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## Communication

*Editor of the Ring Tum Phi:*

Now that we are all looking forward to Spring it is time we were considering our prospects for base ball. The battle scarred heroes of the gridiron have at last returned to their Castles and are nursing their wounds and the Knights of the Diamond are beginning to polish their armour for the coming frays. In the meantime let us remember they are fighting for us, their home and fellow citizens. So let us show ourselves worthy of the trials they have to undergo for our sake. If we cheer them on with our rooting and wave the dear old banners behind them, it will cause them to think their labor is not in vain.

Let each student consider this for himself, remembering that the team is a representation of our University to the outer world. And the impression it makes is not only stamped upon this institution but upon each individual member of it. Let us maintain our record of honesty, bravery, and merit throughout the east; holding our heads erect, with the proud consciousness of desert and convince all that we are southern gentlemen. This can be done by sending out a meritorious team.

We have the men we need,—let them come out. Notwithstanding the fact that many of our worthy and tried men of former season are back, there are many and good men among the Freshman classes, who can win laurels on the field. Come out—all, and show the pluck there is in you! Our coach showed great ability last fall, and there is no reason of doubt that he will not have success with the the "twirlers." Our manager has supplied us with one of the best schedules ever made at this University. There is not a weak game the whole season, and many of the best are to be played on our own grounds. We may safely look forward to contests with Syracuse, Navy, Lafayette and the like. Yet there is only one thing lacking and that is the consciousness of the students lending their aid. Should you not be so happy as to be a player, you have the honored privilege of becoming a "fan." Come out! And with all the might there in you is support the team and cheer them on to victory, that they may delineate to the world that Washington and Lee cultivates men!

A STUDENT.

## A Suggestion as to the Ring-tum Phi.

*Editor of Ring-tum Phi:*

I have read the editorial in your issue of last week in reference to a change in the RING-TUM PHI with great interest, and it strikes me as both proper and expedient. Your suggestion that the college weekly be controlled by other means than by a vote of the entire student body is a wise one; and it would seem to imply that the RING-TUM PHI ought to be turned over to some body of students already organized, or to some body created for that purpose. This latter appears to me to be out of the question, and in looking around for some student organization into whose hands the RING-TUM PHI could be given it seems to me that there is none better than the Athletic Committee.

The advantages to be gained from such a system would be many. In the first place since that committee is, in part, composed of the officers of the Athletic Association, and since those officers are elected by a vote of practically the whole student body, each and every student who wants it could have a share in the running of the RING-TUM PHI. Furthermore, in making a choice of editor and business manager for the paper the three students on the committee would be aided by both the advice and the votes of a member of the faculty and of the gymnasium director. The wisdom this committee has shown in the past with regards to the selection of managers for our athletic teams seems to me to be a sufficient guarantee that they are perfectly capable of controlling the RING-TUM PHI with satisfaction should it be seen fit to give it to them. This method of running the college weekly is not unprecedented—it is in vogue at a good many other institutions of learning; for instance, the University of Virginia. If it can be managed elsewhere with success and satisfaction why not here? I sincerely hope that this plan will be given due consideration.

L. M.

A lecture on Japan, the manners and customs of its people and missionary work among them, illustrated by beautiful views from the stereopticon, will be delivered in the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock by Mr. Cameron Johnson, a returned missionary. A collection will be taken up, the proceeds of which will be applied to the hospital at Donshang, China, at which Dr. Ran. T. Shields, an old Lexington boy, is surgeon. The public is invited.

## The University Press Club Organizes

The Press Club met in Engineering Hall last Saturday evening and adopted, with a few changes, the constitution as drafted by the committee appointed therefor. Officers were not elected, as many of the members were absent. Accordingly Chairman Semple was empowered to call a meeting two weeks hence, at which time a president, vice-president and secretary will be chosen.

The prime object of this organization is to promote greater interest in literary art and journalism, a need which has long been felt at this institution, and each man who is interested in this line of work is earnestly requested to make himself known to the club, where he may be admitted to membership upon the vote of three-fourths of the present members. The club has also decided to hold a series of banquets during the year, and on such occasions at least one member will have prepared a paper treating some phase of journalistic work. The present membership is composed of the following:

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These men are requested to be present at each meeting.

## Notice to Baseball Men

Very few of the candidates for the baseball team realize that the gymnasium work now being done is necessary or important. A few men report every day, some come when they feel like it, and others have not even shown up at all. The team will be chosen from the best men of those reporting daily. Roll call will commence Monday, Feb. 5th, and no one will be considered for the team who has not reported to Captain Trimble, or to me. There are some good players in college who have been on former teams, and they have not realized that they must take this preliminary work. If you wish to make this team, report Monday at the gym.

ROBERT R. BROWN, coach.

## Bradford Debate Court

The Bradford Debate Court was opened pursuant to adjournment at 8:15 p. m. January 30, with Professor Stapler in charge. Present Grasboll, chief justice; and Benson, Mills, McGuire, and Faulk, associate justices. The record of the court was read and Deputy Clerk Nix called the case of Preston vs. Hull for argument.

The point at issue was as to the validity of a bond signed in blank by the defendant, the name of the obligee having been inserted by an agent of the maker under parol authority. From a judgement against him in the circuit court the defendant appealed.

The case was argued for the appellant by Attorneys McMurran and Peck, Moore and Murry appearing for the appellee. A strong case was presented by both sides and an exhaustive opinion was handed down by Chief Justice Grosboll reversing the judgment of the lower court, Asso. Justice Mills dissenting. Court was then adjourned to meet Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 8 p. m.

The decision in this case is an important one in Virginia and has been watched for with a great deal of interest by the attorneys all over the campus, as the courts of the different States are in serious conflict as to the sufficiency of parol authority to enable an agent to fill blanks left in a sealed instrument.

## Custis Lee Engineering Society

This society will hold its next regular meeting on Friday, Feb. 9, at 8 o'clock p. m. Scientific men are cordially invited to attend. The following papers will be read and discussed:

Discussion of Proposed New Athletic Field, by W. H. Dunlap.  
The Slide Rule, by H. L. Handley.

The attention of all men, who are eligible to membership, is called to the fact that only men who hand in their names before Feb. 10th will be enrolled as charter members.

## Shenandoah Valley Club Meets

The Shenandoah Valley Club met Jan. 20 in the Latin room and was called to order by President Wi-man. After some discussion it was decided that a banquet should be held on the evening of Feb. 21, and a committee was appointed to arrange therefor. Calyx representation was decided upon and a committee was appointed to adopt a uniform club pin. There being no further business the club adjourned.

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Rockbridge County News Print

We published in our last issue a communication signed "A Senior" with regard to certain unsatisfactory conditions existing in the University in general and at the dormitory in particular; and it had been our intention to add a few comments but we were prevented from doing so by lack of space. The article in question implied two things: First, that the cost of an education at Washington and Lee is unnecessarily high; second, that those students living in the dormitory do not get a fair return for their money. We think the former is hardly true, but that the latter is undeniable. It is well nigh impossible to get a hot bath at the dormitory; the lights there are miserable; and a few other things in connection with the building can't be put in class A. We feel sure that now attention has been called to the matter the University will correct things. But there is another side to the question which was not considered. Even if the University does correct matters at the dormitory won't the rates still be too high? Granting that the students there get a fair return for their money are not the rates too high even then? As pointed out, the dormitory did not cost the University anything; no capital was invested; yet the dormitory is a source of revenue to the University. Now was this Mrs. Lee's object in giving the dormitory? or was it her object to make the cost of education here cheaper by making it possible for a great many students to obtain cheaper room rent? All hinges on the answer to this question. If Mrs. Lees wanted to supply the University with a source of revenue, then the rates ought to be put up just as high as can be done without causing the building to be vacated. If, however, this was not her object; if, on the other hand,

her object was to make education here cheaper, "more within the reach of the masses," then the rates should be so regulated that the income would, as near as is possible, equal what it costs the University to run the dormitory and keep it up. But perhaps the authorities do not know what Mrs. Lees' object was and if such is the case would it not be the fairest thing to lower the present rates, and while getting a slight income for the University, yet at the same time allow the students to have some share in the "good fortunes of their Alma Mater?"

The reporter for the Wash. Society failed to hand in any copy this week, while the Graham-Lee copy came in after 10 o'clock this morning. This is extremely annoying to the editor and must be stopped. We have taken particular pains to find space for the societies in every issue and if it has ever failed to appear it is not our fault. Heretofore the society reporters have been fairly prompt, and we hope they are not now beginning to backslide. Before they do, however, we wish to state that if the societies are going to begin sending in their copy only when it suits their convenience we shall exercise the same privilege and publish a report of their meetings only when it suits us. The editor can't be chasing around every Saturday morning trying to fill a column or more that has been reserved for the societies. In future society reports must be in by 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

### Graham-Lee

The society was called to order by President Hobson. Messrs. Staples and Leech rendered very excellent declamations, after which the debate was called:

Resolved, That the element of party distinction should be eliminated from local and municipal elections.

The affirmative was championed by Messrs. Desha and Benson; the negative defended by Messrs. Boyer and C. R. Pilkington. After a very spirited and interesting debate the judges rendered their decision in favor of the negative.

The society, after the debate, passed into business session. Mr. Flannigan was elected President and Mr. L. J. Desha vice-president. As it was in order to elect an orator to compete against some representative of our brother society to contest with the University of Virginia the society chose Mr. C. R. Pilkington. We then adjourned to meet again on Feb. 3.

As the debate will be of special interest to all 1909 men we urge all to come.

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### Personals

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Mrs. Louis W. Powell arrived in Lexington a few days ago from Duluth, Minn., with four children, one of whom a son has been entered as a student at Washington & Lee. Mrs. Powell will remain some time in Lexington, where she is pleasantly remembered as Miss Allie Jewell.

Rev. W. H. Milton of Roanoke city, preached two excellent discourses at R. E. Lee Memorial Episcopal church last Sunday morning and evening. Rev. W. H. Boyd of Roanoke, is expected to preach there next Sunday. Bishop Randolph has written that he will visit the congregation Wednesday, March 14th.

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### Mr. Vaughtan's Lecture

#### ON NATIONAL BANKING SYSTEM

Mr. B. Estes Vaughtan, cashier of the First National Bank of Lexington, delivered a lecture on Monday before the Class in Economics 1, on "The National Banking System of the United States." Mr. Vaughtan is a financier of considerable ability and is thoroughly conversant with the national banking system. His lecture was listened to with a great deal of pleasure, profit and appreciation by the students composing the class.

### Basketball.

On Friday of last week our basketball team met the team representing the University of Virginia on the latter's home grounds and was defeated by a score of 22 to 6. The game was an unusually clean one, very few fouls being called.

Considering the fact that this is our first game, that basketball was never played at Washington and Lee until this year, and that we were playing away from home, this is not so bad.

The management of the team is endeavoring to obtain several other games, and we will probably play Virginia again some time this month in Lexington.

## BASEBALL SCHEDULE

WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON

Manager Toms has experienced some slight difficulty in getting the arrangements complete for a baseball trip and this has prevented him from winding up his schedule. Everything is now very nearly ready, however, and after the schedule has gone before the faculty for approval it will be published in these columns. We would feel safe in saying that it will be out by the middle of the month, though this is not positive.

The management this year has pursued the wise policy of eliminating all games with inferior colleges; and, with the exception of the first two games, no preparatory schools will be played. Quite a large number of games will be played on our home grounds—twenty we understand, though this did not come direct from head quarters. Among them will be two games with Syracuse university. Evidently with the idea of giving the students a most pleasant surprise when they see the excellent schedule which he has gotten for as the manager has been rather uncommunicative about his arrangements. However we have heard several things here and there. Harvard has published her schedule and Washington & Lee is on it; the game to be played in Richmond. Davidson is going to cross bats with us on our home grounds. We think the students may safely look forward to games with Virginia, Navy, Geo. Washington and Lafayette.

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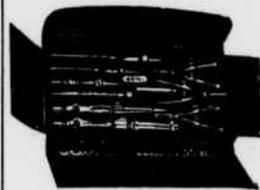
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## ORAL DEBATES

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Question: Resolved, That a system of home rule should at once be established in the Philippines.

SPEAKERS

<i>Affirmative.</i>	<i>Negative.</i>
Witten	Schwabe
Wisman	Staples

BRIEF FOR AFFIRMATIVE

I. Our right to control islands questionable. A. Occupation forcible. 1. Philippine troops used but not recognized a. In capture of Manila. 2. Caused discontent.

II. Conditions demand change. A. Civil government not well administered. 1. Governor has too much power. 2. Constabulary inefficient. 3. Records not properly kept. Filipino officials paid less than Americans. a. Do same work. 5. Arbitrary control of municipal and provincial elections by the commission. B. Judicial system needs reform. 1. Judges not familiar with law or language. 2. Arrests made on little evidence. a. Evidence corrupted by spies. 3. Jury system needed. C. Commission controls public opinion in United States. 1. Evil effects misstated by commission. a. Filipino misunderstands motives of the commission. 6. System adopted by commission unsuited to the people.

III. Filipinos capable of self-government. A. Hence we should adopt policy. IV. Economically best for U. S. A. Decreased expenses to government. 1. Reduction in cost of administration. V. Local government adapted to the people should be granted. A. Should have townships or county government. 1. Elective franchise should be established. 2. Provincial government should be established. a. Should be unrestricted by commission. 3. Should adopt English colonial policy.

BRIEF FOR NEGATIVE.

I. Filipinos incapable of self-government. a. Politically disrupted. b. Lack education and character. c. Morally dishonest. d. Lack experience. e. Naturally revolutionist, II. Not a homogeneous race. a. Scattered among over 2,000 islands. b. Speaking many different languages. c. Would never act in harmony. III. Present policy toward island is best. a. A compromise between independence and absolute control. b. Necessary to protect against foreign encroachments until Filipinos are made more capable. c. Adapted to condition of natives. d. More liberal concessions would result disastrously. IV. Semi-official pledge of ultimate independence. a. Utterances of Taft and Roosevelt. b. Policy of administration.

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