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Ball Contest Very Exciting

Prize fighting, foot ball and other such tame sports of a kindred type have taken a back seat since the student committee met on Wednesday, Sept. 20th, and drew up the rules and regulation for the "Freshman-Sophomore Ball Contest." The contest took place last Saturday on the athletic field and was witnessed by a large crowd. People began to gather by 4.15 and in a few minutes the grand stand was packed with ladies of Lexington and the field itself covered by students, professors, townsmen and cadets. A few visitors who came up to Lexington for the purpose of seeing the "scrap" were also present.

At ten minutes of five the two rival classes which had congregated one at one end of the field and the other at the other end were called out to take their positions. The rivals were formed facing each other, each class being seven and one-half yards from the centre of the field. Thus they stood for several minutes waiting for the pistol shot which should be a signal for the fray to begin and frequent taunts and gibes were passed back and forth. At five o'clock the shot was fired and with a mighty shout the opponents rushed at each other. Suddenly Mr. Charles Glasgow, the freshman "ball-man," was seen to shoot around the right end of the freshman line with one poor, lonesome classmate running his interference. Several sophomores immediately started in pursuit and the ball-man was downed before he had gotten very far. In a few seconds a sophomore succeeded in getting the ball out of the crowd and made a dash toward the ball-man in an attempt to touch him with the ball but was caught when in but a few yards of his goal. The two classes then mixed up in one indescribable jam. Legs, heads, arms and all other parts of the human anatomy seem piled up together in a squirming, writhing mass.

Every few minutes a freshman and a sophomore would separate from their struggling classmates and have a little private tussle of their own to the amusement of the on-lookers. For 15 minutes this continued and then the second pistol shot announcing the end of the first half was fired and the combatants separated neither side having won,

but both having lost a goodly part of their wardrobe.

An intermission of fifteen minutes was given between the halves that the half-tired men might get a little breathing space, so as to be in condition to resume the scrap. "Mr. Mackey," with his water buckets and sponge, was kept busy bathing the hot faces of the contestants.

At the end of fifteen minutes the two classes, after having exchanged positions, were again lined up, and at the signal each rushed forward in the wild endeavor to carry the ball into its rival's territory. A cry of "man hurt," came up from the sophomores, and as the freshmen drew back to avoid seriously injuring anyone, the sophomores slipped the ball across the line into the freshmen's territory. There it was held by 'Billy' Riser until the fight was ended, while sophomores and freshmen trampled, pushed and pulled at each other all around him. When the signal shot was fired Mr. A. F. White took charge of the ball, and upon examination found it to be about six inches in the freshmen's territory. He then announced the result of the fight amid the cheers and yells of the jubilant sophomores.

This is the second freshmen-sophomore contest that the class of 1908 has won, and they are very proud of themselves, as no doubt they have cause to be. In justice to the freshmen it must be said that their opponents had the advantage of knowing each other. The odds in numbers was slightly in favor of the freshmen, there being about eighty freshmen to about sixty sophomores.

Although, to the on-looker the fight appeared to be very rough indeed, but no one was badly hurt, though several sustained slight injuries, such as cuts and bruises.

Several times during the scrap a man who had been fighting too hard would fall, completely exhausted, and have to get out of the struggle until he had regained his wind.

The referees of the contest were Dr. Bitzer, Coach Brown and Mr. A. F. White. Prof. Humphreys was time keeper. The following are the rules which govern the contest:

(1) The contest shall be held on the second Saturday of the collegiate year.

(2) All men entering W. and L.

for the first time shall be considered members of the freshmen class, except those who are pursuing legal studies. All men entering for the second time, and not pursuing the legal course, may join the sophomore class or any other class to which their scholastic attainments may admit them.

(3) The contest shall be held on the athletic field.

(4) A large "medicine ball" shall be used in the contest as hereinafter stated.

(5) The contest shall consist of two halves as hereafter stipulated. The first half shall not exceed fifteen minutes, nor shall the second exceed seven minutes. There shall be an interval of ten minutes between the halves.

(5) In the first half the freshmen and sophomores shall stand opposed to each other behind their respective lines, which lines shall be seven and one-half yards from the centre of the gridiron, the ball being placed three and one-fourth yards in front of the sophomore line. The sides being chosen by lot, at the given signal the freshman shall attempt to advance their "ball man" beyond their opponents' goal line. The sophomores shall attempt to bring the ball and their opponents' "ball man" in contact; such men being previously chosen by the freshmen, and having presented himself for thirty seconds, five yards in front of the freshmen line immediately before the beginning of the contest—said man's name and personal appearance being known to the judges. Either class succeeding in its attempt shall be declared victorious, and the contest at an end.

(7) Should the contest not be decided in the first half, the ball shall be placed in the centre of the gridiron, and the two classes, having exchanged sides, shall stand opposed to each other behind their respective lines, which lines shall be three feet from the centre of the gridiron. At the given signal each class shall attempt to advance the ball beyond its opponents' goal line. Either class succeeding in its attempt shall be declared victorious, and the contest at an end. In case neither class shall have succeeded in its attempt at the end of seven minutes, that class shall be declared victorious which shall have the ball in its opponents' territory.

(8) Each class shall choose one judge and these two shall choose a third.

OPENING EXERCISES

The formal exercises incident to the reopening of Washington & Lee took place in the Lee Memorial chapel on Thursday, Sept, the 14th. Short religious services were conducted by Rev. Dr. McBryde, rector of the Episcopal church. A quartette of the Presbyterian choir composed of Mrs. S. B. Walker, Miss Sallie Preston, Professor A. L. Nelson and Mr. S. B. Walker led the music. Mrs. A. D. Estill was organist.

The chapel was well filled, about 250 students, both old and new, being present. Many visitors from the town were also present showing the interest they feel in Washington & Lee. Seated on the platform were President Denny and the members of the faculty.

At the conclusion of the devotional exercises Dr. Denny arose amid the applause of the student body to make the opening address. Dr. Denny's speech was short and informal. He welcomed the new students to the benefits and privileges afforded at Washington & Lee, an institution with much to be proud of but whose greatest glory consists in her wealth of splendid history and lofty traditions. At the same time Dr. Denny reminded us that to accept of these privileges means to assume an obligation, that of preserving the honor and traditions of Washington & Lee unsullied. He declared that the University stood for simple faith, simple life and simple ideals, and he warned the student against three classes which he said stood no show at this institution; the college duds, the college shirk and the college idler. The way to do your duty as a student at this university he defined in the negative: Don't waste time; don't waste money. This he said, had been the stumbling block which has wrecked hundreds of young men and blighted their careers in life.

At the conclusion of his address Dr. Denny made a few brief announcements in regard to matriculating; after which the services were at an end.

Methodist Reception

On Tuesday of last week the Methodist students at both Washington & Lee and V. M. I. were given a reception at the Methodist church and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Rev. J. O. Knott made a short address of welcome after which delicious refreshments which had been prepared by the ladies of the congregation were served.

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EDITORIAL

It is a sad fact, but nevertheless a true one, that the student body at Washington and Lee has not, in times past, shown enough college spirit. Now lets begin right this year. About 35 men have been out trying for the football team and Coach Brown and Captain Rankin are going to give us the best team to be had. But no matter what kind of team they put out we will accomplish nothing unless the student body give the team their support. Come out and encourage the boys when they practice and root for them when we have a game. You owe it to your college.

And just another thing. Athletics is not the only field in which you can show your patriotism. The songsters are thinking of reorganizing the Glee Club. If you have a good voice see some of the men who were in the club last year and join them. The Glee, Mandolin and Guitar Clubs made a decided hit at the chapel last session, and from all reports, they stirred things us considerably in Harrisonburg. There is no reason why it should not be a bigger success this year, if every musical man in college will do his part. Now do yours.

It does seem that the men whom the University employed to put up a new wire netting behind the tennis courts might have been gotten to do this before college opened, so that the tennis players would not have to stop their game every few minutes to run down the embankment, which is covered with weeds as high as a man's head, and look for a lost ball. But perhaps everybody was taking a vacation during the summer and this matter was overlooked.

Professor Charles L. Crow, formerly of Washington and Lee, is filling the chair of modern languages at the University of Florida.

Gathering Students Greeted

By the V. M. C. A. of the University

Aided by the generosity of the people of Lexington, by the kindness of a number of young ladies and by the hearty cooperation of its friends and members, the Y. M. C. A., on the evening of Friday, Sept. 15, again performed its function of dispelling the gloom of homesickness which is apt to fall upon new men in the opening days of the session. The cramped, dark quarters of previous years were not to be complained of on this occasion, for the ladies were given an opportunity to manifest their skill in decorating the large and well lighted room in engineering hall.

By eight o'clock this room had been tastefully decorated with flowers and the University colors. More than two hundred students had gathered in it. President Deny and other members of the faculty were also present with some visitors. The reception was opened by Captain Walker, who heartily welcomed the students into the town. Dr. Manly then spoke on behalf of the churches, and made every one realize that pastors and people felt a deep interest in the students. The faculty was represented by Dr. Howe, who promised that they would continue the manifestations of their welcome to the students throughout the year. Mr. Engle greeted the new men for the association, assured them that they were at all times welcome at its meetings, and urged them to take part in its work. Each of the speakers received close attention, and frequent applause showed that all the addresses were thoroughly enjoyed.

In declaring its stand for spiritual, mental and physical development, the Association wished to demonstrate the fact that the gastronomic feature is not to be lost sight of. So refreshments were served, and after some lusty yelling in front of the building, the crowd scattered, feeling that the Association does indeed stand for the best things in college life.

To the Alumni

Who receive this paper. The general alumni association is making an effort to keep up college interest among the alumni by class reunions and other means. Help them out all you can by keeping in touch with the things of college life as pictured in the columns of the Ringtaw Phi. Favor the paper and yourselves by subscribing—just fill out the enclosed postal card, giving your full address, and mail at once and you will receive every number.

Mr. F. M. Martin, who received his A. B. here last year, is assistant superintendent of public instruction in Texas.

W. & L. 12 Miller 0

The first game of the season was played on last Thursday with Miller School and resulted in a victory for the Washington and Lee team, the score being twelve to nothing. Millers men were exceedingly light and when weighed at the gym. after the game, averaged only 135 pounds, Nevertheless they put up a good, scrappy game and showed their pluck all the way through. The playing of our own team during to the first half was not so good but they spruced up considerably during the second half and did some very good work. Alderson who played right half back during the second did especially well, and Anderson kicked a very difficult goal in the first.

Lack of space prevents our giving the line up.

Senior Class Meeting

At a meeting of the Senior Class held in the Latin room Tuesday, Mr. D. W. Pipes was reelected president, Mr. T. B. Hubbard elected vice-president. Mr. C. A. Engle secretary and treasurer and Mr. B. M. Manly, historian.

Some question having arisen as to connection of the engineering with academic department, the election of two representatives on the Caylx board was deferred until this matter shall have been settled.

The question of wearing caps and gowns was then taken up and after some discussion the motion to have them was passed by a particularly unanimous vote. A committee consisting of Messrs. Hobson, Steves, Desha, Morse and Smith was appointed by the chair to take immediate steps toward procuring the caps and gowns which will be worn at all assembly meetings and other public functions during the year and during commencement week.

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Mr. Edgar Sydenstricker, an A. B. of Washington and Lee, has been made a professor at the Lynchburg High School.

Sam Chilton passed through Lexington last week on his way to Lynchburg. Cousin Sam will be missed when the baseball season comes.

Professor E. W. G. Boogher of Georgia Tech, who has been spending a few weeks with his parents in Lexington, has returned to Atlanta.

Mr. Edward Booker, a former student at Washington and Lee, was in town at the opening of college, on a visit to his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Booker.

Dr. J. M. D. Armstead, an alumnus of this institution, is filling the vacancy created at the Agnes Scott Institute by the resignation of Dr. Farrar.

Mr. C. D. Moss of Lake Charles, La., an alumnus of Washington and Lee, accompanied by his wife and daughter, visited Lexington one day last week.

Coach Brown

Mr. Robert R. Brown, who is coaching the football team this season, is an old Dartmouth player, having played a back at that institution. Last season Mr. Brown was coach at the University of North Carolina and during the seasons of 1902-1903 he occupied the same position at V. P. I. Much favorable comment has been heard of his work and we expect him to give us a good team.

Mr. Brown is a baseball player as well as a footballist and while at Dartmouth played first base. He will be with us the remainder of the session as he has matriculated in the law school.

Law Class Elections

The Senior Law Class met Monday, Sept. 18, in Professor Staples' classroom, the object of the meeting being the election of class officers for the current session.

The result of the election was as follows:

President: W. H. Moreland.

Vice-President: Sydnor Bohannon.

Secretary and Treasurer: Bernard R. Walzer.

A meeting of the Junior Law Class was held in the Law Building on Tuesday, Sept. 19, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President: Albert Steves, Jr.
Secretary and Treasurer: Robt. R. Brown.

Representative on Student Committee: D. S. MacDonald.

Mr. Pipes Elected

A mass meeting of the student body was held in the Chapel on last Monday, the 25th of September, at 3.30 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a president of the final ball. Mr. A. F. White called the body to order and the object of the meeting having been stated, nominations were called for. Mr. W. F. Semple then took the stand and after pointing out the necessary qualifications for a good ball president and extolling the merits of the man he had in mind placed the name of Mr. D. W. Pipes before the students. When a second to this was called for Mr. Engle arose and after making a brief talk seconded Mr. Pipes' nomination. No more nominations were made and Mr. Trimble made a motion that they be closed and the candidate elected by acclamation. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. The meeting then adjourned.

Mr. Pipes is one of the most prominent new in college, being connected with nearly every phase of college life. He is especially well known in athletics, having played on both baseball and football teams. He also won his monogram at tennis and is a member of the Athletic Association. Mr. Pipes will undoubtedly make a fine ball president.

Gift from Mrs. Page

President Denny received Monday a letter from Thomas Nelson Page, the author, an alumnus of Washington and Lee, enclosing a contribution of \$1000 to Washington and Lee university on behalf of Mrs. Page. The letter is written from York, Me. Mr. Page says:

I have the pleasure to enclose on behalf of Mrs. Page, a contribution of one thousand dollars to Washington and Lee university, as a token of her appreciation of the services rendered the cause of education by that institution. While the effort now being made to establish a library there suggested the contribution, I felt authorized to say that Mrs. Page would desire it to be applied in the way best calculated to help Washington and Lee.

With best wishes for your success.

Yours sincerely
THOMAS NELSON PAGE

It is the expectation of President Denny to apply this gift to the library fund. This is a fund of \$50,000 which President Denny has been quietly working to raise in order to equip and endow a library at Washington and Lee. The securing of this sum will enable the University to obtain \$50,000 from Mr. Andrew Carnegie with which to build a library building. President Denny has already been quite successful in his efforts to raise the fund, as much as \$10,000 having been secured.

Dr. Francis H. Smith of the faculty of the University of Virginia delivered an address of much interest on the Bible to the Young Men's Christian association of Washington and Lee at a Bible rally Sunday evening at 3 o'clock. The address was delivered in Engineering hall.

Mr. W. G. McDowell, one of our alumni who has been spending the summer at his home in Lexington, has returned to St. James Academy, Maryland, where he is a professor.

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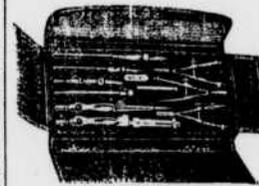
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Football Schedule

Owing to illness Mr. Vincent Miles who was chosen manager of the football team last year was unable to return to college this fall and A. F. White has been appointed by the athletic committee to fill the vacancy. The following schedule has been arranged:

October 3, Richmond college, in Lexington.

October 7, Hampden Sidney, in Lexington.

October 12, Roanoke college, in Lexington.

November 11, V. P. I. in Blacksburg.

November 18, A. & M. of N. C., in Raleigh,

Thanksgiving, Geo. Washington, in Washington.

Mr. White is also trying to arrange for other games and one with Randolph Macon college will probably be held in Lexington on October, 21st.

Opening Hop

All who were present at the Gymn Monday night, Sept. 18, voted the "Opening Hop" to be a great success. Several of Lexington's fair summer visitors graced the room and made the number of "calic" somewhat larger than usual. Music was furnished by the V. M. I. orchestra, and when at 12 o'clock, "Home Sweet Home" was rendered none of the dancers were ready to depart. The dance was chaperoned by Miss Annie White, Mrs. S. B. Walker and Mrs. Kern. The following were among the dancers present:

Misses Purcell, Tucker, Anzolette Gadsden, Elinor Gadsden, Haskins, Chamberlain, Williams, Dunlap, Brockenbrough, Kirkpatrick and Paul; Messrs. Steves, Sheafe, Stone Hubbard, Caperton, Pilkington, Bryant, Carpenter, McBryde, Rankin, Price, Shields, Trimble, Withers, Barelay, Brown, Booker, Haygood, May, Dangerfields and Hynson.

Our New Professors

Professor Thomas J. Farrar, of the chair of modern Languages at this institution is an alumnus of Washington & Lee having received his doctors degree here in 1901. Dr. Farrar came here from the Agnes Scott Institute, a girl's school at Decatur, Georgia.

Professor W. J. Lauck is also an alumnus of Washington & Lee. He received his bachelor of arts degree here in 1903 and since that time has been persuing his studies at the University of Chicago. Professor Lauck will assist Dr. Willis in the department of Economics and Political Science. As Dr. Willis will be absent from college for a year Professor Lauck will have entire charge of the department for the session of 1905-06.

Bridge Party

On Wednesday of last week Mrs. John A. Graham gave a bridge party to several of the young ladies of Lexington in honor of her niece, Miss Mary Kirkpatrick, of Montgomery, Ala., who is visiting her.

The young ladies who spent the day at the Bridge were Misses Kirkpatrick, Dunlap, Brockenbrough, Rust, Tucker and Graham.

The Harrisonburg High School has challenged the Washington and Lee second team.

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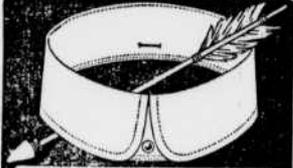
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