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No Meeting of the V. C. Could be Held Last Night as No Charges Were Turned Into the Council.

The first rally of the Year Will be Held Friday Night. All Students Are Urged to Attend.

James Watson Dies Monday From Injuries

Sophomore Succumbs Following Car Wreck Last Saturday Night

STUDENTS ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICES

Entire University Mourns the Passing of Fellow Student

Funeral services for James Watson, '32, who died Monday morning from injuries received in a car wreck last Saturday night, were held Monday afternoon with the entire student body attending.

Watson, who was a sophomore and a member of Phi Gamma Delta, suffered a fractured skull and a punctured lung in the accident. His companion in the car, Dick Rouse, a senior lawyer and also a member of Phi Gamma Delta, escaped with minor injuries. The car crashed over a 125-foot embankment about two miles beyond Glasgow. The conductor on a freight train saw the car leave the road and at the first stop, sent aid to them. They were brought to the Jackson Memorial Hospital here, where at first, attending physician help out some hope of recovery.

None of the classes scheduled for Monday afternoon were held in order that the students could attend the memorial services held at 3:45 in the Lee chapel. Services were in charge of the Rev. C. Vincent Franks and the Rev. James J. Murray. Watson's fraternity brothers acted as pall bearers and flower bearers. The entire student body attended the services and marched in double file to the railroad station, where the body was sent to Youngstown Ohio, for burial. As the train pulled, the students sang "College Friendships."

Watson's home was in Youngstown. His family was notified soon after the accident but reached Lexington an hour after he had died.

He was a popular man on the campus and his death has saddened the entire University.

Receives Injury While Saving 11; Enters Law Here

Sacrificing his gridiron career and his chevrons in the V. P. I. cadet corps was all in a day's work for John Ericson who is now enrolled in the law school here. Ericson was injured this summer when he saved the lives of eleven drowning persons in a single day at Hammonasset State Park Beach, Clinton, Conn.

When informed that the injuries would bar him from the cadet corps Ericson decided that rather than return to his former school he would study law.

After an operation on Ericson's leg Dr. Paul Swett, Hartford surgeon expressed himself as believing that the athlete would be able to continue with his swimming. When only 18 years old he earned a place among the leading college juvenile swimmers by ploughing through the 220 yard straightaway in the rough waters of Long Island Sound in 2 minutes and 40 seconds.

More Than 300 New Men Enroll

Washington and Lee's crop of new men has reached a total of 317, according to E. S. Mattingly, registrar of the University. A number of these are transfers, leaving a freshman enrollment of slightly less than 300.

The 1929-30 directory, listing every student and instructor of the University, will be off the press early next month, Mattingly said. The total number of students this fall has not yet been computed, but is understood to be slightly less than last year, when more than 900 men were enrolled.

Paula—Pansy won a loving cup last night.

Paul—Oh! I didn't know they gave prizes for that.

Eighteen New Men Added To List Of Fraternity Goats

Eighteen men have been pledged to fraternities since the publication of the first list in Saturday's issue. The list below is not complete as some rushing is still being carried on. It is, however, as full a list as could be compiled last night.

A few names were inadvertently left out of the first list and they are included below.

Kappa Alpha: Leroy Bledsoe, Decada, Ala.; Marshal Black, Thomason, Ga.

Beta Theta Pi: John Watlington, Reidsville, N. C.; George Mailler, Washington, D. C.

Lambda Chi Alpha: D. E. Clark Watertown, N. Y.; Shelby Blatterman, Oak Park, Ill.

Sigma Phi Epsilon: J. Bliss, Erie, Pa.; Davis, New York City; Ranie, Pittsburg, Pa.

Delta Tau Delta: Staige Marye, James Kimbrough, Greenwood, Miss.

Alpha Tau Omega: V. B. Lawless, Norfolk, Va.

Arcades: Allister Henry, Mobile, Ala.; Bill Spaley, Maryville, Tenn.

Alpha Chi Rho: S. E. Skidmore, Nashville, Tenn.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon: Tom Ezerngan, Eastern Shore, Md.; Dick Hall, East Orange, N. J.

Pi Kappa Alpha: Dick Edwards Roanoke, Va.

Frosh Are Good; V. C. Postponed

Not a Single Charge Turned In For First Meeting of Committee

Not a single charge had been turned into the "VC" against freshmen for the first meeting. For the first time in the memory of seniors on this campus, the opening meeting of the Vigilance Committee has been postponed. Because no charges have been turned against any freshmen for violations of the Freshman Rules, Bill Hawkins, president of the Freshman Council announced yesterday that there would be no meeting last night as had been scheduled.

Whether the freshmen have behaved so well that the old men have seen no need of preferring charges or whether the old men have been lax in their duty was not certain. C. B. Vickers, secretary, stated yesterday that if the latter is the condition, that "the old men must not fail to put any charges against any freshman that deserves it if they want the VC to function this year."

True Story of How Ring-tum Phi Took Its Queer Name is Told by B. F. Harlow

A baffling question is put to every freshman at the annual registration of the University: "Have you signed up for the Ring-tum Phi?"

The "Ring-tum Phi?"—a fraternity?—a club?—a building?—a freshman rule?—Hazing?

Small wonder the questioned freshman looks puzzled. The most brilliant freshman in the class hardly could be expected to know that the "Ring-tum Phi" is the University's semi-weekly newspaper. It is the freshman's turn to question. "Where in the world did it get that name?"

In 1897, Washington and Lee had one cheer, which was used on all occasions. When J. Sam Slicer and Gordon R. Houston conceived the idea of a student newspaper, one of the first problems was the selection of a name for the publication. After a long conference it was decided that the title should be for the first line of the University's only yell, symbolizing the voice of the student body.

The yell from which the paper got its name is almost as old as the University. It was discarded sometime after 1900, and has not been used since. Lusty-throated high-collared collegians cheered themselves hoarse as follows:

Ring-tum-Phi,
Sticker-bum!

Prospects For Troub Season Looking Bright

President Dan Lindsey Sees Best Year of Organization Ahead

PROFESSOR MOORE TO AID IN WORK

Has Had Experience On Professional Stage; Here From Cornell

The Washington and Lee Troubadours, open the 1929-30 season with brighter prospects than ever before in the history of the organization, according to Dan Lindsey, president. Last spring the Troubadours was reorganized and stripped of the Glee Club and Southern Collegians, leaving dramatics to be concentrated on this year.

Registration for those who wish to try out for any branch of the Troubadours will be held on the first floor of Newcomb Hall Thursday, Sep. 26, at 9 o'clock P. M. All students are eligible to try out for the cast, business management, or property departments. Tryouts for the cast will probably be held the first part of next week, the exact dates and time to be posted later. It is essential, however, that everyone who contemplates trying out for any position be at the registration meeting Thursday night.

Moore to Assist
Mr. Arthur U. Moore, formerly of Cornell University, who has been appointed assistant professor of English and public speaking, will be director of the Troubadours this year. Mr. Moore has had practical experience on the professional stage and in set construction. This is the first time in the history of the organization that it has had a trained and experienced director at the head.

The work of the Troubadours this year will be more of a study of the mechanics of the dramatic profession with the view of giving the members some experience of how the work is carried on in professional circles. The benefits derived from the membership this year are expected to far surpass those of former years as the scope has been narrowed and with an experienced director, more concentration can be secured.

Thanksgiving Shows
Plans are already under way for the Thanksgiving production. It is the desire of those in charge to produce three one-act plays with entirely separate casts. This will allow more students to take advantage of the opportunities of (Continued on page four)

TRYOUTS DIRECTED TO WATCH BULLETIN

All tryouts for the reportorial staff of the RING-TUM PHI are directed to follow the bulletin board in the Journalism room for further assignments. A list will be posted before Saturday containing the names of those who have not been dropped since the first tryout last week. The bulletin board will also tell of any meetings that affect the reportorial staff of the paper.

Students Make Many Useless Trips to 'P.O.'

Mail is Distributed Six Times a Day; Only Twice From Each Direction

Washington and Lee students are making many useless trips to the post office for mail each day, according to McClung Patton, post master. Students will go to the "P.O." many times a day for "that letter from home" when perhaps only one or two mails come from the direction of home.

Mail is distributed into the boxes at the post office six times a day. The first is generally distributed by 9:30 in the morning. This mail is brought to Lexington both from the north or from the south. Mail from the Shenandoah valley is also distributed at this time.

The next mail is not distributed until 1:30 in the afternoon. This comes from Clifton Forge and the west. Another northern mail is in the boxes shortly after 3 o'clock.

Two mails are distributed after 6 p.m. Shortly after 7 mail from Washington and Baltimore and points east has been put up. The last mail of the day is distributed shortly after 8 p.m. This comes from the east and west and North and South Carolina.

Outgoing mail leaves the post office here five times a day. The mail bags are locked at the office fifteen minutes before the train leaves. Mail for the west leaves at 5:50 a.m., for the north at 8:50. Mail for the north, east, and south leaves at 10:05. In the afternoon the mail to Holins and points east has been put up. The goes out at 12:45. The next outgoing mail leaves at 4:25. This mail goes in all directions.

The last mail of the day leaves at 6 p.m. This mail also is sent in all directions. According to Mr. Patton there are now approximately 800 lock boxes being rented to students. Most of the mail handled in the post office here is for and from students.

Schools Want Debates Here

Colgate, N.Y.U., and Ohio Wesleyan Seek Forensic Engagements

Colgate, New York University, and Ohio Wesleyan are among the eastern colleges asking debates with the Washington and Lee orators, according to Prof. Marvin G. Bauer, head of the public speaking department and coach of last year's undefeated debate squad.

Prospects are bright for the 1929 debate team, despite the loss of Plummer, Platt, and Moore. The latter is on a national lecture tour giving the speech with which we won the National Oratorical Contest in 1928. He will be back next year.

Russel Morrow, Dan Sherby, Conn, and others form the nucleus of what Prof. Bauer predicts will be a representative squad. Material from the largest debate class since the establishment of the department will also be on hand.

A meeting of the Debate Council, to be held next week, will see the election of a debating manager and the formation of definite plans, Bauer said. A return tilt with Princeton will probably be the only northern trip, he added, although there may be several excursions against southern universities.

Hop President at V.M.I. Offers Dance Bid Plan

A. M. Hawkins Proposes That Seniors Exchange Invitations

PLAN YET TO BE CONSIDERED HERE

All Dances To Be Open If Both Schools Agree

A. M. Hawkins, President of the Hop Committee of V. M. I., has proposed that the seniors of that institution exchange bids with the senior class of Washington and Lee for all dances sponsored by the two schools.

This proposal was made to a representative of the RING-TUM PHI. No opportunity to secure the opinion of members of the senior class in this matter was afforded, but it is expected that the proposal will be considered some time this week.

An agreement that the senior classes exchange bids for Washington and Lee's Fancy Dress Ball and V. M. I.'s Easter Hops was adopted last year. According to this agreement, these were the only dances for which bids were to be exchanged.

Although this exchange of social privileges did not include the other dances, it increased the friendly spirit between the two schools.

For Friendly Relations

Hawkins, in the interview, expressing friendly relations between the two institutions. He asked that the proposal be considered by the seniors of Washington and Lee, and if it met their approval, that it be adopted. He further stated that there was no need of limiting the exchange of bids to one dance.

The opening hops are being held at V. M. I. this week-end. A formal Friday night, a dansant Saturday afternoon following the football game, and a dansant Saturday afternoon following the football game, and a formal Saturday night will constitute the set of dances. The "Carolina Tarheels" from the University of North Carolina will furnish the music. If the proposal made by Hawkins is acceptable to the students of Washington and Lee, the senior classes will be eligible to attend the opening hops this week.

Glass-Top Table Is Newest Relic In Lee Museum

Among the newest additions to the growing collection of relics in the Chapel Museum is a glass-topped table containing silhouettes of General Lee, Louis Marshall and the Rev. William Graham.

Graham was the first president of the school which is today Washington and Lee University. Augusta Academy, the "ancestor" of the University was established in 1749. Its first principal was Robert Alexander and his successor was the Rev. John Brown.

William Graham succeeded Brown. Graham had been a classmate of "Light Horse Harry" Lee the father of General Robert E. Lee. Lee's father is also buried in the mausoleum in the Chapel. When Augusta Academy became Liberty Hall in 1776, Graham became the president and served until his resignation in 1796. His remains lie near the chapel under a granite slab.

Executive Committee Resolutions

"Be it resolved, that,

In accordance with Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of the Student Body of Washington and Lee University, the Executive Committee post a notice calling for all applications for the vacant office of Vice-President of the Student Body. Such applications must be filed with the Secretary of the Executive Committee not later than 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 3, 1929.

Paving Work On Campus Rapidly Nearing Finish

The main portion of a program of campus improvements which has been going on since the early summer, today lacked only a few finishing touches of being complete.

The work includes considerable pavement in the region of the gymnasium and of Lee Chapel and minor improvements near the library and dining hall. Washington street has been connected with the driveway to the gym by a series of concrete steps. A six-foot walk leads from the top of the steps to the gymnasium to accommodate pedestrians who were formerly forced to use the automobile driveway.

The work near Lee Chapel consists of walks from the front of the chapel to Memorial gateway and to East Dormitory. A walk from Washington College to the chapel is now nearing completion. A walk around the right side of the library and a drive encircling the dining hall make up the remainder of the work.

Further improvements have been contemplated, but due to uncertain financial conditions have not been definitely planned.

Santini Medal Is Not Awarded

"No Real Essays In Southern Collegian" Is Reason Given

The Santini Medal, awarded each year to the writer of the best essay published in the Southern Collegian, was denied last year's writer through the declaration by Dr. E. P. Shannon, head of the English department and in charge of awarding the medal, that the Southern Collegian contained no real essays.

In 1870 Joseph Santini of New Orleans established a fund of \$1,000, the interest from which to be used each year in conferring a medal on the writer of the best essay published during the session in the Southern Collegian. The medal was given yearly until 1916 when the southern Collegian was discontinued and not reestablished until 1927.

In 1882 the medal was awarded to dean H. D. Campbell, then a student here, and in 1906 to Dr. L. J. Desha. For a number of years the Lexington Gazette gave a medal to the writer of the second best essay.

Hazing Too Much For Tech Frosh and Two Leave

Claiming that they were being too strongly "ridden" by upper classes, two promising football candidates, freshmen at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, resigned from the corps last week. They are: Charles E. Holland, Jr., of Newport News, and William S. Keane, Jr., of McKeesport, Pa. Reports here that the cadets had been given rough physical treatment could not be confirmed, but it was said that they showed no evidence of this and as far as can be learned there was no charge of physical injury.

Both the cadets were considered good football material and both were out for the freshman team. It is said that the athletic authorities at the college are somewhat exercised over the loss of one of the men.

Wagner Calls First Rally of Current Year

Entire Student Body Urged To Help Start Winning Season

OBERST, HAWKINS AND POWELL ON PROGRAM

Importance of Team Backing Is Stressed by Head Cheer Leader

The first student body rally of the year will be held in the Doremus gymnasium Friday night at 7:30, the night before the annual opening game with Lynchburg college.

The rally will serve as a send-off for the team on the 1929 football season and is expected to demonstrate the backing that the students will give the Generals during the coming season. Talks will be made by Captain Bill Hawkins, Coach Oberst, and Louis Powell. Al Wagner, head cheer leader, will lead the assembly in the Sing, the General's Yell, and the rest of the old Washington and Lee songs and yells.

The freshmen have been practicing during the past week and are expected to add much volume to the cheering. They have been working under Wagner and his assistants and, according to Wagner, have progressed well.

"Get Virginia!"

Although the Generals play only three home games during the season, one of these is with the University of Virginia. Another game where the cheering section will probably be present one hundred percent—is the Tennessee game in Roanoke. Commenting on the importance of strong backing, Wagner said last night: "With the exception of a few law students and postgraduates, there are no men in the University who have ever seen Washington and Lee win from Virginia. For the past three years the Generals have outplayed the Wahooos, but have lost each time. The breaks of the game have gone against Washington and Lee."

Backing Is Important

Declaring that a winning team is helped in its development by the support the students give it, Wagner stated that the students themselves can have a part in turning out a team that will beat Virginia this year. "If the team realizes from the start that the rest of the students are backing it, its morale will be so strengthened that, breaks or no breaks, we will win," he said.

Oberst, Hawkins and Powell join Wagner in urging that the entire student body be present Friday night. While attendance is compulsory for freshmen, all old men are expected to be on hand as well.

Candidates for the band will meet immediately after the rally in Coach Fletcher's office to formulate plans for a University band.

Traveller's Bones Moved To Chapel Near His Master

The skeleton of "Traveller," General Robert E. Lee's famous war horse now stands in the museum of the Lee Memorial Chapel. During the past summer the skeleton was moved from the Geology museum to its present resting place, nearer the grave of its master.

A limb of the tree under which Lee was presented the horse has been presented to the University and is now in the museum under the chapel. The tree itself still stands in Fayette County.

When biology was considered the hardest course taught here there was a superstition, taught freshmen that the only way to pass the course was to inscribe one's initials on the bones of "Traveller." As time went on, the entire skeletal system was covered with initials, and despite efforts to remove them, many are still decipherable.

Ed—What makes you think that my head is made of cork?

Ward—It always seems at the mouth of the bottle.

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JAMES WINSTON WATSON

Again Death has come to Washington and Lee. The University is saddened with the passing of James Winston Watson. A young man just entering splendid manhood is gone and we remain to mourn. The love his fellow students bore him was shown at the services Monday, when they attended his funeral services en masse.

The death of a child is sad; and the death of an old man. Sadder still, though, is the death of a young man. Life promised much to Jim—years of happiness. Life also held sorrow and discouragement for him, as it does for all men. He is spared all that. He is home now with his Heavenly Father and will never know heartache or grief.

To his family, his fraternity brothers, and his friends, the RING-TUM PHI extends a deeply felt sympathy. The world is a better place because Jim Watson lived, and Washington and Lee is better for having known him.

MORE THAN A RALLY

Friday night in Doremus gym there will be more than a rally. There will be the foundation of a successful football season. How the students back the Generals in this first rally will have much to do with how the Generals play football this season. Last year there was no lack of loyalty, either among the players or the student body. But there was a lack of something—it might have been called a strong morale.

It's an old question, this thing of the students backing the teams. But the question is no older than the answer. A team plays better, harder, if it is inspired by the thought that the whole student body is back of them willing to do what they can for the school. The old hero who said, "I'd die for dear old Rutgers," wasn't the silly ass that smart-alecks have made him out to be. He was the embodiment of a school spirit that asked little and gave all.

The me non the team don't ask much. They want to know whether their efforts are appreciated. They want to know whether the rest of the students are behind them. They want to know whether the backing is prefatory or sincere. And they have a right to know.

Let the team know that you are behind them from the start. Come to the rally in such numbers and with such a spirit that there will be doubt in no man's mind as to how the students follow the team. We're proud of our school, proud of our team, and when Washington and Lee's men fall in line, we're going to win!

THEY AREN'T ALL GOOD

In Saturday's issue of the RING-TUM PHI, the paper handed the freshman class a bouquet, saying that they measured up to the standards of the Washington and Lee gentleman, and prophesying that few of them would need urging to obey rules that are laid down for them.

And then came an announcement from the officers of the Vigilance Committee that not a single charge had been turned in to them and therefore no meeting of the "V. C." would be held last night.

The RING-TUM PHI, while still believing that this is an unusually good class, does not believe that there are not some men in it who need the attention of the committee. The class, as a whole, is good, but it can not be, that out of nearly three hundred men, there are not some who have neglected to speak, who have stayed out after ten o'clock who have been guilty of grossness, and who have otherwise broken the rules.

There are but a few of them, but for this very reason, they should be more noticeable. If old men neglect their duty and fail to send these men up, they will become arrogant and influence other freshmen to break the rules.

The freshman rules are sound rules. They are not hard to keep. The man who persistently violates them deserves punishment; it is unfair to the rest of his class if he goes unpunished. The old man, who is content to overlook grossness and trust some-

body else to send the offending frosh up, is shirking his duty.

The Executive Committee has passed a resolution increasing the secrecy of the origin of the charge. Hereafter the name of the man making the charge will be known only to the president of the Freshman Council, Bill Hawkins, and the secretary, C. B. Vickers.

To the freshmen: obey the rules carefully and you will never know the terrors of a visit to the "V. C."

To the old men: don't hesitate to turn in any freshman you honestly think is violating either the spirit or letter of the rules.

It is the duty of the freshmen to obey these rules and it is the duty of the old men to see that they do obey them.

RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR

A former Washington and Lee professor is running for Governor of Virginia this fall. This is not news to the men from Virginia in the University. Dr. William Mosely Brown, until this year, head of the department of education and psychology here, has been nominated by both the Anti-Smiths and the Republicans to oppose the regular Democratic nominee, who is Dr. John Garland Pollard of the College of William and Mary.

What Doctor Brown's chances of election are, can not be very definitely determined. He has been waging an active campaign, speaking in every section of the state. His platform is based on that the Republicans in the presidential election which saw Virginia leave the Solid South and vote for Hoover.

Speaking mainly against the Byrd administration and the short ballot, he and his backers have branched off to accuse the "machine" in Virginia of being closely affiliated with Tammany Hall, Raskob and company. Tammany Hall, they declare, has "tenacles in Virginia." The Anti-Smith-Republican party has adopted for its motto, "Smash the Machine!"

The election will be held on November 6, and many fireworks are promised before that time. Among other charges made by Doctor Brown is that the public employees of the city of Richmond are being assessed to help defray Pollard's campaign expenses. The mayor of Richmond has replied that there is not word of truth in this statement. And so it goes. Students here will follow the campaign with interest.

REAL NEIGHBORS TODAY

Alumni of Washington and Lee and Virginia Military Institute remember the feeling which existed between the two schools in their day. With an unholly relish they tell stories of those days.

Probably there are freshmen here now who have listened to them and believe that, of necessity, they must hate their neighbors. The old men know better and tell freshmen that today Washington and Lee students and V. M. I. cadets are friends. An era of good feeling has existed here for years. This was brought about by the work of the student body and the corps of cadets led by Doctor Smith, and General Cocke, who was, until last year, Superintendent of the Institute.

Cadets and students speak to each other on the streets. They interchange invitations to dances. Students visit friends in the barracks and cadets visit their friends in the dormitories and fraternity houses. At collegiate conventions, the delegates from the two schools work together. They cheer each other's teams.

All this is as it should be. How much better is the present situation than that of ten and twenty years ago! Different as the schools may be in their methods of education they have much in common. They are real neighbors today.

The public will be offered a new and much needed word next month when Marjorie Bartholomew Paradis' novel "The Caddis" is published by Century. The readers of Kingsley's "Water Babies" will recall the caddises. "Very fanciful ladies they were," wrote Mr. Kingsley, "none of them would keep the same material for a day." Mrs. Paradis uses the term to denote a certain type of modern American woman all too common at the present time.

Very Caspary, author of "Ladies and Gents," the novel of life back-stage recently published by Century, rises to proclaim that Rosina Mont, the charming little jazz dancer who is heroine of her novel, is entirely a creation of her own imagination, and is hot deliberately patterned after any one popular figure of the musical comedy stage. To date she has been identified as Gilda Gray, Ann Pennington, Marilyn Miller and a half dozen others. All guesses, Miss Caspary insists, are entirely cold.

Among The Books

Mamba's Daughters, By DuBose Heyward. 311 pp. New York: Doubleday, Doran & Co., \$2.50.

New York city in particular and the North in general has of late gone somewhat crazy over negro music, dancing, night clubs, choruses, and negro life and living. The North, which in a period now some half century past rather disrupted things in the United States in a war to free the negro race, has now decided to disrupt social life in an effort to give them a chance to display their talents to a waiting world. It may seem absurd to talk of disrupting social life in an age when that life is nothing more nor less than a series of disruptions and changes, but certainly the recent craze for big times in Harlem does not have a stabilizing effect.

Every Southerner knows that the whites will protect and take care of the family negroes; that a personal interest in them is common and expected, but that as a race they are "kept down." This is necessary because there are so many of them. In the North the situation is reversed. The often referred to Northern "nigger lover" is a fact. But he is a fact only as regards the race. He despises the individual but is too stiff necked to want anyone to know it which only makes it worse. Where the South looks on the blacks as a race for children, dangerous if uncontrolled because of their numbers, the North looks on them as a race oppressed, which must be uplifted, admired, given adulation when it succeeds—and despised individually.

In "Mamba's Daughters" DuBose Heyward has caught the spirit and substance of this difference, and the real conditions on both sides of this difference, and presented them in wonderful diction.

The greater part of the story is laid in Charleston, and the chief plot is the machinations of Mamba to keep her daughter Hagar out of trouble, and give her granddaughter Lissa a chance to advance. Lissa is a mulatto and can sing. In with this plot, and also in addition to it, stands out the story of a fine old Charleston

family of the best social standing trying to make a little money do so that social things will not be constricted, and an immigrant family from the North trying to make a lot of money get them into things social.

The local color is practically perfect, and should really be given a more broad title than local color, for it is an atmosphere that catches a spirit, and a spirit that expresses an ideal of being, for a class. Probably the outstanding characters are Mamba, the old waterfront "nigger" who became a "white folks nigger" to be in a position to protect her daughters, Saint, scion of the Wentworths who started as a dreamer and the despair of his mother, and ended up a hard headed business man who dreamed only in his spare time and married the girl he wanted when he really couldn't have been expected to at first. This sounds rather deadly but you'll like Saint. Then there are Hagar and Lissa, Mrs. Wentworth, the Atkinsons, and many other exceedingly well and carefully drawn minor characters.

Plot is not of course as vital to art as character delineation and artistic setting, but even here Mr. Heyward has not failed, for the plot is perfect. It is simply what it had to be to make the characters natural and what it would inevitably be if they were natural. He has shown a city, clarified a condition, explained some very subtle attitudes; and if the purpose of art is to clarify life the book could never be called inartistic. The description and characterizing are I believe the high points.

Mr. Heyward has done a very worth while and timely piece of work, and to all these persons who are talking negro uplift without knowing anything about negroes the work would be invaluable. It would probably convince some of them that they would do better in cubist art or Wall street. To those who are interested in the negro question, South and North, to those who are lovers of the South, to those who love good literature, the book will be a joy.—G. F. A.

DR. BROWN'S HIGHWAY POLICY

In no other way does Dr. Brown demonstrate more clearly his unfitness for the governorship of Virginia at this critical period in the history of the State than in his suggestion of a curtailment in road revenue. He shows that he is not in tune with the times; he does not appreciate the importance of continued progress, which cannot be had without the spending of money for public improvements. His proposal to reduce by one-half a cent the tax on gasoline, if carried into effect, would not materially lighten the burden on the individual automobile owner, but it would affect very materially the fund for road-building purposes. It would mean that the State would lose approximately \$2,000,000 a year.

We do not believe Dr. Brown's suggestion will appeal to the voters of Virginia. It is a bid for votes which will fail utterly in its purpose.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

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Many Weddings of Alumni Take Place Recently

Fitzpatrick, Ebert, Hutchinson, and Spotts Among Men Married

Three members of last year's student body fell victims to the shafts of Cupid during the spring and summer months of this year. They are: Charles L. Abry, Jr., '31 who was married to Miss Sylvia Kress, daughter of Rush H. Kress, wealthy chain store owner, of Osining, N. Y., on May 13. E. A. Fitzpatrick, '29, football captain last season, and Miss Mary Lynn Petty, of Roanoke, Va., Tuesday, June 4, in Roanoke. Campbell C. Hutchinson, Jr., '29, editor of the 1929 Calyx, and Miss Mary Frances Marshall, of Marshall, Texas, in the Beta Theta Pi house, Lexington, June 6.

Among the Alumni who have been married recently are: Mr. W. G. Saville, '18 of Murat, Va., and Miss Bernadine Hughes, of Frankfort, Ky., on April 17th.

Louis McMurray, '19, and Miss Jean Harlan, of Hedgesville, W. Va., on May 15th. Mr McMurray's father performed the ceremony, and A. A. Anderson, '19, was best man.

John L. Patterson, '21, of St. Louis, Mo., and Miss Mildred Meadors, of Memphis, Tenn., on March 31.

Joseph Vaughn Penn, '24, of Danville, Va., and Miss Virginia Belvin, of Richmond, Va., June 23.

C. B. Edwards, '28, and Miss Gertrude Hardesty, of Fort Thomas, Ky., on March, 15th.

H. D. (Hot) Ebert, '27, of Lexington, Va., and Miss Emily Katherine Smith, of Roanoke, early in June. Mr. Ebert is part owner and manager of The Corner, Inc., of Lexington.

Hollis S. (Babe) Spotts, '28 of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Miss Aylwin Hughson, of Roanoke, Va., in the Lee Chapel, Lexington, Saturday, June 1. Mr. and Mrs. Spotts are making their home in Waynesboro, Va., where he is athletic coach at Fishburne Military Academy.

Tryouts For Band To Meet Friday

Tryouts for the University Band will meet in Coach Fletcher's lecture room in the gymnasium Friday night immediately after the rally.

All men, including freshmen, who are interested in trying for the Band are asked to remain for a few minutes after the rally. It is expected that the band will play in Roanoke at the Tennessee game, and possibly at Blacksburg at the V. P. I. game.

Sunday night at seven-thirty the new fire truck left the engine house on its first call.

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Then Old Man Joy he started to
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And I saw him bring out that
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Starting Lineup of Generals Still in Doubt as Lynchburg Game Draws Near

Generals Make Debut Led by Capt. Hawkins

Few Veterans Sure of Regular Berths as Reserves Look Promising

The Washington and Lee Generals pry off the lid of their 1929 campaign Saturday afternoon by taking on the Hornets of Lynchburg College. The Generals were victorious in the opener last season by a 56 to 0 score over the Lynchburg institution.

The starting lineup for Washington and Lee is as much an object for speculation as it was three weeks ago, and it is likely that Coach Oberst will use the best part of his squad of 54 men in the battle in an effort to strike the combination which brings the most favorable results.

With three lettermen on the wings and a capable squad of reserves, it is practically impossible to guess which two flankmen will start. Leigh Williams has been exhibiting the same brand of football which won him a position on the second all-state last year even though he saw service in only three games. The work of Bledsoe, a reserve last year, has been one of the features of early training and it is a toss-up whether he or Day, a steady veteran, will get the call. Coker, the other letter man is recovering from a shoulder injury, and will hardly get into the curtain raiser. Wilson and Crossen, sophomores, will most likely get a shot at the enemy before the afternoon is over.

Hawkins At Tackle
Captain Bill Hawkins is a sure starter in one tackle berth, while Hostetter will probably get first call in the other. Bailey and Rosenberg will probably relieve them with Stemmons and Devine next in line.

Although the fight over the guard berths has been bitter, Martin and Seligman, the veterans will more than likely get first call over the two 160 pound scrappers, Holstein and Harris, but the latter two will be present before the scrap is finished. With Snodgrass, Groop, and Tilson at center, there is nothing to be decided and they will probably get their shots at the enemy in the above order.

Four Field Generals
Jacob will probably get the initial call for the signal calling position, but Mattox has been going like a whirlwind for weeks and will see as much service as the veteran. Shuchart, 190 pounder, an McLaurin are also due for a chance.

Thibodeau is slated for one halfback job, but it is a toss-up whether Faulkner, Eberhart, or Jones will get the call for the other position. Cross or Martin, ex-freshmen, are next in line.

Barnett, Mitchell at Full
Barnett is due for first duty as fullback and Mitchell will likely relieve him. Stevens, who has been suffering from a hip injury is back in uniform and will face the enemy at some time during the 60 minutes.

The final scrimmage in preparation for tomorrow afternoon, a light signal drill being all that is on the program for Friday.

Grid Practice Is Open Unless Sign Is Posted

Students who desire to see the varsity football squad work out will be permitted on Wilson field on any afternoon when Coach Oberst has not announced secret practice.

On the days when the General mentor wishes his men to work in private, a sign will be nailed to one of the posts on the end of the bridge nearest the gymnasium. Although he has not set any definite days for the secret workouts, Coach Oberst announced they will usually fall on Thursdays and Fridays.

Instead of scrimmaging among themselves, as has been the custom in former years, the varsity is using Coach Eddie Parks Davis' freshman for opponents on whom to test their attack.

All students who attend the practice sessions are asked to use the stadium seats and not to wander around the field.

GENERAL GOSSIP

Fifteen letter men back, three coaches to train them and the dozen or more of the 1928 reserves and an equal number of promising sophomores that are competing for berths on the General's eleven—What does the future hold for Eugene Oberst's team?

All sports reviewers, for the Southern Conference as a whole, for the South Atlantic area, and for the state of Virginia, are giving the "dope" predictions for 1929, rate Washington and Lee low in the scale.

We venture the opinion, however, that before the season is many weeks old, these "authorities" will hate to have their attentions called to their earlier expressed opinions of W. and L's, chance to "go places and do things."

True, the 1928 season, after starting off with two imposing wins, closed with a string of seven straight losses, measured by from one to eight touchdowns. That is no criterion by which to judge the 1929 team, however, and in our opinion the Generals will be the surprise of the conference.

Several coaches have picked Florida and Tennessee as the probabilities to carry the conference title away this year, although it should be pointed out that Clemson is not to be over-looked in any well-based predictions.

Coach Andy Gustafson, of the Virginia Tech Gobblers, chooses V. M. I. to repeat as state champions. On paper they should, since Bill Raftery sent eleven letter men against Hampden-Sydney last week as starters.

Those well posted on the strength of the Big Four in the state pick Virginia to follow the other three teams in the standing, but seem at a loss as to the proper ranking of Washington and Lee.

What is to keep the Generals from copping the state title this year, as they did for several successive campaigns prior to 1926? Oberst has the offensive power in his backfield, with Thibodeau, Eberhart, Faulkner, Barnett, Jones, Jacob, Mattox, and Mitchell looming as possibilities for first string jobs.

Observers trying to pick weak spots in the team glance first at the flanks naturally, since the terminal posts were admittedly vulnerable spots in the 1928 array, and no outstanding candidates from the 1928 frosh are available. Not only do the flanks seem weak, but the material available is not at all plentiful.

Leigh Williams and Page Bledsoe seem the best bets right now, but Charlie Day's defensive work and his improving offensive play may win for him a chance to play a great deal. Charlie Coker is the other end candidate listed among the so-called leaders.

The guard positions are again the source of considerable trouble and anxiety. Mike Seligman and Bob Martin, who played as "regulars" in 1928, are fighting for starting assignments, but whether they will gain the coveted posts is another matter. Constant shifts, with Jerry Holstein playing much of the time, and Captain Bill Hawkins being shifted for a try-out in offensive tactics, have featured the attempts to adequately care for the center-flanking posts.

The tackle fights have about simmered down to a duel between Hostetter and sophomore Bailey for one job, with Captain Bill Hawkins slated for the other, according to the unofficial opinions of those who have seen almost every practice. Hostetter's experience is operating in his favor so far, but Bailey is improving steadily, and his weight is counting more and more in the daily workouts.

The center job is a toss-up between Howell Snodgrass and Herb Groop, as it was in 1928. Groop's passing is improving, however, and he may start more games than he did last year. Tex Tilson is about the equal of either on the defense, but has not reached the point in offensive play which will warrant him seeing much service.

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A rare football dish, tended to rejuvenate the jaded appetites of Old Dominion gridiron enthusiasts, will be served in Lexington on November 16.

At 11:00 a.m. of that day, Virginia Military Institute meets the University of Kentucky in a Southern Conference tilt and at 2:30 p.m. of the same day, Washington and Lee and the University of Virginia meet in their historic duel.

In 1927, a double homecoming featuring North Carolina and Virginia Military Institute, and Washington and Lee and Virginia was staged here. The Keydets won by a 7 to 0 count with Washington and Lee losing 13-7.

All roads lead to Lexington on that day, the crowds that swarmed over this little municipality being tremendous in 1927. Concessionaires do a thriving business and every eating place in town is thronged to capacity.

All S. C. Teams
Four Southern Conference teams, three of them rivals for the Big Four championship of the Old Dominion will fight it out in Lexington on that day. An interesting sidelight to the game in the afternoon will be the test of the recently installed coaching systems at both Washington and Lee and Virginia.

Virginia is being coached by Earl Abel, former Colgate mentor, while the Generals are being taught the Notre Dame system by Gene Oberst.

Generals and Cavaliers! Flying Keydets and Wildcats! November 16 in Lexington.

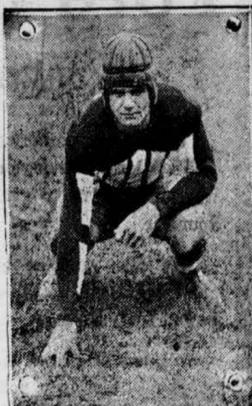
Students Get New Passbooks

Books Required For Admission To All Athletic Contests

The student pass books for athletic contests played at home will be distributed at The Corner tomorrow afternoon and night. The Athletic Association will have someone on hand from 1:30 until after the show at night to pass them out. Any one failing to get his book at this time may do so later at the office of the graduate manager.

The athletic authorities, after a survey of the methods employed at other colleges and universities, have decided to use a system similar to that used here last year, except for the fact that the book which is issued this week will only last for the first semester, another being issued for winter and spring sports.

These pass books, which must be presented at every athletic contest if the student wishes to get in for the customary dime, are issued free of charge to every one matriculated in the university, the regular athletic fee being included in the tuition. The books are not redeemable and if lost, the student must pay the general admission price until the second lot is issued at the beginning of the second semester.



CAPTAIN HAWKINS

Keydets Down Tigers Easily

V. M. I. Bests Hampden-Sydney In First Game of Season 19-0

A fast offense which gained at will through a heavy line enabled the V. M. I. Flying squadron to win from the Tigers of Hampden-Sydney at Alumni field here 19-0 in the Old Dominion's first football game of the season last Saturday.

The Cadets, led by Captain "Al" Hawkins registered 16 first downs to two for the Tigers and except for the final quarter the Hampden Sidney eleven never threatened.

A fighting Tiger line at times held the heavier Cadet forward wall but more often gave way in times when the Cadets needed to gain yardage through the line. Dunn, V. M. I. fullback, scored two of the touchdowns through the line for the winners in the first half while Holtzclaw substitute for Dunn pushed over the third score in the third period.

The Tigers seemed to be able to hold the reserves used by the Cadets in the final quarter and on two occasions they held them for downs within the two yard line.

Varsity-Frosh To Play Again

Second Game Is Set For Tomorrow; Freshmen Have New Plays

Confident that his yearling eleven will make even a better showing against the varsity than it did last Saturday, Assistant Coach "Bus" Malone will send his little Generals into a practice game tomorrow that will assume the same proportions as the previous contest when both coaches experimented with every possible combination. The game will again be open to the student body and marks final pre-session for the Oberst machine.

Although the frosh have a considerably lighter squad than last season, Malone is encouraged with the fighting spirit of his men and abundance of players with prep school experience. "When they scrimmaged against the varsity last time they only knew three plays, but they've learned several new ones now and should be much better offensively," he said.

The recent tilt with the varsity revealed that in the personage of Lewis "General" Burgoyne the frosh have a punter whose kicks can outdistance those of any regular back. A hard plunging fullback Burgoyne when aided by such (threats as Russell Brothers, star from Clarksville, Tenn., Lonigan, veteran single barker from Chicago and F. Zoch prove a hard fast moving combination that will trouble any freshman line.

A definite first team has not been selected as yet but men appearing to have an edge on their competitors include: Burgoyne, Brothers, Lonigan, Zoch, Baumen and Mehler, in the backfield, and on the line Wofford, Dennison, Goldenburg, Sommerville, Cummings, Vanek and Bear.

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FRESHMAN SCHEDULE

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- Oct. 19—Maryland, here
- Oct. 25—Fishburne, there.
- Nov. 2—Virginia, there.
- Nov. 15—V.P.I. there

Fall Baseball Practice Starts Here Tomorrow

All men interested in fall baseball practice and not engaged in other sports are requested to report to Coach "Cy" Twombly in the gymnasium tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. This announcement applies to freshman candidates as well as varsity material.

While head Coach R. A. Smith does not expect a large squad to take part in the fall practice as the majority of veterans are out for football he is anxious to get a line on any new material and give his dependables a chance to limber up their muscles before the cold weather sets in and entirely stops practice. The fall training period will continue as long as possible and will comprise batting, hitting and throwing drills.

After several preliminary drills Twombly will take his men to island diamond where both freshmen and varsity aspirants will play together.

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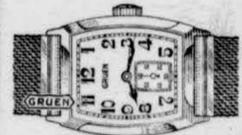
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Prospects For Troubadour Season Looking Bright

President Dan Lindsey Sees Best Year of Organization Ahead

(Continued from page one) fered by the Troubadours this year. The plays under observation at the present will call for a total cast of nearly twenty so there should be keen competition for places in these casts. As this is Mr. More's first year with the Troubadours and as he will have almost exclusive say in the selection of the casts, there is no chance for favor being shown. Every person who gains a place on the cast this year will be given such position due to his own merits.

Thomas Fitzhugh, business manager of the Troubadours, is trying to secure an engagement away from Lexington for the Thanksgiving show. In the past the Thanksgiving production has only been given in Lexington but in order to offer an incentive for more tryouts and harder work it is planned to play Lexington and one other town if such can be arranged.

Larger Casts

Plans are also under way for an elaborate Easter tour this spring. Due to the financial successes of the past two or three years a much better tour is being planned for this year's Easter holidays. One reason for the selection of three one act plays for the Thanksgiving production is because they will call for a larger total cast and in this way Mr. Moore and President Dan Lindsey can be lining up the cast and gathering material for the Easter production. New tryouts will be held for the Easter show, however, and it is not necessary to be included in the Thanksgiving cast in order to make the Easter tour.

Everyone may not be an actor so there are many other phases of the Troubadours in which invaluable experience is given to those tryouts who enter this organization. The property department offers places to many. Through this department one may learn of set construction and assembling, lighting effects, costuming, and care of the various other properties. There will be many positions in this department which will be filled on a competitive basis from those who tryout. The business staff will call for quite a few men to assist busi-

ness manager Fitzhugh in his plans for the Thanksgiving and Easter productions. Assistant business managers, publicity men, and stenographers will be needed to fill in this branch.

It is urged that everyone who desires to tryout for any position with the Troubadours this year attend the registration meeting Thursday night. All those who wish to enter the organization this year must be at the registration meeting to give their names and the branch or branches in which they wish to enter.

The Troubadours offer an unusual advantage to the freshmen to get started off in their list of activities on the campus.

McDORMAN-BIGGS

Robert G. McDorman, assistant professor of physics, was married to Miss Margarita M. Biggs of Virden, Manitoba, Canada, at her home on September 3. They are making their home at 521 Jackson Ave.

POSSIBLE LINEUP

- LE—Williams
- LT—Hostetter
- LG—Seligman
- C—Snodgrass
- RG—Martin
- RT—Hawkins (C)
- RE—Day
- QB—Jacob
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- RH—Thibodeau
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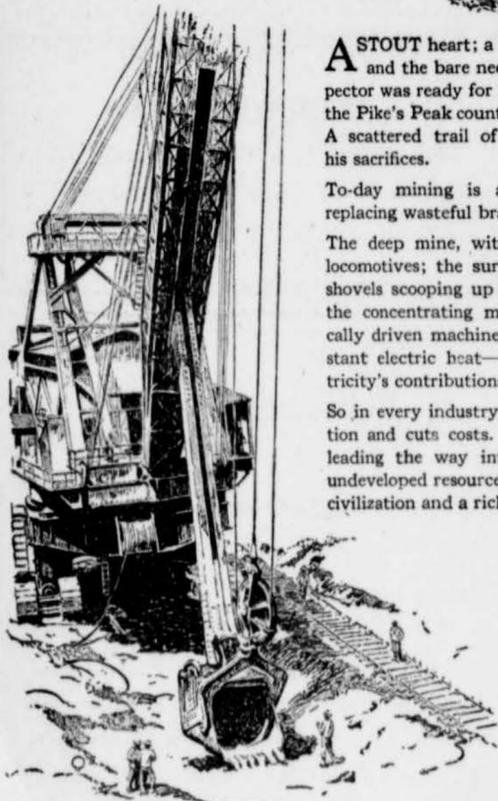
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