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SOPHOMORE-FRESHMAN PUSH-BALL RUSH.

Class of 1912 Wins Exciting Contest—Sophomores Put up a Game Fight.

The third annual Ball Rush between the Sophomore and Freshman classes was waged on Wilson Athletic Field, Saturday, September 26. To a spectator, the fight was one of the most interesting ever witnessed on Wilson Field, and resulted in a final score of 25 to 0 for the Freshmen.

The push-ball, an inflated sphere six feet in diameter, was placed in the center of the field, and the opposing teams, consisting of 30 Sophs and 40 Freshmen, respectively, lined up five yards back of it on their respective sides. Fifteen yards on each side of the ball, in the direction of the goals, is neutral territory, while beyond this each yard the ball is pushed counts one yard for the side, so pushing it. The Freshmen, in the first half, carried the ball to the Sophs' 15-yard line, thus netting them 25 points.

The Freshmen started with a vim in the first half, and steadily carried the ball forward. In vain did the Sophs shove and push and pull. Encouraged by slight gains, the Freshmen worked like beavers, and were rewarded. Time after time, the ball was pushed out of the bounds, and had to be brought back, and each time showed a gain for the Freshmen. Freshmen cheers and Sophomore hisses mingled with the other din. When the pistol was finally fired for the end of the half, the air was rent with Freshmen yells. "They even tried to give the old 'W. and L. yell! yell!'" and their spirit and enthusiasm made up for their lack of "get-together-ness."

After a short intermission, during which the captains—Wilson and Glasgow—exhorted, coaxed, wheedled, and threatened the Soph and Freshmen classes respectively, the fight was begun again with the ball in the middle of the field. The Sophs went in with a rush that bid fair to retrieve the first half; but, unfortunately for them, the Freshmen were equally determined not to lose the hard-earned gain. Realizing the fact that they could accomplish more with the ball in the air, time after time the Sophs got it up and made slight gains, only to have them offset by the gains of the Freshmen when the ball reached

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THE NEW LIBRARY

Imposing Structure With Magnificent Interior—Art Gallery Removed To It.

In the ever increasing growth and prosperity of the University each year brings some new beauty to the campus or some added building or equipment to the University. The year '08, not to be outdone by its preceding sisters, has brought to us the greatest marvel of them all in the new Carnegie Library. In the beauty of its architectural proportions and magnificent equipment it probably surpasses any building on the campus. Corresponding with its white pillars and other details of colonial architecture to the general type of the other buildings, it yet has an added distinction of its own in being the only building at Washington and Lee which can boast of a copper dome.

Facing the court between Newcombe and Reid Halls it is approached by a long flight of steps to its columned portico. From the portico we enter the reading room which is the rotunda room as well, extending to the full height of the rotunda. Around what would be called the second floor extends a gallery overlooking the reading room, along the walls of which have been hung the beautiful paintings of the University, adding greatly to the beauty of the room, as well as far surpassing anything which we have yet had as an art gallery. The walls of the gallery have been covered with dark green burlap and this gives a very pleasing effect.

Branching off from the reading room, the right wing is devoted to stack rooms and the left is devoted to the rooms of the various departments, while to the back of the building and facing the entrance are the working offices of the librarian.

The basement is scarcely less useful and well equipped than the upper floor, one wing being used as a stack room, while the other wing is to be used as a banqueting hall, something the like of which the University has been sadly in need of heretofore.

Harmonizing with the style of architecture, the building is furnished with colonial oak, while the simple brass fixtures, with their unornamented shades, fit in with the general plan. These handsome furnishings, added to the beauty, convenience and magnificent equipment of the whole building, combine to make this structure undoubtedly one of the very finest University buildings in the South.

FRATERNITY NEWS.

List of Old Men, Transfers and Initiates.

Below will be found the list of the various fraternities in college, with their respective membership to date. It will be noted that there are more transfers and "Ringers" than usual:

Phi Gamma Delta—R. P. Bledsoe, C. S. Glasgow, S. Davis, J. F. R. Kuck, R. E. Powell, J. M. Barker, G. H. Warthen, M. Meadors, R. A. Jones, F. McCutchan. Transfer, A. B. Williams. Goat, C. E. Muse.

Phi Delta Theta—C. T. Chenery, B. W. Coulter, T. S. Glasgow, L. V. Larsen, W. K. Lemley, J. T. Lykes, V. E. Manor, B. R. Richardson, R. G. Thach, G. W. P. Whip. Transfer, R. J. Coke. Goats, J. O. Hodgkins, W. N. Hodgkins, H. J. Lemley, J. B. McKee, J. D. Richardson.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon—S. Jemison, W. M. Hood, B. M. Chenoweth, C. H. Moore, C. P. McCord, B. M. Krug, C. S. Henley, O. W. Richardson, K. W. Seveir, John Page, H. K. Smartt, F. J. Hampton. Transfer, W. L. Webster. Goats, W. F. Barnard, F. B. Oates, R. P. Beaman.

Kappa Sigma—R. M. Strassel, J. W. Eggleston, R. E. Witt, I. P. Graham, L. Lamar, Jr., J. H. Price, C. S. Osbourn, J. Izzard, F. A. Hahn, R. H. Anderson, R. B. Spindle, R. F. Burnett. Transfer, B. R. Hooper. Goats, R. R. Witt, Jr., D. Owen, R. S. Hutcheson, J. S. Jones.

Delta Tau Delta—J. R. Caskie, L. P. Holland, G. T. Knotte, J. R. Saunders, R. M. Winborne, R. Bryant, W. C. Barker, R. A. Brown. Goats, A. Fant, J. R. Coates, B. Noel.

Phi Kappa Psi—L. M. Lynch, F. C. Dorris, S. B. M. Ghiselin. Goats, Graham, Young, Ferguson, Gott, Thompson, Brown, Lewis, Dickey.

Sigma Nu—J. H. Tucker, Jr., C. J. Ellison, J. P. Alexander, J. M. Douglas, M. Stough, A. Barrow, R. S. Hutcheson; J. T. McCrum, C. Hinton, J. Conant. Goat, William Paxton.

Sigma Chi—L. P. Bryant, W. N. Bootay, H. C. Alexander, P. Lambertson, W. A. McDonald, B. Truslow, C. Robbins. Goats, C. R. Dawley, C. P. Lewis, A. S. Mann, J. Coyle.

Pi Kappa Alpha—J. M. Arnold, S. A. Beard, L. J. Boxley, W. T. Hall, J. H. Lyle, J. L. Ryan, L. C. Witten, J. H. Tabb, F. L. Wysor, W. R. McMurrin. Transfers, A. L. Wolf, Jr., A. L. Stras, W. W. Trigg, J. L. Sumeral, A. W. Albertson, E. Kellner, J. B. Whitfield, Preston

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W. & L., 0; CAROLINA, 0

Fully Fifteen Hundred Spectators Witness Interesting Game

After an uneventful trip the W. & L. team reached Newport, News Friday morning at 10:30. They were met at the depot by a committee representing the Merchants' Association and escorted to the Warwick hotel. After lunch the team was taken for a sightseeing trip in automobiles furnished by the Newport News Committee, and that night were tendered a box at a moving picture performance at the Academy of Music.

The Carolina team reached Newport News Friday night, having come to Portsmouth over the Seaboard Air Line. They were also quartered at the Warwick hotel.

The weather Saturday morning was very threatening, and not until the game was well on did Old Sol show his smiling face.

About 2:30 o'clock both teams appeared on the field and ran through light signal practice. W. & L. won the toss and chose the South goal. By ten minutes to three o'clock the bleachers were well filled with ardent supporters of both Colleges, W. & L. having slightly the larger number.

It is estimated that at least fifteen hundred people witnessed the game.

Promptly at three o'clock the referee blew his whistle for the beginning of the play and Carolina's captain, Thomas, sent the pigskin sailing towards W. & L.'s goal, where Alderson scooped it up on the bounce and ran about ten yards before he was downed. Barnard then tried a fake kick and gained fourteen yards. It looked as if W. & L. was going to have a walk-over when on the next play Osbourn fumbled and North Carolina fell on the ball well in W. & L.'s territory. W. & L. was then penalized twice successively for five yards for offside play. Carolina gained about five yards in two downs and tried a forward pass which resulted in a fumble, Fuerstein falling on the ball. Alderson then hit the line for five and six yards and Earwood made about three on a short end run. Barnard then punted and Fuerstein was knocked out on a tackle. Carolina made about five yards on an end run and on the next down was penalized five yards for offside play, which forced them to kick. Izzard gathering up the ball, Earwood made five yards, Barnard kicked and Carolina returned after

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SENIOR LAW CLASS.

Meeting for Organization and Election of Officers — James Hubert Price President.

A meeting of the Senior Law Class was held in Tucker hall, Friday afternoon, September 25th, for the purpose of reorganization and election of officers.

Mr. James Hubert Price, of Staunton, was nominated for president by Mr. Witten and Mr. Reuben Ragland, of Lexington, was placed in nomination for the same place by Mr. Porter. Mr. Price was elected.

The candidates for vice-president were numerous, but Mr. H. C. Damion, of Covington, Va., won by a large majority.

Mr. H. L. Hooper, of Stuart, Va., was elected secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Ragland was unanimously elected to the very important office of representative to the Student Executive Committee. Mr. G. P. McCord was elected historian and Mr. L. P. Holland was the unanimous choice as representative to The Ring-tum Phi board.

Washington Literary Society.

The first meeting of the Washington Literary Society was called to order Saturday evening, September 19, at 8 o'clock by Vice-President Dameron. President-elect Spahr then delivered an inaugural address and took the chair.

Messrs. Orr and Mason delivered very interesting declamations.

Mr. Witten then gave an excellent oration.

The chair called upon Messrs. Cather and Kenny for impromptu addresses. Mr. Cather impressed upon us the reasons and advantages of being a member of a literary society. Mr. Kenny followed, reminding us of what the "old Wash" has done for the United States by turning out such men as United States Senator Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma, and Hon. Wade Ellis. Both addresses were very much enjoyed.

Mr. Smithson being unable to return to college, Mr. Eldred was elected to succeed Mr. Smithson as manager of *The Southern Collegian*. Upon the resignation of Mr. Heard as treasurer of the Society, Mr. Turnbull was elected to fill the vacancy. The program was interesting and enjoyed by all, but it was not quite up to the standard, as the debate had to be postponed.

R. H. SPAHR.

Permission Granted

"Jane," began Mrs. Newilwed timidly, "I don't suppose—er—that you would—er—object to my getting an alarm clock?"

"Not at all, ma'am," replied the sleepy maid. "Them things never disturb me at all!"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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earth again. For ten minutes they wrestled until—when both sides were thoroughly exhausted—the half was up, with the ball still in neutral territory.

The usual advantage of the Sophs in organization was this year reduced to a minimum, for President Glasgow, having been raised in Lexington and thus "knowing the ropes," had his class thoroughly organized, and, in order that they might know each other, had the cheeks of his men smuted.

The fight is a unique affair, being the only thing of its kind in any Southern college. It is designed to prevent any hazing and as a substitute for the dangerous contest over the painting of the statue of Washington on top of the main building. It has had the desired effect, and has become an event of the college year at W. and L. It is a great improvement on the old fights, not being nearly so dangerous. Outside of a few bloody noses and several black eyes, there were no accidents beyond such bruises and scratches as must be expected.

N. B.—The above was written for the first issue of *The Ring-tum Phi*, but, owing to lack of space, was not published. However, feeling that the participants, at least, in the fight would like to have an account of it, we publish it at this late day.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT.

Ask Cam. Armentrout if he was in the fight.

Who said "Jonah" to the Sophs? This is their second defeat and no chance to retrieve it.

The Sophs were sagaciously divided into "U-pushes" and "Mepullees." Which was Bryant?

Did anyone see "Fatty Felix"?

Ask "Nuts" Graham if he has any Sunday pants now.

Salamonousky was strictly in the fight. "The ball was on the ground and they rolled it over 'Sally'."

The referee had a hard time keeping Kirby Sevier out after a sub. had been put in for him.

Tommy Glasgow says he has Robert Bruce backed in the shade as an exhorter.

Someone said the Sophs must have been given a little "nerve-bracer" between the halves. What was it, President Wilson?

A stranger wanted to know if all the "Blacks" were Freshmen.

Rinehart and Kurth are rather sore at each other. Wonder if they'll butt-in again?

FRATERNITY NEWS

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Trigg. Goats, D. B. Earwood, C. E. Williams.

Phi Kappa Sigma—R. B. Stephenson, J. W. Anthony, J. G. Munce, J. W. Rader, W. B. Fowlkes, C. B. Pritchett, R. A. Waddill, T. B. Dilworth, J. R. Blackburn, A. H. Chandler. Goats, S. A. Schoolfield, L. M. Lebus, J. B. Watts.

Alpha Tau Omega—E. S. Humphreys, J. B. Baker, W. C. Armentrout, P. F. L'Engle, G. L. Hughes, T. B. Watkins. Transfers, D. S. Bryan, C. T. Hopkins, Jr., R. W. Pipes. Goats, C. C. Laird, S. R. Marks, W. M. McLure.

Kappa Alpha—J. L. Campbell, Jr., D. L. Gwathmey, W. W. Gwathmey, W. G. Caperton, E. B. King, W. F. Pipes, J. A. Dare, J. T. Clark, M. B. Withers, J. H. Tucker, W. W. Beverley, F. Darnell, R. Ragland. Transfer, B. Wall. Goats, R. Mosby, H. Butler, H. Barclay, J. Campbell, J. Speed, Grosvenor, F. Valz, H. Hagan.

Alpha Chi Rho—J. J. Forrer, L. M. Collins, A. H. Leap, J. J. Kelly, W. W. Wood, M. E. Cruser, W. B. Keezell. Goat, J. H. Daniel.

Sigma Phi Epsilon—C. R. Carter, C. H. Blackford, H. R. Philips, R. W. Randell, E. N. Casey. Transfer, C. N. Leatherbury. Goats, R. M. Knott, E. R. Holtz, L. F. O'Byrne.

Delta Sigma Phi—J. W. Claudy, N. R. Beddow, C. M. Blake, A. C. Knight, M. L. Lazarus. Goats, H. H. Roberts, R. Beddow.

Phi Delta Phi (Legal)—W. T. Hall, S. Davis, L. P. Holland, R. B. Stephenson, J. R. Caskie, R. Ragland, J. H. Price, C. I. Cary.

"*Ringers*"—John Lykes, *Beta Theta Pi*; R. R. Brown, *D. K. E.*; C. I. Cary, *Theta Delta Chi*; Martin, *Theta Delta Chi*; Philip Williams, *Chi Phi*; L. W. Wilson, *Delta Upsilon*.

Graham-Lee Society.

The first regular meeting of Graham-Lee Society was called to order at 8 p. m., September 19, by the president, J. H. Price. In a few choice words he welcomed the new students who were in the hall and asked that they join with him and the other members in making this the banner year of this Society.

Messrs. Burks and Herold delivered orations and Leach and Tucker gave declamations. Each of these was much enjoyed by all. Owing to the lateness of the hour, the debate was put off for a week. The house was then given a short recess, in which the members entered heartily into a canvass of the new students. The result was quite pleasing, as nineteen new men signed the roll, promising to prove themselves worthy of the honor bestowed upon them.

But it isn't the unexpected that happens when a bold man steals a kiss from a young widow.

"OUR GYM!"

Remarks By a Student Who Has Been Familiar With Conditions For Years

The heading is not meant for sarcasm, but to call it by any other name would lower the dignity of "The Greater University."

Of course, it is easier to run any business on the outside looking in, than on the inside looking out, but being a student and, therefore, personally interested with the readers of *The Ring-tum Phi* I will ask their indulgence while I make a few remarks about "Our Gym."

Last year some student published an article in this paper criticizing the dressing and bathing facilities of the gymnasium. It was generally understood at the time that the matter was dropped because the administration had promised that it would increase the baths and dressing rooms and would also put them in a sanitary condition. So far nothing has been done.

At present five shower fixtures are all that forty-five football players have to bathe under, besides numerous tennis and gym, men. The dressing room is even worse. There are not enough lockers, there is no place for clothes and no place to stand. The ventilation is totally insufficient. Odors arising from a closet in the middle of the room, from sweaty clothes and from perspiring men have no means of escaping. For several years there have been epidemics of various contagious diseases in college. Almost any disease might be contracted in such a place.

We know it is intended at some future time to build a new and complete gymnasium, but *right now* there is imperative need for better and larger facilities for bathing and dressing. On this depends to a large extent the health, comfort and efficiency of *this year's* men, both on and off the athletic teams.

R. P. BLEDSOE.

Not So Wonderful

"My grandfather," said the new neighbor, who was making a duty call, "was a great portrait painter. With one stroke of his brush he could change a smiling face into a sad one." "Huh!" exclaimed small Johnny, who happened to be in the parlor. "Our teacher can do that."—Chicago News.

Free Passes Barred

Mandy was a young colored maid fresh from the cotton fields of the South. One afternoon she came to her Northern mistress and handed her a card:

"De lady what gib me dis is in de parlor," she exclaimed. "Dey's anoder lady on de steps."

"Gracious, Mandy!" exclaimed the mistress, "why didn't you ask both of them in?"

"Kase, ma'am," grinned the girl, "de one on de do' steps done fergit her ticket."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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two downs of fruitless effort to advance the ball. Izard returned this ten yards and Barnard was forced to kick again. Carolina then tried another forward pass, which Izard got his hands on. Alderson was sent straight through Carolina's line for twenty yards. After two downs Barnard attempted a punt which Carolina blocked and fell on. Carolina then made five yards, worked the forward pass for five more, getting the ball well towards W. & L.'s goal line. It was at this juncture that W. & L. took a decided brace and held Carolina for three downs. The ball was so near the danger line that W. & L. kicked on the first down. North Carolina then worked the forward pass for twenty yards and attempted another which Izard caught. W. & L. was forced to kick again at once. After two downs Carolina was penalized fifteen yards for using their hands illegally and kicked. Fuerstein got away on the first down for twenty-five yards, but was called back and W. & L. penalized fifteen yards for holding in line. Barnard kicked and time was called, the first half ending, after twenty-five minutes of play, with the score 0 to 0.

SECOND HALF

Coach Brown changed the line-up by exchanging Earwood and Izard, the former going in at right end and the latter at right half-back. Carolina's line-up remained the same.

W. & L. kicked off, and on the first down Carolina tried the forward pass, which went out of bounds, and the ball was given to W. & L. Izard gained five yards and the signal was called for a drop-kick. Fuerstein fell back into position and the crowd held their breath.

Blackburn passed the ball into Fuerstein's hands and off it sailed in a beautiful drop, which looked as if it was bound to cross the bar. It, however, fell a little short, and W. & L. had lost her opportunity to score. Carolina punted out from the twenty-five yard line, and by successive line plunges, end runs, forward passes, worked the ball steadily towards W. & L.'s goal line, where the second nerve racking stand took place. Try as they might, Carolina could not force the ball over the line. They attempted two drop kicks, which W. & L., playing with great desperation, blocked. Just before this last blocked attempt at field goal the whistle blew and time was up and a sigh of relief went up from the bleachers containing the W. & L. rooters.

During the second half Armentrout was put in in place of Barnard, who had been pretty badly handled by Carolina.

The score does not tell the true story of the game, for to do justice to the Carolina team they should have won by at least twelve points. It was only by the stubborn defense put up by W. & L. at critical moments that this was prevented. Carolina's team-

work was almost perfect, and especially their forward pass, which they worked time and time again for substantial gains.

It was in team-work that W. & L. was weak. The new men showed their lack of experience, but proved that they were made of the right stuff. Alderson, Smartt, Izard and Fuerstein played a brilliant game at times, especially in their tackling. The handling of punts was poor, but this will be remedied by a little more practice.

While the work of the team was not as good as it should have been this showed up much more noticeably than it ordinarily would have done on account of Carolina's good work.

The line-up of the teams was as follows:

W. & L.—Blackburn, center; Pelter, right guard; Morales, left guard; McCord, right tackle; Osbourn, left tackle; Izard, right half-back and right end; Smartt, left end; Fuerstein, quarterback; Alderson (captain), fullback; Earwood, right end and right half-back; Barnard (Armentrout), left half back.

North Carolina—Deans, center; Howell, right guard; Rogers, left guard; Norwood, right tackle; Garrell, left tackle; Wiggins, right end; Manning, left end; Tillett, quarterback; Kelly, fullback; Thomas (Captain), right halfback; Ruffin, left halfback.

Time of halves—25 and 20 minutes. Officials: Referee: Armstrong, of Yale; Umpire, Barry, of Georgetown; Timekeeper, King, Newport News; Linesmen, Barry, of Virginia, Mann, of North Carolina Y. M. C. A.

WHAT THE WIRES SAID

1:20 P. M.—Our team looks as good as Carolina. In good shape.—“Dutch.”

1:25 P. M.—Betting even. Weather tolerable.

3:20—They kicked off to us. Alderson advanced ball fifteen yards.

3:29—Our ball on Carolina's fifty-yard line. “Dutch” raising sand.

3:30—Our ball on our thirty-five yard line.

3:42—Izard caught forward pass on our ten-yard line.

3:42—End first half. Their ball on our forty-yard line.

3:55—Beginning second half. No score. We kicked off to them.

4:02—Our ball on Carolina's forty-yard line.

4:05—Billy tries for goal. Just fell short. Carolina kicks out.

4:10—Carolina's ball in center of field. Just made twenty yards.

4:11—Our ball on forty-yard line. Gaining slow.

4:12—Carolina's ball on our fifteen-yard line.

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GRAHAM & CAMPBELL

AT “THE SHOP OF QUALITY.”

4:17—Carolina's ball on our twenty-five yard line.

4:22—Carolina made touchdown but called back.

4:29—Carolina substituting new men. Still on our twenty-yard line.

4:30—They are on our fifteen-yard line.

4:31—Final score, 0—0.

4:33—Team played poorly. Too much penalizing. Hard luck.

It's Up to You.

Buy your ticket now!! October 15, the day on which the sale of season tickets by the General Athletic Association closes, is not far off. In the first place, it is your duty to Washington and Lee to buy this ticket. Do not leave a few men to support the association alone, and then say what “our” team did. The ticket will save you about \$6.00 over gate admission. Come across!

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A MOST COMMENDABLE ACTION.

Too much can hardly be said in praise of the action Julian G. Pelter, Law '09, has taken in regard to football, and there are numbers of stalwart fellows in college, who if they would emulate Pelter's example, would make W. & L.'s Varsity one of the great football teams of the country. Pelter played on V. P. L. in 1897, and between that time and the fall of '07, when he entered the Law School, he was in business. Consequently when he came to college his law course demanded more of his time than it does of the man fresh from academic work, and he was unable to play football last year. However, Pelter, because of his splendid physique and his experience, realized that he could probably help the Varsity squad this year, so, after spending one month of his summer vacation at his old home, from which his work had kept him for several years, he returned to Lexington and began to train for football. He underwent a rigorous, though self-imposed, course of daily exercise, and his work on the Varsity in the last two games has proven that his efforts have not been without reward.

Now, how many of us would have done what Pelter has done for old W. & L.? How many of you men that know you could help the team have even gone out this fall? Work? Who has more work than Pelter with his senior law course? No, it's the spirit—the spirit that makes men W. & L.'s proud of—that inspired Pelter, and you men who can and won't haven't that commendable spirit. Neither have you who went out and then quit because you couldn't make the Varsity that spirit—yours is a selfish spirit—you won't help by play-

ing on the scrubs. And you that can't help on the gridiron, are equally at fault, too. The same spirit that inspired Pelter to go out for the team should inspire you to root for the team. Every man in college can help that way. Last year men stood on the side-lines and sat in the grandstand and laughed at the cheer-leaders when they urged them to root—laughed or kept their pitiable mouths closed. Doesn't such conduct as that bring a blush of shame to the cheeks of every loyal wearer of the grand old White and Blue? The men who act in that fashion are the selfish and the drones—the men who make a mess out of things and fail to do college or the world any good—the men who have no place among sound-minded, true-hearted, healthy Americans. We hope there are no such men in the Student Body of 1908-'09, but that every man in college will in some way follow the example Pelter has set us, and lend whatever powers he has to the development of athletics as Pelter has done.

THE NEED OF A NEW DORMITORY.

The presence of five hundred and fifty students in Lexington has filled to overflowing the dormitory, Castle Hill and all the boarding houses. More than one young man has come here with the intention of entering college, has stayed here several days, and then has been compelled to leave simply because he could not find a suitable place at which to board. At least two of these men are reported to be good athletes and, aside from other reasons, it seems hard to lose them. At several boarding houses three students are compelled to occupy one room, which would comfortably accommodate but two. More than this, some of those thus situated have to pay higher board than was formerly charged where there were only two in a room. These conditions, therefore, furnish conclusive proof of Washington and Lee's need for a new dormitory and refectory, which will accommodate comfortably a large number of students. The present dormitory is one of the best investments the University has, and practically all the men who live in it are pleased with the "Dorm" life, and, of course, a refectory would add to its convenience. Furthermore, a large, handsome dormitory building would add much to the beauty of the campus, and its usefulness cannot be denied. We are not blaming any one for the present conditions, for we believe no one is at fault, but we merely wish to give expression to our views on the subject, with the hope that the administration will shortly be in a position to carry them out.

SOME MORE NEEDS—ADJUNCT PROFESSORS.

The size of the Classes in English, Chemistry, Modern Languages

and Engineering, is so large that it is practically impossible for the heads of these Departments to give their students personal instruction. In English, at least, Dr. Currell's Junior Class is simply too large for him to handle, and, of course, too large for the lecture-room to accommodate. Consequently, he is compelled to have one of his assistants—a student—to do the work of actual instruction for a section of this class. While we would not for a moment be understood to criticize Dr. Currell's action in this particular or to doubt his assistant's competency, we do think an adjunct professor is needed for this as well as some of the other departments. We know both Dr. Currell and Mr. Spindle, the instructor in English, too well to doubt the former's wisdom in putting a class in the hands of the latter, but our point is this: A man who teaches English in a University should be able to give all his time to it—he should be an acknowledged teacher of English and that alone. Furthermore, so competent an instructor as Mr. Spindle may not always be found among the students, and, then what would be the result? Dr. Currell is too valuable a man to be so over-worked, and he needs an assistant who can really work with him. So do several of the other professors. It is alright to have competent students teach mathematics, where the work itself is of a purely technical nature, but everything in some other subjects does not follow a rigid form. In view of the thoroughness of instruction for which Washington and Lee has always been noted, and of the present size of the student-body, we sincerely hope another year will find adjunct professors in the over-crowded departments of the University.

Dean Burk's Reputation

As is quite natural for new students to do, some of the Junior Law men fell into a discussion the other day over the merits and reputation of the law professors. Finally they narrowed down to Professor Burks, the Dean of the Law School. Opinions were freely exchanged and the general consensus of opinion seemed to be that as a teacher of law Mr. Burks was the best in the South and had that reputation. At last one of the students who before had seemed to realize that "silence is golden" spoke up for the first time. The result was something like this:

"It may seem strange to you fellows, but don't you know that I had never heard of Professor Burks until this summer, and then I read one of his speeches and liked it so well that I decided to take law at Washington and Lee."

"What was the speech about?" asked some one.

"On Reconciliation," was the reply."

The meeting adjourned.

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Maryland Club Meeting

The first meeting of the Maryland Club was held Thursday, Oct. 1, at the Lees Dormitory in the rooms of Messrs. Delaplaine, Derr, Robinson and Stein. Twenty-six Marylanders were present, many of whom were new men. The entire crowd was entertained by the musical ability of Messrs. Wilson and Ordeman, after which a sumptuous repast was served. It was decided to hold a banquet at some time toward the end of the session. The meeting adjourned with several rousing yells.

Senior Academic Class Meeting

The Senior "Academics" met in the Greek room Wednesday, Sept. 30. The purpose of the meeting was organization of the class for the session 1908-9. The following officers were elected:

President, John L. Campbell.

Vice-President, L. C. Caldwell.

Secretary and Treasurer, Wm. T. Delaplaine.

Historian and Representative on the "Calyx" Board, B. McD. Krug.

Member of the Executive Committee, C. S. Osbourn.

Representative on The Ring-tum Phi Board, D. L. Gwathmey.

The Y. M. C. A. Handbook.

The editors and business manager of the Handbook for 1908-09 are to be congratulated on the neat, serviceable and helpful little book they have so generously put in our hands. It is a pity the finances of the management were not such as would justify getting out enough books for everyone, but we at least hope that every Freshman has a Handbook.

Occasionally a good singer lets a note go to protest.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Le Roy Hodges, Special Agent, Ex. '09, of the U. S. Immigration Commission, was in town several days last week, the guest of Mr. Laurence Witten. Mr. Hodges attended the Lauck-Dunlap wedding, which event took place on the first of October, at Unaka Springs, Tenn.

Miss Lillie Rust, accompanied by Miss Janie Miller, returned last week from Unaka Springs, Tenn., where they attended the Lauck-Dunlap wedding.

Miss Brockenbrough has returned after an extended visit to Natural Bridge, where she has been the guest of Miss Martha Paxton.

Abram P. Staples, Jr. Law, '08, of Roanoke, Va., was the guest last week of his parents, Professor and Mrs. Staples.

R. L. Browning, Law, '05, of Maysville, Ky., was in town for a short time last week.

A riding party, composed of the following young people, Miss Mina Golms, Miss Anna Rose Cohn, Mr. Cohn and Mr. Schwartzkof, passed thru Lexington last Monday en route thru the Valley of Virginia. While here they were delightfully entertained by the Misses Howerton.

Miss Mary Stuart Cocke, of Roanoke, Va., is the guest of the Hon. Harry St. George Tucker, at his country seat, "Col Alto."

Earnest Beale, Law, '08, was in College a short time last week as the guest of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity House, on Washington street, East.

Miss Lucy Patton left last Monday afternoon for Paducah, Ky., where she intends visiting friends for several months.

Mr. Beach Chenoweth left last Monday afternoon to make a flying visit to Clifton Forge.

Frank Wolff, Ex., '07, San Antonio, Texas, made a short stay in town last week.

Miss Stark, of Missouri, and Miss Thomas, of Colorado, were the guests last week of Professor and Mrs. Long.

Miss Hicks, of Wilmington, N. C., is visiting Miss Betty Glasgow.

The many admirers of Miss Lelia Hobson, of Norfolk, Virginia, will be interested to know that her marriage to Midshipman Vaughn Woodard, U. S. N., will take place early in November. Miss Hobson was one of the belles at the Fancy Ball of 1907, and has a great many friends here as she has thru-out Virginia.

On Wednesday evening last, Mr. Wm. Turner, an old alumnus, entertained very delightfully at his country home, "Brushwood," in

honor of Mr. David Barclay. Among those who enjoyed Mr. Turner's hospitality were Miss Evelyn Williams, of Missouri; Miss Sheldon, of New Jersey; Miss Rust, Miss Brockenbrough, Misses Gadsden, Misses Barclay, Miss Helen Turner, Mrs. Turner and Mr. David Barclay.

Miss Emily Robinson entertained charmingly on Saturday, October third, in honor of Miss Thomas, Miss Stark, and her sister Miss Margaret Robinson. Many callers were received during the afternoon. At night Miss Robinson entertained the members of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Campbell left last Wednesday afternoon on a week's visit to Washington, D. C.

President Denny left Wednesday to attend the meeting of the State Board of Charities, at Richmond.

Colonel D. W. Pipes, who spent the summer in Lexington, has returned to his home in New Orleans.

Kester W. Denman and his brother were called to their home in Texas last week by the sad news of their father's death. Mr. Denman was killed in a railway accident. *The Ring-tum Phi* extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.

McCown Elected Captain of Track Team

At a meeting of the track team held last week, Mr. A. S. McCown was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the failure of Steele, W. & L.'s track captain-elect for the present year, to return to college. Mr. McCown has been connected with track athletics in this institution for the past two years, having won his monogram last year. He is a good track man and will undoubtedly make a good captain.

On Monday last a call was issued for track men to report at the gymnasium and thirty men responded to the call. They are now hard at work for the Annual Cross-Country Run from Buena Vista to Lexington, which event will take place the latter part of November.

The football team left for Newport News Thursday evening. A large crowd of students were at the station to give them a royal send-off.

The following men were taken on the trip by Manager J. T. Lykes: Blackburn, Weeks, Morales, Pelter, Dulin, Osborne, McCord, Smartt, Izard, Derr, Blake, Bledsoe, Fuerstein, Earwood, Barnard, Armentrout and Capt. Alderson. Coach R. R. Brown, Assistant Manager Chenoweth and Fort Pipes also accompanied the team.

W. & L. FOOTBALL SCHEDULE, 1908

Oct. 17.—Richmond College.....	Richmond
24.—William & Mary.....	Lexington
31.—V. P. I.....	Lynchburg
Nov. 7.—George Washington.....	Washington
14.—A. & M. of N. C.....	Lexington
26.—Georgetown.....	Georgetown

ALUMNI NOTES

D. W. Pipes has entered the law department at Tulane this year. It is reported that he is on the football squad, and all the New Orleans papers have written him up as an ex-Washington and Lee star of much renown and glory. At any rate, they said enough to let us know that "Dave" has not forgotten his old game of bluffing.

T. O. Bagley, well remembered as "Shack," is still with the Westinghouse people in Pittsburg.

J. D. Causey, class of '05, is working on an engineering corps in central Brazil.

R. F. Berry, law '08, is with the firm of Leedy & Berry, Luray, Va.

E. H. Deets, '08, is with the Maryland State Roads Commission as rodman.

W. K. Ramsey, '07, is working as a field agent with the Bureau of Corporations.

"Punch" Penn and "Johnny" Newman have put up a partnership sign in the city of Bristol.

L. K. Koontz, '08, is teaching at Frederick College, Frederick, Md.

H. W. Phillips, '08, familiarly known as "Rags," has discarded that title, and is associated with his father in the lumber business in the pine woods of North Carolina.

L. S. Showalter, law '08, is working with a law publishing house at Charlottesville, Va.

H. L. Kidd, law '08, is in the office of G. E. Caskey, at Lynchburg, Va.

S. McP. Glasgow, '04, L. M. Moffett, '06, and O. V. Armstrong, '05, were ordained as ministers of the Southern Presbyterian church, by the Lexington Presbytery, which was in session at New Monmouth church last week.

H. H. Ragon, '08, is practicing law at his home in Clarksville, Ark. "Doc" says he is very homesick for W. and L., and may be at the Georgetown game, Thanksgiving.

Julian S. Gravely, '08, has entered the "Boston Tech."

Notes From the Outside

It is rather surprising that so large an institution and one which holds such a prominent place in inter-collegiate athletics should be just now contemplating the institution of basketball, but we note from *The Michigan Daily* that the General Athletic Association has the matter under advisement.

The Tarheel, of the University of North Carolina, states that plans for intercollegiate basketball are also being discussed there.

Both Sewanee and Vanderbilt seem to have weak places in their lines. *The Commercial-Appeal*, of Memphis, says that a Sewanee player has been in the city trying to get a husky guard to enter the University.


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Second Meeting of Graham-Lee.

Owing to the unprecedented rush of new men, Graham-Lee has not yet resumed her usual program. An unusually large number of first-year men cast their lot with us at the last meeting.

The meeting for September 26 was called to order at 8 p. m.

The president read a very interesting letter to the society from Mr. L. J. Deshea, a graduate of Washington and Lee, now a student for the doctorate degree at Johns Hopkins, formerly a member and always a staunch adherent of old Graham-Lee.

Mr. Williams presented a short but very appropriate declamation on Washington and Lee.

Mr. Guthrie, the second declaimer, presented a beautiful poem rich in pathos.

Mr. Somers delivered again his eloquent oration entitled, "Our Heritage as Southerners," with which he won a medal last session.

The debate on the question of enacting a national income-tax law was argued affirmatively by Messrs. Davis and Ware, with Messrs. Watkins and Adkins on the negative. The judges decided in favor of the negative.

Last Saturday was the evening regularly set apart for the election of officers. Mr. Herold was elected president; Mr. Ware, vice-president; Mr. Dawkins, secretary; and Mr. Adkins *Ring-tum Phi* reporter.

Graham-Lee Society—Third Meeting.

Graham-Lee is still enrolling for membership quite a large number of new men. For this reason we have not, since college opened, been able to carry out a full program. Quite a large contingent of this year's enrollment consists of law students.

Mr. Leech began the exercises of last Saturday evening by delivering his excellent oration entitled, "Launched; but Whither Bound?" Mr. Leech contested for the University Medal, last Commencement, with this speech.

A joint session with the Washington Society for the purpose of discussing intercollegiate debates, resulted in placing the matter in the hands of a committee. The subject of the debate was: "Resolved, That state judges should be elected." Keebler and Watkins argued for the affirmative; Morrell and Bryan argued against the proposition. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

Commerce Society Formed.

During the closing weeks of last session, the idea was conceived by a few students of The School of Commerce of forming a secret society in that department for the promotion of high-class work in the study of economics, political science, and commerce. The result of this idea was the founding of the *Nu Kappa Lambda* fraternity. The membership is to be main-

tained strictly on a scholarship basis. The fraternity will hold meetings once every two weeks, at which papers on economic subjects will be read and discussed. *Nu Kappa Lambda* is, to the best of our knowledge, the only secret society of its kind in America, and certainly is the only society at Washington and Lee that is maintained on the basis of scholarship solely. The charter members are: R. P. Bledsoe, John Izard, P. B. Lamberton, W. N. Bootay, W. N. Grubbe, LeRoy Hodges, T. R. Cather, J. N. Montgomery, W. A. McDonald, R. J. Denny, V. J. Heard, W. K. Ramsey, W. T. Delaplaine, O. C. Jackson, Raymond Kenney, R. S. Keebler, N. D. Smithson, R. B. Pruitt, and J. E. Corley. Membership to the fraternity will be restricted to twenty members for each scholastic year. This will mean that not more than five or six vacancies will, ordinarily, occur each year, and only men who have shown some marked ability in the study of economics will be elected.

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