloried in their youth and membership of the Soph or Freshman class, others looked upon their elder schoolmates with envious eyes, as if to say that old age were a boon, and the strenuous strife of youth a thing to be avoided if possible.

Immediately before the fight the Freshmen gathered in their camp at the campus gate, where all were enthusiastically expectant and anxious for the fray. When their president was interviewed by a reporter for the Ring-tum-Phi he refused to talk for publication, further than to say in a very modest manner that they would make the Sophs. look like a dime's worth of dog meat. While the Sophs gathered beneath the sheltering shade of Washington's Roman toga, said that when they finished with the Freshmen they would immediately change their name to the Amalgamated Order of Decrepid Lobsters.

At 5:20 the Freshmen gave their yell to be answered at 5:20½ by the Sophs. At 5:23 a host of the sons of mid-night was put to flight. It is thought that grave consequences

will result from this act, for it is certain that they were either emissaries of Hannibal, here to study modern war tactics, or Ambassadors from Washington. At 5:30 the army of Freshmen advanced and took their position. House Mountain was the only tranquil thing about. It remained placid, with the assurance that it would afford a shelter for the losers.

At 5:45 the word was given to begin and the Freshmen sent out their bowlman, Mr. P. E. Collins of Tampa, Fla., whom the Sophs. proceeded to try to put in the bowl and the Freshmen to defend. It was a battle royal. In the midst of the pushing and shoving the terrific report of a shirt being torn or a head crushed could be heard. Men with drawn faces could be seen on the outskirts of the battle looking for some one small enough to push over. The battle was proceeding with honors about even when a terrific report was heard, sounding as if it might be the explosion of a bomb or a ton of dynamite. When the smoke cleared away it could be seen that one of the Sophs. in a fit of desperation had thrown an egg into the army of Freshmen, striking and mortally wounding Lieutenant-Colonel Stern. But the Freshmen rallied from this unexpected coup and fought valiantly to the end of the first engagement, which resulted unfavorably to both sides.

The second engagement was fierce and the Freshmen evened up matters with the Sophs. for throwing the bomb. It was done in this manner: Off a piece from the scene of chief conflict could be seen a writhing, struggling mass. A large man was on the ground with sixteen small men attempting to hold him. Some said it looked like the overthrow of the king-bee, while others sadly said that it recalled the Dying Gladiator. It proved to be Cousin Sam beneath a mass of Freshmen. Cousin was here after *hors de combat*. When he judged succeeded in clearing away the combatant's after the whistle blew, they decided that the Freshmen had the greater number of hands on the bowl which was accordingly given them as a trophy of victory. All were ready to quit, save one Freshman, who was trying to humiliate the president of the Sophs. and throw Tubby Stone at the same time for not letting him fight longer.

The fight was carried on in the most gentlemanly manner possible,

altho both sides fought vigorously. The Freshmen had the larger number of men which no doubt helped them considerably. After the fight they proceeded to conquer the town as they had the Sophs.

Y. M. C. A.

Mr. O. V. Armstrong in an interesting and impressive manner presented the subject of "The Morning Watch" to a large assembly of students in the lower chapel Sunday afternoon, Oct. 2.

Beginning with a historical sketch of the movement since its inception in Newport, England, Mr. Armstrong spoke of its introduction into this country by Mr. John R. Mott in the 90's and of its phenomenal growth here and in many other countries of the world.

As regards the Morning Watch itself, the speaker treated the subject under three general heads: 1. The subject matter; 2. The time; 3. The manner of keeping the Morning Watch.

The subject matter for study in the Morning Watch, Mr. Armstrong said, is the Bible. We should study it by meditation, reflection and prayer. Just as air and earth are essential to animal life, so prayer and Bible study are necessary in the spiritual. We cannot create spiritual energy but must receive and transmit it. The choicest time of every day should be given to the reception of this spiritual energy. The time when we are most prepared for this is the early morning before we have seen the faces of one fellow man or been confronted with one daily task. Then the mind is fresh, keenly perceptive and the impressions made are most lasting. What we need most of all to consider, however, is the manner or spirit in which this exercise should be carried on. The important thing is not the quantity of the service but the quality of the worship and communion. We should not make it a hollow, formal worship but should come into real vital communion with God through Jesus Christ. To do this means sacrifice, but the blessings received are a manifold recompense for the cost to us.

The Student Pythians are cordially invited to attend the meetings of Lexington Lodge No. 66, where a fraternal welcome awaits them. The meetings are held in Odd Fellows Hall every Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

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EDITORIAL

While the bowl fight of last Tuesday was not an event especially calculated to appeal to the taste of the most esthetic or to prevent broken heads and torn clothing, it was a distinct improvement over former contests between the two classes in that no college property was destroyed. Another advantage is that the contest was fought out in the open with judges to conduct and decide it, thereby guaranteeing that while some one might be used up in a way, he would not be hit on the head with clubs, plastering, etc., as has occurred within our memory. The battle though vigorously contested was carried on by both sides in a square and gentlemanly manner. It was all in all such an improvement on past contests that we hope it will be retained as the means of settling the question of supremacy between the Sophomore and Freshman classes.

Among the most pleasant features of last session were the several performances given by the Washington and Lee Dramatic Club under the direction of Miss Annie White. The performances were not only acceptable in Lexington where but very little of anything of the kind is seen, but would have been acceptable anywhere because of the ability shown by the actors, the stage setting and the costumes. It is to be hoped that the Club will reorganize this season and give us some more plays.

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Oral Debate—Oct. 11

Resolved that Judge Parker's letter of acceptance meets the issues of the campaign in a satisfactory manner.

Affirmative

Mr. Stephenson.
Mr. Hawkins.

Negative

Mr. Cox
Mr. Larrick

BRIEF FOR AFFIRMATIVE

I. General tone of the letter satisfactory; A. Frank; (1) It is not unambiguous; A. On Tariff; B On Philippines; (2) Roosevelt is vague; A. On tariff reforms. B. Deficit n Treasury; (3) Parker acknowledges the difficulties he would encounter with Republican Senate. B. Courageous; (1) Silences the money question; (2) Comes out squarely on Pension order. C. Conservative; (1) As to powers of executive; (2) Promises reduction of expenses; (3) Will avoid commercial wars.

II. The vital issues honestly met; A. Domestic issues; (1) Dingley tariff main problem; A. Excessive in rates. B. Bounty to domestic manufacturers. B. Foreign policy clearly and satisfactorily stated; (1) Imperialism the vital issue. A. Affects home government. B. It breaks down constitutional restraint; (2) Parker meets Philippine question. A. Favors treatment like that of Cuba; (3) Denounces grasping of power by executive. A. Panama. B. Pension order No. 78.

III. Special Policies sound. A. Reciprocity policy straightforward; (1) Advantageous to consumer; (2) Advantageous to manufacturer; (3) Republican dishonesty arraigned. A. Republican senate has refused to carry reciprocity treaties; (4) Commercial expansion favored. A. Favorable treaties with foreign nations. B. Reduction of tariff on certain imported goods. B. Frust attitude fearless; (1) Tariff reduction fundamental. A. Revenue only for the support of government. B. Absurdity of present claim as to protection. C. Honesty and economy promised; (1) Present situation bad on pensions and public expenditure. A. Too much paid for pensions. B. Unnecessary increase of army and navy; (2) Parker promises (a) legal method and (b) reduction of authority of chief executive.

IV. The letter reliable. A. Parker's character guarantees this. B. Promises are all practicable.

BRIEF FOR NEGATIVE

I. Parker backing casts doubt on letter. A. History of nomination : (1) Boom launched by trust magnates; (2) Character of campaign managers. B. Method of campaign : (1) Harmony the campaign slogan ; (2) Parker's silence throughout

campaign; (3) Attitude of Parker managers before convention; (4) Parker's telegram. C. People's candidate discarded: (1) Hearst the people's choice as evidenced (1) by strength on floor of convention, (2) by popular demonstrations.

II. Letter unsound on vital issue. A. Money question: (1) Barker stands for Gold standard; (2) Bimetallism best policy. B. Philippine policy weak: (1) Declaration for independence forced; (2) No mention of practical reforms.

III. Industrial attitude unsatisfactory. A. Tariff views: (1) Present tariff situation bad; (2) Yet Parker's policy bad. B. Trust remedies: (1) Evils of trust system; (2) Remedies offered are vague.

IV. Silent on Labor question. A. Arbitration not mentioned: (1) Desirable settlement of strikes; (2) Facilitates business. B. Eight hour day: (1) Favored by platform; (2) Parker silent on issue.

Class Meeting

The Senior Class held a meeting Friday afternoon in the Latin room. Mr. E. W. Kelly was elected president of the class by a unanimous vote and at once took the chair at the request of Pres. Campbell.

Mr. F. A. McGruder was elected vice-president and Mr. O. V. Armstrong secretary and treasurer. To represent the class on the Calyx board, Messrs J. W. Adnison and J. J. Chafee were chosen, the latter being named as class historian.

After some discussion it was decided to postpone the election of Vaedictorian to some date nearer the close of the first term. The Class banquet will also be discussed at that time. The question of caps and gowns was brought up and a committee appointed by the president to see the members of the class and to report the result at the next meeting.

NOTICE

University Assembly

The next meeting of the University Assembly will be held Wednesday, Oct. 12th, at 8.45 A. M.

Professor H. Parker Willis, fresh from the Philippines, will speak on "Present Conditions in the Islands."

The faculty committee has assigned to each student a seat according to his class. These seatings will be posted on the bulletin board, and in the vestibule of the Chapel.

Absences will be noted by the adjacent seats. Every student is required to attend these exercises, and to report promptly at the hour named, 8:45 A. M.

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Those present were Miss Paxton of Kansas City, Miss Galloher of Roanoke, and Misses May and Louise Haskins, Danlap, Tucker, Jordan, Staples, Margaret Graham and Brockenbrough.

Football

As is usual at this season of the year, the football management is in an awful fix. We need money and need it badly. There have not been 50 season tickets sold and the subscription list is very small. We have a good team now, much credit is due Mr. Balliett, as well as Captain Stone, on the way they have gotten the men in good running order. The schedule is stronger than it has been for some time, we have more and better teams to play on the home grounds and now it is up to the students to do their share. Come on, now is the time to show your spirit, help the management, because as soon as we see the season is not coming out we will disband the team.

Collegian

The Collegian will probably appear some time during the following week. The first issue will be a very good one. The students should patronize the Collegian and help the editor and manager by both writing and subscribing for it.

The management intends to send all new men a copy of the first issue and we hope that all the University men will take the magazine.

Hon. Robert M. Hughes of Norfolk, was nominated for congress in the second Virginia congressional district by the Republicans last week. Mr. Hughes was, for several years, professor of the law of admiralty in Washington and Lee University, and is the author of a text book on the law of admiralty, on which subject he is an authority.

Invitations have been issued announcing the wedding of B. F. Hutton, of Huttonsville W. Va., with Miss Ethelynd Virginia Bonafield of Tunnelton W. Va., The wedding is to take place on Oct. 12th. Mr. Hutton was a student in the Law Department of Washington and Lee last year. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity and has many friends among the student body all of whom unite in wishing him the greatest happiness.

Washington Literary Society.

The last meeting of the Wash. Society was of special importance.

Immediately after roll-call a joint meeting was held with the Graham Lee Society, to elect a "Recorder" of joint meetings. During the joint session other important business was attended to, after which the regular programme was resumed. Mr. Wisman, was first orator of the evening and handled his G. O. P. with wit and eloquence. Mr. Syren, delivered an oration which was highly approved by the critic.

The debate, "Resolved, That Circumstance makes the Man" was represented on the affirmative by Messrs Railing, and Williams, and on the negative by Messrs. Ritenour, and Page. Both sides of the question were ably discussed. After the programme was completed and the critic had made his report, an election was held to elect debaters, to meet the Graham Lee Society in joint debate to be held on the evening of Thanksgiving. Messrs Temple, Armstrong, and Tillman, were elected to represent the Wash. After receiving Messrs. Green, LaGore, and Mills, into membership the Society adjourned.

Law Notes

There has been very little of interest happening in the Law Building this week. The Seniors finished Partnership on Friday and will begin on Wills next Monday. This will be taught by Prof. Long, and Gardner on Wills is the text-book.

Aside from this the Lawyers have been plodding along the even tenor of their way without any very interesting happenings to molest them in their work.

It is supposed that the Bradford Law Debating Society will be started shortly. This is very interesting and instructive work and the Juniors have caught on to enough law to now to participate. We hope to be able to report its organization in our next issue.

Sloan-Payne

[Rockbridge County News, Oct. 6th]

At Harrisonburg at 1 o'clock on Thursday last at the home of the bride Mr. Edwin D. Sloan and Miss Mollie Winston Payne, daughter of Japtain W. W. Payne, were married, the Rev. Robb White, Jr., and Rev. Robert U. Brooking officiating. The bride is a granddaughter of the late General William H. Payne of Warrenton; the groom, who is a brother of Mrs. David C. Humphreys of Lexington, was educated here, at Washington and Lee, where he is well known. He has been engaged in railroad engineering in Virginia and West Virginia and now holds a position as instructor at Tulane university, New Orleans, where the young couple will live. Professor and Mrs. David C. Humphreys attended the wedding.

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ville, E. B. Hunter.

Graham Lee Society

A new feature of the work in the
Graham Lee Society this year is the
oratorical contest that is to be held
at the last regular meeting in No-
vember. This contest is open to
all members who are not applicants
for their degree this year and a
handsome medal is to be awarded to
the man who delivers the best ora-
tion.

The Society began its term's
work promptly under the able
leadership of Mr. Anders and with
the hearty support of the old men
that are back and co-operation of
the new men that have joined, has
been giving promise of a year of
enthusiastic and beneficial work.
On the night of the 17th Messrs
Bradham and Browning were elect-
ed as president and vice-president,
and Mr. Brittingham was made
treasurer. Mr. Bradham's in-
augural address at the next meeting
was well prepared, and delivered in
such an impressive manner as to as-
sure us that we still have a most
excellent leader.

West Virginia Club Meets

The West Virginians met Mon-
day and organized a club. Mr. W.
D. Hereford was elected as presi-
dent, Mr. J. Dailey vice-president
and Mr. O. V. Armstrong secretary
and treasurer. It was decided to
have a banquet during the mono-
tonous season of Lexington, Febru-
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