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SOPHOMORES WIN PUSHBALL FIGHT

Pushball Punctured and Football
Substituted—Score 21 to 10

The annual Sophomore-Freshmen pushball rush was held, after two postponements, last Thursday on Wilson field. The "Sophs." won after a gruelling battle by the score of 24 to 10. The contest was one that will hold a unique position in the history of Freshmen and Sophomore fights. It was one of the hardest fought struggles of the kind that has ever taken place on Wilson field. Many long and sensational runs were made on both sides. At the start the Freshmen seemed to have it over the Sophomores when it came to a rush but the Sophomores proved their superiors in the end and their well engineered plays were too puzzling for the Freshmen. The push ball was punctured in the first onslaught of the contestants and a football was then used.

The contest began at 5:10, when E. P. Davis, the referee, blew his whistle. Just after the two lines closed in a rush on the ball, the ball seemed to disappear into the midst of the struggling mass. Time was called after the ball had been in play for forty seconds. During this time the Freshmen had carried the ball about five yards. Upon examination it was found that the ball had been punctured. This unforeseen accident caused a great deal of disturbance and much delay, as it was some thirty minutes before the struggle was continued.

After much delay Dr. Pollard came forward with a scheme whereby the contest could be continued. A football was now used. The opposing sides were placed a yard apart and the referee put the ball in play by pitching it up between the two opposing lines. No one was allowed to throw the ball, but hitting the ball was allowed. The contest was divided into four quarters, the time of each being two minutes with a five minute intermission between each quarter.

The scoring was changed to count one point for every five yards either side carried the ball into their opponents' territory.

The first quarter belonged to the Sophomores, as they gained steadily on the Freshmen by hitting the ball. The Sophomores made a long gain by throwing the ball but were penalized and the ball taken back. The Freshmen fought with more spirit and managed to force the ball back and when the first quarter ended the Sophomores had only gained one point, while the Freshmen had failed to score.

In the second quarter the Freshmen had things their own way. They started in with fine fighting spirit and by two long gains were well advanced into their opponents territory. After two downs both sides clashed in a desperate struggle. This seemed to be more of individual prize fighting and no one knew where the ball was. Suddenly the crowd from the side lines began to yell and friends and foes saw Gooch, a

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SUCCESSFUL SEASON ON THE GRIDIRON IS PREDICTED

The Varsity Team Seems Stronger Than Squads of Previous Years
—Eight Seasoned Men Reported to Coach Reilly for Try-
outs—New Material Shows to Advantage—
First Battle Saturday

Entrenched by the return of eight seasoned players and encouraged by the prowess and ability of the new material, an eminently successful season on the gridiron is the prediction of the most conservative follower. Never in the past few years has the outlook been so rosy. Unlike the handicap which befell the 1912 team, eight bold and battle scarred veterans have returned to do battle for the Blue and White.

When Coach Reilly called his men together he found eight men, who had previously engaged in gridiron struggles for the Washington and Lee, and a splendid array of new and promising material. Last year but four men who had previously made the team returned, but yet in spite of the fact the material was fit and competent.

But the men were inexperienced and experience is always a forceful factor in the success of any team. The new material of 1911 was whipped into shape for 1912, however, and as the result the eight veterans should prove valuable assets.

Both of the ends from last year's team have returned. Barker, at left end, and Francis, at right end, have shown their usual good work and stack up formidably for the regular positions in spite of the fact that the new material has proved to be excellent. The two regular tackles, Captain Miller and Miles are again in the game and should again achieve fame on the gridiron. Miles was named as All South Atlantic tackle while Captain Miller was seriously mentioned for the honor.

The guards of the 1911 aggregation "Hank" Rogers and Mark Stewart have returned and from the present indications stand an excellent chance of serving at these positions. Rogers weighs 180 pounds, while Stewart tips the scale at 175. The weight of the men, together with their speed and fighting spirit added to their previous experience should bolster up the line, which will be constantly assaulted by the opposition.

In the backfield, three have returned. "Cannon Ball" Beuhring,

at full, Dave Bone at right half and Raftery at quarter have donned their togs and are likely candidates for the positions. Rob Ramsey, who contested in several of the games last year, is a candidate for a position on the line. Ramsey's speed and heady playing, will at least, afford him a thorough trial.

To fill in the gaps in the machine which were made by the absence of the old men, Coach Reilly has an array of material. At quarter, three men were used constantly last season. But one—Raftery, returned. Slater and O'Quinn were the alternates, who are missing. However, Raftery proved to be a capable quarter last season and should prove to be even better this season.

"Red" Moore, who cavorted at center last season, will again attempt to make his old position. Webster, who alternated with Moore, will not be back. Malcolm, Waddill, Tindall and Lila, all of the 1911 back field, have failed to report, while Hurd, who played right end, too will not be in the game.

However, last year two complete teams were at command at any moment. It is probable that this proposition will not confront Coach Reilly, although plentiful new material has been developed. Waddill and Malcolm, who did the majority of the punting last season, averaged about 30 yards on a punt. This season Francis, Bone, Terry, Peoples and W. H. Smith are out for the honor. Any of the five seemable to average forty yards with ease, while the average boot of the quintette is about forty-five yards.

Of the new men, several have demonstrated exceptional promise. Terry, who starred last season with the Little Rock high school eleven, seriously threatens to land a berth. It is probable that he will land a regular position in the back field where his punting, weight and speed should bolster up his chance. Carver, who played with the Western Maryland college two years ago and earned the All-Maryland title at fullback, is another new comer who

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THE COLLEGE YEAR FORMALLY OPENED

Dr. Henry Louis Smith Delivers a
Forcible Address

Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock President Henry Louis Smith addressed the student body for the first time since his assumption of office, the occasion being the initial University assembly of the session. A large crowd was in attendance, the galleries being filled with visitors while the lower floor was occupied completely by the students seated in respect to academic classification. After a solo by Mr. Herbert Carson and Bible reading and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Locke, pastor of the Methodist church, President Smith arose from his seat among the faculty on the platform and was greeted by enthusiastic and prolonged applause.

He began by saying that he had prepared no set speech for the occasion but that he intended to make a short informal talk, pertaining to the affairs of the University. He said that although he was a stranger in Lexington he felt at home not only because of his deep association with educational work but because it was here that his father went to school and spent his young manhood.

In announcing his policies and intentions he advocated broad and comprehensive collegiate training, pledging his support to the athletic and social as well as to the scholastic activities of the University, and pledging a course of training which would develop the well rounded "college citizen" instead of the "goody goody, the molly coddle, the text book grind, or the childish loafer." Toward the attainment of this end he pledged his "unvarying interest," his "unvarying friendship," and his "unvarying sincerity," saying that he would always be interested in every student and in every department of college activity, that he could be relied upon as a friend and that he would never employ insincere methods in his endeavor to advance the interests of the University.

In speaking of the advantages enjoyed by Washington and Lee he mentioned her independence, rejoicing that it was not a state institution but that it would appeal to every state in the Union "unhampered by state lines, state prejudices, and state politics." He spoke also of its splendid location in the midst of heroic traditions and historical associations; of the cordiality and hospitality of Lexington people and of the good fellowship existing among the students, and of the great past of the institution, commenting upon its connection with the names of Washington and of Lee. He said: "There is not an institution in the whole of North America so closely connected with such names. It is a priceless part of your training that you can sit in this hall and look at that statue (referring to the recumbent statue of Lee) and derive the inspiration afforded by such a presence."

The next University assembly will be held on Oct. 7th, at which time matters pertaining to athletics will be discussed.

W. & L. U. Football Schedule

J. H. MILLER, Captain
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- Sept. 28.—Medical College of Virginia, Lexington.
- Oct. 5.—Western Maryland College, Lexington.
- 12.—Georgetown University, Washington.
- 19.—St. Johns College, Lexington.
- 26.—Wake Forest College, Lexington.
- Nov. 2.—Davidson College, Lexington.
- 9.—V. P. I., Roanoke.
- 16.—University of North Carolina, Greensboro.
- 28.—Thanksgiving—A. & M. of N. C. Norfolk.

Y. M. C. A. STARTS THE YEAR WITH ENTHUSIASM

Coach Reilly Speaks at Reception—Leland P. Cary Chosen Secretary—Dr. Smith's Address

The Y. M. C. A. held its annual reception for the old students and the freshmen in Lee Memorial chapel Friday evening at 8 o'clock, Sept. 14th, with President Miller officiating. A large crowd was in attendance and in addition to the pleasure incident upon the first reunion of the session, much helpful information relating to the different phases of college activity was derived from the speakers of the evening, all of whom were received with enthusiastic applause and college yells, led by E. P. Davis.

The first speaker introduced was Dr. Stevens, whose subject was "Mind Training." In a manner forceful and entertaining he showed the purpose, necessities, and results of college training, bringing out clearly the relations of the different phases of college life to each and showing their influence upon the mind of the student.

F. W. McWane spoke on the "Honor System." He explained the system in its different aspects its meaning and its relation to class work and athletics. He said that the defense of the honor system was soon to be entrusted to the Freshmen and that it was for them to uphold it.

Coach Riley was now introduced, for the first time, to the students of the University. He was greeted with loud applause and it was some moments before he could make himself heard. He spoke on "Athletics" with especial reference to football. In a clear cut forceful manner he showed the relations of the athletic field to the class room, and he defined the position which athletics should hold in the college. He spoke in the highest terms of the sincerity and good spirit shown by the candidates on the field, and he urged that no one be deterred from coming out because he lacked previous experience in football. He spoke in high terms of Captain Miller and Assistant Coach Moomaw. He complimented the school upon the spirit shown and spoke optimistically of the coming football season, saying in part: "We play no team this year they will all play us."

W. F. Milling spoke on college publications. He outlined the purpose and the scope of the three publications, the Ring-tum Phi, the Southern Collegian and the Calyx. He spoke of the value to a college of good publications, and ended with an appeal to all students to lend their support to the editors.

James Somerville made an excellent talk on the position of the Y. M. C. A. in college life, its work, aims, and purposes. He defined these as being the building of mind, body, and character, showing how the organizations hope to accomplish these things in college. He stated that at Washington and Lee the Y. M. C. A. has always stood for clean athletics and most of its presidents have been athletes of ability and leaders in college.

After the speaking ended President Miller invited the assembly to the basement of the library where delightful refreshments were served by Miss Annie White, Miss Barclay, Miss Schowel and Mrs. Stevens.

Leland P. Cary Secretary

Leland P. Cary formerly of Ohio Wesleyan University, has been

chosen as general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for the session of 1912-1913.

Last spring the advisory board of the association decided to employ a man who could give his whole attention to the work of the Y. M. C. A. for the coming session, it was not long before they found the man wanted and Mr. Cary was chosen to fill the position of general secretary.

Mr. Cary comes to W. and L. highly recommended by Dr. T. D. Sloan, and by Mr. J. W. Pontius, who visited W. and L. last February. At the Northfield Student conference in July Mr. Cary accepted the proposition made him by the advisory board. He arrived here Sept. 5th, and has been actively engaged in getting acquainted with the situation and in giving the work a good send off.

Conditions at Washington and Lee are very similar as they were at Ohio Wesleyan and this well qualifies Mr. Cary for the work here. At Ohio Wesleyan Mr. Cary was thoroughly familiar with Y. M. C. A. work. In the summer he attended the Eagles Mere and Northfield conferences for special training.

He was a member of the A. T. O. fraternity, guard on the Varsity football squad. Though he will not take any class work he will keep in close touch with student life and activities. Those who have come to know Mr. Cary intimately since his arrival in college, have been impressed with his capacity for real and genuine friendship. The work of the association is a large one but he is giving it the best effort of his heart and mind. He comes with the determination to make this the best year that the association has known here.

Dr. Smith's Address

President Henry Louis Smith made a stirring and appropriate address before the students in the library last Tuesday night, when the first public meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held. The subject which Dr. Smith handled was: "He that Wavereth"; he attempted to set the student in the right course at the beginning of the scholastic year.

Dr. Smith's talk impressed those who heard it and it was listened to intently by seventy five or a hundred men. The speaker talked in his usual happy mood. He first cited the ocean wave, and gave its characteristics, showing how it can stand no pressure, the slightest wind affecting it, how it takes on the color of its surroundings, whether seaweed, bottom, clouds or sky, and who with all its tremendous force and power it has absolutely no commercial use.

Dr. Smith made a striking comparison of the wave with the wavering man. He then exposed the frivolities and so-called happiness of the wavering, indifferent man. While there is a satisfaction in being in everything, carrying about no fixed purpose, and yielding to different influences, yet the wavering man is never happy.

In contrast to the wavering man, Dr. Smith happily termed the steadfast man the "man of granite." "The world today," he said, "needs greatly the man of firm conviction and decision." We need men that

we can build and rely on. The wavering man is unhappy, unless untrustworthy, often, deceitful, and sometimes harmful.

College life Dr. Smith compared to a crucible, the testing temptations to chemicals. He said, "are we being crystallized into a 'man of granite,' or are we being dissolved and disintegrated by the acids?"

President Smith asked that at this early part of the year that the young men submit themselves to self examinations, and see if they were "men of granite," of steady purpose, and not like the waves. He concluded by saying that Washington and Lee needs a great many men that one can stand by and that will not be frightened by menace of any kind.

The following is a program of Tuesday evening addresses to be delivered before the Y. M. C. A. this fall term:

Sept. 17.—President Henry Louis Smith, "He that Wavereth."

Sept. 24.—Rev. D. H. Rolston, Charlotte, N. C., "Not in the Curriculum."

Oct. 1.—Dr. De la Warr B. Easter, "Starting Right With the Church."

Oct. 8.—Dr. James R. Howerton, "Christian Stewardship."

Oct. 15.—Dr. W. M. Forrest, University of Virginia, "The Problem of Doubt and Faith."

Oct. 22.—Dr. Reid White, "The Social Evil."

Oct. 29.—Student Missionary Meeting.

Nov. 6.—Dr. W. T. Palmer, Lynchburg, Va., "The Greatest Friendship."

Nov. 12.—Dr. Robert E. Speer, New York City, subject not yet chosen.

Nov. 19.—Dr. W. S. Currell, "The Bible and Character Building."

Nov. 26.—Student Leaders, "Honesty in University Life."

Dec. 3.—Colonel R. T. Kerlin, V. M. I., "The Stewardship of Influence."

Dec. 10.—Rev. W. F. Locke, "Prayer, a Working Force in a College Man's Life."

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AMONG THE FRATERNITIES

Small Number of Pledges—Three Chapters in New Homes

Those who are in any wise connected with things esoteric may be interested in the following bits of fraternity news. According to the inter fraternity agreement whereby no student of the university will be initiated until he has passed two tickets at one examination in the academic or engineering departments, or one major ticket in the law department, there will of course be but few "goats" running at large on the campus until after Christmas. However below is a list of pledges that is complete up to the time of going to press.

Under the new order of things there have been more changes among the fraternities as to their personnel. There is hardly a doubt, however, that the new agreement as to initiation is going to work to the general strengthening of the fraternities here, and put them on a firmer footing.

Last spring the Phi Gamma Deltas secured "B.ondome," the old Tucker home, for a chapter house, and are comfortably located there this fall. The Sigma Nus have moved into their new and very conveniently located home, built for them last spring. The Kappa Alpha have deserted their old domains to take up their abode in a new and larger chapter house on Tucker avenue. The Kappa Sigmas are located on Main street this year, in the old Walz home. So far the Phi Delta Thetas were forced to give up their home as the V. M. I. purchased it in the spring. The Theta Chis saw best to disband during the latter part of last year, and will no longer be among the active chapters. The pan hellenic directory just now is about as follows:

Phi Kappa Psi—Old men back are J. W. Heath, W. A. Wright, F. D. Coe, Jr., W. R. Pennington, E. S. McCord, A. W. McCain, C. McC. Switzer, Henry Moncura.

Pledge L. S. Anderson.
Kappa Alpha—Old men back are W. H. Barcay, M. S. Barrow, J. A. Drummond, J. G. Glass, J. A. Grahm, H. P. MacFarlane, R. S. McCintock, Walter Steves, Mark Stewart, Adrian Williamson.

Transfers—F. M. Gililand, Ed. Powers, L. R. Grabill.
Pledges—Norman Bie, Robert Nelson, Blake Stewart, George Cell, Hugh Fontaine, Ralph Braggs, R. M. Valz, Charles W. Adams.

Apha Tau Omega—Old men are W. C. Brown, J. D. Flowers, H. M. Hayne, F. B. Hayne, Jr., L. Von Meysenburg, H. T. Taylor.

Transfer—P. C. Buford, Jr.
Pledges—R. A. Lewis, J. M. Raines.

Kappa Sigma—Old men back are J. H. Miller, E. F. Burk, C. Glass, Jr., E. P. Davis, L. G. Hughes, L. B. Wales, J. R. Neal, J. E. Yonge, W. L. Newman, R. R. Witt, Gaston Chaves.

Pledge—W. W. Terry.
Sigma Nu—Old men back are D. S. Bone, F. W. McWane, J. D. Taylor, Jr., J. D. Thornton.

Transfers—J. L. Hughes, W. V. Evans, P. L. Maloney P. W. Pickering.

Pledges—C. C. Moore, G. P. Jackson.

Phi Gamma Delta—Old men back are H. N. Barker, T. D. Ransom, Jr., T. S. White, Jr., G. Penick, W. M. Miller, F. P. Miller, J. Kirkpatrick.

Transfer—George Betty.
Pledge—H. C. Hicks, Chatman Bellew.

Phi Delta Theta—Old man back is F. M. Davis.

Transfer—E. F. Sheffy.
Pledges—James Somerville, Jr., C. C. Ivie, B. Bagley, C. Gooch, F. Dabis.

Sigma Chi—J. L. Larrick, J. P. Richardson, O. B. Barker, L. L. Bonzer, C. M. Peck, C. H. Tompkins, L. Polk.

Pledges—J. C. Olive, E. B. Hotton, J. N. Daniel, Anderson.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon—Old men back are—Duke Revell, Evans Dunn, W. R. Miles, J. F. Bullitt, Jr., H. R. Hampton, R. J. Bear, W. F. Milling, J. M. Bauserman, Jr., W. C. Eubank, J. A. Moore, Jr., J. M. Farrar, Jr., E. S. Frost, Jr., G. H. Barber.

Transfers—H. O. Holt, J. P. Heatt, W. E. Bryan, J. Y. Sanders, Jr.
Pledge—Tone Terry, R. E. Collins, W. J. McCraddock, Roy Cook, J. F. Fulton.

Pi Kappa Alpha—Old men back are D. C. Moomaw, P. B. Lantz, P. P. Gibson, S. O. Laughlin, Jr., P. A. Laughlin, F. P. Webster, W. C. Coulbourn, G. B. Campbell, E. M. Craig, J. T. Rothrock, K. C. Whittle, K. J. Francis.

Transfer—B. C. Buckanon.
Phi Kappa Sigma—E. A. Donahue, L. R. Hanna, H. E. Peeples, E. S. Moore, R. W. Fowkes, F. G. Beckwith, W. S. Snow, W. C. Raftery, W. K. Taylor.

Pledges—W. F. Nolley, O. H. Haynes, W. B. Sullivan.

Delta Tau Delta—Old men are J. G. Boatwright, E. M. Barbee, B. D. Causey, C. B. Foster, W. H. Smith, H. L. Lynn, T. S. Kirkpatrick, R. D. Ramsey, W. R. Winborne.

Pledges—Jack Newton, Lynch Christian, T. E. Watts, Robert McDougle.

Sigma Phi Epsilon—Old men back are E. M. Myatt, B. P. Pettus, P. C. Thomas, C. E. Hunter, J. A. Burk.

Transfer—Pruyman.
Alpha Chi Rho—Old men back are H. V. Carson, Newman Bros., B. D. Smith, R. G. Hundley, W. E. Crank.

Pledges—T. B. McCoen, W. L. Carson, A. D. Irby.

Phi Delta Phi—Legal—F. L. Bonzer, B. D. Causey, W. C. Coulbourn, C. B. Foster, P. B. Lantz, H. P. MacFarlane, S. R. Millar, Jr., S. Hyde, Jr.

Theta Lambda Phi—Legal—J. T. Rothrock, G. B. Campbell, C. E. Hunter, J. H. Miller, Jr.

Phi Alpha Delta—Legal—C. M. Peck, T. L. Keister, W. R. Pennington, G. V. Yonce, T. F. Walker, J. A. MacDonald, S. B. Dolly, R. G. Craft, K. J. Francis, D. S. Bone, H. B. Goodloe, W. E. Ward, P. Saunders.

Phi Beta Kappa—Robert W. Dickey, J. N. Daniels, William Miller, Robert D. Ramsey, W. F. Milling, James Somerville, Jr.

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We are deeply gratified to have the opportunity of greeting Dr. Smith on his entrance upon the duties of the presidency of the University. We deem it a privilege as well as a sincere pleasure in assuring Dr. Smith of our hearty co-operation in his work.

Since Dr. Smith's acceptance of the presidency we have looked forward to his coming with anticipation. We feel that we shall find in him a constant friend and liberal adviser at all times.

Everyone can see that Dr. Smith means business and judging from what he has already done we can safely trust him to carry out his promises. At last we feel that the words "new gym" have a truthful significance. Although some may be pessimistic in regard to them yet we look forward with optimism to the day that will soon come when a new gym is a real institution in the college.

Washington and Lee holds a unique position among the educational institutions of our nation. The work to be done by Dr. Smith is worthy of his best effort.

The students' position in aiding Dr. Smith to further the best interest of the university is of great importance. By the circumstances of the past year Washington and Lee faces a crisis. As to the outcome of the situation we have little fear. Yet it is imperative that we should not be too hasty in our conclusions and thus unguarded in our acts. The new college year has in store many new situations and changes for both the old and the new students. Un-

less these are met in a straightforward and conservative way, by all, chaos and dissension may result.

A factor of primary importance in insuring a successful year is our attitude toward the new administration. Our acts of loyalty at all times to the institution and to the administration will be looked for by outsiders. It is the impression we give to outsiders that will determine the destinies of our college.

If our undertakings this year are to be crowned with success we must all go at them with the determination and enthusiasm which means we will not stop shorter than victory. It is the duty of every student and friend of the university to stand behind and support the various institutions connected with the university.

Let us act with one accord in helping Washington and Lee to secure the position of eminence which its name demands. Let us stand by the traditions of our college and falter not in our support of the administration and in our support to every college activity.

If there is any branch of college activities that deserves the unanimous support of the entire student body, old and new men alike, it is Athletics. When one thinks of the untiring efforts of the men who are denying themselves each day and working hard for the glory of the name of our school, it should awaken in him a desire to do what he can to assist those men as far as he can possibly do so, for in assisting them, we as a student body are reaping the benefit. Think of it—each day for three long months of practice in the afternoon, denying themselves the little thing we all like but which are injurious to training, attention first of all to keeping themselves in fit condition so that they may serve their University and Student Body. That is what fifty odd men are doing now.

They are working for you—you as a part of the Student Body. In return are you doing your best by them? There is a place for every man, in Athletics. You may not be able to win your monogram, you may be kept out by a hard course, your parents may object to your going out for the teams, but still there is a place. That place is in giving them all the support of which you are capable of, and in that the first thing to do is join the General Athletic Association. No team can be run without finances, and no Association can be run without members. It is the duty of every student to

become a member of the G. A. A., as well as a privilege.

Members of the Association are admitted to all football, basketball, and base ball games, and track events, without charge above his membership ticket. A large membership of the Association is the greatest encouragement possible to the members of the various teams, as they realize that the bunch is with the them. It isn't their team anyway—it's OUR team, handled and managed exclusively by the G. A. A. and each member of the Association has his say as to the policies and systems, through his vote in the spring elections. Get your membership card, use your influence, study the conditions, and when the time comes, help OUR team win the games of the year. It is the least that you can do, and no man wants to have it said that he didn't do anything at all for the good of W. & L. this year.

Look at the situation squarely—in Football, the first sport to consider, we have the schedule, the squad, the coach. Nobody can deny that things look pretty good. Have you helped to do it? Have you done what you could to help put our Varsity in the high place she is bound to be at the close of this season? If you have not, then your duty to yourself and to your University is yet undone. But you yet have time to redeem yourself—you can still join the Association, and give them the encouragement they so much need and so richly deserve.

Let each man look at the situation as one of the players. How would you like to go through what they do, giving all your energy, talents and efforts, straining daily to do your best work there and also in the class room, and see only a few of the faithful behind you when the whole student body should be there heart and soul? It would discourage the best of us, and it is bound to discourage the present team, unless they soon see that we are with them.

Of course a large number are already enrolled in the Athletic Association, but a glance will soon see that nearly the entire number are old students. The new men seem to be a little shy of it. Look into it thoroughly, get a copy of the constitution, and convince yourself that it is what it ought to be; then do the duty of a loyal son of Washington and Lee and join her most important activity. You can't make a mistake because you are doing the right thing. You will soon realize this fact, and be glad that you did it.

Don't let the other fellow do all for OUR team. When we point with pride to a season's record, let it be so that we can all say that we put our shoulder to the wheel, and helped as we were able.

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TUM PHI wishes to call the attention of the students to the merchants and trades-people who have advertisements in this publication. These advertisers should be patronized by the students on every occasion which presents itself to the students. It is through the advertisers that we support our publication largely, and we wish to return to them the patronage of the students.

Several instances have come under our observation where certain merchants and trades-people of Lexington have not been willing to advertise in our paper. To these persons we can offer our sympathy. We are very sorry that they have not appreciated the former trade of the students. We have not solicited advertisements where we could not give an abundant amount of patronage in return.

The management of the RING TUM PHI has great faith in the honesty of its advertisers. In case of advertisements printed in this paper we hope to use none that will not bring those who advertise a just return for their "Ad."

Sometime ago we read that one of the big universities was going to require all freshmen to go in for at least one college activity. This seems an excellent place to us for this very thing to be done. Here at Washington and Lee there is entirely too little interest taken by most freshmen, and indeed by many old men, in anything which does not vitally concern their own personal interest.

There are enough activities at W. and L. to furnish every one a field for work outside of the class room. If one cannot go out for one of the college teams, there are class athletics to be supported. No matter what one's peculiar abilities he can surely find some work to do for the college, if not in athletics, then in the literary societies, or on some of the college publications. Everyone should have enough ambition and college spirit to enter into some college activity.

Those who have a turn for writing can help both themselves and the college by trying out for the RING-TUM PHI staff. This has been put on a competitive basis. By applying to the editor one can get an assignment to work on immediately.

Sophomore Meeting

Due to the fact that so many of their officers did not return to college, the Sophomores were compelled to have a meeting this year in order to fill the vacancies. Mr. Hobson, the vice president, elected last year, became the president by unanimous vote, and Messrs. Fowlkes, McCain and Reynolds were nominated for vice president, which resulted in the election of Mr. Fowlkes.

Mr. McCain was then elected executive committeeman without any opposition, and a vigilance committee was chosen.

The Ring-tum Phi

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 1912

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE GYMNASIUM

New Steel Lockers—Showers— Up-to-Date Vaulting Horse

It will be gratifying to every member of the student body and to the alumni as well, to learn that substantial improvements will be made in the present gymnasium at once, and that, by Nov. 1st, the gymnasium will be ready for occupancy once more.

To some of the more skeptical this announcement may come as an indication that active plans for a new gymnasium have been sidetracked, and that a modern, up-to-date affair is still a will-o'-the-wisp, a realization of the dim future. This, however, is by no means the case. Dr. Smith plans an active campaign along the line, and the possibility of breaking ground for a modern structure within the next year is by no means improbable.

Meanwhile, in order to make the old quarters as comfortable as possible the following improvements will be started at once. A new hot water heating plant, consisting of a 716 gallon tank and a large boiler which will heat the water by steam will be installed in an addition which will be built on to the present locker room. The old heater and tanks will be taken out and discarded. The present bathing accommodations will be enlarged and six of the latest style shower baths will be added.

An order for 350 Durand steel lockers has already been placed and the shipment is expected to arrive within the next two weeks. These new lockers will be equipped with the Miller Standard Time Combination locks. The old wooden lockers will be torn out and the new lockers will replace them.

A modern universal drinking fountain will be installed, quite a step in advance of the old tin cup which has done such valiant service for the past twenty years. The lavatory accommodations are to be thoroughly overhauled and put in perfect condition. A new floor will be laid in the locker room, the entire wing of the building will be thoroughly painted, and sufficient electric wiring will be done to insure an abundance of light at all times.

To the equipment in the gymnasium proper will be added a new vaulting horse of the very latest pattern. New mats to replace the old ones, have already arrived, while a new consignment of Indian clubs, wands, etc., will shortly make their appearance. It is also quite probable that a piano will be installed. This added feature will be of the greatest aid in the handling of class drills, etc.

On the face of the above statement it would seem as though the authorities are making too many improvements in the old gym, to warrant pressing the plans for a new one. However, when it is taken into consideration that all these improvements, with the exception of the floor, painting, and electric wiring in the locker room are of such a nature and quality that they can readily be transferred to new quarters as apart of the permanent equipment to a new gymnasium, it may be taken as an indication that a new gymnasium is a live issue and that really active steps have already been taken towards the equipment of

a gymnasium, modern and up-to-date in every particular.

Dr. Pollard, as director of the gymnasium, is planning an active campaign for the coming indoor season. Beginning with the first of November regular classes will be held in the gymnasium each afternoon at five o'clock. Class drills with the dumb bells, Indian clubs and wands will be offered, while instruction on the horse, rings, parallel bars, vaulting bars, and mat work will be given.

In his work at the gymnasium, Dr. Pollard will be ably assisted by Mr. J. L. Larrick, who has been first assistant for the past two years. Associated in the work will be Mr. W. M. Miller and Mr. C. B. Bush, both of whom have been very active in gymnasium affairs for three years past. Mr. Miller was manager of the gymnasium team last year, while Mr. Bush won the all round gymnasium championship honors at the annual competitive meet held last February. Both these young gentlemen have been students at the Harvard Summer school of Physical culture at Cambridge, Mass., during the past summer.

Physical examinations, including the plotting of measurement charts and the suggestion of corrective exercises, will be offered to all who care to avail themselves of the opportunity. On Oct. 1st. the office of the Physical director, on the second floor of Washington College, over the Co-Op store, will be opened. Mr. M. R. Miles, who will be the clerk in charge, will meet all who desire to be examined, and will make appointments for her meeting with Dr. Pollard. The necessity for thorough physical examination cannot be too strongly urged upon all students at Washington and Lee, and such examinations will be required of all who intend to take active work in the gymnasium during the coming year.

The Lyric, "Baby Mine"

"Baby Mine," Margaret Mayo's success of two continents, comes to the Lyric theatre under the direction of William A. Brady, Ltd. "Baby Mine" has a record of eight weeks at the Majestic Theatre, Boston; one solid year at Daly's theatre, New York, and has already reached its second year in London, at the Criterion theatre. "Baby Mine" is said to be the funniest play ever written. From the very first night there was never any doubt of its success. Laughter, which at first is said to be sporadic and intermittent, grows and grows till no one attempts to hold out against it, and the theatre is said to fairly quake over "Baby Mine." The convulsions are said to be at their loudest some little time before the finish of the comedy, but they endure till long after the curtain is down. That is the general verdict of "Baby Mine." Is there need to say much more about it? "Baby Mine" is a comedy that you will enjoy without feeling afterwards that you were a fool. It is gorgeously ridiculous.

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Graham Lee Preparing for a Big Year

A few days after the opening of college the members of the Graham Lee Literary society met in their hall, in the Main building, practically all of the old men were present. Remarkable interest was displayed for such an early part of the scholastic year.

Various plans were outlined for the coming year and the program was arranged for last Saturday night. The outlook for the year's work in the society looks especially bright. A large number of new men have already designated their intention of joining the society, and the enrollment limit of fifty will be reached before many meetings.

The names of old and new members of Graham Lee will be published next week. All new students are asked to attend the early meetings of the society, which are held regularly every Saturday night at 3 o'clock.

The Executive committee of the Student body met Monday, Sept. 16th, and adopted the following resolutions:

1. Any man entering Washington and Lee University with fifteen or more collegiate points to his credit on the Registrar's books shall not be considered a Freshman.

2. The Freshman rules, as printed in the 1912-1913 handbook are officially approved, and these only.

The executive committee adopted the resolutions on account of the fact that there are so many new men in college who have spent one or more years at other colleges as freshmen. These new men feel that they have been freshmen at other colleges that for this reason they should not be required to submit to freshmen rules here.

The requirement of fifteen units makes it almost impossible for a new man to get fifteen units credit who has not spent sometime at some other university.

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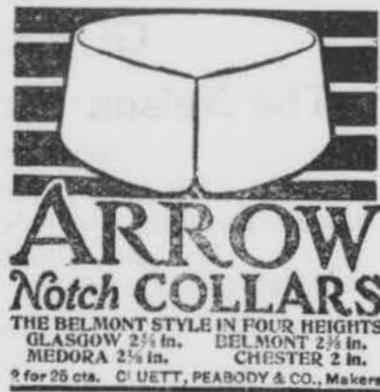
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SOPHOMORES WIN PUSHBALL FIGHT

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freshman dashing across the goal line. Gooch recovered the ball from the outside of the rush where it had sifted through the struggling mass. This counted ten points for the Freshmen. The ball was put in play again in the center of the field. The Sophomores rushed the ball to the side of the field. From now on the victory might have belonged to any one, and when the quarter was up the Sophomores had taken the ball fifteen yards. The score now stood 10 to 4 in favor of the Freshmen.

The third quarter started off with both sides determined to do their best. The Freshmen now battled gamely, but over confidence defeated them, while the Sophomores fought with the determination to win at any cost. The entire quarter was one hard fought by both sides. Several men on both sides were hurt but refused to be put out of the fight. The third quarter ended with the ball in the middle of the field neither side scoring.

The fourth quarter began with terrific assaults of the Sophomores, who soon had the ball going their way. McCain made a long sensational run of forty yards, crossing the goal line, but the goal was not scored on account of him going out side of bounds about a yard from the goal. The Freshmen now made a determined fight to stop the rush and succeeded in carrying the ball back down the field. Adair, a Sophomore made a good catch and saved the Freshmen from scoring another goal. The Sophomores now made a long play in which Chaves recovered the ball for them and scored a goal.

The ball was taken back to the middle of the field and the final struggle began. The Freshmen gave way before the fierce assault of the Sophomores. It was now easy for the victorious "Sophs." to make long gains against the worn out "Fresh." The Freshmen battled doggedly and did not stop fighting until the whistle blew. When the fourth quarter ended the "Sophs." had carried the ball thirty five yards. The score at the end of the game being 21 to 10 in favor of the "Sophs." At the close of the contest each class gave a long Washington and Lee yell for their opponents and each felt that it had fought against a foe that was worthy to be his opponent.

The Sophomores were led by McCain, with Weyland and Polk as lieutenants. The Freshmen were led by Valz, with Harrison and Pickering as lieutenants. The Freshmen were all marked with red paint and the numeral sixteen was painted in red on their shirts.

From the point of view of the spectator the ball rush was less attractive than ever before. Large numbers left without seeing the end. This was due to the fact that when the football was substituted for the pushball that they could not see what was going on. From the official point of view it was a very exciting and strenuous affair. E. P. Davis, the referee, complains of more bruises than those who were in the contest. Dr. Pollard was kept busy calling downs when some one got down under the crush.

The officials were E. P. Davis, referee; D. C. Moomaw, umpire; Hanna and Miller, time keepers; McWane, Miller, Peoples, Larrick, Miller, White, Moncure, Fiery and Ramsey were marshalls.

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SUCCESSFUL SEASON ON THE GRIDIRON IS PREDICTED

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seems formidable. Peoples, the varsity first sacker, has been out for the team this season and his premier efforts seem to show himself to be an excellent punter and a fast back. Many of the new men have come under the eye of the watchful coach and all will be given an opportunity to make their letters. Coach Reilly will make no prediction as to how the team will compare with the squads of previous years, but is confident that the men can bring honor to Washington and Lee for their fighting spirit and peppery playing.

A very pleasing fact in the mind of the coach is that the men have shown this fighting spirit and willingness to obey all orders. The keynote of the practices and scrimmages has been enthusiasm and the coach contends that this will be an important factor in the success of the eleven.

The schedule as arranged by the management of the football team is undoubtedly one of the strongest and most satisfactory drafted in many seasons. The "stay at home" policy has been adopted and put into effect and the University gridiron followers will see the team in action ofener at Lexington than in the past.

A majority of the battles will be staged on Wilson field. Last season this was not the case and another interesting event on the program is that the team will play the Thanksgiving game at Norfolk. This game was formally played at a long distance from Lexington. Georgetown, St. Johns and Western Maryland are played this season, also.

The first game of the season will be Saturday, when the Varsity team will meet the Medical college of Virginia on Wilson field. The Medico's were beaten easily last season, but the game will show just what strength the team possesses and the effect of the changes in the gridiron rules.

The enthusiasm of the student body has already been demonstrated as every afternoon the students watch keenly the actions and training practice of the squad on the athletic field. The fact has been cheerfully observed by the players, who have worked with greater vim and enthusiasm.

On the eve of the first struggle, the prospects for a banner season are splendid. Unless a series of unfortunate accidents and other unforeseen mishaps occur, there is every reason to believe that Washington and Lee will carry off the honors.

Those who are practicing for the Varsity are: Captain Miller, Moore, Miles Barker, Stewart, Rogers, Francis, Rattery, Beuhring, Bone, Terry, Walton, Waggoner, Thomas, Finity, Durrer, Peck, Schultz, Craig, Nolley, Peoples, Barrow, Hudson, Harris, Carver, Bagley, Buchanan, Davidson, Hobson, Davis, Ramsey, Garrett, Laymon, Wade, Lieth, Barton, Nelett, Smith, Beckwith, Fontaine, Wardlow and Nelson.

The following men have already been assigned places on the training table at the University Commons: Miller, Rattery, Moore, Rogers, Walton, Schultz, Miles, Stewart, Barker, Bone, Francis, Baehring, Peoples, Terry, Barrow, Finity, Smith, W. H., Ramsey, Peck and Holeson. Others will be added to this number as the coach sees fit. All of the squad are anxious for a place at the table and there promises to be much rivalry for the honor.

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