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THE OPENING ASSEMBLY.

Attendance Larger Than Ever Before—President Denny Makes Impressive Address.

The session of 1908-1909 opened on Thursday, September 17, 1908, at 9:30 a. m., in the University Chapel.

The exercises were opened with the hymn, "Come, Thou Almighty King," followed by reading of the Scriptures and prayer by the Rev. S. R. Gammon, a Presbyterian missionary to Brazil.

President Denny then addressed the assembly, and his remarks on this occasion were particularly appropriate.

His words of welcome were charged with a desire to impress all the new men with the duties devolving upon them as students of Washington and Lee. He urged a constant and insistent abstinence from shiftlessness, self-indulgence and disorder, and showed how conducive are our traditions to avoidance of these things. As a maxim for the session he quoted some lines given as descriptive of the life of General Lee, and they are these:

"Straight is the line of duty;
Curved is the line of beauty;
Follow the first and thou shalt see
The last will ever follow thee."

Dr. Denny counseled a manly, dignified bearing, coupled with a desire to conform to regulations and learn the duties of the college student. He also advised the direction of enthusiasm into the right channels, and to put some of it into actual preparation for lectures. The President laid emphasis on the fact that no "pony riders" could go through Latin, but that only the "footmen" could pass through the gates. Dr. Denny also gave expression to his desire for everyone to *start right*, and urged the adoption of the standard of honesty in personal dealings and the standard of thoroughness in the class room.

After the assembly, a mass meeting of the student body was called by the President. Mr. O. C. Jackson and Messrs. Dyard and Witten were called upon to explain to the new men the meaning of the General Athletic Association and of the membership fee. On the conclusion of their remarks, the meeting adjourned.

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UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY.

Dr. Currell Makes Splendid Address—Chapel Almost Too Small to Hold Students—The Mass Meeting.

The first regular meeting of the University Assembly was held in the chapel at 11 o'clock last Tuesday morning. Some little difficulty was experienced in properly seating the large freshman class; but this defect will be remedied, and everything will be in smooth running order before the next assembly.

Mr. K. M. Leith rendered a solo, accompanied on the organ by Mr. Ely, after which Dr. J. R. Howerton read a short selection from the Scriptures, and led in prayer.

DR. DENNY SPEAKS.

Dr. Denny next made a few formal announcements, and in a few forceful remarks called the attention of the student body to the fact that as many if not more privileges were granted to the students of Washington and Lee University than to those of any like institution. He, however, emphasized the fact that all students must attend classes and remain at them throughout the entire period. He stated, in unequivocal terms, that the abuse of this regulation would not be tolerated. He then called on Dr. Currell, who, in a few well chosen remarks interspersed with several pleasing illustrations, admonished the students to guard against a waste of their time, and urging them to systematize their work as much as possible. He explained that all students should take an active and healthy interest in all student institutions, and showed the advantage to be gained by doing so. He divided the students into three classes: those who have not enough money to comfortably go through their course; those who have enough, but not too much; and those who have too much for their own good. The former class he encouraged by telling one of his own experiences in wearing an overcoat on a warm spring day to hide the dilapidated condition of his trousers. The second class, he said, were the fortunate ones; while the third were to be cautioned against a wrongful use of what they had. After his talk, the meeting was turned over to the students for a meeting of the student body.

STUDENT BODY MEETING.

As soon as the faculty and spectators had retired, President O. C. Jackson, in a few words, called the meeting to order, and stated

that the business before the meeting was an explanation of the Honor System in vogue at Washington and Lee. He then called on Messrs. R. B. Stephenson, Chas. S. Glasgow, and John L. Campbell, who explained the working of the system and what it stands for.

After this, Mr. C. I. Carey called on those who had subscribed toward the support of the local secretary of the Y. M. C. A. to pay up their subscriptions, which were now due.

After a few remarks on other subjects from others present, the meeting was adjourned to meet Saturday afternoon for the purpose of electing a vice-chairman of the student athletic committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the failure of Mr. C. W. Streit to return to college.

OTHER INTERESTING TALKS

Y. M. C. A. Reception a Great Success—Address of Welcome by Dr. Currell.

The annual reception given by the Y. M. C. A. of Washington and Lee University to the new students was one of the most successful that has ever been given. A part of the campus between Newcomb and Reid halls was beautifully decorated with Japanese lanterns and candle lights, under which, among the shade trees, a very large percentage of the student-body found comfortable seats.

It was a real "college night" affair. Besides a number of interesting speeches, the students were warmed up by spirited college yells and frequent songs adapted to the various addresses.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Professor Hogue, and then Mr. C. I. Carey, president of the Young Men's Christian Association, in a very pleasing way, as was characteristic of all his remarks, introduced Dr. Currell, who gave the address of welcome to the new students on behalf of the faculty. His talk was very much enjoyed by all and was characterized by its humor and the well-chosen suggestions to those who had just entered into the campus life at W. and L. They, as "embryo alumnæ", were bidden to carry on the good work of those who had gone before them, and to advance the interests of their University.

Welcome to the new men on behalf of the students was then voiced by O. C. Jackson, president of the student-body. With fitting words, he very admirably welcomed the Freshmen into the ever-increasing student-body, and for-

cibly impressed them with the fact that they had a very important part to play in the development of the "Greater University".

Four short speeches were then delivered on "The Heritage of Washington and Lee". John Izard gave the first on her heritage in athletics. He spoke of the great importance of physical exercise to the development of the sound, all-around college man. Then he fittingly told of the brilliant reputation of W. and L.'s athletic teams in the past, and appealed to the Freshmen to advance her interests in the future, well reminding them that to stand still is really to lose ground. The support of the teams by all students in whatever way possible was strongly called for.

Walter Hood, in an exceedingly pleasing way, next spoke on W. and L.'s heritage in social life. He spoke of the sociability and the friendship that existed between all W. and L. students in such a way as to enable every one really to enjoy college life. The new men must continue this spirit and must throw their lives in with the students here.

The Literary Society work was forcibly presented by R. S. Keebler, of the Graham-Lee Society. The great importance of the work, the training that it gives its members, and the special work done by the societies were well explained and a very cordial invitation was given the new men to take part in and carry on the work.

The last speech was given by J. H. Price, who, in a masterful way, spoke on W. and L.'s heritage in relation to the Y. M. C. A. activities. He gave a brief survey of the great advancement of the Y. M. C. A. in the past, and outlined its policies for this year, appealing to all the men, and especially the Freshmen, to take part in this great work. Its relative importance, in comparison with other college activities, was emphasized in such a way as to make a strong appeal to every class of college men.

President Carey then made announcements in regard to the Association meetings and morning devotional exercises, and soon all enjoyed the delicious refreshments, while the Glee Club continued to sing many college songs.

One thing that made the reception far outclass those of previous years was that on this night there was absolutely no disturbance whatever between the Freshmen and Sophomores. Heretofore the night of the reception has been considered the "big night" for some fun between these two classes; but

on this occasion the Sophomores and Freshmen both kindly consented to make no disturbance whatever throughout the whole night. Nothing but peace, therefore, reigned, so that everyone was in condition to experience the most enjoyment possible.

Y. M. C. A.

First Meeting—Plans Made for the Year.

The Y. M. C. A. cabinet held its first meeting of the year on Monday night, September 14th, three days before the opening of college. By this time all the members but two of the cabinet had returned to college, and consequently a full and interesting meeting was held.

Plans were made for the year and important business was contracted. All of the members took hold of the work like they meant business, which is especially true of the able president, C. I. Carey. It is interesting to say that all the members of the cabinet are leaders in college life, and if they are properly supported by the Christian men in college and by all who are willing to take part in the work, great fruits may be reaped from this year's efforts.

A social invitation is extended to every college man to take part in this great work, which has as its object the upbuilding of religious influences in college life. The Y. M. C. A. services cannot do you any harm, and if you take part in them, they are bound to do you some good. Then, why lose this opportunity by not uniting in the work?

The regular meetings are held on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. We will be glad to have you with us.

Daily devotional morning exercises are held in the English room, to which you are warmly invited. To begin the day aright by praises and supplication is to receive strength for the whole day's labors.

The General Secretary will be in the Y. M. C. A. office, on the second floor in the main building, every day from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m., and will be glad to see anyone who may desire to speak to him. Membership cards may be signed at this time, dues may be paid, or any other business may be transacted, or even a social call will be appreciated.

The following is a list of the Association officers and chairmen of committees who compose the Y. M. C. A. cabinet:

- President, C. I. Carey.
- Vice-President, R. M. Firebaugh.
- Secretary, F. D. Stevenson.
- Treasurer, J. H. Price.
- General Secretary, C. S. Osbourn.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:

- Work for New Students—C. S. Glasgow.
- Bible Study—J. R. Caskie.
- Missionary—B. R. Elam.
- Membership—John Izard.

Religious Meetings—C. H. Moore.
Social—W. M. Hood.
Neighborhood Work—F. D. Stevenson.
Reception—Preston Irwin.
Handbook—E. S. Humphreys.
Finance—J. H. Price.

THE OPENING HOPS

Were Very Enjoyable—Music Furnished by V. M. I. Orchestra—Innovation of Barn Dance.

In accordance with the well established custom of the Washington and Lee Cotillion Club, the opening dances were held in the gymnasium on Monday and Tuesday nights following the opening of the University.

Once more the students danced to the strains of the V. M. I. orchestra over the much-used floor, and had the pleasure of greeting their old friends and meeting new ones. It was a very noticeable fact that there were no freshmen present, for the Cotillion Club had passed a rule that no freshmen could attend dances before Thanksgiving. It was a new move on the part of the club, and some doubt was expressed as to the advisability of such action; but the success of the dances afforded abundant proof that the exclusion of freshmen at opening dances will not serve to diminish greatly the pleasure of these dances.

The orchestra has very noticeably improved since last year, and played over a repertoire of the latest and most popular dance music. Especially did they put life and mettle into the Barn Dance, which was danced for the first time on the gymnasium floor. When the "Barn" was first announced and the music started up, it was amusing to watch the timidity of the dancers. Gradually, however, the couples started out, one by one, until the floor was filled with the dancers—adepts and beginners, mostly the latter. At the Tuesday night dances, less timidity was noticed, and great improvement in the grace and skill of the dancers. "The Barn" bids fair to become popular here, as it has elsewhere.

Among the dancers present at the two hops were the Misses Patton, Miss Haskins, Miss Catlett, Miss Howe, and Miss Rogers, all of Lexington; Miss Heald, Miss Terry and Miss Utterback, of Lynchburg; Misses Purcell, Miss Lathrop and Miss Coulter, of Richmond; Miss Staples, of Roanoke; Miss Staples, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Patterson, Miss Giraudeau, Miss Davenport, of Texas, and Miss Millnes, of Ashland.

The pleasure of the last dance was much increased by the presence of the V. M. I. first classmen and sub-professors. It is to be hoped that they will attend often. The thanks of the Cotillion Club are due to the following chaperones: Miss White, Miss Graham,

Mrs. Cross, Miss Corse, and Mrs. Humphreys.

The dances were entirely informal, and, to all appearances, greatly enjoyed by all those taking part.

FOOTBALL PROSPECTS.

Large Number of Candidates Out—Coaches Think Material the Best Ever Seen on Wilson Field.

In conversation with the Ring-tum Phi reporter, a few days ago, Coach Brown and Captain Alderson agreed that the prospects for the White and Blue team were brighter than ever before. No two men in college are better judges, and their opinion can be trusted almost without question.

Coach Brown is beginning his fourth season at Washington and Lee, and every year he has turned out winning teams, each year's eleven showing a marked improvement over the former one. Mr. Brown is a hard worker, and may be counted on to do everything in his power to put a strong team on the field.

During the past three years, Captain Alderson has played every position on the team, with the exception of quarter-back, and has filled each place very creditably indeed, but last season he found his real place at full-back. Back of the steady White and Blue line, "Dutch" Alderson was a tower of strength, both on the offense and defense. We predict for him even greater success this year.

Among the old men, we find that fast, sure quarter John Izard, being tried at half-back, and Armentrout, who played a half last year until injured, is being tried at tackle. Earwood appears to be the fastest of the new men. He is from Morris-Harvey College, and comes to us with an excellent record. Muse, from the University of Texas, is another good man, and Hodgkins, of R. M. A., Barnard, of Norfolk Academy, Carpenter, of Roanoke, and Burgess, of R. M. A., are all doing good work.

Fuerstein, of William and Mary, is here, and we feel that the good record he established last year is too well known to comment on his abilities as a quarter-back. Wilson, of last year's team, is also out, and will make a good man. Knot, who played such a good game against Carolina last season, is out; among the new men are Ordeman, of Frederick High School, Brown, of Georgia Military Academy, and Webster, of S. W. Baptist University.

Horsh, of the Birmingham High School, bids fair to make a crack pull-back if he keeps at the game.

Fort Pipes and Richard Morales are out for their old positions as guards, and we do not believe there are any better on any Southern gridiron. Both men played phenomenal games last year against heavier and more experienced op-

ponents. The other candidates for guard are Pelter, Mason, Atkinson, of Bingham School, and Dulin, of R. M. A.

"Pat" Osbourn thinks his duties are too arduous to permit of football, but we can count him a tower of strength at tackle. Armentrout is also being tried at tackle, and the new men are Weeks, of Arkansas Military Academy, Triplett, Wilson, and Wolff, of Roanoke.

The men trying for center are Beddow, Kinnear, Blackburn, and Graham, of Branham and Hughes Academy, and a good center ought to develop out of this bunch.

Smart and Bledsoe, subs last year, are out for end, and Ackerly, Dawkins, Blake, and Blackford are also trying for the position.

Out of this squad eleven men should be developed, who will make any of the teams on the schedule below hustle. The schedule is as follows:

- Oct. 3.—Roanoke College, at Lexington.
- Oct. 10.—University of North Carolina, at Newport News.
- Oct. 17.—Richmond College, at Richmond.
- Oct. 24.—William and Mary College, at Lexington.
- Oct. 31.—V. P. I., at Lynchburg.
- Nov. 7.—George Washington, at Washington.
- Nov. 14.—A. and M. of North Carolina, at Lexington.
- Nov. 26.—Georgetown, at Georgetown.

Editor's Note.—The above prospective personnel of the team was written and set up before it was known that the paper would not appear until after the Roanoke game.

The Athletic Fee.

We note from "The Tech," V. P. I.: "The members of the Senior, Junior, and Sophomore Classes are urged not to forget the agreement they signed last year, pledging themselves to become members of the G. A. A." In another column, we find the explanation of this. During 1907-'08, the General Athletic Association at V. P. I. put on the same kind of athletic fee that we have at W. & L., i. e., the fee is \$5.00, upon payment of which the member is given a card admitting him to all athletic contests throughout the year. When this was done, every upper classman there pledged himself to pay the fee, and they are not in the habit of breaking such pledges at V. P. I. Can't every man here pledge himself to pay the fee?

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ROANOKE COLLEGE DEFEATED.

Initial Game of the Season—Team Shows up in Splendid Form—Promising Youngsters in Backfield.

The football season opened in fine style, Saturday, on Wilson Field, when that fast aggregation which "Buster" Brown and "Monk" Moomaw have developed into a football team raced around the ends and plunged through the Roanoke College line for five touchdowns. The new material showed in wonderful form, and with one or two exceptions the team work was almost perfect. Barnard and Earwood, the two youngsters playing the halves, were in the game from start to finish, and made some very pretty runs; but the greatest work of all was that of John Izard, who went in at quarter and finished at left half. Seldom have the Washington and Lee rooters seen a better football player on Wilson Field than this same John. His headwork was perfect, his style of play clean, and when he ran with the ball it was always for a substantial gain. Izard was never stopped by one man, and several times he ran through practically the whole Roanoke team before he was downed. Captain Alderson was "right there with the goods." When he was needed, "Dutch" was ever ready, and made the hearts of the rooters glad with his old-time line plunging. When a play was to be stopped, "Dutch" stopped it; and when a fumble was to be recovered, "Dutch" recovered it. He also kicked two pretty goals. "Pat" Osbourn was at his old place at left tackle, and showed up in even better form than last year. He made some splendid gains, and stopped Roanoke's plays well. McCord, on the other side of the line, showed lack of practice; but as this was only his second scrimmage of the year, better things should be expected of him in the future. Fort Pipes was, of course, greatly missed. Knox Smartt also put up a good game at end, and the playing of "Big" Pelter at right guard was especially noticeable. Morales played his usual steady game, and these two men will doubtless make the greatest guards in the state this year. Fuerstein, who took Izard's place at quarter in the second half, played a beautiful game for the short time he was in it. He was not, however, in his usual form, as he has been out of the game for a week.

For Roanoke, Willis played a first-class game at quarter, and Captain Price also did some good work. The Roanoke team made a stubborn, uphill fight, and Coach Conner is to be complimented on the work he has done for his team.

The story of the game is as follows:

Alderson kicked off for W. and L. and Anderson ran the ball back five yards. Roanoke made some good gains, but fumbled and Black-

burn fell off the ball. On W. and L.'s failure to make their required ten yards, the ball went over, but Roanoke lost on a fumble and then punted to Izard, who ran it back fifteen yards. A forward pass failed, but Earwood gained fifteen yards and on a short end run, and Barnard carried the ball thirty yards for a touchdown. Alderson kicked goal.

Score—W. and L., 6; Roanoke, 0. Time, 4 minutes.

Roanoke again received the kick-off, ran it back ten yards, failed to gain and punted to Izard, who fumbled, but on the next play made a pretty run, which netted a gain of twenty yards. Earwood made twelve yards, Alderson seven, Osbourn fifteen, and, on the next play, Earwood carried it over. Alderson kicked goal.

Score—W. and L., 12; Roanoke, 0.

Roanoke kicked off, and Barnard, who received the ball, made a beautiful 25-yard run. Earwood made ten around left end, but was penalized for hurdling. On a quarterback kick Roanoke got the ball, but when they attempted a forward pass, Izard recovered it, and on the next play Barnard carried it eighteen yards. Earwood then went fifteen, Osbourn five, Barnard ten. Earwood carried it over from the 5-yard line. Barnard failed to kick goal.

Score—W. and L., 17; Roanoke, 0.

Roanoke kicked off to Izard, who made fifteen yards. On the next play he gave the ball to Barnard, who made twenty yards. Izard gained eight yards, Alderson five, Barnard ten, Earwood ten, and Osbourn three. Pelter made ten yards, McCord recovered a fumble and Barnard went five to the half-yard line, from which Alderson took it over. Alderson failed at goal.

Score—W. and L., 22; Roanoke, 0.

W. and L. kicked off and Price, who received it, made a 10-yard gain, but Roanoke lost on the next two plays. Price booted the pigskin, Izard received it and made fifteen yards and Barnard went around the end for eight. Smartt gathered in a forward pass and the half ended with the ball on Roanoke's 15-yard line.

Score—W. and L., 22; Roanoke, 0.

SECOND HALF.

Roanoke kicked off to Izard who made 30 yards. W. & L. lost on a fake kick and then Roanoke gathered in a bad forward pass. They fumbled, tried a forward pass, which failed and were consequently penalized 15 yards. Price punted to Izard and on a forward pass W. & L. was penalized. Barnard punted over the goal line, the ball was taken to the 25-yard line, from which Price punted to Alderson, who made a pretty run of 18 yards. Carey lost on the next play, and on a short punt, Price who got the ball made ten yards. He then punted to Izard, who ran it back 15. Osbourn made 5 yards, Barnard, 12, and Pelter 3. Carey went 10, landing the ball on Roanoke's 4-yard line, from which Alderson carried it over in two plunges, but failed to kick goal. Score, W. & L. 27, Roanoke 0.

Roanoke kicked off to Osbourn, who made 5 yards. Izard, who took Barnard's place at half, made 15, Carey 5, and Fuerstein 10. After an exchange of punts, Izard gained 10, Roanoke got the ball and punted to Fuerstein, who went 10. Izard pulled off 20, and after a fumble the game ended with the ball in W. & L.'s possession on Roanoke's 38-yard line. Score, W. & L. 27, Roanoke 0.

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A CONCEPTION OF THE HONOR SYSTEM.

Washington and Lee University has just opened her doors for another session and it is, indeed, gratifying to look forward to what bids fair to be the most prosperous year in the history of this institution. At the time of writing, there have been a number of new men enrolled, which brings the total number well above the 500 mark. Aside from this evidence of prosperity, there are many others, such as the completion of the granolithic walks, the opening of the Carnegie library, probably the finest and most well-equipped library building in any Southern college; the rebuilding of the power house, which was destroyed by fire last spring, and many other minor improvements.

We may well feel proud of this materialistic advance on the part of Washington and Lee, which occupies a unique position among the educational institutions of the South, being the only college which is absolutely independent of both Church and State. However, in the midst of our feeling of pride at the achievements of our alma mater, we must not forget or overlook her traditions and institutions, for, after all, traditions are the greatest asset of any college.

Among the most cherished of the institutions of Washington and Lee is the Honor System, much talked of, but often not clearly understood by new students. That there may be no misunderstanding of this system is the purpose of this article, and a review of the situation is here given for the benefit of those not familiar with it.

Washington and Lee, situated as it is in the very heart of a Southern State, is pre-eminently a Southern institution. Not that it does not welcome into its classes those from the Northern States, but that its ideals and aims are for the uplifting of the young manhood of our fair Southland. Those who come

here are thrown at once into an elevating atmosphere, and it is the privilege and the pride of the student body to maintain and uphold these ideals. Whether the Honor System was ever formally adopted or whether, like Topsy in Uncle Tom's Cabin, it just grew into existence, is not known to the writer; but it is certain that it has been in vogue for many years. But, to particularize, it may be said that the word of every student at this University is accepted as his bond. He is subject to absolutely no system of espionage, and his pledge is accepted without question as sufficient evidence of the integrity of his work. However, in return for this freedom each student is expected to be honest and honorable in all his work, whether it be in the classroom on examination or on the athletic field. In the classroom and on examination, a student's work must be honest and unaided. In athletics, he must live scrupulously to his pledge, and if he breaks it he will be considered as having violated the Honor System as much as though he had cheated on examination.

This system is entirely in charge of the students themselves, and if it is to be perpetuated it must be done by the students. It may seem hard at times to report a fellow student and classmate for a violation; but this is the only method of procedure if the system is to be maintained. All violations should be reported to the President of the Student Body and will, through him, be investigated by the Student Executive Committee; and, if the charges are sustained, the violator will be given the option of leaving college immediately or standing trial before the student body, a student jury deciding the question of guilt. If found guilty by them, he is publicly expelled by the students. If not, he is acquitted, and the matter is forgotten. At all events, it is to the best interests of all students to avoid any occasion for the slightest suspicion.

That the Honor System as in vogue at this college is an excellent one, is conceded by all who are familiar with it and have given the matter any thought. It is the one method of preventing a student from cheating his way through and stealing a degree, and in that manner bringing discredit upon the college. Besides this, it fosters that spirit of honor and honorable bearing which is so necessary for those who are preparing themselves to be the future leaders of our Southland, and should, for this reason, appeal strongly to the young men who have come to be trained at Washington and Lee.

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The day of issue of the Ring-tum Phi has been changed from Saturday to Monday. This is done in order to give our readers all the news of the preceding week as early as possible the next week.

In order to secure all news items, the editors ask that anyone having such locals will turn them in. Contributions of any character will also be gladly received. Please drop all communications in the Ring-tum Phi box in the Coop. Book Store. All articles, etc., designed to appear in the succeeding week's paper must be in by 2 p. m. on the preceding Thursday. Short items and locals must be in by 6 p. m. on the preceding Friday.

In this, the first issue of Ring-tum Phi for 1908-09, we wish to call the attention of our readers to the fact that the paper is now more worthy of their attention and consideration than ever before, since it is materially improved—outwardly at least. We are at a greater expense than has been heretofore borne by the management, since the paper is printed in Lynchburg, and we are consequently turning out a neater and more readable sheet. Furthermore, we have increased the size of the paper from its former 4-page size to a 6-page paper. Having assured you with these outward manifestations of our intention to improve, we feel that you should count it not idle words when we say that we also intend to better the character of the Ring-tum Phi. But these things the editorial board and the management can not do unaided. We must have help of a very material nature. We therefore call upon the entire student body and the alumni to aid us. In the first place, we ask for your subscriptions—not the subscriptions of half the men in college, but the subscription of every man on the campus, and of all the alumni that we can reach. We have an honest conviction that we are giving you more for your money than the Ring-tum Phi has before offered, and we therefore feel that your loyal financial support is only our just due. But this is not all that we ask, nor all that we feel you owe us. In order to make the paper readable, as the organ of the student body, the individuals composing that body must contribute to its columns, or else our enterprise fails. Our news must be college news, and the events which we chronicle must be college events. The editors will do all in their power to secure news items, and publish accounts of affairs of local interest; but if any man has any additional matter to be published, or wishes to express himself through these columns, we will be glad to have him do so. The paper is for the students, and by the students, and every man in college is privileged to the use of its columns. We need your help more than we need your criticism.

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but both may be of material advantage to us. When you feel like criticising, try a little of the work we have to do, and it may help both you and the paper. The Ring-tum Phi is your organ, and we invite you to make use of it.

Number of Matriculates.

When the first week of college closed at 2 p. m. on Wednesday, 468 students had matriculated, of which number 241 were old men. This is the largest number of matriculates for so early in the season in the history of the University.

Your Athletic Fee—Pay It Now!

All those of you who have not paid your athletic fee or signed one of the cards, are earnestly requested to do so at once. This fee is as important as any in college, and should be so regarded by the students. The majority of the new men have been prompt, and this is designed to bring the matter to the attention of those who have overlooked it. There is nothing to be gained by waiting, and it means much to the athletic managers. College spirit should be demonstrated in this way as much as any other, for it is the surest way of backing the college teams.

Opportunity to pay this fee will be given every day between the hours of twelve and one, in Newcomb Hall. If you can not make payment immediately, at least stop and procure a card payable before October 15, for admission to all games will be by card only.

GEN'L ATH. COM.

Mr. Rufus Reed, of the University of Virginia, was the guest of Mr. Irvin Graham at "The Manse" for a few days last week.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Evelyn Williams, of Independence, Mo., is at Mulberry Hill.

Miss Girardeau, of Savannah, Ga., and Miss Davenport are visiting at Mrs. Pendleton's.

The Misses Purcell, of Richmond, who are among the visitors of the opening week, are at "The Pines."

Miss Patterson is visiting at Col. Att's.

Miss Helen Lathrop, of Richmond, is spending a few days at Mrs. Pendleton's.

Mr. L. J. Desha, '06, of Cynthiana, Ky., who has been at Johns Hopkins since graduation, is here this week.

Mr. I. P. Cassman, '07, of New York, is in town, visiting his parents.

Miss Mary Staples, of Roanoke, is visiting at the home of her uncle, Prof. Abram P. Staples.

Messrs. W. R. McMurrin, '08, of Norfolk; L. A. McMurrin, '07, of Newport News; and Geo. E. Penn, Jr., of Bristol, were in town during opening week.

Miss Lucy Patton entertained at bridge, in favor of Miss Lathrop.

Riley Wilson, '04, of Charleston, W. Va., was on the campus a few days last week.

Mr. C. S. Roller, of Fort Defiance, Va., is again head coach of the V. M. I. football squad, with "Pat" Krebs assistant coach. Mr. Roller is the best coach V. M. I. has had for years, and with the assistance of Mr. Krebs will doubtless turn out a winning team for the cadets.

Harry Darnall, '07, spent a few days in college this week with his friends. Since leaving here, Harry has taken a plunge in the matrimonial sea, and is located at Beckley, W. Va.

J. P. Norfleet, '06, passed through Lexington, Monday, on his way to Annapolis, where he will resume his studies at the United States Naval Academy.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the Delta Tau Delta fraternities are very comfortably located in their new chapter houses this year.

Frederick Bartenstein, '08, of Warrenton, Va., has been visiting Mr. Jno. Ingood and Mr. Wevall Gwathmey for several days at "The Chateau."

Mrs. Staples, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Prof. Staples, on Jackson avenue.

Misses Gladys Heald and Catherine Terry, of Lynchburg, attended the opening hops.

Mrs. Wm. Gwathmey and the Misses Gwathmey, of Norfolk, are visiting Mrs. Pratt on Jackson ave.

Miss Howell, Mr. John Lyle Campbell, and Mr. John Lyle Campbell, Jr., returned home on the 17th from their European tour.

TRACK TEAM NEWS.

Coach to Be Secured—All Track Men Urged to Come Out.

Last year's track team was one of the most successful in the history of this institution. This was only made possible by good material and efficient coaching. This year we have plenty of promising material, but at present no coach has been secured. The growth of track athletics at Washington and Lee has been greatly hindered by the lack of funds. The management is unable to pay for the services of a coach out of the money allotted to him; but assistance has been promised, and the services of a coach will be secured for at least two months during the spring season. The training during the fall and through the winter months will necessarily have to fall on the captain and managers. This is at present the condition of track athletics in this institution. Steele, captain-elect of this year's team, has not returned to college. A new captain will be elected in a short time.

Several meets are assured, and the annual cross-country run from Buena Vista to Lexington will be held some time in November.

All men who intend to try for track honors at Washington and Lee are requested to hand in their names as soon as possible.

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Football Schedules Reviewed.

There are ten games on the V. P. I. football schedule and the Techs. claim the best schedule in the west. We certainly agree with them, that, considered from the standpoint of a number of hard games, they have it, but their manager must expect the team to do some hard work. He has arranged to meet Clemson, Princeton, V. M. I., W. and L., University of North Carolina, George Washington University, the Navy, and the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College, with only a week between. After the V. M. I. game, Washington and Lee has eight games scheduled and the management has taken care to allow more than a week's interval between the hardest games. It is a good schedule and in some few respects the best we have seen. The weak point about it is, and this has always characterized the Washington and Lee schedules, that the team does not meet a team of its class in the larger cities of the State under conditions which would help the bank account of the management. Washington and Lee has had teams for the past three years which have ranked with the leaders in the South Atlantic States, yet she never appears in Norfolk and Richmond, the football centers of Virginia and North Carolina.

The University of Virginia has a schedule which does not compare with those of previous years. Be-

sides the fact that V. P. I. and Washington and Lee, the two leading teams in the State, are not on it, she does not meet a team from north of Mason and Dixon's line, as has been her custom heretofore.

Since the Techs. and Washington and Lee have arranged for an annual game, it seems a pity that Virginia does not make the same arrangement with each of them.

AMONG THE ALUMNI.

Adjunct Prof. W. Jett Lauck, of the School of Commerce, who was on April 1, last, granted a leave of absence until September, 1909, is in charge of the general investigation of labor and industrial conditions, under the direction of the Immigration Commission. He has associated with him Edgar Sydenstricker, '03, John West Addison, '05, and LeRoy Hodges, of the class of 1910.

Edwin Carter Landis, '05, holds a very important position with the Burroughs Adding Machine Co., of Detroit, Mich.

W. E. Jones, '07, is superintendent of the Reilly-Taylor Coffee Co., of New Orleans.

E. W. Kelly, '05, U. Va., '07, is practicing law at Wise, Va.

D. W. Pipes, '08, is at Tulane, taking a special course in the Louisiana statutes before beginning the practice of his profession.

A. H. Payne, '08, is chief draftsman for the Tallahatchie Drainage Commission, with headquarters at Clarksdale, Miss., and M. W. Paxton, '08, is in the field service of the commission.

Abram P. Staples, Jr., '08, and C. A. Woodrum, special in law, '08, are among the young attorneys of Roanoke, Va.

C. W. Streit, captain of the 1907 football team, has an excellent position in Birmingham.

H. M. White, '08, and one of W. and L.'s star tackles, is coaching the Staunton Military Academy in football.

F. R. Flournoy, '05, is teaching at the Danville School for Boys, Danville, Va.

A. M. Withers, '06, is teaching at the Augusta Military Academy, Fort Defiance, Va.

"Judge" (M. R.) Turnbull, '06, who spent ten days in town with his parents, left Thursday for New York, where he will attend the Bible Teachers' Training School.

Arkansas Club.

The Arkansas Club met Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Thirteen Travelers responded to the call of Prest. Dale, five of whom were new members. After the election of officers, the club adjourned, to meet again about October 15. The following are the officers for the present year: J. R. Dale, Jr., President; E. Sullivan, Vice-President; John H. Tucker, Secretary and Treasurer; L. T. Wilson, Ring-Tum Phi Reporter.

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A WORD TO THE CLASS OF 1912.

Since we have all been Freshmen, however long ago that may be, and since we have known several Freshman classes, we feel that we are in a position to extend to this particular Freshman class a little advice of a sincerely friendly nature.

The Class of 1912 is the largest the University has ever known and we believe there lies within it the power to become a class of which she will be proud, if it is only given the right start.

One of the best good starting points is to remember that you are but Freshmen, and the less you say and the more you learn this year the better off you will be, and the sooner you will make your power felt. Another thing to remember is that you were sent here for a purpose, and in the accomplishment of that purpose you will be making a man out of yourself.

Also remember that in the colleges and universities the world over the man in the classes above you has a recognized standing which is not yours until later on in the college life. These men have all been Freshmen and are familiar with the conditions of life and servitude of the Freshman.

In accordance with these views, the Class of 1911 has seen fit to adopt regulations for the Class of 1912, and these rules have been approved by the Executive Committee of the student-body, which is composed of men all older and more experienced than you are. After a careful consideration of the rules, we have come to the conclusion that the Freshman Class will be wise to conform to them without "kicking". There will be no ignominy whatsoever in so doing. They were not meant as a joke and there is absolutely nothing in them of a character to make the man who conforms thereto ridiculous.

Should not the men who have been here longer than you be entitled to attend their dances without you if they see fit? Did you honestly expect to be allowed to engage in every phase of college life the first few months you were here? Then, why "kick" and make matters worse by "butting in" when you see that you are plainly not wanted at the dances until after Thanksgiving?

Why not have some mark of distinction? You certainly are not ashamed to let the world know you belong to the Class of 1912, are you? The prevailing custom in Northern colleges is for the Freshman Class to be distinguished by a cap or hatband of some uniform cut or color. Then, why should not the Freshmen at Washington and Lee wear the cap designed for them?

Haven't you several years before you in which to cultivate the acquaintance of the young ladies of Lexington? Then, why not give

way to the upper classmen for awhile? Whom do you think these young ladies would rather see, a Freshman or a man they have known before?

As to tipping your hat to the members of the Faculty, you certainly need no rule to make you do that. We believe every man at Washington and Lee considers it a privilege to show this mark of respect.

Now, frankly, is there anything so obnoxious about these rules? Are all of them in any degree as trying as a single one enforced at nearly all military schools? Next year you will want to see these very rules enforced, so, our advice is to start now toward helping to make these things customs. Remember the main thing you need is to start right.

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