

# The Ring-tum Phi

BY THE STUDENTS, FOR THE UNIVERSITY

Sophomores are urged to pay their dues at once. Don't put it off any longer!

The next class to be held in the University will be 8:30 Monday morning.

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## Calyx and Ring-tum Phi Judged Best in Virginia

### Washington and Lee Publications Win First Places In Competition at Virginia Press Convention

The Washington and Lee Calyx and Ring-tum Phi have been awarded silver loving cups for being the best college annual and newspaper respectively in the class A publications in Virginia. These prizes were won at the meeting of the Virginia Intercollegiate Press Association which was held at Radford State Teachers college, and at V. P. I. last Friday and Saturday. The Southern Collegian, literary magazine of Washington and Lee, was not entered in the competition.

Publications were entered from nearly every college in Virginia and in all seven cups were given in the different classes. Entries were divided into class A and class B according to the size of the school and its publication. The V. P. I. annual and newspaper were given second places in the class A division.

The convention opened at Radford State Teachers college Friday morning with an address by Dr. J. P. McConnell, president of that school, which was followed by a business session. During the next hour three discussion groups were held for the editorial staffs of newspapers, annuals, magazines and a fourth one for business managers of all publications. After supper the delegates were entertained by a play put on by the Radford students. All the men were then taken to V. P. I. to spend the night.

Continued at V. P. I.

Saturday the same schedule was followed, sponsored by Tau Beta Epsilon, honorary journalistic fraternity of V. P. I. Addresses were given by Dr. Julian A. Burruss, president of the institute, and by Dr. C. M. Newman, head of the language department there. The regular discussion groups were continued, and that afternoon the delegates attended the football game between the freshman teams of V. M. I. and V. P. I.

Saturday night the convention was closed with a banquet, at which Mr. F. H. Jeter, editor of the North Carolina extension division, spoke on the rewards of journalism.

Next year the association will meet at William and Mary college at Williamsburg. Officers for this meeting will be: President, W. F. Rountree of W. and M.; first vice president, Miss Jean Taylor of Radford State Teachers college; second vice president, H. R. Derrick of V. P. I.; secretary and treasurer, Miss Mary Parry of W. and M.

Washington and Lee publications were represented by J. W. Davis, editor of the Ring-tum Phi; G. F. Ashworth, editor of the Southern Collegian, and W. O. Thomas, managing editor of the Calyx. The Southern Collegian was received into membership and will compete next year.

## Debaters Picked For First Trip

### Fulton, Nichols and Davenport Are Selected for Princeton Meet

The debating council has chosen three men to represent Washington and Lee on the Princeton trip next week. The three survivors of the eliminations held Saturday night are: C. B. Fulton, D. W. Davenport and S. R. Nichols.

In the first preliminary, held some time ago, the large number of candidates was reduced to twelve. Six of these twelve were selected in the second preliminary last Thursday. These six staged a very heated contest in the finals, Saturday, which was practically a toss up.

They will leave Saturday, November 30, to take the affirmative side against Princeton Monday night, December 2, and the negative against American University in Washington, Wednesday night.

The subject for debate is: "Resolved that higher education should be given only to those with special ability."

## Honor System Here Is Oldest Complete Code

### Second Article in Series Says W. & L. Plan First To Be Comprehensive

#### HISTORY IS TRACED BY NSFA WRITER

### System Originated in the Old South But Has Grown Since Civil War

Article No. 2

Four colleges claim the honor of having been the initiator of the Honor System. William and Mary college claims to have begun the use of the system in 1779. South Carolina college (now the University of South Carolina) claims to have begun the use of the Honor System at its founding in 1801. The University of Virginia claims to have initiated the system in 1842. Finally, Washington and Lee University puts forth claims to having been the originator of the Honor System, their claim dating back to the administration of General Lee as president.

It is impossible to say exactly which of these colleges is in fact the mother of the Honor System. Probably William and Mary college did have some kind of system under which the students were placed upon their honor, and under which an Honor System prevailed in spirit. Perhaps the honor of the students was appealed to at South Carolina college from the time of its inception. But the preponderance of the evidence seems to show that the University of Virginia was the first institution to make definite plans for an Honor System, to draw up an honor code, and to adopt a definite plan of legislation, control, and system of penalties.

Washington and Lee's claim dates back to the administration of General Lee, following the Civil War. Therefore, the University's claim antedates that of Washington and Lee by a score of years or more. However, Washington and Lee can indisputably lay claim to having the oldest complete student Honor System in the

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## Nunn Returns From Conclave

### Attended Annual Convention of Sigma Delta Chi at Columbia, Mo.

Gilmore Nunn, Washington and Lee's representative at the national convention of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity, returns to the University bearing signal honors. Nunn was chosen on the committee on Chapter Activities, and also brings back the report that the national officers had no criticism to make of the W. & L. chapter, a high record for a chapter that has not yet had its first birthday.

The convention was held at the University of Missouri, at Columbia. There were more than fifty delegates present from every state in the Union. Nunn was Virginia's only representative. The delegates were in convention session from 8:30 a. m. until 6:30 p. m. both days with an hour and a half out for lunch. The penalty for missing any one session was a fine of three dollars. Any chapter not having a representative was suspended. After the business of the day was over the delegates were entertained by the fraternities and sororities on the campus.

Among the speakers at the convention were Ralph Ellis of the Kansas City Journal-Post, Clark McAdam of the St. Louis Post Dispatch, Eugene Pulliam of the Pulliam Publishing Company, and William P. Beazell of the New York World. Edwin V. O'Neil of the Indianapolis Times was elected president for the coming year. Ohio State University was selected as the meeting place of the next convention.

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## Committee Makes Public Statement

The executive committee of the student body takes this opportunity to make an explanatory statement regarding the unfortunate and sudden action of Sweet Briar college to the effect that: Washington and Lee students shall have no more dates at Sweet Briar and students shall attend no Washington and Lee social functions.

So far as Washington and Lee is concerned the severance of social relations by the Sweet Briar authorities was caused primarily by the conduct of certain Washington and Lee students at Sweet Briar during the fall. On several occasions Washington and Lee boys have attempted to fill dates in an intoxicated condition, and on two occasions, students have had whiskey in their possession on the Sweet Briar campus. The executive committee unequivocally feels that such individuals who thereby reflect discredit upon the name of our institution, and who thereby cause hundreds of more careful and thoughtful students to bear the brunt of their misconduct, deserve to be stringently reprimanded, with complete assurance from them of no recurrence.

However we further feel, that in view of our past pleasant relations with Sweet Briar, and in view of the great number of innocent students affected, the Sweet Briar authorities acted somewhat hastily—and that at least we might have been called in to mutually solve our common problem. We sincerely regret the action, and we realize that it will reflect unfavorably upon both institutions.

## State Title At Stake In Game

### V. M. I. and V. P. I. Will Decide Championship In Annual Battle

The annual military classic between V. M. I. and V. P. I. held in Roanoke tomorrow is promising to be a hard-fought contest. Supported by the entire corps of both schools, visitors from all parts of the state, and the people of Roanoke, who are divided in their sentiment, the teams will be ready for blood. The winner will be state champion.

This year's crowd at Roanoke will include not only the usual thousands of alumni, the two cadet regiments with their bands, and supporters of both teams from all over the country, but several members of the 1904 V. M. I. and V. P. I. teams. In 1904 Cadets and Gobblers met for the first time in the Magic City, and this year's game marks the twenty-fifth anniversary. Col. B. Stearnes Dodson, commandant of cadets at V. M. I., Robert W. Massie, Jr., of Lynchburg, and D. Myron Etheridge, of Roanoke, are among the 1904 V. M. I. players who will return to see the Flying Squadron perform.

Although handicapped by wet weather, both teams have been going through strenuous practices all week. The V. M. I. men have been working on some new plays to spring on their rivals, and developing speed in their backfield. V. P. I. has been brushing up on the defense to stop the Hawkins, Dunn, McCray and Biggs combination, which has shown up so well during the season.

Pep meetings have been held frequently in both schools, and the corps are anxious for the opening kick-off, which starts another fight to the finish.

## LIBRARY NOTICE!

The library will be open as follows during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Wednesday Nov. 27—8:25 to 5, Thursday, Nov. 28, closed all day Thanksgiving day, Friday, Nov. 29, 9 to 5, Saturday, Nov. 30, 9 to 5, Sunday, Dec. 1, closed, Open Monday, December 2, as usual from 8:25 to 10.

## First Showing Of Plays To Be Given Saturday

### Plans Complete For Holiday Presentation of Plays By Troubadours

#### IS TWELFTH SEASON OF ORGANIZATION

### Prof. Moore Directs Players; Tickets at The Corner and McCrum's

The Troubadours, accompanied by the Southern Collegians, will make their first appearance of the season here at the New Theater Saturday, presenting a program of four one-act plays: "Behind the Beyond," "The Game of Chess," "The Medicine Show," and "The Pot Boiler." These productions met with much success in Staunton on November 20, and a full attendance is expected to witness their performance here.

"Behind the Beyond," a problem play by Stephen Leacock, will open the show. John Bott, playing leading role as Sir Arthur Trevor, is assisted by Irving Dobbs and R. B. Skeen, the feminine leads. In this play much of the action is produced by Kemper Jennings, Karl Smith, Joseph Barks, and Arthur Lamar as part of the audience.

Goodman's "The Game of Chess" is played by Harry Fitzgerald, sharing the honors with Theodore Curtis and Bill Gordon. It is a Russian tragedy in period costume.

Story of Laziness

Gerry Holden, Charles Bowes, and Franklin Jones cleverly present "The Medicine Show." Told in a Southern locale with an old wharf on the Ohio river as a setting, it is a story of the laziness that wrecked a perfect idea.

The Staunton audience seemed to regard "The Pot Boilers" as the most enjoyable of the four features. It is played by a cast of seven with Stanton D. Waxberg and Dave Conn filling the principal male roles while Clair

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## Freshman Grid Season Closes

### Little Generals Win One, Tie One, and Drop Three During the Year

A win, a tie, and three losses complete the record for the 1929 edition of the Little Generals' grid team. Every battle was hard-fought and the card shows that Washington and Lee rolled up 54 points to their opponents' 41 during the campaign.

In the season's curtain-raiser, Coach Davis' charges dropped a close affair to Cy Young's Papposes at William and Mary, the Indians scoring on a safety in the last few minutes of play to eke out a 2 to 0 victory. The Blue and White team returned to its home gridiron only to lose by a single touchdown to the University of Maryland frosh who caught the locals napping with a brace of counters in the opening period.

The Little Generals broke into the win column with a vengeance on the following Saturday and buried "Babe" Spotts' Fishburne team under a 40 to 0 score. The climax of the season was a 7 to 7 tie with the Wahoo yearlings in Charlottesville. The V. P. I. Rats captured the state title in a decisive victory over the Little Generals in the season's finale.

Coach Davis developed several individual stars who will be a great aid to Coach Eugene Oberst in developing a varsity for next year. Steves, who was chosen captain of the team, displayed a finished brand of football in every game. Vaneek, stellar end, played a consistent game throughout the year and scored the touchdown on a pass that tied Virginia. Wofford, husky tackle, besides being a bulwark in the line, kicked several points after touchdown. A well-rounded backfield was developed, but there was no outstanding luminary.

## Soph Cotillion Opens Holiday Set on Friday

### Annual Thanksgiving Set Draw Many With Three Dances; Charles Dornberger and Orchestra Furnish Music

The first formal dances of the season will be opened Friday night by the Sophomore Cotillion, with Charles Dornberger and his Victor recording orchestra furnishing the music.

Three dances will compose the Thanksgiving set. Carl Vickers, with Miss Jean Chewning, of Roanoke, will lead the Sophomore Cotillion. He will be assisted by Charles Fulton, with Miss Effie Saunders, of Chattanooga, Tenn. The dance will start promptly at 9:30 p. m.

A dansant will be held Saturday morning from 11 o'clock

to 1:30. The Thanksgiving Cotillion Saturday night will bring the set of dances to a close.

## D. S. Dix Killed In Fall From 16 Story Building

### Bell In Washington College Is Told In Respect To Former Student

As a mark of respect to Daniel Stakely Dix, '28 who died Monday when he fell from a sixteen story building in Mobile, Ala. the bell in Washington College was tolled today at 10 a. m.

During his college career here Dix was one of the outstanding men on the campus. A member of the Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity he graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors in three and a half years. He attained an all "A" record to earn a place on the registry as one of the few men to graduate from here with the highest possible scholastic awards.

Besides membership in Phi Beta Kappa, Dix was a member of two honorary campus groups, White Friars and Alpha Sigma, honorary English fraternity. During his last year he was an assistant English professor. He was also a leader of the Y. M. C. A. cabinet.

As his fraternity representative in the inter-fraternity council, Dix was on the inter-fraternity dance control committee. In his junior year he won the physics and McDowell scholarships. As a sophomore he was placed on the sophomore cotillion finance committee. He was on the swimming squad in his freshman year.

After graduation Dix entered the insurance business in Mobile with his father to start the firm of Dix & Dix.

He has a brother here William Dix who is in his sophomore year.

## Radio Contest Gets Warmer

### Kappa Alphas Again Climb Into Lead With 1,456 Cigarette Cups

The battle for leadership in the Chesterfield contest for the Majestic radio goes on with the Kappa Alphas holding the upper hand in this week's standing. Turning in a batch of over 800 cups, the greatest weekly contribution to date, they have taken first place with a total of 1,456. The Lambda Chi Alphas apparently marked time the past week but are holding second place at 1,042. The Pi Kappa Alphas hold third at 954 but are closely succeeded by the Alpha Chi Rho at 932. The standing of those over 100:

Kappa Alpha	1,456
Lambda Chi Alpha	1,042
Pi Kappa Alpha	954
Alpha Chi Rho	932
Phi Delta Theta	917
Phi Kappa Psi	581
Zeta Beta Tau	263

A total of 178,020 cigarettes have been smoked in the contest to date. If these cigarettes were laid end to end they would stretch almost seven miles. They would also fill a column one foot square and twenty feet high.

On October 12 Ohio University opened its new \$785,000 stadium when Ohio Wesleyan invaded its gridiron.

## Date Not Definite For PDE Initiation

The Pi Delta Epsilon gets will be initiated the first week in December, although no definite date has been set, according to T. J. Sugrue, president.

Sugrue also stated that the "Homecoming Blah," 4-page paper published by the PDE goes on Homecoming Day as successor to the "Pidelantaurus," will be issued next year.

## Middle Ages Theme of Shannon's Talk

Dr. E. F. Shannon, head of the English department, gave a very interesting lecture to an unusually large and appreciative audience Monday night in the Geology class room. His subject was "The Life and Customs of the Middle Ages" and his talk was accompanied by slides of the life, buildings and customs of the period of his subject. This was the second of a series of lectures, the first having been given at V. M. I. last week.

## CALYX MEETING

R. D. Hamilton, business manager of the 1930 Calyx, has called an important meeting of his staff for Monday night at 7:30 in Newcomb hall.

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### THE LAST GAME

One more game remains to be played on the 1929 football schedule. Tomorrow the Generals wind up their season when they meet Florida. This will be the last time for years that the Blue and White will journey the eight hundred miles to Jacksonville, for the new schedule does not list the 'Gators.

In time past the team has gone from cold weather in Virginia to play under a blistering sun. It has been said that a team must be two touchdowns better to beat Florida, aided by the climate. This year the team has wisely been given a rest. After meeting the strong teams on the schedule this year, the Generals deserve and need such a rest. Playing a game here on Saturday, making the long trek south and playing another game on Thursday has been a great handicap heretofore, and the change in order should stand Washington and Lee in good stead.

The team proved in the Virginia game that it has all the elements that could be asked for in any team. The players have shown that they can play football in a way that warms the hearts of their well-wishers. They are up against a strong team tomorrow, but if they carry their spirit against the Floridians, they can win.

While Florida has not had as good a season this year as last, the Orange and Blue is still one of the best aggregations in the conference. A Blue and White victory would be called an upset by the experts, but upsets have been frequent all season and those who saw the Virginia game would not be surprised if the Generals won. The same fighting, heads up, charging football that was played against the Cavaliers should win any game.

### BEST IN VIRGINIA

In the recent convention of the Virginia Intercollegiate Press Association, two of Washington and Lee's publications were declared the best in the state. The 1929 Calyx was selected as the best annual, and the 1929-30 RING-TUM PHI received the same rating among the newspapers. The Southern Collegian, Washington and Lee's third publication, was not entered as the magazine was not a member of the association. It was received into membership, however, and will compete next year.

The RING-TUM PHI congratulates the staff of the Calyx. It competed against the stiffest sort of competition; yearbooks much larger and more expensive were declared inferior. The excellence of the Washington and Lee annual, in arrangement, treatment, art work, accuracy, and evidence of hard work, was so obvious that it carried off the honors. The cup that was presented to the Calyx representative was a tribute to the work of Campbell Hutchinson, his collaborators, and his predecessors.

This year's staff of the RING-TUM PHI cannot and does not wish to claim all the credit for the award it received. In only minor ways does this year's paper differ from past ones. At the beginning of the school year, the staff decided that few improvements could be made to last year's paper. These few changes did not alter the paper. These few changes did not alter the fact that this year's paper is just one of a series that has gone, and is going, through a process of evolution. With each new staff improvement will be added—each profiting through the experience of its predecessor. As time goes on it will improve more and

more. The same is true of any publication here.

More than a hundred delegates representing nearly twenty-five institutions, entered their publications. The fact is that Washington and Lee won the two most coveted awards in state journalism.

### DON'T PUT IT OFF

Washington and Lee's dances rank first in the South. That fact is commonly accepted. If the reputation is to be sustained, however, it cannot be taken too much for granted. The dances don't "just happen" to be good. The enjoyable times that students and their guests have experienced here result from hard work on the part of those sponsoring the dances. They don't "just happen."

When a class undertakes to give a dance, every member of that class is bound to support it. That has long been the custom here, and those who have failed in their duty are considered slackers. Those members of the sophomore class who have, so far, neglected to pay their dues for the Sophomore Cotillion Friday, should wait no longer but pay their share at once. Many have found reasons for putting off paying to such a late date, but if they see it in the proper light, they will pay up today.

It has been the custom here that men beyond the sophomore year be admitted free to this dance. They bore this same expense when they were sophomores. Surely, this year's class will not fail as no other class has ever done. Pay your dues if you have to borrow the money.

### EDUCATION AND THE RED CROSS

Addressing an audience at Harvard last summer, an official of the American National Red Cross observed that multitudinous forces were striving continuously to penetrate the surrounding walls of the country's educational system, to impress it in some way, influence its trends, or utilize it otherwise.

The fact that these well springs of education are so guarded makes it especially significant that the American Red Cross is accepted at increasingly numerous points of contact between its services and those of educational bodies and institutions throughout the nation.

This association of the Red Cross with the nation's educational progress begins with earliest school years, and flourishes in the highest institutions. It ranges through a variety of Red Cross services of intense practicality.

Today, in physical education departments of leading universities, the American Red Cross course in swimming and life saving, and first aid, is standard. Some of these courses originally were conducted by Red Cross representatives, and are now continued under experts trained and qualified according to Red Cross requirements. Some of the best instructors in the subjects who have served on the Red Cross staff formerly were college athletes, members of swimming teams, crews, etc.

Women's colleges not alone have adopted the Red Cross courses in home hygiene and care of the sick; and nutrition, but many give credits for completion, including extension credits to teachers who take these courses.

Summer courses in the fundamentals of Junior Red Cross administration were given the past summer at 197 state universities and normal schools. The Junior Red Cross "credit course" was given this year at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York; George Peabody Institute, Nashville, Tenn.; University of Wisconsin, and University of California.

The combination of infusion of ideals of service with practical instruction enabling the individual student to render such service in a material as well as spiritual sense, makes the appeal of the Red Cross. It leads, as the student matures, to a deeper interest, frequently exemplified in community service in later life. Here too, the Red Cross stands ready, its local chapters the medium for such service.

Strength of Red Cross activities is measured by general Red Cross membership, enrolled annually from November 11 to 28. Every Washington and Lee man should be willing and anxious to help such a great work as the Red Cross performs. College men should be the natural leaders of a humanist movement that is so tied up with higher education. If there is no other way a man can ally himself with this work, he should enroll.

One can never tell what's going to happen next up in Virginia. Ye Paragapher hears that the Washington and Lee boys pulled for their next door neighbors, V. M. I., during the V. M. I.-Virginia game. Duke and Carolina will do the same on or about the last day of the millenium.—Duke Chronicle.

## What Other Editors Say

### VALUE OF A SHEEPSKIN?

Can a college education be exchanged for cash? Harold Forian Clark, of Columbia University, has answered the question by a brief and emphatic "No." In a report based on nearly a year's study this young investigator of the economics of education, who has been studying the relation between "higher education and the average American's earning power," asserts that "you cannot train 100,000 for 90,000 jobs without creating pressure to decrease the remuneration of the 90,000." The persons who are earning high wages today would have made them without the help of education, Dr. Clark declares. Dr. Clark also says that schooling has tremendous powers of directing people into channels other than the most productive ones.

It is very probable that Dr. Clark's conclusions are correct. If, however, he is casting blame upon the educational institutions for directing persons into work which is not financially productive, he is equally wrong. Neither a sheepskin nor financial security is the end of education; the aim of education must always be to teach the individual to live the richest and fullest life possible, to teach him the art of appreciation. Having learned these things, the university student who turns out to be financial failure is by no means a failure demanding the world's pity. He may, in many cases, be the person who is to be envied.—Daily Kansan.

### "COLLEGIATE"

New York advises that college boys have stopped dressing "that way." A dispatch from there says that the baggy trousers, Aurora Borealis sweaters and other oddities have been discarded and that the college boys have turned to "citizen's clothes."

There are changes in customs as well as styles.

The article quotes a survey recently made to show that there

is a small amount of drinking at college dancing and quotes a college paper as saying that "faunting an alcoholic ego is de trop." Chivalry toward the "chicks" also has become more pronounced. The Herald has said all along that college boys aren't as they have been painted in the current lamentations. They may not wear halos but they may start wearing hats.—The Lexington Herald.

### FINANCING THE STUDENT

"If it is sound economy to buy an automobile on credit, it is certainly sound for the student to buy his education on credit," says an article in the current issue of the New Republic which discusses the financial problems of the student of today.

The article cites the many opportunities which the university of today offers a student that the colleges of former days did not, and suggests that instead of working his way through college, therefore missing so many of these good things, the student should take advantage of them by availing himself of the modern credit system.

While we doubt that a college education is an investment in the financial sense, it is true that nearly all college students are imbued with a good measure of ambition, and that their intelligence is above the average. These facts alone make the student a good risk.

To the credit system, much

oblige. In a time of increased cost of living and rising cost of education, it has kept the schools open to all. Many students borrow money to attend this university, and Indiana is retaining one of her fine traditions in that this is a democratic institution.—Indiana Daily Student.

### Those Pesky Cars

Our regents ponder the feasibility of banning cars from the campus.

The regents may regard the college as a cozy corner to be kept free from the distracting elements of modern bustle. This particular moment is often spoken of as the automobile age; and the university officials by aiming at the car strike at the very essence of modernity. They could do nothing better calculated to bring about a precise clash with the present-day habits of countless people. If this be their attitude, they, at least, know what the are about.

Is education, however, such a delicate piece of mechanism that this tart twentieth century air is likely to disrupt its efficient functioning? And if it is, should it be? Would it be better for the universities to gird up their loins and say to themselves, the way to deal with this automobile pest is to let it in and hold it in its proper place by virtue of our superior strength; rather than to avoid the issue by keeping the pesky thing beyond our academic limits?

If, on the other hand, our re-

### K.A. HOUSE LOOTED OF WATCHES & CASH

A wrist watch, a pocket watch, twelve dollars in cash, and four checks were stolen from the Kappa Alpha house late Saturday night by an unknown intruder. A check made payable to the fraternity was left untouched.

After a check-up nothing else was found to be missing nor were any drawers pilfered. This is the first time in four years that a Washington and Lee fraternity has reported a robbery.

gents consider the automobile an unclean thing and associate with it much of the alleged naughtiness of these times, don't they, by placing this ban on cars, cast odium on autoist? Isn't the world, therefore, hell-bent? And if you and the other fellow are found out riding, aren't you doing a disgraceful thing? Isn't this the necessary implication?

The students will ride when they should be studying. But if they find study distasteful, they can invent any number of other things to provide the relief which it is supposed, automobiles now afford. If students run from their books, probably there is a thing or two wrong some place, either in the pedagogical processes to which they are subjected or in the students themselves. — Minnesota Daily.

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# Oberst Takes Generals on Long Trek to Florida for Season's Final Game

## 'Gators Are Hit By Injuries; Three Stars Unable To Play

### Van Sickle, Bethea and Dedge Out of Game For Florida; Barnett Only Casualty On Blue and White Team

Coach Eugene Oberst with 24 members of the Blue and White football team departed Tuesday morning for Jacksonville where the Generals will meet the University of Florida eleven tomorrow in the annual General-Gator Turkey Day gridiron classic. The Generals had their final workout before the game in the University of Richmond stadium yesterday afternoon.

The Generals will be meeting the 'Gators for the seventh consecutive game which is to be the last meeting of the two teams in the current series. The Washington and Lee team will be entering the game with the Florida eleven not considered the heavy favorites as they were in the 1928 meeting. The 'Gators have had a good season up to this time but have not the impressive record held at this time last year. Oberst's team have a better record than they presented at the closing game of last year and as far as comparative scores go they are rated an even chance with Bachman's Florida charges.

Since the Virginia game the Blue and White eleven have only been able to use Wilson field for practice sessions but four times but indoor practice sessions and have been devoted to blackboard plays and the Generals have been given quite a few new plays by Oberst which they have not been able to try but a few times on the field but which they hope to perfect through lectures and discussions during the long journey to Jacksonville.

**Van Sickle is Out**  
Bachman will be sending his charges into the game Thursday without the services of three of his star performers of the season. Dale Van Sickle, All-American end of last year will not be able to enter the General fray due to an injury sustained against the South Carolina Gamecocks last week and will be replaced by reserve material. Bethea, 'Gator halfback will not be able to enter the game on Thursday due to injuries and will be replaced by Dorsett reserve back. Dedge, tackle and mainstay of the 'Gator forward wall has not recovered from injuries received a while back and will be replaced by Lackey, a reserve lineman.

The Blue and White mentor has had a lay off of one week and with the exception of Barnett, who was injured in the St. John's

game, he will be able to throw his full strength against the Florida team in their annual meeting.

While the 20 to 7 victory of the 'Gators over the South Carolina Gamecocks last week looks impressive, Bachman's team had no easy time and only by a last half rally, which was due to Van Sickle, were they able to win.

**Lineup is Intact**  
Oberst plans to send practically the same lineup that faced the Virginia Cavaliers into the Florida game on Thursday. Captain Bill Hawkins entered the game with Virginia with an injured hand which kept the General captain from going at full force, but this injury has fully recovered and the veteran tackle should be playing the best game of the season. Williams, lanky end and main threat in the General's aerial game will be at left end with Bledsoe on the other terminal. Captain Hawkins will be in at right tackle with Bailey or Hostetter at the other post. Martin and Seligman, both veteran guards, will be at the guard positions. Snodgrass, who will be facing the 'Gators for the third time, will be at center.

The Generals' coach has a host of ball toters and passers to send into the game Thursday and it is doubtful as to which combination will be against the 'Gators at the opening whistle. Eberhart has been running some at quarterback and may get the signal calling duty. Mattox and Thibodeau, both fleet runners look certain

## Varsity Cagers Engage In Fast Practice Game

### Cox, Barasch, Wood, Hanna and McLenahan Comprise Tentative First Team

Scrimmages between first and second teams are now featuring the practices of Captain Dick Smith's varsity courtmen as they wind up a month of light workout. The Blue and White has been practicing every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the gymnasium, but will get down to daily sessions after the Thanksgiving holidays.

While the Washington and Lee mentor will be unable to have his entire list of dependables in uniform until after the football season he is already filling the temporary vacancies from the list of candidates and from every indication even the lettermen of

at the half back jobs. At full-back it is sure that Oberst will have to rely on one of two sophomores to take the place of the veteran Barnett who will not be able to enter. Pat Mitchell, whose playing in the Virginia game was sensational looks to be first choice but Stevens may be called on to start against the 'Gators.

With the Florida game closing the General's schedule several of the Blue and White men will be playing their last game for Washington and Lee on Thursday as will Hostetter, Seligman and Snodgrass, other members of the General's forward wall this year. Bledsoe will be the only regular terminal man to be lost while Eberhardt and Barnett will be finishing their gridiron careers in the backfield.

last years' "point-a-minute" combination will have to fight to retain their former berths. After the Florida game tomorrow, Leigh Williams, regular center, and John Jacob, experienced substitute, will be able to devote their time to the cage sport.

On Monday, Coach Smith assembled a first team and had the players run through a regulation practice game opposing a second string five. The first five to get the call included Cox and Barasch, forwards, Captain Wood and Hannah, guards, and McLenahan, center. The second quintet saw Annin as top off man, Leslie and K. Smith at forwards, and Burke and H. Williams at guard positions.

The first team scored 24 points to the opposition's 21, but the play of the reserves showed that when the coach starts the pre-game tryout practices there is going to be a spirited tussle among his charges for first honors. McLenahan is now playing at center, but undoubtedly will be shifted to a forward berth when Williams reports for practice. The only first string position left open by last year's graduation is a forward berth. Captain Jim Lowry of the 1928-29 edition was the only regular to graduate, so the Generals will have experienced men in four of the five positions.

Cox, with his hand still taped from injuries sustained while at work last summer, is engaging in the practices

## Wrestlers End Fall Workouts

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has instructed those men who are going away to indulge in rope skipping, road work, and other exercises during the holiday period. Others of the squad who are remaining at school will report for daily workouts at 4 o'clock to partake in the same nature of work.

Regular wrestling practice for the freshmen and varsity will begin on Monday, December 2, at which time the frosh are asked to report at 3:30 o'clock and the varsity at 4. The first half of the week will be devoted to reviewing and teaching the fundamentals of the game, as well as priming the men to reach top condition for all subsequent meets.

On Thursday, December 5, the elimination contests in the all-university meet for every weight will commence. Any student in the University will be eligible. Entrance blanks for all entrants will be found in Coach Mathis' office in the gym. Those men intending to enter the meet should fill out the blanks not later than 6 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, December 3, at which time the officials will make the pairings for the matches.

Although all the interest now seems to be centered about the university contests, Coach Mathis and his candidates are not overlooking the fact that a week later the matmen from William and Mary will meet both the freshmen and varsity teams on the home mat. Immediately after the completion of the all-university contest, there will be tryouts to determine what men will represent the Blue and White in the initial encounter.

## Generals Run In Ninth Place

### Adverse Condition of Course Proves Great Handicap To the Runners

Last Saturday sixty-five of the fastest distance men in the South stopped and ploughed their way over the snow and ice-covered course at Chapel Hill to bring honor to their school in the form of the Southern Conference championship. North Carolina with the low score of 56 managed to freeze out their nearest competitors, V. P. I. The General harriers, handicapped by the loss of one of their fastest men, and the lack of spikes, took ninth place.

Bob Young of Georgia made one of the fastest times ever turned in over the course, in spite of the most adverse conditions that have attended a championship meet in the six years of its duration. Simmons of Duke trailed him by one

hundred yards, closely followed by a pack of twenty-five men. Washington and Lee's first man, Mahler, ran a splendid race to finish twenty-seventh. Broderick, running his first conference meet, was the next man on the team to finish, coming in forty-first, Gilmore and Suter finished together in fifty-first and fifty-third place. Pilley and Phelps battled between themselves for fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth places, with Pilley grabbing the honor.

The final team score was: N. C., 56; V. P. I., 72; Florida, 108; Georgia Tech, 110; Georgia, 111; N. C. State, 117; Duke, 168; Tennessee, 198; Washington and Lee, 228; Clemson, 237.

The conference meet was the last for this season, and although the season was a little disappointing, Coach Fletcher is satisfied with the team as practically all of the men are new at cross country running. Next year, with the entire team returning for another season, he is confident of more success over the hill and dale route.

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**Letters To The Editor**

Editor, Ring-tum Phi,  
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On two different days of last week the writer went to the library to look up material for an assignment in a certain course. When I found the book containing the desired material I went to the desk to draw it out. There I was informed that the book could not be taken out, even over night, because it was classified as a reference book. This was on a Thursday night.

The following Sunday I had to look up different material, and this time made sure that my selection wasn't in a reference book. When I tried to take it out, however, I was told that since it wasn't a reserved book it couldn't be drawn on Sunday. On Saturday night, though, it could have been taken out for two weeks.

We have stringent rules this year regulating absences which are supposed to keep the student in Lexington over the week-end, presumably to study. Yet there seems to be as many rules and regulations on the other hand which prevent studying over the week-end, especially on Sunday.

At least a few of these out-of-date and medieval regulations should be removed.

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chairman of the first board of visitors of the university. When differences between the faculty and students were referred to the board, under the leadership of Jefferson that body usually were very lenient with the students.

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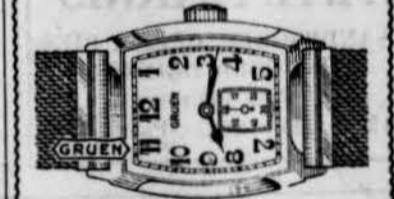
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