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SOPHOMORES WIN INTERCLASS MEET

Freshmen Finish Second--Juniors and Seniors Show Up Poorly
—Shultz is Star

The annual interclass handicap meet held Saturday, April 18th, resulted in a victory for the Sophomores, who garnered a total of forty-eight points. The Freshmen, their closest rivals, rounded up forty-one points, while the Seniors and Juniors trailed the lower classes with ten and nine points respectively. The individual star of the meet was easily Ted Shultz, to whose work the victory of '16 is due. The giant Sophomore annexed twenty-one points, winning three firsts and two seconds. He finished first in the high hurdles, shot put and high jump and placed in the discus and broad jump. In the shot put Shultz heaved the lead pellet thirty-six feet, eight inches, only three inches short of the University record.

The two dashes furnished exciting finishes and both were won by Sophomores, Lamont taking the 100 and Curtis the 220. The latter made a sensational spurt and forged into the lead a scant twenty yard from the tape.

Monty Hayne walked away with the quarter in the slow time of fifty eight seconds. The half mile furnished a spectacular finish as Barnes and Englebert fought their way neck and neck down the straight way. Barnes broke the tape as his opponent fell scarcely a yard from the finish and crawled across the line to a second place. Johnson won the mile handily, while White annexed the low hurdles for '16. The time in all the track events was very slow, due in part to the poor condition of the track.

The Freshmen fattened their total in the field events. Seeley taking the broad jump, Wilkins the discus while Leech and Pratt tied in the pole vault.

With another week of training and a fast track, much better time may be expected in the field day meet to be held Monday, April 27th.

100 yards: 1st, Lamont, ('16). Time—10 3-5. 2nd, Hayne, ('14): Seeley, ('17) tied.

Hurdles—120 yards: 1st, Shultz, ('16). Time—18:02. 2nd, Woodruff, ('17). 3rd, McCown, ('16).

880 yard Run: 1st, Barnes, G., ('17). Time—2:13 3-5. 2nd, Engelbert, ('15). 3rd, Hayne, F., ('15).

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ANNUAL FIELD DAY

The Annual Field Day will be held on Wilson Field Monday, April 27th. All events will be run from scratch. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be given to winners of first, second, and third places. Team to go to Baltimore will be picked on showing in this event.

INTEREST KEEN IN COMING MEET

Stiff Opposition For Poly Preps
—Good Work of Goelitz and Cantwell

From all indications the field of entries of the second annual Inter-scholastic Track meet will be double that of last year. The track management has been flooded with incoming entry banks during the past week, many of them being from schools not represented last year. The largest delegation entered up to date is Asheville school, who are coming ten strong. There are several schools which will have representations of five and six men. Preparations are being made to house the athletes at the various fraternity houses and dormitories. Entertainment will be provided for the visitors by the student body and every effort will be made to make the day a memorable one. There is much speculation rife as to the strength of the various teams and which will carry away the championship plaque. Poly Prep will attempt to hold the honors won last year, but the Brooklyn boys will run up against much stiffer competition next Saturday. Not only will they have two rival New York institutions in the field against them, but the pick of the South and West. W. and L. students are watching with interest the work of the two athletes from Kew-watin School of Wisconsin, who are working out on Wilson field. Goelitz is credited with sixteen secs in the high hurdles, and 24 4 5 in the low hurdles. He also throws the discus 120 feet, broad jumps over 21 and high jumps 5 feet 9 inches. His team mate Cantwell, runs the 220 dash in less than 23, the quarter in 53 and the half in close to two minutes. He also competes in the field events.

DR. HAMILTON ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALASKA

Interesting Illustrated Lecture in Chapel Saturday Night

For the second time this year Washington and Lee has had the opportunity of enjoying the generosity of the Alumni association of Washington, D.C., who has sent prominent speakers here to talk on educational subjects. Last Saturday night Professor Hamilton, of the Alaska Department of Education addressed the students and townspeople in the chapel on "Education in Alaska." Although he gave together with his stereopticon slides graphic pictures of the educational system of Alaska, Professor Hamilton did not confine himself to this one phase of Alaska's development, but showed its prowess in other lines, as well as some of the picturesque scenery of the country and the classes of natives and their progress.

Dr. Pearson spent several days of last week out of town, and on his return, had as his guest, Dr. Dodd of the University of Chicago.

EIGHTH STRAIGHT GAME FOR W. & L.

St. Johns Beaten 5 to 1 in Six-Inning Battle—Lile Invincible

Evading the torrents of the gods until victory had been clinched, Washington and Lee continued the triumphant winning streak by besting St. Johns in a six round struggle, 5 to 1. With Lile twirling the Generals won with consummate ease, for neither Stevens nor Matthews was effective. The big General slabsman was invincible, not allowing a safe wallop until the fifth inning. Ten cadets were forced to retire after three vain efforts, while but one was given a pass to first. But for two critical errors in the third round, Lile would have registered his third successive shutout.

In the opening inning, Young inaugurated hostilities with a single to center. He advanced to third on Lancaster's sacrifice to first, while he scored on Colville's grounder to the pitcher. Stevens regime was shortlived, for after the second inning, in which the second tally was recorded, Matthews twirled. In the second, Smith walked and pilfered second. Harrison sacrificed, while Terry shoved him over the rubber with a single over second. St. Johns countered in the third, with a home run. In the fifth, with Lile out, Young beat out a bunt. Lancaster singled to center and Young tallied, Lancaster reaching third. When Matthews threw inaccurately to third to catch the runner, "Bill" registered. The last tally came in the sixth. Smith walked, annexed second and continued to third on Matthews' wild throw, from where he scored on Harrison's hit through the pitcher. At this juncture the rain, that had been falling since the

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MONOGRAM CLUB HOLDS AN ENJOYABLE SMOKER

Dr. Campbell Reminisces—Dr. Pollard Says Track Coach Probable

The principal features of an informal smoker of the Washington and Lee monogram club, held in the Phi Delta Theta room Friday night were addresses made by Dr. H. D. Campbell, and Dr. Pollard. Dr. Campbell spoke in a reminiscent vein, telling in his characteristic manner the athletic history of bygone days at W. and L., as seen from the inside, and telling it with a memory for details which most people would have forgotten long ago. He described several baseball games played in the seventies. He called particular attention to the fact that when on one occasion the University of Virginia had been defeated in Lexington, a challenge had been received to play a game on "neutral" territory. The challenge was promptly accepted, but nothing more was heard from Charlottesville. He also told of Sikes, the first college curve

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"13" CLUB DANCE ON MONDAY NIGHT

Pretty Figure Led by Henry Barker and Miss Louise St. John

The dance given by the Thirteen club on Monday night was one of the most thoroughly enjoyable and successful ever witnessed at the old University. The hall was decorated simply, but very effectively, in the colors of the Thirteen club, combined with those of the Cotillion club. The figure, which formed the characters "13," was led by Mr. Henry Barker with Miss Louise St. John of Bristol Tenn., assisted by "Cochie" Neal, with Miss Virginia Moore of Lexington, Va. At 12 o'clock a buffet supper was served, and afterwards the dancers continued to enjoy themselves until a late hour. The chief feature of the evening was the enthusiasm displayed, and the amount of college spirit which broke loose when the orchestra struck up the "W. and L. Swing."

Among the dancers were:

Mr. Henry Barker with Miss Louise St. Johns of Bristol, Tenn.

Mr. W. C. Brown with Miss Lillian Jones of Knoxville, Tenn.

Mr. R. D. Ramsey with Miss Mary Graham of Washington, D. C.

Mr. T. R. McCallie with Miss T. R. McKinney of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mr. R. A. Lewis with Miss Elma Floyd of San Antonio, Tex.

Mr. E. A. Donahue with Miss Entha Young of Huntington, W. Va.

Mr. H. K. Young with Miss Nell Carrington of Lexington, Va.

Mr. E. B. Shultz with Miss Dora Witt of Lexington, Va.

Mr. Rolland Mossman with Miss Vivian Mossman of Sweetbriar, Va.

Mr. L. R. Hanna with Miss Claudia Lewis of Durham, N. C.

Mr. J. O. Plant with Miss Ann-zetta Northcott of Sweetbriar, Va.

Mr. K. L. Mixon with Miss Frances Mixon of Sweetbriar, Va.

Mr. R. L. Nelson with Miss Ellen Tiller of Emporia, Va.

Mr. R. W. Winbourne with Miss Irene Fisher of Roanoke, Va.

Mr. P. A. Childers with Miss Wyatt of Richmond, Va.

Mr. W. W. Terry with Miss Sprague of Sweetbriar, Va.

Mr. H. L. Fontaine with Miss Mary Scott Ferguson of Roanoke, Va.

Mr. Garland Moore with Miss Rose Harmon of Richmond, Va.

Mr. B. S. Burks with Miss Montague of Richmond, Va.

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THE Y. M. C. A. TONIGHT

E. A. Donahue, J. E. Martin and R. P. Hobson will speak on why Washington and Lee students should take an interest in the coming of John R. Mott and "Ted" Mercer. It is the last meeting before the Mott campaign, the biggest thing of its kind ever held in the South.

EASTER GERMAN A BIG SUCCESS

Cotillion Club Dance Tuesday Night Was a Most Enjoy- able Affair

The annual Easter german was given by the Cotillion club in the gymnasium on Tuesday night and was a decided success. The hall was tastefully decorated in pale blue and white, the colors of the club, and with the charming costumes worn by the dancers presented a most pleasing sight.

Dancing began soon after 9 o'clock, and continued until the "wee" small hours, with an intermission about 12 during which time a delicious lunch was served. The Cotillion club figure, which came just following the seventh dance, contained nearly thirty couples, and was most gracefully carried out. It was led by Mr. R. D. Ramsey with Miss Sallie Edmunds of Lynchburg, who were assisted by Mr. L. R. Hanna with Miss Claudie Lewis of Durham, N. C.

There were thirty-four couples present and about thirty stags. The program contained twenty dances, and a number of extras were added.

Among those who chaperoned at the dance, and at the "13" club dance on Monday night, were:

Mesdames McDowell, Simons, Hunter McClung, R. R. Witt, J. R. Long, Beverly Tucker, A. C. Lee and H. D. Campbell, and Misses Margaret and Elizabeth Graham.

The list of dancers included:

R. D. Ramsey with Miss Sallie Edmunds of Lynchburg, Va.
E. P. Parham with Miss Claudia Lewis of Durham, N. C.
R. H. Gardner with Miss Abbey of New York city.
A. C. Buchanan with Miss Nell Carrington of Lexington, Va.
R. B. McDougle with Miss Watson of Richmond, Va.
Evans Dunn with Miss Lockridge of Lynchburg, Va.
J. B. Wadsworth, Jr. with Miss Lillian Jones of Knoxville, Tenn.
Warren C. Brown with Miss Young of Huntington, W. Va.
C. B. Shultz with Miss Montague of Richmond, Va.
R. C. Mossman with Miss Vivian Moorman of Huntington, W. Va.
R. W. Winborne with Miss Mary Scott Ferguson of Roanoke, Va.
T. S. Kirkpatrick with Miss Irene Fisher of Roanoke, Va.
G. W. Faison with Miss Helen Graham of Salisbury, Md.
F. A. Troiano with Miss Mary Devine of Lexington, Va.
J. D. Thornton with Miss McKinnon of Chattanooga, Tenn.
R. W. Fowlkes with Miss Virginia Williamson of Charlestown, W. Va.
Robert Surpell with Miss Smith of Roanoke, Va.
H. N. Barker with Miss Baker of Lynchburg.
J. L. Powell with Miss Louise St. John of Roanoke.
Junius Peake with Miss Clemens of Staunton.
T. S. Hassel with Miss Kirk of Maysville, Ky.
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John Howard with Miss Floyd of San Antonio, Tex.
H. M. Patton with Miss Mason of Hampton, Va.

BOOSTERS' DAY A SUCCESS

Merchants Close Stores and Large Crowds See A. & M. Game

The Boosters' day movement, favored by ideal weather, was very successful. A mass meeting was held in the chapel at 2 o'clock, and after a few speeches and the ever popular "W. and L. Swing," the crowd fell in by twos behind the band, and in a long, cheering line, the rear of which was brought up by automobiles containing the players, marched through the town and back across the campus, to Wilson field. For the first time since the Wake Forest football game, the grandstand and bleachers were filled and overflowing. A ball game full of "thrillers" was staged in honor of the occasion, and the rooting was the best heard on Wilson field this season.

Immediately after the game a largely attended dansante was held in the gymnasium. All the merchants had closed their stores, and the townspeople turned out in force.

The gate receipts and the proceeds from the dansante, while by no means sufficient to wipe out the whole deficit, will be a great aid to the athletic management in financing the rest of the season.

LOST AT "13" CLUB DANCE

A valuable diamond sunburst was lost by Miss Lillian Jones Monday night at the "13" Club dance at the "gym." A liberal reward will be paid for its return to

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AT THE LYRIC

This week's program at the Lyric is to be marked by the appearance on Wednesday, Thursday Friday and Saturday of the Alvia and Abria Musical Comedy company presenting a playlet "The Little Princess." The company consists of ten people and Manager Weinberg who has seen the company in Staunton promises a good show.

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the interfraternity council tonight to make arrangements relative to entertaining the visiting preparatory school athletes, and to make further provision for running off the baseball schedule. Both old and new members are expected to attend.

Among the alumni present at the dances were J. T. McCrum, J. P. Alexander, "Skinny" Williams, "Peter" Lantz, Chick Pritchett.

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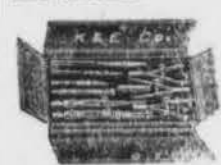
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CAROLINA TECHS ARE VICTORIOUS

W. & L. Fails to Hit in Pinches
—Charlie Lile Not in His
Usual Form

Hitting Lile at critical moments, the North Carolina Aggies humbled Washington and Lee in a thrilling encounter yesterday afternoon, 6 to 4. Baffled by Jaynes' tremendous speed, the Generals were checked in the opening innings, while a combination of long drives and breaks of luck afforded a commanding lead to the Aggies. But the Generals rallied and surmounted the handicap in the sixth inning, when Donahue's circuit clout sent Washington and Lee to the fore.

The triumph was short lived, for A. and M. deadlocked the count in the seventh and secure the struggle with a two run rally in the eighth. In the pinches, when a safety meant a victory, the Generals seemed utterly unable to cope with the situation, for twelve stalwarts died on the bases. Lile did not possess his usual effectiveness, suffering the first defeat of the season, and his first in collegiate ranks. The Aggies gained a strong sway in the first. Farmer walked and advanced on a sacrifice. When Corelle's grounder to short took a freak bound, Farmer reached third and Corelle second. Winston singled, scoring both. In the third, Farmer binged to center, advanced to second on Liverman's safety, reached third on Corelle's sacrifice and scored on Winston's grounder.

The Generals countered in the fifth. With Colville down, Donahue singled and went to second, when Wheeler booted Rives' wallop. Terry failed, but Patton muffed Walling's hoit and Donahue scored. In the next round, Washington and Lee gained the lead with a sensational rally. Lile singled and went to second when Young beat out a bunt. Lancaster hit a line drive to Corelle, who doubled Lile at second. Young stole second and went to third on Gammon's bobble. The double steal provided a tally for Young. Then Donahue drove the pellet over left field fence for the fourth run.

A. and M. countered in the seventh, tying the score. In the eighth the game was won. The Generals were helpless in the closing rounds.

W. and L.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Young, cf.	5	1	1	1	0	0
Lancaster, 2b.	5	0	0	1	3	0
Colville, 3b.	5	1	1	1	2	1
Donahue, c.	4	2	2	10	1	1
Rives, 1b.	5	0	2	11	0	0
Terry, ss.	4	0	0	1	1	1
Walling lf.	5	0	0	2	0	0
Harrison, rf.	5	0	1	0	0	0
Lile, p.	3	0	2	0	4	0
*Bagley.	1	0	0	0	0	0

Totals 42 4 9 27 11 3
*Hit for Terry in 9th.

A. and M.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Farmer, 1b.	3	2	1	9	0	0
Liverman, cf.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Corelle, lf.	3	1	1	4	1	0
Winston, c.	4	1	2	10	2	1
Patton, rf.	2	0	0	0	0	1
Kincaid, rf.	2	1	0	1	0	0
Gill, 2b.	4	0	0	2	3	0
Wheeler, ss.	4	0	1	1	2	2
Gammon, 3b.	3	0	1	0	0	1
Jaynes, p.	4	1	2	0	1	1

Totals 33 6 9 27 9 6
Score by innings.

W. and L. 000 013 000—4
A. and M. 201 000 120—6
Summary: Two base hits—Corelle, Jaynes, Winston, Wheeler,

Rives. Home runs—Donahue. Stolen bases—Young, 2; Corelle, Kincaid. Double plays—Colville to Gill. Base on balls—Lile, 1; Jaynes, 2. Hit by pitched ball—Gammon by Lile.
Struck out—Lile, 9; Janes, 10.
Time of game—2:10. Umpire—Zimmerman.



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Vitality Important

The most important election of the entire year is the election of the president, vice president, secretary of the Athletic Association, and the two student representatives on the Athletic Council, which takes place next Friday. The Athletic Council is by far the most powerful body controlled by students at Washington and Lee. It has complete jurisdiction over the general athletic policy of the University, it supervises the making of schedules; it has entire charge of the athletic funds, the appropriation of them to the various athletic activities, and the regulation of their management; it appoints the Treasurer of the Athletic Association, and the Graduate Manager; it elects the undergraduate manager and all the assistant managers in every branch of sport. Its power over all phases of athletics is complete and arbitrary. By the concurrent vote of seven members it can amend the bylaws without any reference to the association members at large. Furthermore, by an amendment voted during the past winter, it gave to itself the power by a concurrent vote of seven members "to suspend such bylaws at such times as it may see fit." On the other hand the members of the Athletic association at large are powerless to amend the bylaws, the only provision being that it shall be the duty of the council to "consider" promptly a petition for amendment signed by fifty active members.

We are not arguing against the wisdom of these things. What we

want to bring out is first, the immense power of the Athletic council, and second, the vital importance of electing the ablest members of the student body as student representatives. The presidency of the Athletic association is the most important office in the gift of the students; it can be adequately filled only by a man of proven responsibility and executive ability. The two student representatives are more important from the view point of the actual power vested in them than the majority of the student body officers. Furthermore, as the rank and file of the association has no other opportunity of making its wishes felt except through the annual election, care should be taken to elect men who will really represent, who will regard the wishes of the students at large, and who have the personality and the initiative to make themselves real factors in the council, and not automations.

Men should be elected who are in close touch with athletics, and deeply interested in athletics, and of course from this standpoint all athletes are well qualified. But the mere fact of a man's being a popular athlete does not by any means necessarily imply that he will be a good council member. Non-athletes are just as eligible as athletes, provided they have the essential qualifications mentioned above.

Remember: this election is of more practical importance than the student body election itself. THEREFORE WEIGH WELL YOUR VOTE.

An Extra Edition

Plans are now being completed for a special 'Mott campaign extra,' of the Ring-tum Phi, to appear Wednesday morning, April 29th, less than twenty four hours after the regular issue on Thursday. The Interscholastic Track meet, and the Mott Mercer campaign, though representing very different phases of college life, are nevertheless probably the two biggest events of this college year, and it is impossible to do justice to them both in the limited space of one issue of this paper—not to mention four ball games, a field day of our own, and all the other news with which the W. and L. campus constantly teems. The Ring-tum Phi staff, therefore, in cooperation with the Y. M. C. A. leaders, and through the courtesy and accommodation of the "County News," will issue this extra edition.

It will be concerned principally, though not entirely with announcements and articles touching the Mott campaign, leaving the regular issue free to indulge to the fullest in the athletic revelries of the previous week.

A Letter Worth Reading

Repetition of letters and editorials on the subject of political methods at Washington and Lee may become wearisome to our readers, but there is so much of good sense and penetration into the very heart of the whole question contained in the le-

ters from a 1912 alumnus appearing on this page that we could not refrain from publishing it. We trust that every man in college will read it carefully. Especially to be considered is the part dealing with the evils of class politics. As a member of the class of 1912 the present editor can vouch for the accuracy of this testimony, and for the beneficial results that came when every member of the class pledged himself to do no "politicking." The present classes—and especially the class of 1917, since the seed of discord is usually sown in the elections for the sophomore year—might well profit by the experience of their predecessors.

It might be well to add that while we are in complete harmony with the writer's protest against the "personal and committee political system," we do not regard this system as inherently wrong. Fairly managed, a campaign conducted on such a basis is perfectly legitimate—though it may be, and in the opinion of many, is, very objectionable.

The thing which is not legitimate, which is inherently wrong, and against which we feel that there is a decided weight of opinion among those who are not politicians but who form the majority of the voting strength, is the indefensible system of "log rolling"—two or three candidates lining up together, not because of any common issue or principle which they uphold, but because they think that by pooling the votes of the friends of each they may all win. Every candidate for a student body office should run independently, on his own merit, and without any agreement, secret or open, with any other candidate. If he is afraid to do that, then he is not fit for the office.

As To Vote-Pledging

The man who makes it a policy not to pledge his vote to any candidate, but who reserves his freedom of choice to the day of election, is always more respected than the fellow who "caves in" the first time a would-be politician approaches him.

It is an old joke with the political wise acres that the freshmen can be pledged in the majority of cases by the first man who reaches them, and therefore, that the "early bird catches the worm." Show your independence, 1917, and prove that you are not an "easy mark."

Not only this, but when a man promises his vote to a certain candidate, it not infrequently happens that some other candidate enters the field later, for whom he would rather vote, but cannot without violating a promise. The safest, the wisest and the right thing to do is not to pledge your vote to anybody under any condition.

On next Friday and Saturday Washington and Lee will welcome an invading army of preparatory school athletes representing nearly half a hundred schools and drawn from states as far west as Wisconsin, as far north as New York, and as far

south as Alabama and Georgia. We bespeak for them on the part of all W. and L. men the same unaffected and genuine hospitality which made last year's meet such an unqualified success. Let every student in the University do his part toward entertaining our visitors and making their brief stay in Lexington a real pleasure not soon to be forgotten.

Dr. Pollard's remarks before the monogram club on the future of track athletics at Washington and Lee are indeed welcome to those interested in that sport. With an efficient track coach next year, with sufficient appropriations of money to enable the manager to make out a good schedule, with the Interscholastic meet growing bigger and better every year and drawing more track material to W. and L.—not to mention the material that is already here if properly developed—the outlook is one of optimism.

The Ring-tum Phi is issued a day late this week, in order to chronicle the Athletic and social events of Tuesday.

The Editor's Mail

Objectionable Phases of W. & L. Politics

March 21, 1914.

Editor of the Ring-tum Phi,
Washington and Lee University,
Lexington, Va.

Dear Sir:—I noticed in a recent copy of the Ring-tum Phi an editorial denouncing the usual "politicking" which is to be found on the campus at this season. For some time this phase of college life at Washington and Lee has appeared to me to be the least in harmony with the true spirit, ideas and ideals of the institution as shown in all other departments of college activities on the University campus.

The crowning virtue which has characterized Washington and Lee in times past has been that she has held throughout the state and south—and a position unique for its Democratic ideas and sterling quality of its student body. This position she has duly won and maintained and it is in the light of that fact that I would enter the formal protest of a deeply interested alumnus against the personal and committee political system that has grown up within the past few years.

In support of the above view I would briefly offer a few facts regarding the operation of this system in the past and the necessary present and future results if it be continued.

The system as now operated is somewhat as follows: The candidate seeking office, either through personal ambition or "fraternal inspiration," strives to secure the support of the most influential man and adroit politician in the student body as the manager of his campaign. Then these two together with those friends who are already in line, hold various meetings attempting to pick out and line up the most powerful committee possible to act as an organized force of solicitors for the aspiring candidate. Once selected this committee is interviewed, lined up and called together in order to explain the plan of campaign as decided upon by the candidate and his manager. This plan for the past few years has been to take a University catalog and go alphabetically

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The Ring-tum Phi

Tuesday, April 21, 1914

Social and Personal

STUART MOORE

Fausto Gutierrez is spending the week end in Washington.

Lynch Christian is in Lynchburg for the weekend, visiting his parents.

Miss Watson of Richmond is visiting Miss Margaret Robinson.

W. K. Taylor, who has been confined to his bed with mumps, has recovered.

John Douglas Taylor is spending several weeks at his home in Wilmington, N. C.

Miss Virginia Williamson of Charleston, W. Va., is visiting Miss Virginia Moore.

Miss Laura Pendleton, at school in Baltimore, visited her parents on Letcher avenue last week.

Miss Janet Jones and Miss Louise Wilmer of Richmond, were the guests of Miss Virginia Moore last week.

Miss Mary Carter Graham of Pittsburgh, and Washington, is the guest of Misses Margaret and Elizabeth Graham at the Country club.

Miss Rose Harmon of Richmond is visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Hunter McClung on White street.

KERNS ISCHOSEN ORATOR

Will Represent W. and L. in State Oratorical Contest

The contest to choose a representative from Washington and Lee to the State Oratorical contest was held in the Washington Literary Society hall, Friday night. The contestants were J. C. Rivers, E. S. Delaplaine, J. A. Burke and George Kerns. All proved orators of ability. The judges, President Smith, Dr. Currell and Mr. Shields chose Mr. Kerns as the University's representative. His subject was: "An Invincible Dynamic." Mr. Delaplaine was selected as alternate. The contest will be held in Richmond at Richmond college, Saturday night, May 2nd. Mr. C. P. Heavener, representing Washington and Lee, won the medal in this contest in May, 1912.

CHEMICAL SOCIETY MEETS

A very interesting and enjoyable meeting of the Chemical society was held in the chemistry lecture room last Friday night. Mr. W. H. Barclay gave the current news in the chemical world, and Mr. G. F. Orde-man read a paper on "Atomic weights." A feature of the meeting was the reading by Mr. C. M. Switzer of a paper from Mr. C. B. Wiltshire, B. S., in chemistry, '13, who is now head chemist for the Kellogg Cereal company. The paper dealt with the work of the Kellogg Cereal company laboratory.

NOTICE

Buttons for Interscholastic meet at Coop, Pool Room, Drug Stores, and Book Store. Price of button thirty-five cents. Admits wearer to the games. Admission, without button fifty cents.

A ROMANCE FROM HISTORY

Dr. Dodd of U. of Chicago, Lectures on Robert Walker

In a lecture Thursday night before the combined history classes of the University, Dr. Dodd of the history department of the University of Chicago, delivered an absorbing address on "Robert Walker," a character who was very prominent before and during the Civil war in the politics of the country. Mr. Dodd has been making some extensive researches into the history of America, and Robert Walker is one of the characters whose records he has unearthed, and about whom not much has been previously known.

Dr. Dodd gave the complete narrative of this remarkable man's life, which was so full of ups and downs, and strange contradictions, as to fully justify the title of the lecture—"A Romance of History."

SUPHOMORES WIN

INTERCLASS MEET

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Shot put: 1st, Shultz, ('16); distance—36 feet, 8 inches. 2nd, Forbus, ('17); distance, 33 feet, 3 inches. 3rd, Collins, ('14); distance—32 feet 6 inches.

Broad jump: 1st, Seeley, ('17); distance, 18 feet, 4 1-2 inches. 2nd, Shultz, ('16) distance; 18 feet, 2 inches. 3rd, Donahue, ('14); distance, 18 feet.

220 hurdles: 1st, White, ('16); time, 30:3-5. 2nd, Curtis, ('16). 3rd, McCain, ('14).

440 yard run: 1st, Hayne, M., ('14); time, 58:2. 2nd, Raines, ('16). 3rd, McMillan, ('17).

Discus: 1st, Wilkins, ('17); distance, 100:4 1-2. 2nd, Shultz, ('16); distance, 98:1. 3rd, Dingwall, ('17); distance, 90:11.

220 yard: 1st, Curtis, ('16); time 25 seconds. 2nd, Seeley, ('17). 3rd, Hayne, F., ('15).

Mile: 1st, Johnson, ('16); time, 5:17 1-5. 2nd, Dean, ('15). 3rd, Wadsworth, ('17).

High Jump: 1st, Shultz, ('16); height, 5:5. 2nd, Woodruff, ('17). 3rd, Seeley, ('17).

Pole Vault: Leech, ('17), Pratt, ('1); height, 9:00, tie. 3rd, Harrison, ('16).

Apropos of Easter Season

The following card from an alumnus of some note in his day is published by request:

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Rainy weather prevented the "Federal Collegians" from going to Waynesboro and playing the game scheduled with Fishburn. The Collegians had a strong lineup and were confident of winning the game as well as everlasting fame. The personnel of the team is Davis, 1b.; Miller, 2b.; Chambers, ss.; Walling, 3b.; one, 1f.; Young, cf.; Arnold, rf.; Larrick, p.; Twyman c. All of the men are seasoned ball players, who have served their time on the Varsity or other first class teams.

After being defeated by practically every team in the South Atlantic division, the University of West Virginia rallied last Saturday and won from the Navy 4 to 2. Last week the mountaineers found a Tartar when they met Wake Forest. The Baptist's presented a twirler who struck out thirteen consecutive batters. In the first six innings of the contest fourteen West Virginians took three swings and returned to the bench.



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Athletic Comment

J. N. DANIEL

The baseball season closes this week, four games being the offering. Guilford college is here today and they will no doubt send Shore, their star hurler, to the mound. Shore is reckoned as one of the most effective hurlers in the South and it will be interesting to watch his battle with a team which numbers five .300 hitters in its ranks.

Already alumni, who have played on the White and Blue baseball teams of former years, are writing and asking that a game be arranged during final week between the stars of past seasons and the 1914 aggregation. The game should be played and it would afford much interest to those here for the finals. The alumni are confident that they can win the contest.

Frank Brower, Varsity pitcher last season, is with the St. Louis Cardinals, and is reported to be making good having acquired good control and developed a spitball which is very effective.

The Richmond Boat club has begun training and is now seeking a race with the Albert Sidney Boat club.

A report of a meeting of the Virginia Boat club appearing in a Richmond newspaper states that the club will probably race Washington and Lee in the spring. No definite arrangements for a race have been made for a race by either of the boat clubs here as yet, but both are favorable to such a move, and it is likely that the old plan of the winners in the commencement regatta here racing the Virginia boat club on the James at Richmond will again be adopted. The Albert Sidney's attempted to schedule a race with the Richmonders here the latter part of May, but the latter for several seasons, could not get ready in time.

On account of unfortunate accidents to the trainer, the Harry Lees were forced to suspend training the greater part of last week. A broken lock on the trainer was the cause. A new one was immediately telegraphed for and came Monday.

Albert Sidney has been unusually fortunate so far in the matter of accidents. Seven training crews are being sent out daily, and in addition the "Lucy Gordon," which has been the honor of the only Albert Sidney victory within the last several years, but now supplanted by "Lucy Gordon II," is taken out at intervals with the more experienced men.

MONOGRAM CLUB HOLDS AN ENJOYABLE SMOKER

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ball pitcher, who used to stand on the campus and throw curves three and a half feet wide around the columns in front of the main building, and who finally went down to Charlottesville and administered a 12 to 0 kalsomining to Virginia. W. M. McElwee, now the cashier of the Peoples National bank, caught his curves, barehanded.

Dr. Campbell voiced his admiration of the present athletic teams of the University and his willingness to back them against allcomers.

Dr. Pollard, who was introduced amid vociferous applause as the man to whose untiring energy and great executive ability the present high standard of W. and L. athletics is due, concerned himself chiefly with the approaching Interscholastic

meet, which he said from the present outlook would in the number of schools entered and in the class of the entries, eclipse anything ever held in the South. He bespoke the cooperation of the Monogram club in the entertainment of the visitors. He also reviewed the athletic situation in general at W. and L.—the extraordinary success of her football, basketball and baseball teams; the excellent personnel of the teams; the good spirit both of the men on the teams and the students as a whole; and the still brighter prospects for the coming year. As for track, he said that the material was in college now for a good track team, but that it lacked the proper facilities for development. The athletic council is now working on a plan to secure a special track coach next year. He made the confident prediction that within the next two years Washington and Lee track teams will be on the same plane now occupied in other sports.

President Glasgow appointed William Lancaster to serve as the representative of the monogram club on the reception committee. Another matter brought before the club was the indiscriminate use of the monogram on articles sold by the stores to the students at large, thus destroying the distinctiveness of the emblem.



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EIGHTH STRAIGHT GAME FOR W. & L.

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third inning grew too persistent and
Umpire Zimmerman called time.

St. Johns	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Moisan, cf.	3	0	0	0	0	1
Heic, ss.	3	0	0	0	0	1
Nobles, c.	2	0	0	6	3	0
Stevens, p. rf.	3	0	1	2	3	0
Claude, 2b.	3	0	0	2	0	0
Thompson, l.	3	0	0	2	0	0
Clark, 3b.	2	0	0	1	3	1
Freemi, lb.	2	0	1	5	1	1
Jump, rf.	0	1	0	0	0	0
Matthews, p.	1	0	0	0	0	2

Totals	22	1	2	18	10	6
W. and L.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Young, cf.	3	2	2	0	0	0
Lancaster, 2b.	2	1	1	1	1	1
Colville, 3b.	3	0	0	0	2	1
Donahue, c.	3	0	0	11	1	0
Rives, lb.	3	0	1	4	0	0
Smith, lf.	1	2	0	0	0	0
Harrison, rf.	1	0	1	0	0	0
Terry, ss.	3	0	2	2	2	0
Lile, p.	2	0	0	0	2	1

Totals	22	5	7	18	8	3
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Score by innings:

St. Johns	001 000—1
W. and L.	110 021—5

Summary: Two base hits, Stevens. Stolen bases—Young, Smith, 2; Claude. Double plays—Clark to Nobles to Heic. Base on balls—Stevens, 1; Matthews, 2; Lile, 1. Sacrifice hits—Lancaster. Hit by pitched ball—Nobles by Lile. Innings pitched—Stevens, 3, with 3 hits, 2 runs; Matthews 3 with 4 hits, 3 runs. Struck out—Stevens, 1; Matthews, 4; Lile, 10. Time, 1:15. Umpire—Zimmerman.

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through the list of students, assigning to each member of the committee those students that he will be best able to influence. Subsequent meetings are held each week or oftener in order to report regarding the success of the solicitations and to inspire the committeemen to more arduous and persistent attacks upon the student body for their candidate. This continues until the day of the election when more violent and drastic measures are often resorted to. A rushing committee is formed who, filled with the zeal of their office, cutting classes and everything else except possible voters, frequent McCrum's, the Coop, Newcomb Hall reading room, University Dormitory and campus at large, pleading upon whatever basis they think will best influence their victim that he should show his college spirit by supporting his candidate. Carriages are often hired in order to convey to the polls those who are so wanting in true college spirit and intelligent interest in the competing candidates. I have known hacks to be sent from two to three miles out into the country in order to convey some rural student to the polls who had neglected to present himself while attending the University in the morning. Nor is this an incidental occurrence in past history, but has been almost the universal condition during recent years.

Surely this procedure is not in keeping with the best interests of the University, nor is it a likely means of securing the most efficient and public spirited candidates and officers. Moreover there is hardly a campaign on record where the aspir-

ing candidates have not each had more than a majority of the entire student body pledged to his support prior to the election according to the reports handed in by the members of their respective committees. This results in a mutual loss of confidence in the student body by the defeated aspirants and their respective committees and an unwholesome atmosphere of envy and criticism created throughout the entire student body.

This condition is forcefully brought to the minds of some of us as seen in our class elections. I recall a similar condition which arose in the election of officers for the senior class of 1912. This election was first attempted in the spring of 1911. The usual personal work and factional vote trading system was applied by some of the parties involved to such an extent that the class, which had stood throughout its whole career as one of the best that the University had ever known was so split and contaminated that at one time it seemed an impossible task to unite it again. Owing to facts presented by some of the members and hotly argued upon the floor of the meeting regarding the advisability and validity of an election held at such a time and under the existing conditions the whole matter was postponed until the following fall and it was agreed as a matter of honor that no "politics" of any kind would be indulged in. The following fall the postponed election was duly held, efficient officers elected and installed and the unity and harmony of the class entirely restored. All of which I attribute, together with the unanimous opinion of the rest of the class, to the absence of partisan politics from the election.

The older members of the student body need no proof of the demerits of our present method of securing our student body and class officers; the new men will soon be equally as intelligent. Unquestionably the present method does not secure the wish of the student body expressed in an unbiased, intelligent and democratic way. Frequently the voter knows absolutely nothing of any of the candidates except the one which is urged upon him by the enthusiastic solicitor. Unquestionably hard feeling, criticism and a want of united support are the results. I feel that I express not only the unanimous opinion of my own classmates, but the voice of every loyal and enthusiastic alumnus when I voice the hope that this method be discontinued and abandoned by the present active student body, and in its stead a more democratic and efficient method be adopted. The system of personal and committee solicitation is obviously at variance with the true democratic and wholesome tone of our university and is detrimental to the interests of the student body. Some system installing the former custom of the University of proposing the candidates by nominating speeches in student body assembled, and a full and free discussion of these men in the publications of the institution would give practical experience in the modern vote at the polls, inspire greater and truer universal interest in the election and at the same time be practically free from the vital and destructive effects of our present system.

I assure you in behalf of the alumni of their sincere desire and I dare say universal hope that the present efficient student body will take this matter in hand and solve it judicially to the best interests of the University at large.

Very truly yours,
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