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Junior Prom On Thursday Night Opens Dance Set

Preceded by Junior Banquet Held at the Robert E. Lee Hotel

HUNDRED COUPLES IN GRAND MARCH

Gymnasium Decorated With Blue and White Streamers

The annual Junior Prom, which opened Washington and Lee's mid-winter dance set at the Doremus gymnasium Thursday night, was acclaimed by those attending to be an outstanding success. Wilbur Owen, with Miss Dorothy Montgomery, Charlotte, N. C., led the dance. He was assisted by George Jenkins with Miss Sue Wood, of Hollins. Over one hundred couples participated in the grand march and the forming of the large J. Jean Goldkette and his Victor recording orchestra furnished the music which was well received by all. The orchestra came here well recommended and they lived up to their reputation by furnishing music entirely suitable to the occasion.

The gymnasium was beautifully decorated with blue and white streamers and festoons. White panels on blue backgrounds covered the gymnasium. These decorations were torn down Friday morning to make way for the much more elaborate ones for Fancy Dress Ball.

The attendance at the dance was very good and the gymnasium was comfortably filled but not crowded. Refreshments were served during intermission.

Immediately preceding the dance the Junior class gave a banquet at the Robert E. Lee hotel. This banquet was well attended by members of the class with their dates. Dr. L. J. Desha was toastmaster, and Wilbur Owen, W. Van Gilbert, and Henry MacKenzie spoke.

Gymnasium Scene Of Water Carnival On Next Monday

The varsity and freshman swimming teams will give a water carnival at the pool in the Doremus gymnasium next Monday, the proceeds of which will assist in financing the northern trip of the varsity. The carnival will consist of a meet between the freshmen and the varsity, attempts to break school records, and freak races and relays. Tickets for the carnival, which is at 8 o'clock, may be obtained from any member of the swimming team, either freshmen or varsity. The price is twenty-five cents.

A feature of the carnival should be the attempt to break the relay record. The relay team, composed of Nichols, Ayars, Fangbner, and Stapleton, has broken the existing record several times in practice but the times were not official. The record for the 50-yard free-style also should fall as both Stapleton and Nichols have made some excellent times in practice this year.

The prospects for a championship swimming team are bright this year as the team has shown well in practice and its only meet thus far. The meet was with Duke University; Washington and Lee was the victor. Next Saturday both the freshmen and varsity travel to Charlottesville to match strokes with the Virginia Cavaliers.

Dr. Allyn K. Foster of the Northern Baptist Church will hold a series of meetings on the campus from February 19 to 21, according to Munsey Gleaton, Y secretary. Dr. Foster is the educational secretary of the Northern Baptist Church and has been holding meetings in many colleges and universities.

Paul Deering, Y secretary at V. P. L., says of Dr. Foster, "I regard Dr. Foster's message one to which American collegiates will listen with enthusiasm. His strong forte is talking Christianity in the language of the classroom. He is at home with either faculty or students."

Leads Figure



Miss Ada Mae Peyton, Shreveport, La., who, with L. H. Davis, led the opening figure of the ball last night.

'Y' Conference On February 14

"The College Man and Organized Religion" Chosen As Theme of Meet

Beginning on Friday, February 14, with a banquet for the delegates and students, the Washington and Lee Y. M. C. A. will be host to a state-wide Y convention, lasting through the 15th and 16th. The conference is to be a faculty-student get-together, the Y officials believing that some way of escape from the "total disregard of a considerable number of professors and students for all forms of religion, the hopelessly indifferent attitude of a multitude of college men to the appeal of the church, and the apathy which distinguished a great host of those who are superficially related to Christian movements in this nation" can be found.

"The College Man and Organized Religion" has been chosen as the theme of the conference. Upon the afternoon of Friday, February 14, the delegates will be registered and assigned to rooms. They will stay at the Robert E. Lee hotel and the Mayflower Inn. That evening, at seven o'clock, a banquet will be given, probably in the university dining hall. The Y officials wish a large representation from the faculty and student body of Washington and Lee, and those interested in attending should see Munsey Gleaton, local Y secretary, immediately.

On Saturday morning, a worship service will be held, the address being on "Is the Church Essential Today?" After this meeting seminars will be held for the faculty, students, and the Clericus association. Saturday afternoon at two o'clock another address will be given on "What Is the Place of the Christian Associations in Organized Religion?" followed by seminars. At 6:30 that evening there will be a presentation of "World Student Christian Federation."

Sunday morning at 9 o'clock a worship service will be held followed by seminars also. At 11 o'clock the morning service, on "The Challenge of Organized Religion to the College Man" will be given, and at 12:30 the convention will adjourn.

All students, faculty, pastors and others who are interested in the religious conditions of the institutions of today are invited to attend.

Some of the leaders of the convention are Dr. W. D. Weatherford, president of the Y. M. C. A. graduate school; Dr. Ben R. Lacy, Union Theological Seminary; Dean T. W. Graham, Oberlin; Dr. English Bagby, University of North Carolina; Prof. A. M. Trawick, Wofford, and Rev. Dwight Chalmers of Charlottesville.

New development in dentistry will be given in a course by the University of California extension division next semester.

Trustees Adopt Resolutions On Death Of Riley

Board Expresses Regret Over Loss of Professor; Died Last November

Resolutions of regret at the death of Dr. F. L. Riley were adopted at the meeting of the trustees held January 20. Doctor Riley died last November following a lengthy illness.

The resolutions follow: Whereas, the board of trustees has learned, with feelings of the most profound sorrow and regret, of the sad death on November 10, 1929, of Dr. Franklin Lafayette Riley, head and professor of history at Washington and Lee University for the past fifteen years; and,

Whereas, we recognize in his death the loss of an accomplished scholar, an inspiring and gifted teacher, and a Christian gentleman who has reflected, not only in the South, but throughout the entire nation, a marvelous credit upon this University which he has served so faithfully and so well: Therefore Be It Resolved: That we tender to his bereaved family our deepest sympathy in this hour of their great sorrow.

Resolved Further: That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the board of trustees of Washington and Lee University, and that a copy of them be sent to the family of Dr. Franklin Lafayette Riley.

Doctor Smith Submits Test As Entrance Exam

Believes It Should Be Given To All High School Seniors

Lexington, Va., Feb. 1—"The student entering college cannot reform his environment, but he can, if he has enough brains and backbone, recognize danger and keep himself out of the college graveyard," Dr. Henry Louis Smith, who this month retired from the presidency of Washington and Lee University here after half a century as an educator, declared in a statement to young men who expect to enter college next fall.

Four questions involving character and personal habits of living, rather than textbook attainment, Doctor Smith proposed as a test by which high school seniors can determine whether they are properly prepared to enter upon the important business of higher education.

"Every year," Doctor Smith said, "a hundred thousand boys are suddenly 'turned loose' on the swarming main street of American college life. Most of them have never taken a step without feeling the pressure of reins held by their careful parents.

"In the boarding school, especially of the military type, the pressure of reins is even more constant. Colleges insist on the fiction that these unprepared products are 'college men' and often do not even profess to hold the reins."

Doctor Smith explained that some colleges seem proud of their failure and "point to their piles of corpses as evidence of their 'high standards.'" It is very hard and troublesome to train such raw colts to proper use of freedom and it is so much easier to lay the responsibility on the colt, shoot the runaways by the score, and call the murderous process a "useful and necessary elimination of the unfit."

"So the slaughter of the innocents goes steadily on," he said, "the schools holding the reins tighter and the colleges abandoning them more completely with every passing year with such disastrous effect that, of the hundred thousand hopeful aspirants who begin their college training next September, less than one

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Alumni Magazine Will Be Released Within Ten Days

The work on the February issue of the Washington and Lee Alumni Magazine is progressing rapidly, and the magazine is expected to be released from the publishers and ready for delivery to its subscribers within the next ten days, according to Miss Mary Barclay, acting secretary of the Alumni association of the university.

The Alumni Magazine is being edited by Verbon E. Kemp, former secretary of the Washington and Lee Alumni association, and now secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Charlottesville, Virginia.

Dansants Given By Fraternities

More Entertainment In Store For W. & L. Visitors Today

Those lovers of dancing who found Junior Prom and Fancy Dress insufficient to satisfy their desires for this form of exercise were not destined to be disappointed. Two fraternities have given dansants, and a dansant and dance are on the schedule for today. Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon gave dansants yesterday.

The S. A. E. dance was held at their house from 11:30 to 2. Goldkette furnished the music. A. T. O. gave theirs at their house from 2:30 to 5. Goldkette played for this one also. Both of these dances were well attended.

Kappa Alpha is giving a dansant at their house this afternoon from 3 to 5. Locklayer's Virginians, a colored orchestra from Roanoke, will furnish the syncopeation.

The Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity will give a dance at their house tonight from 9 to 12. The Southern Collegians are scheduled to play.

Literary Taste Of W. & L. Students Is On High Plane

The old masters — Dickens, Thackeray, Hugo and Conrad — create a "waiting line" at the Washington and Lee University library here, according to a recent investigation of circulation lists by Miss Blanche McCrum, librarian. Student literary ambitions are on a much higher plane than that frequently accorded them by critics of college life, Miss McCrum said.

Few college men demand detective stories, mystery tales, and stories of unrequited love today. The men take more to smooth fiction than to that of the "risque type."

"The library at Washington and Lee is the heart of the University," Miss McCrum explained. "The literary pulse of students is taken by means of the special shelf set apart and known as the 'Students' Shelf.' In the interest of fair play, all colorful books added to the collection in the library are, for one month, placed on the shelf for student use only. In this way, all students have access to the most talked about books before they are caught up in the general circulation and perhaps lost to sight for some time. A few books placed on the shelf never arouse interest, but so great is the interest in current literature that the library has difficulty keeping a respectable number there for the purposes of selection."

Upon an analysis of the types of books "most eagerly" read, volumes of short stories lead. The O'Brien collection of "Best Short Stories" circulates more in a given length of time than any other book. Virginia Hersch's story of El Greco, entitled "The Bird of God," in spite of its somewhat special biographic nature, Zona Gale's "Borgia," and Susan Glasspell's "Fugitive's Return" are in the best seller class all the time.

"The Three Musketeers," by Dumas, "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," by Verne,

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Leader of Twenty-fifth Ball



Miss Bebe Saunders, of Athens, Ala., who, with Willis Van Gilbert, led the twenty-fifth annual Fancy Dress Ball last night.

Powell Lauded For Work Done At NSFA Meet

Letters Tell of Part Played By Delegate Sent From Washington & Lee

Following the recent National Student Federation at Stanford University, the Ring-tum Phi has received two letters referring to the part taken in the convention by Washington and Lee's delegate, L. F. Powell. One of the letters was written by Ursel C. Narver, who was president of the federation during 1929, and the other is from his successor, Ed R. Murrow. The letter from Narver reads as follows:

"The past officers and executive committee of the National Student Federation of America want the students of Washington and Lee University to know that your delegate, Lewis F. Powell, Jr., took a prominent part and made valuable contributions at the recent congress at Stanford University."

"In addition to presenting campus problems and finding their possible solutions in conferences, delegates enthusiastically set up a program of expansion for the federation. This program establishes a central office, an executive secretary and provides for the creation of a local N. S. F. A. committee on each campus. This action makes possible obtaining considerable outside support, the benefit of which will be felt on the campus of every member institution."

In Murrow's letter, Powell is paid distinct compliments. It follows:

"You were no doubt informed some time ago of Mr. Lewis Powell's election as regional representative of the National Student Federation of America. During the recent congress Mr. Powell conducted the national discussion on honor systems which was without doubt one of the most popular discussion groups of the entire convention."

"Mr. Powell was also a factor in bringing the convention to the South for next year. He is what is generally termed a real Southern gentleman and certainly displayed remarkable ability while at Stanford. Anything I may have said in for publicity as I feel that Mr. Powell repaid his institution unusually well."

Two Thousand People Attend Fancy Dress

One of Most Brilliant Affairs In the History of the Ball

SPANISH FIESTA IS THEME OF BALL

Music Was Furnished By Jean Goldkette and His Victor Orchestra

Amid a phantasmagoria of color more than two thousand college dancers made merry in a royal Spanish courtyard at the twenty-fourth annual Fancy Dress ball at Washington and Lee University here last night.

Many classic characters were represented at this fiesta in Valencia, at which the king and queen of Spain, in honor of the heir to the throne, entertained in the royal courtyard on the evening preceding a bull fight.

Street-singing penitents from the Holy Week in Seville greeted guitar-playing Andalusians. Peasants from old Castile, Valencian natives, Goyescas, Segovians, and Jota dancers from Avagon celebrated in oblivion before their king and queen.

El Cids, Don Juans of Austria, Isabels, matadors, toreadors, picadors, and Don Juan Tenorios, Spanish ladies' men, paraded in the presence of the rulers and joined in a carnival march to celebrate the occasion. About this colorfully decorated square were seen gypsies from Andalusia, in gayly embroidered mantones, and Flamenco dancers, with their castanets and laced mantillas. Infantas, with their wide cart-wheel farthingales, danced with men costumed to represent their portrait painter, Valesquez.

The dance floor in Doremus gymnasium appeared as a courtyard with buildings facing the open square. The entire scheme carried a festive air and houses and canopy were decked in red, pink, yellow, green, blue and lavender.

The main figure at the ball represented a promenade on the day of the fiesta made up of attendants and visitors from the various provinces and was led by W. Van Gilbert, Athens, Ala., with Miss Bebe Sanders, also of Athens, assisted by Ernest M. Wood, Jr., Lynchburg, Va., with Miss Langhorne Watts, also of Lynchburg. Leonard H. Davis, of Portsmouth, Va., with Miss Ada Mae Peyton, Shreveport, La., assisted by Thomas B. Fitzgugh, Augusta, Ark., with Miss Eleanor Wilson, Chester, Pa., led the opening figure.

As the feature events of the evening, Miss Mildred Pierce, of Birmingham, Ala., danced a tango with Thomas Smith, of Havana, Cuba. Music for the dance was furnished by Jean Goldkette's first orchestra, the "Casa Loma."

Fancy Dress was given on the night following Junior Prom, the annual dance of the junior class. Both dances were held during a two-day break in the university schedule between the end of the first semester and the beginning of the second semester.

The committees of the ball were: King's Vice Presidents: H. G. Morison, J. W. Davis, L. Y. Foote, E. P. Bledsoe, D. W. Lindsey. El Infante's Vice Presidents: B. J. Lambert, J. S. Black, W. W. H. Marsh, W. H. Tallyn, Ethel Allen.

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Segovians: R. K. Sutherland, chairman; R. W. Davis, C. W. Day, Jr., S. S. Hanna. Goyescas: S. F. Hampton, chairman; J. E. Martin, A. C. Jones, M. Seligman, F. O. Evans, J. C. Broadus.

Gitanos: H. Gowen, chairman; J. W. McDill, V. J. Barnett, E. B. Wilcox, B. M. Ayers, C. Gordon. Barcelonians: E. S. Graves, chairman; W. A. Ward, P. S. Swink, J. P. Davis, M. H. Cohen, John Devine.

Natators Open The 1930 Season With Staunton

Coach Twombly Expecting Good Showing In Meet

The freshman swimming team of Washington and Lee will open its 1930 season against Staunton Military Academy this afternoon at Staunton. Although this is the first meet for the yearlings they have been practicing since last September and are in excellent condition. Coach Twombly expects them to make a good showing in this meet. Twombly was being troubled by a lack of material but he has developed several freshmen who promise to be consistent point winners. The men who will make the trip and the probable line-up are as follows:

50-yd. free style—Moreland and Rivers.
100-yd. free style—Moreland and Rivers.
220-yd. Free style—Musser and Clark.

Breast stroke (50 yds.)—Lischer and Nuchols.
Back stroke (50 yds.)—Cook.
Relay—Moreland, Musser, Clark and Rivers.

Fancy diving—Walker and Baer. The freshmen also have two meets next week. Monday night they meet the varsity in the water carnival and Tuesday afternoon they journey to Fishburne Military Academy.

Tulane Captain Says Generals Best Last Year

Dillon Graham, who writes for the Associated Press, states that a blood-thirsty gang of sharpshooters hailing from Washington and Lee has wreaked havoc to the Southern Conference cage title hopes of the Tar Heel State by defeating in successive games, Duke, 33-29; the University of North Carolina, 27-17, and North Carolina State, 39-28.

Which all bears out the statement of Captain "Lizzie" Ford of the Tulane Greenies that the Washington and Lee cagers should have won the Southern Conference tournament last year.

"They were easily the best team in the tourney," said the captain of the Green.—Tulane Hullabaloo.

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THE IMMORTAL LEE

Many editorials on Gen. Robert E. Lee were published on the occasion of the celebration of his birthday anniversary this year. One of the best appeared in the Spartanburg Herald, and was written by F. M. Hearon, a Washington and Lee graduate of the class of 1927. Hearon was an outstanding campus figure during his college career; among the positions he held were captain of boxing and president of Finals. Today he is city editor of the Herald. His editorial follows:

"And he is called the Immortal Lee. Today he stands serenely alone—the only character in the history of the world that has never been condemned. Against him no man has turned in wrath, indignation or disgust. Biographers have found no flaw. Cynics whose eyes are pens that move but for gold, have blown the dust of age from shelves in vain. Into the heart of Washington, Lincoln and the kings of old they have plunged their pens and brought forth tainted whispers. But this spiritual leader of the Confederacy remains pure. So long has he been so, no man dares try tear down this age-old respect that swells the heart of friend and foe with mere mention of his name.

"A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country' applies not to this undying personality. The last home of the sad-faced Confederate was Lexington, Virginia, that grass-cloaked little town at the tumbling spot where the velvet stretches of the Shenandoah Valley turns and closes in, to open again into gentlemanly 'Southwest Virginia.' In that town today no name stands so high on the monument of sacred memory. Even Jackson, who lived and is buried in that same little town with the body of the Immortal Lee, is one notch below. Washington, whose canal stock gift changed the name of Augusta Academy to Washington College, is etched below. The man whose name links Washington's in the title of that grand old university of tradition and honor—Washington and Lee—is Lexington's idol—the criterion by which all great are judged.

"His body lies in state beneath that work of art that is as yet unparalleled for human likeness—Valentine's recumbent statue in sheer white marble with a tint of gray. In the tombs beneath Lee Chapel on the campus of this tree-showered school, he has slept for years. Across the way, his office—exactly as he left it the last day he sat in the president's chair. His dearest relatives sleep nearby. And up the hill, in a lofty place, quietly grazes the skeleton of his silvery-maned charger, Traveler, that bore him 'first at Bethel, farthest at Gettysburg and last at Appomattox.' The oaken doors of the chapel, iron-bridled, stand open to welcome those hundreds of thousands who come to do homage—most of them from beyond the Mason-Dixon. Visored cadets from Virginia Military Institute down shady Letcher avenue come flashing 'long the walk, scarlet capes back, chins strapped, in twos and threes, off duty, not on parade, but ere they pass the sacred entrance their laughter dies, their keen eyes turn, salute, and on. Young collegiates from the University, devoid of militia's touch, seem to feel his presence as they pass or laze away the hours on the grass.

"At the campus gate the iron-gray tower of the Lee Memorial Episcopal church looks down on the trees. In this wooded cathedral worshipped the Immortal Lee and today it, too, reminds of respect. There is the Lee School of Journalism—the Robert E. Lee

hotel—scores of other illusions to his supremacy—and Dr. Henry Louis Smith, the University's president, is probably the greatest living authority on the life of Lee. The little town is permeated with the spirit of the man, though he be gone, oh, years ago. Annually some speaker tells the student bodies and the citizenry of the virtues of this commander. The same townspeople come time and again. It is the only subject to which any student body on earth devotes its undivided attention and respect. Knowledge all undergraduates have wept without embarrassment as Doctor Smith painted his most glorious and saddest of word pictures—General Lee's last trip through the battlefields after the war clouds had disappeared.

"For, as Benjamin Hill has said: 'He was as gentle as a woman in life, modest and pure as a virgin in thought, watchful as a Roman vestal in duty, submissive to law as Socrates, and grand in battle as Achilles.' 'And he is called the Immortal Lee.'

ON DOCTOR TUCKER

The trustees acted wisely when they appointed Dr. Robert H. Tucker as temporary president while they turned again to the task of selecting Doctor Smith's successor. A university, like any institution, needs a leader, an executive. One man can perform the duties of the president's office more efficiently than a committee.

The University has felt the need of such a leader for sometime. The trustees have worked long and hard to find a man to succeed Doctor Smith, and their task has been difficult. They are said to be near an announcement of their choice, but nothing definite is yet known. It is to be regretted that they have made such slow progress and that Washington and Lee is in the same position it has been in for months—a university without a president.

It is the opinion of the RING-TUM PHI that the trustees would do well to make Doctor Tucker's appointment permanent. Renowned for his mastery of economics, he is a public figure that is so well recognized that he has been offered one of the most important positions in the State. A fair and hard teacher, he has gained the respect and admiration of the students. A brilliant mind, a forceful and winning personality, an administrative ability, and a loyalty to Washington and Lee are some of the qualities Doctor Tucker possesses. They are the qualities we think should be found in the University's president.

IN THE ADS

Those of our so-called student body who fancy themselves in the roles of Lotharios, handsome ne'er-do-wells and old-fashioned heroes of romance, will do well to study the helps and hints contained in Mr. John Held, Jr.'s stories of Old Gold advertisements now appearing in this paper.

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DUTCH TREAT

In a debate at a New Jersey women's college, it was decided that all college treats should be "Dutch." The average male student will agree with most of the points brought out by the winning side. The chief contention was that college students derive their income from their parents and it was not fair that the father whose children are male should be taxed to entertain other men's daughters.

Which is all well and good, and with which we are tempted to heartily concur. But after all, some college treats, even in this chivalrous place, are "Dutch."

Consider the girls that came up here for the dances this week-end. They had to pay transportation—that is, their fathers did, they had to buy costumes, some of them had to pay a chaperon's expenses, and they had to pay hotel rates for the privilege of sleeping on army cots, in a room with six or eight other girls.

Of course, they got their money's worth, but it was almost more than a "Dutch" treat, wasn't it?

OLD GOLD ORCHESTRA CELEBRATES ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY, FEB. 4

Paul Whiteman and his Old Gold orchestra will celebrate their first anniversary on the air Tuesday night, February 4. As a special mark of the occasion an unusually elaborate program will be presented from 9 to 10 p. m. (EST) over the Columbia broadcasting system.

Harry Richmon, screen and stage star, will be the guest artist of the anniversary program. While the orchestral portion of the program will originate in Hollywood, where Whiteman is now engaged in making the talking picture, "The King of Jazz Revue," Richmon will be heard from the studio of WABC, key station of the Columbia broadcasting system, in New York City. He will introduce several songs from his new picture, "Puttin' on the Ritz."

It was on February 4, 1929, that Paul Whiteman and his Old Gold orchestra went on the air for the first time. The largest radio hookup in the history of broadcasting for a dance orchestra was effected for the program, the network stretching from coast to coast and embracing more than fifty stations.

Strud Nash, captain-elect of the University of North Carolina football team, is the first backfield leader of the Tar Heels in nine years. He is a half back.

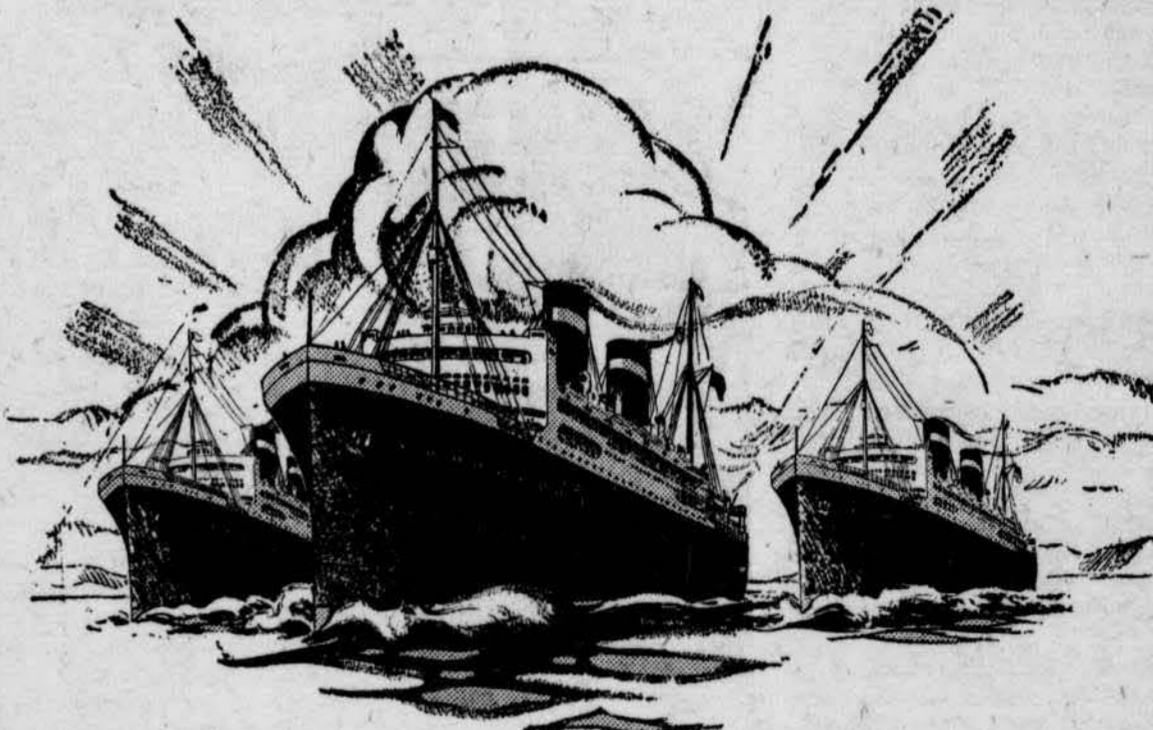
Six times during the last nine years a Purdue basketball player has led the Western Conference in scoring. Last year, "Stretch" Murphy, lengthy center, was the scoring sensation of Big Ten basketball.

New Orleans, La.—Challenges to four universities to play chess and checkers have been sent out by the Chess and Checkers club at Tulane University. The college expects to have first and second teams in each game.

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PERPETUATING AMERICA IN 500 WORDS

No project ever undertaken in this country to perpetuate the record of contemporary civilization captivates the imagination in quite the same manner as the recently announced Mt. Rushmore project in the Black Hills of South Dakota, where a beginning has already been made in the carving of the colossal figures of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt on the granite face of the mountain. No doubt, the gentleman who has been chosen to play a leading part in the undertaking, was thrilled by its possibilities and was thereby moved to accept the offer.

The part which this man must play is the exceedingly difficult task of writing a 500 word his-

tory of the United States from the time of the Declaration of Independence to the present day, woven, especially, around the four presidents whose likenesses are being carved into the mountain side. Surely this is a task more suited to an economist than to an historian. Perhaps, an artist with economical traits would be even better, for the history will require the severest kind of choosing and cutting, touching and retouching. The romantic appeal of the undertaking certainly will attract the artistic, as well as the popular imagination. For if the estimates of geologists are accurate, the history, carved in letters five inches deep and high enough to be read many miles away, will endure for 5,000 centuries if no unusual terrestrial cataclysms occur in that time to remove the mountain. With what amusement will the brain-burdened civilizations of 500,000 years hence, view the history carved in the granite slopes of Mt. Rushmore and with what scorn will they contemplate their simple-minded and primitive ancestors who wrote the records there?

Thoughts such as these and many more, no doubt, will cross the mind of Calvin Coolidge as he sits down to the momentous work of writing a history. Certainly no living mortal is suited more appropriately, at least in the popular mind, for a task requiring economy and intensity of expression. Having preached and practiced frugality all his life, Mr. Coolidge may find his job easy. Indeed, he may find 500 words far too liberal an allowance

for a mere history of one hundred fifty-five years. On the other hand, it is fairly certain that Mr. Coolidge will need and use more words to represent his nation's history to the nimble wits of the future, than the twelve words he wrote to inform politicians that he did "not choose to run."—Colgate Marston.

DATING VS. FINANCES

This fall when sonny boy came to college he promised his parents he would "cut" the dating and would study, in preparation for his life vocation, and when dad financed his son's education he expected the boy to expand his knowledge and create within himself the desire to be a success.

And at college son began his study, pledged a fraternity and only too soon, was commanded by his fraternity elders to date and only "at the best sororities." His interest in his scholastic standing has waned with his ever-growing anxiety to become a social success and be present at the majority of Greek financial functions. His joys now become affected by the will of the co-ed, a survey of his pocketbook, and the credit that can be extended to him by the corner drug store or clothing store.

Unlike students at the University of Missouri, the "Cornhusker cake" rents an automobile, if he is not fortunate enough to be dating with a friend who maintains an automobile of his own. Of course, his lady friend could not be expected to walk, even if the party is only four blocks away! Transportation costs, the inevitable supply of food after the dance, whether desired or not desired, brings the price of dating to an exorbitant figure, considering the value of three hours' fun.

The precedent has been set, men who desire to date popular co-eds must accede to the demands of Nebraska society, not merely because of the fair sex but because of those collegiate, immaculate men who adopt college as a medium for becoming socially prominent and spending dad's money. Why must scholarship and family finance suffer from this easily remedied atrocity? It's high time a few spirited Nebraska men set

ATHLETICS CEASE DURING EXAMS

The lull before the storm was the condition in Washington and Lee sportdom for the past two weeks. During the mid-year examination period the lone athletic encounter was the court game here with Virginia last Saturday.

Next week will mark the start of athletic trips that include opposition for the majority of Blue and White teams. Two out of state games in three days is the schedule facing the basketballers who left last night for Charlottesville where they will meet West Virginia tonight. After the clash with the Mountaineers Captain Dick and his dependables entrain for Washington. They are booked for a game Monday with the University of Maryland at College Park. The Old Line five recently threatened the Duke combine before bowing to the Blue Devils by one point.

The first indoor dual track meet ever to be held in the Old Dominion the Virginia and Washington and Lee Squads take part tonight in Charlottesville. The affair will mark the season's debut for both teams.

Followers of the natatorial sport will have their first chance to see their mermen in action Monday night when Coach Cy Twombly exhibits his swimmers in a water carnival. The events will act as a fore-runner for the tank team which invades New York state the middle of this month.

Both the boxing and wrestling combines resume strenuous work for matches later in the month.

the precedent to tread toward the goal of economy and common sense.—Daily Nebraskan.

The boxers travel to Washington for bouts with Catholic University soon and the grapplers are slated to oppose North Carolina State February 10.

As a part of their campaign against the university because of the discharge of scrubwomen because of a necessary wage increase, Harvard men toured the Harvard square with mop and pail and dressed as scrubwomen, accepting contributions in the pail. Tin cans were placed in all local stores and convenient locations where students congregate to receive money.

Columbus, Ohio—When Kenyon and Ohio State University, two of the oldest rivals in Ohio, played a football game last Saturday, the gay nineties were revived. A seat on the fifty-yard line was to have been given to anyone driving to the game on a high-wheeled bicycle, the mode of travel used in the days when the rivalry of the schools began.

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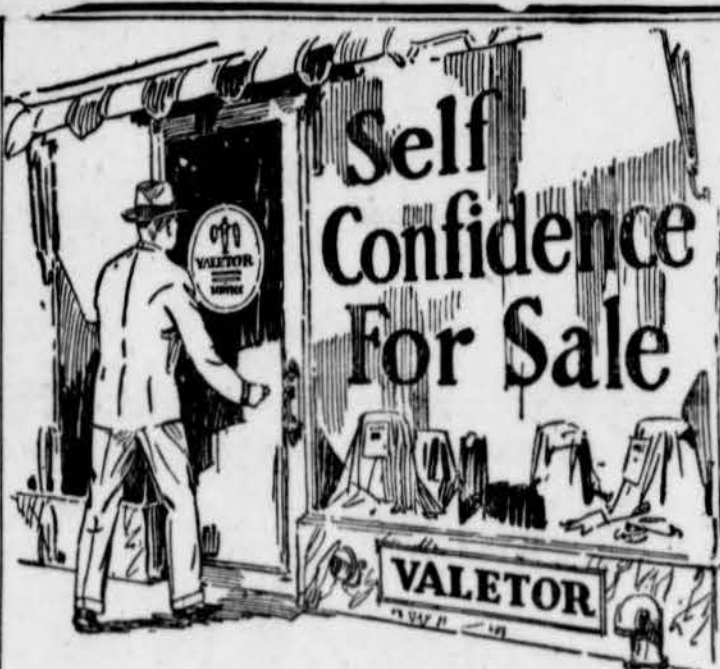
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LITERARY TASTE OF W. & L. STUDENTS IS ON HIGH PLANE

(Continued from page 1) "Dracula," by Stoker, "The Autobiography of Benvenuto Cellini," "Roughing It" and "Life on the Mississippi," by Mark Twain, are all in much demand.

Non-fiction, while neither universally nor quickly read, goes well above the average of library per cents based upon a usual comparison of fiction and non-fiction reading. Halliburton's "New Worlds to Conquer" is constantly in circulation with reserves waiting for it. Walter Lippman's "Preface to Morals" seems to be carefully rather than quickly read. Such widely different titles as Haldane's "Science and Philoso-

phy," Durant's "Mansions of Philosophy," Bower's "The Tragic Era," and Ludwig's "July, '14" enjoy a steady popularity.

Most of the information not used as reading but as reference is located in the magazine department where one of the most complete files in the South has been gathered. Files of magazines, including "The Southern Collegian," first magazine of Washington and Lee University, which was issued when General Lee was president of the school, and copies of the Lexington Gazette, containing accounts of Lee's death, are here. A paper containing an account of the origin of the first school of journalism in America at Washington and Lee is also preserved.

Minneapolis, Minn. — Fifteen students of the University of Minnesota have formed an organization, "Friends of the Soviet Union." The purpose of the group will be to study and discuss conditions under the Soviet regime. Meetings will be held at least once a month.

"Bloody Island" Duelling Ground

Washington and Lee possesses many historical features, but a few are aware of the fact that at one time the school had its equivalent of a duelling ground. But such, according to Dean H. D. Campbell, was the case for several decades following the Civil War. At that time there was a small island below the bridge leading to the athletic field. About 1911 a great flood destroyed the island by deepening the channel on one side and filling it up on the other. So many fights were held on this little plot of land that it was known as "Bloody Island."

These fights were in reality true boxing matches and feats of wrestling. Usually held about dawn, before any one could see them, the fighters went round after round, while their seconds stood quietly by or whispered excitedly to each other. No spectators were wanted, and only the opponents and their seconds saw the match, unless someone found it out and hid on the nearby hills to observe.

The cause of these duels were quarrels following the bitter contest for the medals awarded by the Washington and the Graham-Lee literary societies. During the World War the Washington society fused with its rival, and subsequently only the present Graham-Lee was revived. One of the most interesting

controversies which the island witnessed resulted from a quarrel between two seniors, George J. Denis, now a lawyer in Los Angeles, California, and Francis K. Leavell. Mr. Leavell afterwards became an Episcopal minister, and was placed in charge of the Chapel of the Atonement, in Baltimore. He died in 1887. The fight, held over something relating to the valedictory oration, lasted for about five rounds. Five times Mr. Denis stood up, and five times Mr. Denis was knocked down.

It was said that after Mr. Denis had been knocked down the fifth time, he remarked, "Francis, if it's only a question of my standing up and being knocked down, let's quit." And quit they did. Mr. Leavell, it might be remarked, became a valedictorian.

Lincoln, Neb.—That the green cap tradition is enforced merely because it is a source of revenue is alleged by the Daily Nebraskan, the University of Nebraska paper. An investigation revealed that a profit of \$444 was realized from the sale of freshman caps. The caps are sold for a dollar apiece.

Norman, Okla.—Marriage is considered as a side line to their real vocation by co-eds at the University of Oklahoma. According to the vocational chairman of the Women's Self Governing association of the school, who questioned girls of every organized house, only 11 out of 400 listed marriage as a vocation.

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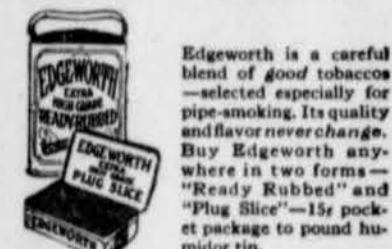
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