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Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION

The annual reception, given to the new students by the Young Men's Christian Association to the new students, was held on Friday night, the 13th, on the University Campus. The lawn between Engineering Hall and Newcomb building was beautifully lighted with Japanese lanterns and a rostrum and seats were arranged for the convenience of carrying out the program.

Mr. C. S. Osborne, president of the W. L. U. association, presided, and announced the following speakers:

Dr. Howerton, the new professor of philosophy, who extended a welcome to the new men on behalf of the faculty; Mr. D. W. Pipes, who spoke on behalf of athletics; H. M. Dow for the "Calic"; T. R. Cather for the Literary Societies; and J. H. Larrick for the Y. M. C. A. Each of the speakers was cheered as he ceased. Refreshments were then served, consisting of an ice course and cake.

During the progress of the reception were heard distant murmurings and discords caused by beligerent bodies of Freshmen and Sophomore, who were organizing themselves in the vales and jungles around about Lexington, and frequently the spectators were startled from their seats by the war-whoops of the contending parties and the faint, far-off voices "propheying war."

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the Student Body held its first meeting of the year in Newcomb Hall Wednesday afternoon. The matter of the Freshman-Sophomore fight was taken up and it was agreed that a push-ball contest be held under the same rules as last year's fight, except that only 40 men from the Freshman and 30 men from the Sophomore class will take part in the fight.

The committee is composed of J. H. Larrick, chairman, Hood, vice-chairman, Campbell, secretary, Minetree from the Senior Academic class, Batten, Junior Academic, Lybrand, Senior Engineering class, Pipes, D. W., Senior Law, Somerville, Sophomore and Bryant, Freshman.

The Junior Law and Junior Engineering classes have not yet elected representatives.

OPENING HOPS

The opening hops of W. & L. U., given by the Cotillion Club, took place in the University gymnasium Monday and Tuesday nights. They were well attended by both old and new students and were remarkable for the unusual number of "calic" present, quite a large number of visiting ladies being in Lexington at present.

The opening hops are always the prominent society features of the opening of the college session, and are the only regular dances until Thanksgiving.

Among the dancers in the University gymnasium were: Miss Anna Purcell, Miss Frances Myers, Miss Elizabeth Preston and Miss Taylor of Richmond, Miss Hogue and Miss Gilkeson of Staunton, Miss Heald and Miss Gilliam of Lynchburg, Miss Williams of Independence, Mo., Miss Heyward of Columbia, S. C., Miss Logan of Salem, Misses Lewis of Berryville, Misses Gadsden Miss Louise Haskins, Misses Patton, Miss Howe, Miss Brockenbrough, Miss Staples and Miss Bessie Catlett of Lexington, Miss Mason, Miss Terry, Miss Gladys. The chaperones were: Mrs. James W. Kern, Mrs. Samuel B. Walker, Jr., Mrs. Jas. Lewis Howe, Mrs. B. M. Krug and Miss Annie R. White.

The music was furnished by the V. M. I band.

Reception to Students and Cadets

The members of the Methodist church of this place tendered a reception to Students and Cadets in the Sunday School room adjoining the church, last Tuesday evening. The room was beautifully decorated with ferns, golden rod and potted plants. Mr. Kennedy, the superintendent of the Sunday school, made a few remarks, followed by an address of welcome by the pastor. During the evening musical selections were ably rendered by Mrs. Embrey, Miss Bessie Quisenberry, Miss Ruth Deaver and Mr. Karl Leith. Refreshments were served and everyone seemed to have a genuine good time which promises not to be forgotten soon. Freshmen were in abundance but were afraid to accompany the "Calic" home without the company of upper classmen.

SENIOR CLASS MEETING

The Senior Class met in Engineering Hall Tuesday afternoon. The matter of caps and gowns was taken up and a committee composed of W. R. McMurrin and Larrick J. H. was appointed by President Minetree to look after this matter.

The Academics and Engineers decided on separate officers, and the following men were elected:

SENIOR ENGINEERS

McMurrin, president.
Deets, vice-president.
Havlin, secretary and treasurer.
McCoy, representative to the Ring-tum-Phi.
Payne, Calyx representative.
Lybrand, executive committee-man.

SENIOR ACADEMICS

Smithson, president.
Osborne, vice-president.
Marquess, secretary and treasurer.
Paxton, Ring-tum-Phi representative.
Gabriel and Moore, Calyx representatives.
Minetree, executive committee-man.

Graham-Lee Literary Society

The Graham Lee Literary society held its first meeting of this session in their hall on last Saturday night, Sept. 14th, with a reasonably good attendance. President Keebler having been detained, secretary McMullen called the society to order and J. P. Hobson, by vote of the society, took the chair and made a hearty speech of welcome to the new students.

The program was rendered in a creditable manner. The orators were Messrs. Burks and Somers, the declaimers Messrs. Stevenston and Staples.

The debate, upheld on the affirmative by Messrs. Milling and Hobson and on the negative by Messrs. Boyer and McMullen, was conducted with spirit and vigor, and was won by the affirmative.

Shortly before adjournment President Keebler's appearance raised the whole society's applause. He announced that the next regular election of officers would take place on next Saturday night, the 21st. After admitting several new members the society adjourned.

NEW MEMBERS OF FACULTY

Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., who has accepted the Chair of Philosophy in Washington and Lee, is a Presbyterian minister, and was educated at the Southwestern Presbyterian University at Clarksville, Tenn. He has served postorates in Arkansas, Virginia and North Carolina and was recently president of the Chantaqua Assembly at Montreat, N. C.

Professor Thomas K. Urdahl succeeds Dr. H. Parker Willis in the William L. Wilson chair of Economics and Political Science. Dr. Urdahl is a native of Wisconsin and received his Doctor's degree at the University of Wisconsin. He spent several years at the University of Berlin and comes here from Colorado College, where he was head of the department of Economics.

Washington Literary Society

The Washington Literary society held its first meeting of the new year last Saturday night. The attendance was the largest in two years. The meeting was called to order by President Cather, who delivered in pleasing manner a strong and appropriate inaugural address. An oration, "The Disappearance of Sectional Hatred," by Osborne was decidedly the treat of the evening. Messrs. Montgomery and Spahr were the declaimers. The question for debate was Resolved that the Present Increase of the Navy Should be Maintained. Messrs. Smithson and Ragon representing the affirmative, after a spirited contest won out over Messrs. Richardson and Kenny, representing the negative.

From the large attendance and the spirit manifested it seems that "Old Wash." is sure to enjoy another prosperous year.

Opening Chapel

The 125th session of Washington and Lee University, opened Thursday the 12th, with exercises in the Lee Memorial Chapel. After the singing by the choir of the anthem, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountain," Rev. W. S. Hammond offered the opening prayer. Dr. Denny followed with a brief address to the students, advising immediate entrance upon college duties, after which matriculation began.

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Rockbridge County News Print

There are a great many men in College who have not yet subscribed to the Ring-tum-Phi, and in order to keep in touch with the happenings around college it is necessary that you subscribe to the paper, which is published for your benefit.

There is a great lack of College spirit here at Washington and Lee, and we need to create more, which can be done by subscribing to the College publications and keeping posted as to what is going on around College.

As for the Alumni there is no way in which you can keep in touch with your College, unless you subscribe to the Ring-tum-Phi, by so doing you get all the College news every week, and we know there is no true alumnus of Washington and Lee who does not want to know what is happening at his old College.

The foot-ball schedule is a good one and you want to see what the boys are going to do with their opponents this year, you want to read the accounts of the games just as they are and not as they are sometimes published in other papers.

So brace up and subscribe to the Ring-tum-Phi and keep posted.

Dr. H. Parker Willis, who has since 1898 been at the head of the department of Economics and Political Science of Washington and Lee, has resigned and is now Professor of Finance at George Washington University. His loss is greatly regretted by every student in Washington and Lee and particularly by those who have worked with him in his department. Dr. Willis was admired by the students for his independence of thought and his advocacy of the absence "buncombe," not

only in Economic reports, but in all affairs of life.

The Editorial Staff have decided to place a box in the co-operative book-store, for the convenience of all those who wish to contribute articles to the Ring-tum-Phi. Articles can be deposited in this manner thereby doing away with the inconvenience of seeking out the Editor. All articles should be deposited before noon on Friday of each week.

There is a "howl" going up from the law department about the bad lights in the library. This is not the first occurrence of the kind in the history of this department, and it seems that some relief should be afforded. Five or six dim lights are wholly inadequate for so large a room as the library and for so many men as now are matriculated in the department.

Mr. Mercer Addresses Students.

Mr. Edward C. Mercer, a native of Georgia, and an alumnus of the University of Virginia, addressed large student audiences on Thursday and Friday nights in the University Chapel. Up until the first of September Mr. Mercer has been with famous Jerry McAuley Mission in New York where a few years ago he was converted from a life of dissipation.

Mr. Mercer is a man of striking personality, and his message went straight to the hearts of his hearers who listened with the keenest attention. His words were words of warning to the men who are tempted to lead dissipated lives, and a living tribute to the power of Jesus Christ which had been so wonderfully proven in his own changed life.

Mr. Mercer came here from the University of Virginia where he had had several strong meetings. He left today for Staunton where he will hold a meeting for men tomorrow. His visit will long be remembered as he leaves behind many friends.

An effort is being made to organize a glee club for Washington & Lee meetings were held for that purpose Wednesday afternoon and again this afternoon. It is hoped that every man in college who has ability along this line, will join and make the club a success. No technical knowledge of music is required. Mr. Karl Leith is director of the club.

Those who have in charge the beautifying of the Campus deserve the compliments of the student body for their improvements during vacation. The granolithic walk, running from the Episcopal church towards V. M. I., adds greatly to our already attractive campus.

HELP WANTED

Fortunately for the student there are many phases of college life besides the text-book and the lecture room, and the man who only sees the one side is to be greatly pitied, as he misses the very things that are necessary to broaden him out, besides the keen enjoyment which always comes from participation in them.

Most college men have long since realized the great value of athletics and very cheerfully give their time and money to its support. And well should they, for they can find very few investments that will pay them greater and more lasting dividends in strong bodies and steady nerves.

Although there is not the same bursting enthusiasm shown in the Halls of the Literary Societies as there is on the Athletic Field, still one can by no means say that the Student Body is not fully awake to the far reaching benefits to be derived from a thorough training in the art of debate and public speaking.

But unfortunately, when you come to the religious work of the college, that is promoted by the Young Men's Christian Association, you are met with indifference, on the part of a large number of the students, and the Christian students at that. Is there any reason why the very best men in College, the men who are generally regarded as leaders, should not join in the work of the Christian Association, as well as in athletics and the Literary Societies? Is there anything in the work that can in the very least be termed "unmanly"? Should not the work, which has for its purpose the development of the students highest nature, appeal to the very best that is in every man?

Now some man will say, "Yes, I know, but the Y. M. C. A. never has been 'much force' in College, and I don't like to go in with anything that is not popular." Well men, granting for the sake of argument, that the association heretofore has not been very popular, who's to blame? Can any College activity meet with success that does not have the support of the whole Student body?

If you go to Yale, Princeton, West Point, or in fact most any of the Northern schools, you'll find the leaders in Athletics are also the leaders in the Young Men's Christian Association and are all the more popular for that reason. At Yale last year there were 3,300 students, and over 2,000 of these were members of the Association. This certainly

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goes to prove that the students there find that being a member and worker in the Y. M. C. A. does not lower them in the opinion of their fellow-students, and also that they must find some genuine pleasure in the work.

The Association here should reasonably expect every man in College to join them, and they should certainly have a claim on every Christian man. It is not the dollar and a half that they are after but the man and his influence. It is a whole lot easier to get along without the money than it is without the man.

This is not written in any spirit of criticism; far from it, but simply to set the men to thinking so that they shall see that the Y. M. C. A. is worth their interest and work, as well as the other college activities, and that only with their hearty and full cooperation can it hope to hold the place in College that it should.

Walter Dunlap, B. S., '06, who has accepted a position as adjunct professor in a Western University, visited W. & L. a few days the opening week.

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Personals

Foxhall Daingerfield of Kentucky, has returned to college.

C. P. Light, B. A., '06, is in Lexington. He is teaching in a High School in Staunton.

Pat Krebs has returned to Washington & Lee in search of a general knowledge of the law.

W. N. Grubb, M. A., of Washington & Lee, has returned to college. He has enlisted in Judas's "Prep" Greek class.

Robt. Thatch, Jr., who has been sick at his home in the dormitory the past week, is reported to be slowly improving.

While Coach Brown is not yet inclined to give out any definite information, as to the football outlook, yet to the untrained eye the husky squad on Wilson Field looks good. The line men are about the same as last year. The back field is at present covered with new men. Capt. Bill Streit will show up in a day or so to take his old place.

Junior Law: Hello, Dick! That's a dandy pipe you are smoking all right. Where did you get it?

Calico Dick: At McCrum's. It is a peach, isn't it.

Fraternity Directory

Phi Kappa Psi.: J. S. Gravely, M. I. Lippett, F. F. Mill, H. M. Dow, J. W. Addison, F. Bartenstein, J. J. Cooper, J. M. O'Brien.

Transfer: Henderson.

Pledge: Lynch.

Delta Tau Delta: E. I. Beale, L. P. Holland, R. B. Pruitt, W. H. Marquess, Jr., W. H. Jackson, Wm. McRae, T. T. Knote, W. R. Ramsey, Jr., A. Brown. Caskie. Pledges: Saunders, Orto, Winborne.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon: W. M. Wood, H. H. Ragan, W. W. Hampton, R. C. Milling, C. H. Moore, H. K. Smart, B. M. Krug, B. M. Chenoweth, J. N. Montgomery, J. N. Pease, T. Newton. Transfer: Severe.

Pledges: Page, Hampton, Brown, Henley.

Sigma Phi Epsilon: T. N. Havlin, H. M. White, C. H. Blackford, S. M. Ray, C. W. Streit, C. R. Carter, A. H. Payne.

Pi Kappa Alpha: W. R. McMurray, T. J. Watkins, W. T. Hall, J. H. Lyle, Le Roy Hodges, R. W. Arnold, G. E. Penn, S. H. Beard, J. M. Nelson.

Alpha Tau Omega: E. S. Humphreys, E. R. Cover, J. B. Baker, G. L. Hughes, J. F. Thompson, G. W. Allison.

Transfer: T. J. Watkins.

Pledges: Sutton, L'Engle, Armentrout.

Kappa Sigma: R. M. Strassel,

C. S. Gsborne, R. Anderson, W. F. Riser, H. M. Witt, Law Lamar.

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Pledges: Chas. Ellison, J. Tucker, J. H. Barrow.

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Theta Chi.: E. A. C. Hoge, E. L. Alderman, H. W. Ordeman, H. A. Derr, K. M. Leith, K. W. Denman, A. P. Lee, W. E. Moreland, C. P. Robinson, W. T. Turnbull, W. T. Delaplaine. Initiates: P. H. Hardy, L. C. Chew, E. Rinehart, W. Parfitt, M. E. Kurth, C. H. Stein, Morales.

Reorganization of Shenandoah Club.

The men from the "Vale of Shenandoah" met Friday afternoon and reorganized the Shenandoah Valley Club, electing C. S. Osborne, president; T. R. Cather, vice-president; C. L. Green, secretary and treasurer, and J. P. Will, historian. The outlook is bright for a successful year and a glorious temperance (?) banquet, when the fit season shall arrive.

Castle Hill

The Hotel DeHart, or as it has been more commonly called the "Boom," has been converted into a dormitory under the appellation of Castle Hill. The building is well equipped in every way for this purpose and bids fair to become very popular in its new use. A magnificent view of the surrounding country is one of the greatest advantages. The "Castle" with its blaze of electric lights presents an imposing spectacle to Lexington.

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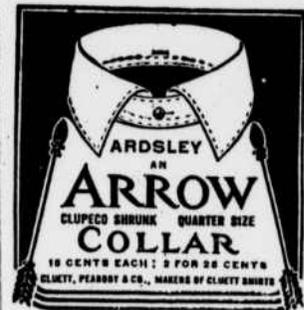
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SENIOR LAW ELECTIONS

The first meeting of the Senior Law Class was called Tuesday evening by our popular last year's president, Dave Pipes, who upon motion of Wade Hampton appointed Messrs. Staples, McMullen and Berry to draw up resolutions concerning the death of our late classmate, Mr. Taylor.

We then proceeded to elect our officers for the coming year. The following were the successful nominees:

President, A. B. McMullen, Florida.

Vice-President, Bill Jackson, Florida.

Secretary and Treasurer, Abe Staples, Virginia.

Historian, Harry Burton Florida.

Students Executive Committee, Dave Pipes, Louisiana.

Calyx Board, R. F. Berry, Virginia, E. T. McIlwaine, Florida.

Ring-Tum Phi Board, Thomas J. Watkins, Florida.

Short but tasty orations were delivered by the incoming and outgoing presidents, for which there was great applause.

We regret very much the loss of some of our last year's classmates, but at the same time we wish to welcome those who have newly taken their places in our ranks.

Here's to a pleasant and profitable session to each and every member, and may they all subscribe to the Ring-Tum Phi.

Sophomores

The Sophomore Class held a meeting Thursday afternoon, Sept. 19th, in Engineering Hall. The officers consist of those elected last session; J. Izard, president; Montgomery, vice-president; Pease, secretary and treasurer. The chief topic of interest was the ball fight, which is to take place between the Sophs. and Freshmen Monday, Sept. 23. It was decided to select 30 men from the class to participate in the contest. The next meeting will be held Saturday.

Freshmen

The Freshman Class met in the English Room Wednesday for the purpose of organization. R. Bryant was elected president; Wilson, vice-president; Daniel secretary, and Parfitt, treasurer. The ball fight was discussed and preparations made for the contest. Forty men were selected from the class to oppose 30 selected from the Sophs.

Mr. O. L. Lucas of Mississippi, has been appointed Assistant Librarian, and Mr. R. G. Ayres of Lexington, Custodian of the Reading Room for the session of 1907-'08.

In Memoriam

Whereas, God in His wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our friend and fellow classmate, Arthur C. Taylor, and

Whereas, we feel severely the loss our class has sustained in his death, therefore be it resolved

First, That we, the members of the Senior Law Class, do recognize in his death a sincere loss.

Second, That we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy in this, their sad misfortune.

Third, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Senior Law Class of 1908; that they be published in the Southern Collegian and in the columns of the Ring-tum-Phi, and that a copy be sent to the parents of our deceased friend.

A. P. STAPLES, JR.,
A. B. McMULLEN,
R. F. BERRY,
Committee.

In Lexington With His Bride

Mr. James LeRoy Mills of Norfolk, Va., a well-known student of Washington and Lee University, reached Lexington Sunday with his bride, who was Miss Iva Duncan, the attractive daughter of Mr. Constance Duncan of Norfolk. The marriage took place Saturday evening, September 14, 1907, at 9:00 o'clock at the home of the bride, Rev. Dr. Fristoe of the Baptist church, officiating.

Mr. Mills is pursuing his law course at Washington and Lee.—Lexington Gazette.

The Ring-tum-Phi extends congratulations. Ed.

Foot-Ball Schedule

Sept. 28—Hampden-Sidney, Lexington.

Oct. 5—University of N. C. at Newport, News Va.

Oct. 12—Roanoke College at Lexington.

Oct. 19—V. P. I. at Lynchburg.

Oct. 26—M. A. C. at Lexington.

Nov. 2—Richmond College at Lexington.

Nov. 9—U. of V. at Charlottesville.

Nov. 18—Baltimore Medical College at Lexington.

Nov. 28—Thanksgiving—Bucknell at Lynchburg.

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