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Hard Fought Game at Lynchburg

V. P. I. 5; W. & L. 0

Score Made at Beginning of Game

Ordinarily the fellow who attributes back sets to "hard luck" finds very little sympathy among his fellow men, but when its rolled up to you in chunks as big as House Mountain, like it was to the W. & L. football team last Saturday at Lynchburg, then you have a perfect right to yell "hard luck." Never, perhaps, in all the long history of Washington and Lee University did eleven men put up a more faithful and stubborn scrap than Captain Streit and his followers. Time and again did the White and Blue sweep the stubborn cadet line within striking distance of the goal only to have that superb punter, Hodgson, boot the pigskin down the field for 40 or 60 yards.

To leave "hard luck" out of the question our defeat may well be attributed to the nervousness of some of the men and a general lack of spirit in the whole team for the first five minutes of play in which V. P. I. scored. This score in the early part of the first half, coming as it did on a miserable fluke, had a tendency to arouse our boys and from that on a fight was waged that will be remembered by the rooters of both teams for many days. Washington and Lee after the touchdown was decidedly on the offensive while V. P. I. worked altogether on the defensive.

Washington and Lee clearly outplayed her opponent at all times. The second half was played almost entirely within V. P. I.'s territory, and nothing but the pluckiest of work by the cadets, aided by miserable fumbles by our boys, kept W. & L. from scoring. One, however, would certainly be accredited with bad judgment by those who know if he should say other than that V. P. I. had a spirited team. While our line apparently was much stronger and our backs gained more ground than theirs, yet at punting they outclassed us as far as Yale would a prep. school. Hodgson's exhibition of punting was something brilliant. Time after time when it seemed

W. & L. must score he put a damper on it all by long punts, which our men never seemed able to handle until the game was almost over.

For W. & L. the work of all the boys was so good that no one of them seemed to loom up much more than the rest. The work of Fort Pipes perhaps attracted more comment than any of the rest. He played an exceptionally fine game, being identified prominently with almost every play. That this good natured youngster won a warm place in the hearts of the fans goes without saying. "Big" Larrick at center was none the less conspicuous for his good work. If there was a play that he was not mixed up in it sure was not his fault, and especially was this true when we were on the defense. Morales played a consistent game throughout and showed a tower of strength in the line. Burly and Pat Osborne both played splendid ball, and on several occasions when good gains were needed all Capt. Streit had to do was to call upon one of our big tackles and they usually responded liberally. Hiram Dow's ability is too well known for comment. You can make us believe almost anything but you can't make us believe Hiram didn't play well when he was in the game. Waddill and Wilson both played flashy full-back at times, sent the rooters into a frenzy of excitement by their splendid gains. While neither seemed to handle punts with ease yet their work was good on running back punts. Captain Bill Streit at half played the same aggressive game that has won for him the reputation of a hard fighter. His work on the defense was especially strong and his "ginger" and exhortation made every man on the team fight like a Trojad. Brown, the youngster who played the other half, was surprisingly steady and was in the game for blood from start to finish. In addition to his making several nice gains he put up a brilliant defensive game throughout. Every one who saw Alderson at fullback will never raise any objection to his becoming a fixture there. Every time the "Flying Dutchman" was given the ball he shattered V. P. I.'s line for 5 and 10 yard gains. If there was any mistake in the entire game, for our side, it was in not sending this "line smasher" more often with the ball.

It is impossible to do credit to our boys in a newspaper article

of such short length. The press of the State, in their reports of the game, have been unanimous in declaring that W. & L. outplayed the boys from Blacksburg. The same was said in regard to the Carolina game, but this is mighty poor consolation to a bunch of fellows who have yelled themselves hoarse for a victory and have lost out. This old song of "outplayed 'em" may be occasionally a little consolation, but it gets us nothing on the records. Let's all try and change the face of these scores. If the rooters didn't do their best at Lynchburg, then let them take notice of same and improve. Everybody together in one hard pull and we will win all the rest. The lineup.

W. & L.	Position	V. P. I.
Osborne	R. T.	Smith
White	L. T.	Diffendell
Morales	R. G.	Hodgson
Pipes	L. G.	Breckenridge
Waddill, Smart	R. E.	Varnar
Dow	L. E.	Meford
Larrick	C.	Johnson
Brown	R. H.	Luttrell
Streit	L. H.	Jones
Alderson	F. B.	Hodgson
Wilson	Q.	Shepherd

The mass meeting, which was held in the Chapel Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of increasing College spirit, was not as well attended as it should have been. Probably this was due to pressure of duties on the part of some, to lack of information regarding the meeting on the part of others, and to obsolete indifference on the part of still others. These meetings are the main, and practically the only means of developing college spirit, which, we have been assured again and again, is very much wanting at Washington and Lee.

College spirit arises from interest in affairs in college, and this interest comes from information as to conditions in college. The very best way to get information of this character is to attend these mass meetings.

Further, college spirit is wanting in large measure at Washington and Lee, because students do not come in close touch with each other. We have assemblies once month and these are the only occasions upon which the whole student body is brought together. Mass meetings are the only hope of getting the students in touch with each other. Let us have more mass meetings and let every one attend them.

Mr. W. A. McDonald has been elected assistant baseball manager.

Review of The October Collegian

The Southern Collegian for October, which came out during the past week, is a very creditable issue. The poetry is far above the average of college verse, and it contains two good stories. The article on child labor in the South is a valuable contribution, and we are glad to see it thus put into permanent form.

"The Reprieve" is the longest and most elaborate poem in the number and shows considerable narrative power on the part of the author. While all the other poems are quite creditable, one is especially attracted by the simple humor of "Dat Awful Test" and the metrical excellence of an unnamed contribution on page 33.

As mentioned above, the two stories of the number, "The Fate of the Vanguard" and "Honor Wins," are above par. It would be hard to decide which is the superior, but it may be noted that "Honor Wins" keeps the interest up to a higher point by an unusually effective use of suspensive structure.

"Prohibition" is a good, timely presentation of a worthy subject. The author has sound views and knows how to express them.

The editorials of the number are pertinent and pointed. We take pleasure in closing our tribute to the general excellency of this issue of the Collegian, in endorsing the views of the Editor, to the effect that every man in college, who has debated or who can debate, enter the preliminary contest Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Wash Society

The president and vice president being absent, the meeting of the society was called to order by the secretary Mr. Gabriel was made chairman for the meeting.

Mr. Davenport rendered an oration and Mr. Lloyd a declamation after which the chair called on Messrs. Gassman, Porter and Leonard for extempore speeches.

After a spirited debate on the question: Resolved that the removal of the fleet from the Atlantic to the Pacific was an unwise Naval policy, by Mr. Johnson for the affirmative and Mr. Will for the negative, the judges, Messrs. Skaggs, Gilpin and McGown, rendered a decision for the negative.

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We are always glad to publish any communica-
tions that may be handed to us, but we desire to
state that we will not be responsible for senti-
ment expressed. We also desire to call attention
to the fact that unsigned correspondence will not
be published. Those who do not desire their
names published should add a pen name and their
wishes will be complied with.

Rockbridge County News Print

Mr. L. S. Epes was licensed to
practice law at the present term
of circuit court of Rockbridge.

We were met during the past
week with several enquiries re-
garding our one sheet issue, and
a few intimations that the Ring-
tum Phi fell short of its duty in
appearing in abbreviated form.
We feel sure that those who criti-
cised last week's issue did not
take the trouble to read it, for it
contained our explanation, apology
and regrets. However, we will
again say that owing to the fire
which on Sunday morning, the
13th, severely crippled the
County News and almost de-
stroyed their equipment, it was
impossible to get out a full issue
last Saturday.

The singles in the annual tennis
tournament, which have been
going on all the week, have been
narrowed down to Pipes, D. W.,
and Clark, in the first class, and
the finals in this class will be
played on Monday. The finals
in the second class will, in all
probability, be played on this
date also. Doubles in both classes
will start today. The wretched
condition of the courts had, in a
way, impeded the progress of
the tournament. The contest
this year has been a marked suc-
cess over previous years. There
are about 100 men competing in
the two classes.

Don't, above all things, let
your studies interfere with your
education. Get into athletics,
get into debating, get into literary
work, get on the chess team, or
failing in that get in love. We
have heard that General Lee ad-
vised every man in Washington
and Lee to have a sweetheart in
the town. That will help con-
siderably, and therefrom one can
learn the differences between
study and education. Develop
yourself as fully as possible, for
a man that isn't rounded in this
world has a pretty bumpy time.
—College Topics.

COMMUNICATION

MR. EDITOR:—In consideration
of the fact that a good deal of
adverse comment and criticism has
been elicited by the action of the
Washington and Graham-Lee
Societies, in joint session, on the
5th inst., with regard to the so-
licitation of members to turn
over the remainder of their con-
tingent fees to the Societies for
use in paying the expenses of the
debating teams, it does not seem
amiss to make a concise state-
ment of the true position of the
Societies with regard to the
matter.

By way of preface to such a
statement, it should be noted
that this matter was not rail-
roaded through the Societies by
the vote of men who were car-
ried away by an onrush of en-
thusiasm for society work. It
was carefully considered; and the
men who passed the measure
and who re-enforce their action
by their support, heard a com-
plete exposition of the subject in
the shape of a comprehensive de-
bate. The action taken by the
Societies was not spasmodic but
was fully considered.

In the first place, what have
the Societies done? They have
passed, in joint session, the fol-
lowing motion and carried out its
provisions: "That the president
of each Society appoint a com-
mittee of three men from each
society to confer with the mem-
bers of the two societies and en-
deavor to get them to contribute
such portion of their contingent
fee as will be returnable to them,
to the two Literary Societies.

Amended, That all over the
amount necessary to defray the
expenses of the debating teams
of the two societies shall be
turned over to the treasurer of
the General Athletic Commit-
tee."

In accordance with the pro-
visions of this motion, the mem-
bers of the societies were asked
to sign over their contingent
fees to the use of the societies,
and thirty-seven of them have
done so. This is the action of
the societies; why was it taken?

First. Because the societies
have a right to support for their
debating teams. Second, be-
cause the members of the soci-
eties are free to use the remain-
der of their contingent fees as
they please. Third, because the
deduction thus made from the
funds hitherto allowed athletics
is more than offset by the amount
accruing thereto from the in-
crease in the number of stu-
dents.

The societies have a right to
support for their debating teams.
They have become one of the
most important factors in main-
taining the societies, and as
great interest is taken in this
phase of society work as in the
celebrations, the Thanksgiving

debate, or the regular work done
in the society halls. The debat-
ing teams advertise the Universi-
ty, and that in sections where
the athletic teams do not go.
The societies cannot satisfactorily
maintain this system of inter-
collegiate debates on only those
funds received through the usual
channels. The inter-collegiate
debates are a new phase of
society work, a successful phase
of society work, and a phase that
is so nearly allied to the general
development of the University
that it merits strong and effective
support.

Again the members of the
societies, as any other students
of the University, are free to use
the remainder of their contingent
fees as they choose. The con-
tingent fee is designed, in the
words of the catalogue of the
University "to cover any dam-
ages to University property for
which students may be respon-
sible. This deposit, or any un-
expended part of it, is refunded
on application after the close of
the session, provided the student
has not previously left the Uni-
versity without permission."

There is no obligation upon the
student to sign over his contin-
gent fee to athletics rather than
to any other phase of University
activity, except in so far as he
prefers to use the remainder of
a fee already paid than to make
payment in other funds. The
contingent fee is not an athletic
fee, and to claim that it is such,
makes deceptive misstatement
of the words above quoted from
the catalogue.

In the third place, the fact
that the societies have secured
funds that might have gone to
athletics to the amount of thirty-
seven times the remainder of the
contingent fee is more than coun-
terbalanced by another fact, that
the University student-body is
larger than last year by more
than thirty-seven men. The
amount the societies have secur-
ed is less than even this "un-
earned increment" accruing from
the increase of the student body.
Further, as the second part of
the motion above cited shows,
the societies not only have no in-
tention of continuing their soli-
citation of these funds beyond the
present amount, but have deter-
mined in joint session to trans-
fer to the athletic fund whatever
surplus remains after defraying
the expenses of the debating
teams; a conservative proceed-
ing, surely, in the light of the
possibilities of the case.

Such, then, is the attitude of
the societies on this question.
Their members are not opposing
athletics. Members of both or-
ganizations, the Athletic Associa-
tion and the Literary Society,
the large majority support both.
They realize the need of support
for the debating teams and take
this legitimate means for pro-

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curing funds for the purpose.
They have not "knocked the
bottom out of athletics," and
have secured funds they con-
sider themselves entitled to and
will use of them what is neces-
sary for the excellent purpose in
view.

Here are the facts; here are
the reasons. All the societies
want, claim, or work for, is a fair
show.

Mr. A. Bittle Obenchain, who
was a student for several years
at W. & L., is pursuing a theo-
logical course at Mount Airy
Lutheran Theological Seminary
Philadelphia.

C. F. Dexter, B. S., '07 is
doing engineering work for the
Frisco with headquarters at Bir-
mingham.

THE RING-TUM PHI

LEXINGTON, VA., OCT. 26, 1910

Personals

Miss Mills, of Sherman Texas, is the guest of Miss Staples.

Dr. George Denny is in Charleston, W. Va.

Dr. J. R. Howerton is absent from Lexington today.

W. R. Cooper, M. A., '07 is teaching at DeFuniack Springs, Va.

Dr. W. S. Currell is in Charleston, W. Va., attending a meeting of Virginia Synod.

W. & L. SONG

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You cannot keep us back, no, no, you can't to save your soul.

Our guards are strong, our backs are firm, you can't go through our line.

Just try it once and we'll show you,

Just for Auld Lang Syne.

Our tackles are the very best, that were e'er on any field; Our ends are ever vigilant, around them you can't steal.

We'll win the game this afternoon, if strength is any sign. So go in boys and give 'em hell, Just for Auld Lang Syne.

You are fighting now for the White and Blue, The emblem of the brave; You have got to win for W. & L. U. Her honor you must save.

We have got to have the victory, and now is the accepted time, So go in boys and win the game Just for Auld Lang Syne.

HARRY C. BURTON.

The Arkansas Travelers

The Arkansas club gave its first spread of the season last Saturday night. Messrs. Collins and Ragon entertained the club. The same spirit which was instrumental in making the club one of the best in school last year prevailed, and old and new men alike enjoyed a pleasant evening, and not until the wee sma' hours of night began to break, did the festive travelers manifest any intention of going home. So after giving several of their yells they adjourned to meet again the 15th of November.

Good games this week. Drop in at McCrum's Saturday night and see the score.

Oral Debates

OCT. 28, 1907

Resolved, That Roosevelt should not run accept the nomination in 1908.

SPEAKERS

Affirmative	Negative
Mr. Izard	Mr. Kenny
Mr. Barrow	Mr. Walkers
Mr. Englehart	Mr. Chatham

BRIEF FOR AFFIRMATIVE

I. Contrary to precedent. A. Refusal of Washington and others to accept third term. B. statements made by the President. C. Danger thereby encouraged.

II. Some of his policies in the past. A. Has shown an inclination to disregard constitution. B. His attitude toward the South. C. Inclined to participation in foreign affairs.

III. Roosevelt has been in office long enough. A. Effect of personal enemies. B. Is cause of uneasiness. C. Other men in his party.

IV. General antagonism produced by the man. A. His method: 1. Results compared with McKinley. B. His impulsiveness and lack of judgment. 1. Case when he was assistant secretary of navy. 2. Booker Washington episode.

V. Public opinion is against it. A. Example cited. B. Is afraid of long terms. 1. Prefers to be guided by the past. C. Desires a change.

BRIEF FOR 'NEGATIVE

I. A. President may serve more than two terms. a. Washington precedent not binding. b. Nominations are not elections. c. Roosevelt has not had two nominations. d. The will of the people supreme. B. Third term opposition ill-founded and detrimental to public interest. 1. Diminution of the inducements to good behavior. 2. Temptation to usurpation. 3. Depriving country of experience gained by President in execution of his office. 4. Banishing men from stations where their presence might be to advantage of public interest. 5. Disadvantage of continually changing troen of executive officer C. Roosevelt policies. a. His war upon the trusts. 1. Enforcing the anti-trust law. 2. Organized labor. 1. No favoritism to any. 2. The coal strike. 3. His financial policy. 4. War upon Wall Street. c. Negro question. d. Policies inaugurated.

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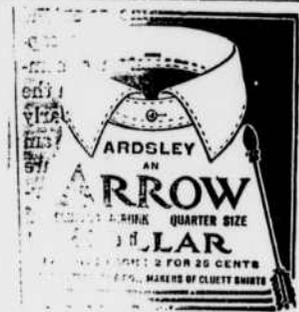
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Phi Kappa Sigma Celebration

The Alpha-Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity celebrated Founders day on last Tuesday evening by an appropriate banquet at the home of Mrs. S. N. Northern on Main street. That date makes the close of 57 years of activity in fraternity growth. It is an annual custom for the Phi Kaps of each chapter to celebrate in a fitting way the birthday of the fraternity. An elegant course dinner was served at 9:30 o'clock, after which the following toasts were responded to:

"Our" Fraternity, Frank Moore.

Alpha-Alpha Chapter, A. P. Staples, Jr.

Personnel, D. A. Devane.
Horse Play, W. B. Fowlkes.
Goats, J. W. Anthony, Jr.
Phi Kap Girls, J. W. Rader.

Mr. R. B. Stephenson presided as toast-master. After a season of feasting, toasting and song, the members dispersed, carrying with them the recollections of an evening of good fellowship.

The following are members of the fraternity:

A. P. and S. H. Staples, D. A. DeVane, R. B. Stephenson, J. W. Anthony, J. W. Rader, W. B. Fowlkes, A. H. Chandler, J. G. Munce, Geo. Warren, J. R. Blackburn, T. B. Dilworth, Bernard Prichett and R. A. Waddill.

The only alumni member present was Mr. Frank Moore, who was the honored guest of the chapter.

New York, Oct. 23, 1907
Captain of the Football Team,
Wash. & Lee University
Lexington, Va.

Dear Sir:—From friends I hear of the success of the team of 1907. As I once was identified in a measure, with athletics at W. & L., it will not be presumptuous, I trust, for me to extend my congratulations to the captain, team and coach. I remember that encouragement from the "old fellows" was particularly appreciated, and now that I am one of them it gives me pleasure to add my few words of encouragement to the general feeling of pride that all loyal "has beans" must feel in the record that the team is making.

Tell the chap who fumbled the ball in the V. P. I. game that the fellow who never makes mistakes is always an uninteresting and monotonous individual. The coach and captain never appreciate what a good game a man has been playing until he makes a mistake, and mistakes are privileges of genius.

If it is possible to resume athletic relations with V. M. I. this year, without any surrender of the dignity of athletic rights of the University, it would give a lot of us scattered from New York to California much pleasure to see your team sponge them off the gridiron.

Yours very sincerely
A. G. JENKINS

Y. M. C. A.

Every one present at Y. M. C. A. Wednesday night at 8 o'clock enjoyed Dr. Manly's talk on the first 14 verses of John XIV. Dr. Manly departed from the usual interpretation of the passage, viz., that there is a home in Heaven for believers, and took the ground that the Master had uppermost in His mind the struggles and temptations which would assail the Disciples after His death, which was soon to take place, and desired to strengthen them for the conflict. "Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God believe also in me." This was a challenge to be ready for the great test. "Believe in me," implied (1) personal commitment of themselves to Him as a living and personal Lord and Master; (2) steadfastness and faithfulness as witnesses of Him. In doing this they would be equipped for action when He was removed.

Y. M. C. A. men! "Believe in God, believe also in me." Are you equipped for the conflict going on in college between good and evil? Are you in line? If so bear witness of your faith by coming to the services next Wednesday night.

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