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FOOTBALL PRACTICE

WELL UNDER WAY

Wilson Field a Scene of Much Activity
—Large Squad Out and Prospects
for a Good Team

With the first game only two weeks off, the work of shaping up a football team that shall creditably represent the White and Blue is going forward rapidly. Each afternoon the athletic field trembles under the heavy tread of prospective gridiron warriors who are being put through their paces in increasingly strenuous practice, and while it is too early to make predictions, yet it is the hope and expectation of all who have seen the squad at work that Washington and Lee will this season have a team of which we can justly feel proud.

The "first call" for candidates was issued the day after college opened, and in response about sixty men turned out. Dr. Pollard, assisted by Captain Moomaw and one or two of last year's veterans, at once took the squad in hand and set the men to passing, falling on the ball, and jogging around the track, with now and then a race down the length of the field. Harder practice followed, and toward the latter part of the week the men were running down under punts, tackling the dummy and going through team and signal practice. The squad was divided into three teams for the latter work, and so well has the team work developed that it is planned to begin scrimmages by the middle of the week.

Much promising new material is in evidence, and in addition there is a good nucleus from last year's team. The old men who are out are: D. C. Moomaw, captain, right guard on last year's team; J. P. Hobson, left guard; P. C. Rogers, also left guard; J. H. Miller, left tackle; L. O'Quinn, quarter back; E. P. Davis, fullback; and H. N. Barker, a sub of last year. The men whose places must be filled are: L. M. Kinnear, center; J. R. Blackburn, right tackle; E. F. Burke and J. D. Harman, ends, who are in college, but who are not candidates; L. L. Humphrey, left end; R. A. Waddill, right half, who, it is reported, is not coming out this year; and H. A. Derr, left half.

There are a number of candidates for these and other positions, who are showing up well. Among them may be mentioned: Lyle, for the position of half back; Malcolm, quarter; Beuhring, half; Raftery, quarter; Francis, end; Webster, center; Brown, end; and the two Sutherland brothers, Wood, Rothrock, Earwood, Walton, Rogers, Williams, Tindall and Bone, all of whom are out for positions on the line. Webster is showing aggressiveness at center. Among the candidates are several punters, notably Francis and Beuhring; J. H. Miller is also doing some good place kicking.

Dr. Pollard is constantly on the field directing the practice, and whatever success we may have will be largely due to his able coaching, in which the football men and the

OPENING DANCE

Attended by Small Number—Given by Students in General Instead of Cotillion Club

The cotillion club of the University decided that, owing to lack of interest, there would be no opening dances. However, when the "calic" began to arrive for the V. M. I. hops, the temptation proved too strong for several, and a movement was placed on foot to open our new year with a dance.

"Higgins Hall" proved an ideal ball room, owing to a new hard wood floor, which made dancing delightful. Music was furnished by the Lexington string orchestra, and dancing continued until 1 o'clock.

The hop was characterized by a total absence of freshmen. A few first class men from V. M. I. added to the enjoyment of the occasion, as did a large number of stags.

Among those dancing were:

Miss Gladys Gerardeau of Savannah, Ga., with W. A. Irwin.

Miss Hadra of San Antonio, Tex., with Leslie Curry.

Miss Jennie Hopkins of Lexington, with R. R. Witt.

Miss Margaret Robinson of Lexington, with R. C. Dow.

Miss Nell Carrington of Lexington, with William Hogue.

Miss Mary Blanton of Lexington, with Harry Moran.

Miss Roper of Petersburg, Va., with R. A. Waddill.

Miss Dallas Lee of Richmond, Va., with Taylor Harrison.

Miss Edmonia Leech of Lexington, with R. C. Hood.

Miss McDaniel of Lynchburg, Va., with Carter Glass, Jr.

Miss Alice Robertson of Norfolk, Va., with J. D. Harmon.

Miss Bessie Catlett of Lexington, with S. B. Harper.

Miss Lucy Patton of Lexington, with E. P. Davis.

Miss Agnes Patton of Lexington, with J. T. McCrum, Jr.

Patronesses: Miss Annie White, Misses Graham and Mesdames Cross, Walker, Gerardeau, Ball, Owen and Carrington.

A clipping from the Roswell, N. M., "Daily Record," which was posted on the bulletin board, conveys the news that Hiram Dow, LL.B. '08, is a candidate for the office of District Attorney for his district. He has already made himself a reputation as city attorney, and the "Record" promises him its support. All his friends here will wish him success.

DR. DENNY WILL ANSWER

His Decision in Regard to Alabama's Call to Be Made Known Saturday

Dr. Denny will give his answer Saturday.

The news that he is contemplating resigning the presidency of Washington and Lee University, having under consideration a call to the presidency of the University of Alabama, was the unpleasant surprise which greeted those returning to college this year, and was the common topic of conversation.

When asked Saturday night what his answer would be, Dr. Denny stated that he would give his answer one week hence.

"What do the students want me to do?" he asked with a smile. He was assured that their verdict was, "stay," and that the only reason they had not expressed that wish was, that they had not had a chance.

It is needless to say that the desire of the student body is unanimously and emphatically that Dr. Denny remain. Many have had occasion to stand in awe of him, perhaps, but he has a firm place in the regard of every man within our walls. The Washington and Lee of today, as compared with the Washington and Lee of ten years ago, is his all-sufficient testimonial of efficiency, while the chorus of protest which has arisen over the state is an indication of how he is regarded throughout the Old Dominion.

PRESS CLUB

Last year several students organized a Press Club, for the purpose of reporting to the city papers throughout the South happenings of interest at Washington and Lee. The club did a good work in informing the public of what we were doing, a work which had been neglected heretofore. It is desired to continue the enterprise this year, and the manager of the club announces that there is a vacancy which must be filled. Anyone who desires work of this kind will please give his qualifications and experience, if any, at once. Address Press Club, P. O. Box 196.

J. N. Montgomery, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. last year, was in town for the opening of college.

J. Burroughs Noell, '11, editor of the Calyx last year, was in town last week. He expects to go into newspaper work.

PUSHBALL FIGHT

Annual Contest Between Sophomores and Freshmen Results in a Tie

The class of 1915 proved its valor on the bloody field of battle last Wednesday afternoon, when Freshmen and Sophomores lined up for the annual ball rush, the score resulting in a tie. The contest was one of the hardest fought struggles of the kind that has ever taken place on Wilson field, though perhaps not so interesting as some from the standpoint of the spectator, from the fact that no sensational gains were made, the ball never going out of neutral ground except once in the second half, when the Sophomores gained about five yards beyond the prescribed fifteen. They were unable, however, to hold the advantage, the ball being gradually forced back into neutral ground.

Tom Glasgow, acting as referee, fired the pistol which set the contestants in motion promptly at 5:30 o'clock: there was the usual short, sharp rush and dull thud; then all motion seemed suddenly to stop, as each side exerted itself to the utmost to hold its own. Soon, however, scuffles began to occur between individual Freshmen and Sophomores, and the officials were kept busy separating men who in their excitement might have come to blows. Finally the Freshmen began to gain the advantage, and the ball went slowly toward the Sophomore goal. Progress was very slow, however, and just when the ball was on the fifteen yard line, the pistol cracked, and the first half was over.

The second half was perhaps more fiercely contested than the first, and blood flowed from several gashed heads. The Sophomores now had their inning, and the ball was slowly forced into Freshman territory.

About five yards were gained, counting five points, but the advantage could not be maintained, and before the last crack of the pistol the Freshmen had succeeded in carrying the ball back into neutral ground.

It was at first planned to make each half fifteen minutes, but the exhaustion resulting from such long struggle led the officials to cut the periods of play down to ten minutes for the first half and eight minutes for the second. The second half was again divided into two periods of four minutes each with an intermission. Time was called on several occasions, when men were injured and taken out of the contest. Aside from several men who received small cuts about the head and one or two others who were knocked out by the strenuous exertion, no one is reported hurt.

The contest awakened the usual amount of interest, and the bleachers and grandstand were full of townspeople and students. The Freshmen naturally feel gratified over the result, which they look upon almost in the light of a victory, but they are not unduly puffed up, and their team, in spite of shortness of breath, did not fail to give a "three times three" for the Sophomores.

Football Schedule.

- Oct. 7—Roanoke College, in Lexington
- Oct. 14—Hampden-Sidney, in Lexington
- Oct. 21—Wake Forest College, in Lexington
- Oct. 28—V. P. I. at Roanoke
- Nov. 4—University College of Medicine, in Lexington
- Nov. 11—A. & M. of N. C., at Raleigh, N. C.
- Nov. 18—North Carolina, at Norfolk, Va.
- Nov. 25—Open
- Nov. 30—Thanksgiving—Tulane, at New Orleans, La.

THE COLLEGE AND THE MAKING OF MEN

From New York Evening Post, Sept. 9th

The alumni of Washington and Lee University are naturally gratified by the remarkable number of its graduates who are now occupying prominent positions in politics, on the bench, and in the various fields of social activity. A new justice of the supreme court, Joseph R. Lamar, is a graduate of the law school's class of 1878, in which were also ex-Governor Stephens of Missouri, ex-Governor MacCorkle of West Virginia, the present chief justice of the supreme court of Alabama, the general counsel of the Baltimore & Ohio railway, and the director of the Russell Sage foundation. In the senate of the United States are five graduates of this university—Foster of Louisiana, Chamberlain of Oregon, Owen of Oklahoma, Bryan of Florida, and Poindexter of Washington. Six graduates speak for five states in the house of representatives, including such useful congressmen as Sladen of Texas, and Hay of Virginia. It is claimed for Washington and Lee that its law school, "though never large in comparison with such schools as Harvard, Columbia, Yale and others," has none the less more "alumni upon the supreme courts in a large number of states than any other law school in the country." The chief justice of the court of claims in Washington was graduated in 1868, and still other prominent graduates are Thomas Nelson Page, Clifton R. Breckenridge, lately ambassador to Russia; Wade H. Ellis, Dr. James H. Dillard, the head of the Jeanes Fund, and Julius Krutchnitt, now prominent as the executive of the Harriman railways.

Altogether, this is an extraordinary showing, and one which has set people to wondering just why Washington and Lee should have produced so many notable men, particularly during a period when it was sharing the reconstruction miseries and the poverty of the South. The advocates of the small college will, of course, find in it a complete justification of their contention that the smaller the institution, and the closer the contact between professors and students, the more the graduate gains from the teachings and personal impress of his instructors. The St. Louis Republic has a theory of its own about this particular case of Washington and Lee. It is this:

"The kind of education that makes great men is not merely cultural, technical, or what not; it is a training that unlocks the possibilities of personality. In Washington and Lee today the life of the teachers is static rather than dynamic; they were and are men of small incomes, simple habits, and well furnished minds, secure of their positions, honored in their communities, and satisfied with the scholar's kingdom. Is there not more, perhaps, in contact with men at peace with themselves and the world than in membership in a great university where the instructor desires to become an assistant professor, the assistant professor an adjunct professor, the adjunct professor to head a department, and the president to secure five millions more of endowment than did his predecessor?"

Now, we should be the last to deny the spiritual influence of the man at peace with himself and the world and free from restless ambition—of him whose thoughts are ever centered upon things eternal rather than temporal. With much of the Republic's contention we are

wholly in sympathy. That the advocate of the small college is, more over, correct in asserting that there is in it a greater opportunity for moulding the students, for guiding their thoughts, and particularly for inspiring them with high ideals of public service, we have often contended. But it is quite possible to go too far in this direction. If the record of Washington and Lee is exceptional, it is surely due to exceptional conditions, as well as to the self abnegation of a faculty whose fruits prove them to have been remarkable teachers. In the first place, it would be hard to find another small college with such a tradition and setting. When General Lee after Appomattox, rode his famous Traveller over the mountains to Lexington and became president of Washington College, it was to a town already distinguished as the home of "Stonewall" Jackson and the site of the Virginia Military Institute. Many distinguished soldiers and citizens had lived there or nearby, and the college itself had grown out of a benefaction of George Washington.

After the idol of the Confederacy there came to Lexington the colonels and captains of his defeated legions, men of unusual character fortified by years of warfare and suffering, who sought to complete their interrupted education. To them succeeded, after General Lee's death, youth also of unusual character, for it required sacrifice, courage, and ambition to obtain a college education in the South in the late sixties and the seventies. They found at Lexington an unusual spirit and inspiring associations, as well as teachers to admire and profit by. Hence it is not altogether unnatural that the graduates of this period speedily became leaders in their communities. The really educated men were rare, and these had also acquired the pioneering spirit in the Virginia hills and found their way readily to Oregon, to Oklahoma, to New York, to New Orleans, all over the New South, with its need for a new pioneering. Thus while we would not rob the faculty of Washington and Lee of a tittle of its just due, it is only fair to say that conditions as well as the teachers were responsible for the record of public service to which we are glad to call attention.

It is idle to deny, too, that more and more in the larger universities the teacher is lost in administrative work and can give but less and less of himself to the thronging students. Ex-President Elliot found it necessary to devote himself to the working out of great educational and administrative problems and had but little time, and perhaps inclination, left for direct personal contact with the students. Yet in Harvard, crowded as it has been, there are and have been rare personalities, like Agassiz, Norton, Lane, Childs, and Shaler—to mention but a few—who did their wonderful work of inspiration, even though 400 men listened where but forty would have heard at Washington and Lee. Nothing was more distant from their minds than the thought of their titles, their power within the walls of the faculty room, or their pay. They were great teachers, born for their places, and the men under them were quickened for a lifetime by their spirit and their thought. Were one to count the Harvard men in high places in nearby New England today, it would be Harvard everywhere and the small college far behind. In Texas it is the large university of that name which sweeps everything else before it in the public and social life of the state. So that it is not the size of

the college that counts alone, nor its distance from the marts of the world. It can only be said that for him who has a distaste for administrative problems and would find his life's happiness in setting firmly the stamp of his personality upon the students before him, the small rural college does today offer the best opportunities for the man to man contact that counts and quickens.

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ALABAMA'S CALL

Trustees, Council, Citizens and Alumni Protest

We give a brief resume of the negotiations and events connected with Dr. Denny's call to the University of Alabama:

Early in the summer the subject was officially brought to Dr. Denny's attention and repelled by him. Early last month on urgent request from them he met at Lynchburg a committee of the board of the University of Alabama who pressed upon him the acceptance of the presidency. He finally consented to take the subject under consideration after the session was under way at Washington and Lee.

The special meeting of the board of trustees held here Friday evening, the 8th, was called to consider this subject. The following extract from the minutes of the board explains their action relative to it:

ACTION BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

"Dr. G. B. Strickler, the rector, stated that the meeting had been called for such action as might seem proper in view of the fact that President Denny had received a call to the presidency of the University of Alabama, and papers were presented to the board in this connection, signed by members of the faculty, by the business men of Lexington and by the mayor and council of Lexington.

"On motion, it was resolved that President Denny's salary be increased by the sum of \$1,000 a year, with the use of the president's house.

"Messrs. William A. Anderson and L. H. Cocke were appointed a committee to draft an expression of the sense of the board, and reported the following paper, which was adopted unanimously:

"It having come to the knowledge of the board that President Denny has received, and has under consideration, an attractive proposal to accept the presidency of a sister institution, the board unanimously declares:

"1. That, in view of the great work, and the signal success which Dr. Denny has accomplished during the ten years of his presidency of this university, and of the assurance which those results give of further and greater achievement in the future if he shall continue as the executive head of this institution, we would deplore the severance of his connection with the university, as a calamity to the university, and to the cause of liberal education in this state.

"2. We beg to assure him of the continued cordial support and cooperation of this board in the future as in the past in his wise and efficient efforts in the great work in which he has already achieved such distinguished success, and express the hope that he may see his way clear to continue his present connection with the university."

These resolutions were presented to Dr. Denny, who reserved his decision for a future time, stating however, that the appreciated and would give due weight to the action of the board and others. Among those who have protested are a number of the citizens of Lexington and the town council, who have presented papers to Dr. Denny, urging that he remain at Washington and Lee.

ALUMNI HEARD FROM

Many alumni have written to Dr. Denny earnestly protesting against his leaving the university. The President of the general alumni as-

sociation, Congressman John W. Davis of West Virginia, writes:

"I have just heard that you have under consideration a proposition from the University of Alabama, and in my own right, and as president of the alumni, I write to protest against your acceptance of it. I think every alumnus of Washington and Lee keenly appreciates the extent and value of the work you have done and we cannot consent that you should lay it down. The university has prospered under your hands to a greater extent than any person could have hoped, and I feel sure that you have it in your power to bring about still greater advancement. I sincerely trust that you will conclude that your duty lies at Lexington rather than somewhere else."

PRESIDENT DENNY

From the Richmond Times-Difpatch; Sept. 17, 1911

To George H. Denny, president of the Washington and Lee university: Stay where you are: Remember Abercrombie. There's nothing in it for you or for the cause of higher education to which you have devoted your life. The place you fill now is a higher place. The field is larger. The opportunities are greater. There is much difference between being president of a great institution removed from political influences and an institution which is dependent upon the favor of succeeding shoals of politicians who may be or may not be influenced by the true educational spirit. You have done a wonderful work at Lexington. The people of the community know you and like you. The board of trustees of the university have the utmost confidence in your leadership, and your student body respect and admire you for your manly character and sincere and helpful sympathy with them in their college life and ambitions. You have made a fine reputation in the educational world by your administration of your present exalted place. You could not leave the university which you have fostered without doing it serious injury. Stay where you are.

A PROTEST

From the Richmond News-Leader, Sept. 16, 1911

In protesting against the acceptance by Dr. George H. Denny, president of Washington and Lee university, of the call to the presidency of the University of Alabama, we are sure we voice the sentiment, not only of every alumnus and friend of Washington and Lee, but of the people of Virginia generally. Not only would Dr. Denny's acceptance of the call be a distinct blow to the institution he has done so much to build up, but a serious loss to the state. For apart from the high place he occupies, and the vast influence he exerts, as a leader in educational circles, Dr. Denny is a man of affairs, whose impression is felt in all else that pertains to the elevation and advancement of healthy thought in Virginia. He stands today in the front rank of the "molders of men," who for years must control and determine in the matter of living up to the best public and private ideals, the destinies of the commonwealth. No less than Washington and Lee can Virginia spare Dr. Denny.

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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.

WHAT OTHERS THINK

We print elsewhere in this issue editorials from three city papers (we had almost said "three of our contemporaries," but that would be presumption.) One, from the New York Evening Post of Sept. 9, must be peculiarly gratifying to every loyal son of Washington and Lee, not only because it recognizes the part that graduates of this University are taking in national affairs, but places the credit for their high attainments where it is due—upon the personnel of our faculty and the splendid traditions which are our richest endowment. The article is a remarkably keen analysis of the true "Washington and Lee spirit"—the spirit of our great men of the past, which is still able to mould and direct our men of the future. The relative advantages of the small and the large college need not be considered in this connection; our record so far has been one of quality rather than numbers. If we maintain quality in the future, as in the past, the size of our enrollment need cause little concern.

The other two editorials, from Richmond papers, touch upon an

issue which vitally interests us at this time. We are sure that we express the undivided sentiment of the student body when we earnestly concur in these protests against the resignation of Dr. Denny. His work here for the last ten years is too familiar to need comment; but that work is by no means finished. Everyone interested in W. & L. earnestly hopes that he will remain to see the consummation of the labor he has begun.

With the beginning of another session of the University, the Ring-tum Phi wishes to extend to the members of the student body, old and new, a friendly greeting. The men who have spent one or more years here do not need to be told that they have come to a good place; they realize that, or they would not be back. To the Freshman, however, who may or may not be just a little homesick at present, feeling himself a stranger in a strange land, a friendly word may not be amiss.

The Freshman is perhaps the most salient feature of each beginning of college. Upon what the Freshmen of today is, depends what the Senior four years hence shall be; and, in view of the ever widening influence which Washington and Lee is exercising in the nation, do we exaggerate when we say that the quality of our Seniors will have a material effect upon the fortunes of the Republic? Thus, by a chain of irrefutable logic, we have proved that the destiny of the country rests upon the young fellows who are wearing the blue cap with the white button. We feel sure that they will live up to the responsibility nobly. It would be presumption to assume the role of "big brother" to such important men, so enough of moralizing. Sufficient, that if you obey the Sophomore decalogue (which, by the way, is founded upon reason and not upon caprice), and absorb the manly atmosphere of Washington and Lee for four years, along with a reasonable amount of book-learning, the nation need have no fear of enemies without nor evil counselors within.

By the time this paper is in your hands, you will have had an opportunity to express your feeling in regard to Dr. Denny's acceptance or rejection of Alabama's offer. There can be no doubt as to what that expression will be. The student body should have taken vigorous action last week, but in the confusion of the opening days it seems that no

body knew just what to do. Plans for having a University assembly were made last Saturday, and the assembly was called for Monday.

The action of the mass-meeting will undoubtedly have weight with Dr. Denny, who has in the past shown himself willing to accede to the wishes of the student body. A strong expression of the esteem in which he is held, both as a man and an executive officer, should certainly make him unwilling to leave us and go to a place where he will have to establish himself in the regard of a strange body of men—however certain he may be of doing so. "Kind hearts are more than coronets," and we do not believe that Dr. Denny will exchange the kind hearts even for a larger field—granting that Alabama is a larger field, which, to our mind, is not proven.

If this issue of the Ring-tum Phi should prove disappointing to you; if your name is not there when it should be there; if a report of some event which interests you is conspicuous by its absence—we crave your indulgence, with the promise of an earnest endeavor to do better next time. During the first few days of college, when everything is in confusion, when you can't find the one man who can give you certain information, when the staff of the paper is so incomplete that the work devolves upon a very few reporters, you must admit that it is a pretty difficult matter to cover the news thoroughly. Now that our staff is assembled, we hope for improvement.

U. VA. CHANGES POLICY

The following article from the University of Virginia "College Topics" of June 10, 1911, which was printed under the heading, "No More Northern Baseball Trips; Itinerary is Changed to Bring Virginia into Connection With Southern Universities," will be read with interest by those who are familiar with the rather lively newspaper discussion which was carried on last year regarding a kindred subject. The article is as follows:

"A change of policy in the arranging of the baseball schedule for next year was proposed at the last meeting of the G. A. A., and concurred in by all of the members present. It will materially change the athletic relations of the University and bring Virginia into association with several of the large institutions immediately to the South.

"For many years, the baseball team has been sent on the Northern trip at large expense to the athletic asso-

ciation, and the plan, in brief, is to change this upward itinerary for an invasion of the South. Hereafter, Virginia baseball teams will go no farther than Princeton and Franklin Field at the University of Pennsylvania, but it is hoped by wise arrangement of games to play the same teams at points in the South. For instance, the Yale game at Norfolk is a big drawing card, and it will be attempted to secure this money making attraction for next year. Relations will thus be maintained with Northern colleges and at the same time there will be a wholesome departure in the taking on of Southern universities. The Northern teams will continue to visit Lambeth Field on their spring training trips.

"Of course a schedule for the Southern trip can not be made out without the agreement of the colleges to be played but, reasoning on the offers that have come from other institutions, a tentative schedule is given below. Two games will be played with North Carolina probably at Greensboro and Charlotte, while the third will take place at Lambeth Field. Other prominent institutions of the South Atlantic division are Georgia Tech, the University of Georgia, and the University of South Carolina. It is practically certain that games will be arranged with these schools and one other.

"The guiding motive in the changes as outlined above is the intention of extending Virginia's relations with universities near home, and at the same time to insure the success of the baseball season from the financial side. There is no doubt that games in the larger cities of the South would prove big attractions; while, because of the fact that there is little real rivalry with the teams of the North, the games north of Philadelphia have very small crowds.

"It is with the idea of realizing funds from this change of policy that the G. A. A. board is assuming indebtedness in building the first section of the concrete grandstands."

BIBLE STUDY

The Y. M. C. A. announces that the Bible Study department will this year be conducted on a somewhat different and more extended plan. At least twenty classes will be organized, meeting at the boarding houses at some convenient time each week. Two courses will be offered—one in Bosworth's Life of Christ and the other in Bosworth's Studies in the Acts. Dr. Farrar and Dr. Easter have agreed to lead normal classes in these courses. This plan has been eminently successful in other colleges. Georgia Tech. has 356 men in Bible study classes; Penn. State has 460; U. Va., 200.

Mr. Terry to Visit W. & L.

Mr. F. M. Terry of Lynchburg, who spoke before the Y. M. C. A. here last year, is to revisit Washington and Lee on Sept. 26th, and will address the students at 8 p. m. in the Library Building. Mr. Terry is one of Lynchburg's most prominent business men, being member of the Craddock-Terry Shoe company, and president of the George P. Witt company. He was instrumental in securing the play ground for Lynchburg. The Y. M. C. A. considers itself fortunate in securing man who can not only say things, but "do things," and who is, at the same time, in close touch with the interests of young men.

The Ring-tum Phi

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1911

PERSONALS

"Jake" Lemley, '11, is in town for a few days.

Miss Elizabeth Parkhill has returned to her home in Jacksonville, Fla.

Midshipman M. W. Callahan of Jackson, Tenn., was the guest of W. L. Webster last week.

Miss Mary Blanton, formerly of Charlottesville, is in Lexington for the winter.

Miss Frances Howe has returned to Randolph Macon Woman's college to resume her studies.

Miss Roper of Petersburg, Va., was the house guest of Miss Nell Carrington last week.

Miss Gladys Gerardeau has returned from a week's stay in Roanoke.

Mr. Bernard King, '10, now of the University of Pennsylvania, is visiting at the S. A. E. house.

R. A. Waddill, J. D. Harmon, J. M. Farrar and Bland Terry were in Lynchburg Friday and Saturday.

Dr. J. H. Latane spent part of his vacation lecturing in the summer school at the University of Pennsylvania.

"Burly" White, '04, '08, was in town last week. He is in the automobile business, with headquarters in Richmond.

Sam Englehart, '09, is spending a few days in Lexington with his wife. He is engaged in the insurance business in Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. Morgan Pendleton had as her guests last week Miss Alice Robertson of Norfolk; Miss Dallas Lee of Richmond, Miss McDaniels of Lynchburg, and Miss Hadra of San Antonio, Tex.

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GEORGE PETERS SHOT

George B. Peters, this year's president of the final ball and manager of the Southern Collegian, was fired upon with a pistol, receiving two wounds in the leg, shortly before the opening of College. While details are rather meager, it seems that Peters, who was automobiling near Memphis, Tenn., with his brother and his brother's wife, attempted to pass a man who was riding ahead of them in a buggy, whereupon the man threatened them with a pistol. Mrs. Peters becoming agitated, the party left her at a nearby town, and set out after the belligerent stranger. Upon overtaking him, they were again threatened with the pistol; the automobile was brought up beside the conveyance, and George Peters "started after" the man with a monkey wrench, at the same time thrusting aside the pistol. The weapon was discharged, however, the bullet piercing the leg in two places.

It is believed that the wound will not prove serious, unless complications arise, and it is expected that Peters will return to college when he has recovered.

THE Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION

The annual reception given by the Y. M. C. A. to the Freshmen class was held Friday night, Sept. 15th, in Newcomb Hall. It was the original intention to hold the reception on the lawn in front of Engineering Hall, but a severe storm arising at dusk soaked the ground, which coupled with an inopportune failure of the electric lights, forced the management to conduct the reception indoors.

Robert Witt, president of the Y. M. C. A., after opening the exercises by an appropriate talk on the position of the Y. M. C. A. among college activities, introduced the several speakers.

Lloyd Craighill, a degree man of the past session, made a short and interesting talk on the social side of student life at Washington and Lee, both as relating to the interesting topics of "girls" and to intercourse among the students.

To Dr. Easter had been assigned the difficult subject, "The Faculty," which he treated in his usual enjoyable fashion. He tried to impress upon his hearers that the human relation between professor and student is perhaps more important than the merely intellectual and scholastic relation. His statement that there were no more "crips" at Washington and Lee cast a momentary gloom over his audience, which, however, was soon dispelled.

Tom Glasgow, ex-president of the Y. M. C. A., then gave a very forceful explanation of the Honor System. It is not, he said, a formal, iron bound code consisting of "thou shalt" and "thou shalt not," but is based upon the sense of personal integrity which exists in every gentleman. He also spoke on the athletic prospects for this year.

C. E. Burks, for several years identified with the Ring-tum-Phi, made the appeal for financial and moral support of the college publications—chiefly financial.

The intellectual tension caused by these speeches was relieved by ice cream and cake, contributed to the good cause by the kind ladies of Lexington. Every phase of the evening was thoroughly enjoyed.

A LETTER

Sept. 16, 1911.

Dr. L. W. Smith,
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Dear Doctor Smith:

The undersigned, representing the Athletic council and Student Athletic association of Washington and Lee University, desire to express their appreciation of your past work as Graduate Manager.

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Fred Hahn left Friday for Washington, to go into the real estate business.

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SENIOR LAW ELECTION

Dr. Denny's Contemplated Resignation Considered

At 10:30 yesterday, just after the class on corporations, the Senior Laws held their first meeting. The president of last year's Junior class, D. C. Moomaw, presided until the new president was elected.

The following officers were chosen: C. E. Williams, president. W. W. Ackerly, vice-president. E. P. Davis, secretary-treasurer. T. W. Fred, executive committee-man. P. W. Muray, historian. C. E. Burks, Ring-tum Phi representative.

The contest for the two first named offices and for executive committee-men were hotly contested. The other men were elected by acclamation.

A much mooted question of last year was brought up as to who was eligible to vote in the Senior Law class. After some discussion it was moved and carried that only men up for degrees and men who had at some time been Juniors were entitled to cast their ballots.

Just before the close of the meeting J. P. Hobson spoke for a few minutes, telling the class of the mass meeting for Tuesday for the purpose of adopting suitable resolutions urging Dr. Denny to continue as the president of the University where he has made such a signal success.

WASHINGTON LITERARY SOCIETY

At a regular meeting of the society last Saturday night the usual program was carried out. The debate, "Resolved, That, aside from a question of expense, a small college is preferable to a large college for a man of average ability," was ably upheld on the affirmative by Messrs. Gammon and Straly, and on the negative by Messrs. Henshaw and Riviere. The judges rendered a decision in favor of the affirmative.

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RECENT FACULTY REGULATIONS

The attention of all Academic Students is called to the following important Faculty regulations, passed 1910-'11 and going into effect at once.

GRADING SYSTEM

1. In the determination of a student's grade at the end of a term, his average class standing is estimated at double the value of his examination. If the course includes laboratory work, this may be estimated according to the judgment of the professor.

2. Numerical grades may be employed in calculation but they are not recorded or announced to students.

3. Each class is divided into six groups with corresponding grades, indicated in order of merit by the letters A, B, C, D, E, and F, according to the following plan:

- A : Excellent
- B : Very good
- C : Good
- D : Passed
- E : Conditioned
- F : Failed

4. A student receiving grade E has failed, and is conditioned. He is admitted to re-examination in September, or with the Professor's permission, with the class at a subsequent examination, on the work of the term in which he has failed. If then successful, he will receive credit for the work of the term. If he fails in this examination, or is absent from it without sufficient excuse, his grade becomes F. If absent with sufficient excuse, he may receive a special examination on payment of a fee of five dollars.

5. A student receiving grade F is not admitted to reexamination on the subject in which he has failed.

6. At the end of the session, the professor, in addition to his report for the third term, reports by the letters A, B, C, D, E, F, the final standing of each student in each course for the session.

7. No grade for the session is allowed to exceed the grade for the third term on the same subject. Hence for any given course, failure to attain A for the third term prevents A for the session, and F for the third term, causes F for the session; but a grade F for the year necessitates the repetition of the class work of those terms in which F was received. Apart from this limitation, the mode of combination of grades for the session is left to the judgment of the professor, and inferior work in one term may be partly balanced by superior work in a following term of the same session.

EXAMINATIONS

1. The present system of examinations at the end of the third term is abolished.

2. Each examination is limited to three hours, and the examination period, at the close of each term, is limited to six days.

3. On the third and sixth days only one examination—the morning examination—is held; and on the other four days, two examinations of three hours each are held, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

4. In making up the term marks, the class room grade is given double the value of the examination grade, but a minimum of 50 is required on each regular examination.

5. In case of the failure of any student (including degree students) in the regular examination on the third term, no re-examination is allowed him during the same session.

NOTE—The above does not apply to a deferred examination when the student is prevented by necessity from being present at the regular examination. Each of such cases will be treated on its merits by the faculty.

ABSENCES

1. Reports recording absences and letter grades are sent to parents or guardians twice each term.

2. Except in cases of extreme necessity, no student is granted any leave of absence from Lexington whose record on his last preceding Term or Mid-term report is E or F on more than half of his tickets.

3. Every student whose record at the close of any term is F on more than half of his tickets, thereby severs his connection with the University, and can be reinstated only by special faculty action.

4. No student shall be absent more than six days in any one term because of membership in any clubs, teams, or other college associations.

5. Leave of absence from the University is obtainable only from the President, on application presented before the absence and supported by substantial reasons.

6. Absence from the University without leave causes the student to be put on probation, of which prompt notice is sent to his parent or guardian. No student on probation for this or any other reason, shall be granted leave of absence except in case of extreme necessity.

7. Leave of absence may be granted by the President to the football, basket-ball and baseball teams for the purpose of playing intercollegiate match games, such leaves of absence not to exceed six days in the session in the case of either team.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. No student is eligible as valedictorian who has at the time of his election any deficiency recorded against him.

2. Under the new system no thesis is required for the B. A. degree.

3. Latin 1 hereafter comes six times a week, value 6.

4. For other regulations the student is referred to the catalogue for 1911. In case of conflicting regulations the foregoing replace those in the catalogue.

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students at large have entire confidence. He has as his assistant a man who should prove valuable—Derrill Pratt, who was under Dr. Pollard's training at University of Alabama, and who was a star halfback for that University for several years. He went to work on Thursday, and already seems to have gained the confidence of the men.

Our season last year opened a week earlier than this year, the first game being played Oct. 1st. Then, after scanty preparation, having played only two minor games, with Roanoke College and Hampden Sidney, we tackled the powerful Georgetown team and—the result is ancient history. The following Saturday we played Davidson, noted for putting out strong teams, defeating them 14 to 12, through a sensational last minute stand, but, while the team was still weak, we played the disastrous V. P. I. game at Roanoke. The schedule this year seems to give us a better opportunity of making good. Roanoke College and Hampden Sidney never cause us any trouble. We did not play Wake Forest last year, but defeated them 18 to 0 in 1909. The team should thus be in good shape for the V. P. I. game on Oct. 28th, upon which, as usual, interest chiefly centers.

It is true, however that prior to the V. P. I. game we meet no team which can be classed with the Techs, and it will be a trying test to meet such a strong team after having had only weak opponents to contend with. The objection that the team might be crippled by a hard game is overcome by the fact that, out of our large and promising squad, we should have much excellent material of varsity calibre, in good condition and training to fill any vacancies caused by accidents. Princeton's greatest ambition is to defeat Yale; but before the Yale game they will this year meet both Harvard and Dartmouth on the immediately preceding Saturdays.

Following the game with the University College of Medicine, we play the A. and M. of N. C. It will be recalled that they defeated us 3 to 0 in 1909, while last year our game with them was cancelled, and the game this year was demanded by the students from a sense of athletic fairness.

The game with Tulane on Thanksgiving is an innovation this year. While Tulane is too far away to be a natural rival of Washington and Lee, yet it will not be amiss to measure standards with the big colleges in the South. A game with Davidson or Georgetown would perhaps have been preferred by the student body, but the making of a schedule is not the simple thing it appears on paper and the Tulane trip will be an incentive to the men to do their best throughout the season.

PHI DELTA PHI

The following members of Phi Delta Phi have returned to the University as members of the Senior Law class: W. H. R. Campbell, H. E. Hannis, N. L. Thompson, J. B. Watts, W. J. Wilcox and C. E. Williams.

The Tucker Chapter elects members from the Junior Law class some time after Christmas.

UNIVERSITY OPENS

On Thursday, Sept. 14, Washington and Lee University threw open its doors, one hundred and sixty two years after the founding of its remote antecedent, Augusta Academy. Early in the week old and new students had begun to come in, and on Thursday there was the annual crowd in Newcomb Hall, Freshmen matriculating in the Treasurers office and old men in the Registrar's office. Courses of study were as usual arranged in conference with the professors in Newcomb Hall reading room. In the rear of this room the Y. M. C. A. had established an information bureau, which was of the greatest value in helping the new men to arrange their work and find boarding and lodging places.

A resolution had been passed by the Board of Trustees, assessing \$5 against every prospective student who failed to matriculate within three days from the 14th, and this caused a good many to "hurry up" who would otherwise have put off the all-important duty to a more convenient season. By the evening of the 16th there were 329 old men and 220 new men registered. The regulation in regard to tardiness was not widely known nor rigidly enforced, apparently, for students have continued to arrive up to the present time and there will doubtless be still others who will arrive later. The enrollment on Saturday night was 340 old men and 240 new men; 177 of whom were in the law school. There are 99 men in the Junior Law class, and the enrollment in the Law School shows an increase of 10 men over the corresponding period of last year.

Mr. John L. Campbell, secretary of the University, states that there is good ground for believing that the enrollment this session will exceed that of last year.

ARCHITECTUEAL ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

This year sees the campus adorned with a new building—the Dining Hall situated between the Library and the Lees Dormitory. The appearance of the building is a pleasant surprise, since it seemed likely, judging by the foundations which were laid last spring, that it would be small and unimposing. On the contrary it is a very attractive structure, with arched windows and a long porch on the Library side, and makes a very pleasant view. About 120 students can be accommodated at the tables. The building cost about \$17,000.

Another building acquired by the University last summer is Castle Hill, which is still used as a student dormitory. It is understood that the purchase price was \$10,200.

In the line of architectural improvements, it is to be noted that the gallery of the chapel has been given a white finishing, which harmonizes well with the light yellow-tinted ceiling, and makes a very pleasant interior.

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