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JIMMY DeHART

Washington and Lee is more than glad to welcome Jimmy DeHart back as head football coach. DeHart's great record here and at Duke has made him one of the foremost coaches in the Southern Conference. General football stock has taken a sharp rise. DeHart has turned out football teams here that were some of the best in the South and we believe he will be able to do it again. Since becoming a Southern conference coach he has won twenty-one games and lost six. A record beaten only by one coach. DeHart will be greatly aided in his work here by "Cy" Young, former freshman coach who will be Varsity backfield coach. With these two men directing Washington and Lee on the gridiron, there are bright prospects for football here. Both of these men are sincere in their work and have what is called "that old fight." Their personalities and their knowledge of football will make the coaching staff here one of the best in the South. When interviewed by newspaper men DeHart said, "I'm very happy and most pleased to be returning to Washington and Lee, the scene of so many happy days before I went to Duke." Washington and Lee is very happy to have DeHart back and hopes that his stay this time will be as happy and prosperous as his first.

HOLIDAY FEVER

Vacation is over and again the bell atop Washington college tolls out the half hours calling students to class. Some are glad to get back, but it seems to us there are many more who are still imbued with the Christmas spirit. It is quite a difference to leave the rounds of parties, dates, and dances and settle down to hard work just before examinations. No student will have acclaimed himself before two or three days have elapsed. If Christmas came just after examinations or examinations just before Christmas, going two or three days with your thoughts everywhere but on classes wouldn't be so costly to grades. But as it is these last few days count immensely and it is practically impossible for one to concentrate. Already students are figuring up the number of days to Fancy Dress, there are twenty-three more, to Easter, there are three months all but two days, to Finals, there are five months all but two days. People shouldn't really do that. And they don't when they figure out that two weeks from today examinations will have started. But, personally, we find ourselves in the last stages of a disease something like spring fever. Let's call it holiday fever. Every time we burrow our nose in a book and remember that New Year's resolution that we were going to actually study, the Christmas Eve dance, or the New Year's Eve dance, or the dance at the club, or anything else but study races through our mind. It's a pretty bad disease, this holiday fever, and from the appearance of things there is quite an epidemic of it.

WHY COLLEGES FAIL STUDENTS

Philip Wylie in "The Saturday Evening Post" of December 13 said a lot of things about colleges with which we heartily agree. In his article "Why Colleges Fail Students" he attacks the antiquated curricula offered by the colleges and universities of the United States. He tells of the alumnus who studies Latin, Chemistry, Mathematics, Literature, Physics, and

a Modern Language and after a year out of college can remember only a few minor details of each of his courses.

He goes on: "In a year they are able to acquire all the background a college or university can give—a knowledge of social manners, of how to dress and behave, of what classics are revered by custom, of college slang and clubs and fraternities and sports; an ability to say that they have attended such and such a university. In a year they had the jargon, the manner, the name and the infinitely small difference made between freshmen and graduates by three years of dip service to the ordinary curriculum can be measured by no earthly criterion." After pages of criticism of curricula, teachers, and systems, Mr. Wylie ends with this phrase, "Four years—four thousand dollars."

We think Mr. Wylie is probably correct in his statements. We distinctly remember a questionnaire sent out by a college publication to the senior class of the institution last year. To the question, "What is the most you have gotten out of college?" the answer "Contacts" was by far the most popular.

In other words some few get good out of class work, but a large majority don't. Fraternity bull sessions seem to be where most of the knowledge a college graduate has comes from.

There is no solution to the problem as far as we know. Somebody may suggest that more studying and concentrating be done. But we know of Phi Beta Kappas, who were just as forgetful of class room work as the rest. Somebody would go down in history if they would just discover some method of making class room work worth the candle to graduates.

WRITTEN IN HUMILITY

Although "reading maketh a full man," the Baconia corollary that "writing maketh an exact man" does not follow unless one verifies one's quotations. With maledictions ringing in our ears for our error yesterday in attributing Sir Walter Raleigh's "Eloquent, just and mighty Death" to Sir Thomas Browne, we are without any better defense than the lame conclusion that the phrase ought to have come from the man who did write: "Man is a noble animal, splendid in ashes and pompous in the grave."

However, it would be as indecent as it is futile to seek to condone a vulgar error by casting aspersions upon Sir Walter for the possibility that one of his few quotable lines might be taken for Sir Thomas—though Browne was only 13 years old when Raleigh died. Even to embellish the vital statistics of the Eastern Shore, we are unwilling to adopt Burton's cynical maxim, "If the world will be gulled, let it be gulled"—if for no other reason because of the prevalence in that part of the State of so many worthies who know their seventeenth century.—Baltimore Sun.

The Columaniac

So if somebody comes up and asks, "Have a big Christmas?" what else can I say but "No, thanks, I just had an apple?"

And did I spread Yule-tide greetings? I went from door to door (non-swinging), knocked gently, and whispered, "Lend me ten dollars and yule tide me over."

Now that we're all back in Lexington—(Please, boys, please. Not so rough, this is a new suit!), and as long as nothing can be done about it (you came to college just for the degree, you know,) why kick? Did I hear somebody say, "ho's kickin'?" Must be one of those grinds.

It's not that we care about being back in Lexington. That, after all, isn't so bad, just being back. But you've gotta work, that's the trouble, you've gotta work. Even the professors gotta work. (Come to thing of it, they paid for it.) Now my idea of a college (pat. appl'd. for) would be to have the profs teach for the pleasure of it while the students got paid for passing the courses. If you can see it that way, they'd be good reason for going to college, now wouldn't that? Think of the advantage of a scheme like that: If you threatened to quit, they'd raise your pay. You could make a fortune in four years. (Maybe I'll sell the idea. It ought to go over big.)... Some of these college presidents would be grateful for a student Pay Plan, probably. Why, with a college run on my Student Pay Plan there wouldn't have to be any holidays at all. You couldn't even make 'em go home—just threaten to withhold all student salaries. (The more I think of this the better I like it.) Think of the headlines in the newspapers, if some young president took up the Student Pay Plan: "Student Salaries Make College Real Pleasure! Thousands Flock to Mazuma University."

There must be something to this idea of mine, it fascinates me so, I can't get it out of my head, have you got an aspirin? ... I'm aspirin' to fame (and fortune.)

Wait a minute! ... I forgot something ... I'll betcha' just when everything got going nice, the profs'd walk out on us ...

THE MANIAC.

Letters to the Editor

letter to the editor Mr. John W. Barger, The Ring-tum Phi, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia. Dear Mr. Editor:

Since you are pretty good at introducing reforms thru the editorial columns of your paper, I think you might do something about the awful looking hats the merchants of Lexington and the Co-Op are forcing the Freshmen to wear.

I have not been on this campus so many years, but never before have I seen such ugly looking hats. If they weren't blue and white, one would think they were the left-overs from the stock of some country store. The brims are big enough to shelter anybody from the tropic blazes and when they are turned down for rain use the wearers are entirely hidden from view. While I am on

the subject of turning them down, I think it would be wise to let the Freshmen know that the hats are supposed to be worn turned up.

I should suggest that the local stores, including the Co-Op, which is probably the worst offender, be made to furnish a uniform hat. After all, when a boy pays one or two dollars for a hat it should be something better than the kind displayed this year.

The Freshman class may have had good intelligence test grades, but the students have not been here long enough for their heads to swell to fit hats which are not sold in sizes smaller than seven.

Hope you take notice of this suggestion; it is a matter of supreme importance that the Freshmen look better than a bunch of farmers,

Hastily, Lost Soul.

Our Contemporaries

We could fill this column several times with only a few of the wild tales of holiday happenings which greeted us as we pulled in yesterday. However, we gather from the whole bunch that, in spite of the much talked of "depression" which very gracefully excused us from buying any Christmas presents, everybody had a gay old time, to say the least. One student says that he drank all he could find and found all he could drink—and so the stories go—

Perhaps the outstanding event of the past month in collegiate circles was the suspension of the leading state-supported colleges in Mississippi from southern and national associations of accredited schools. The move is attributed to the mixing of education and politics by Governor Bilbo. Among the schools affected by the suspension are Ole Miss, Mississippi A. and M., M. S. C. W., and the State Teachers College.

Approximately \$10,000,000 is being spent to rebuild the southern branch of the University of California on a new site which will give it in all about 6,400 acres of campus.

Dean Mandell of Yale attributes the extinction of group singing, the decline in conversation, and an alarming increase in the undergraduate taste for hard liquor to the abolition of the old fashioned beer garden.

The mystic number 13 is sometimes unlucky even when one holds a bridge hand with thirteen of one suit. Ferando Peek, Kenyon College freshman, held thirteen hearts, but his opponents made a slam in spades after his partner had doubled.

Fall Show To Go To Hollins

Showings of 'Journey's End' In Farmville, Richmond, Lynchburg Planned

The Washington and Lee Troubadours go to Hollins College Saturday to give their first out-of-town production of "Journey's End." Arrangements for this showing were completed during the holidays. The proximity of examinations have delayed the completion of the show's itinerary and the production at Hollins will probably be the only one until after Fancy Dress.

Mr. Arthur Ulric Moore, director of dramatics for the Troubadours, has started negotiations for an extended trip to Richmond during February. This trip would include showings in Lynchburg, before Randolph-Macon and Sweet Briar, Farmville, at the State Teachers' College, and in Richmond. A trip to Hot Springs to show at the Homestead Hotel is also being planned.

A practice of the entire show was held last night and several more will be staged before Saturday. The scenery, which was built to facilitate moving, is being touched up and the costumes assembled.

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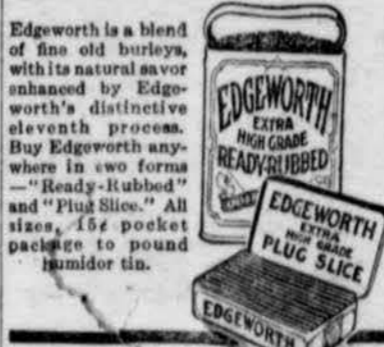
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GENERAL GOSSIP

Edited by J. M. Dean

Cy Twombly is rather bemoaning the fact that he has such a dearth of material for his freshman swimming team, yet having a strong varsity. To date Sterns in the breast stroke and Moody in the backstroke are the most likely looking candidates. Maybe the fraternities are keeping their goats out of competition in order to gain for points in the intramurals.

Mathis has his wrestlers in the best of condition for the meet with Army on Saturday, although the team will have only one week of practice since the holidays began when they boarded the train northward Thursday night.

Coach Ray Ellerman has his cagers back in Lexington on the first day of January giving them two sessions a day in drilling on fundamentals. Thus the basketball team got in about five hours practice a day for four days.

Gus Tebell, Virginia basketball coach, will make a trip over to Lexington this week-end in order to get a line on Maryland, but he will more than likely traverse the Washington and Lee campus to the Doremus gymnasium on both Friday and Saturday night.

With the signing of DeHart as head coach for next year the General Gridders will change to another system in football. DeHart is an exponent of the Warner system. His successor here, Herron, was also a pupil under "Pop" Warner at Pittsburgh. Gene Oberst introduced the Rockne system to Washington and Lee. Now a change is made back to the Warner system again.

Freshmen need not worry so much about the "V. C." charges of late due, either to the benevolence of the "V. C." committee or the fact that the charges are being removed from the box before the "V. C." gets a chance to send an "invitation."

Recently there was a headline in the Baltimore SUN datelined from Lynchburg reading: "Virginia Girl To Wed", but somehow or another the "ja" of the Virginia had been smashed on the type.

Methvin, southpaw pitcher of the Washington and Lee freshman team last year, first threw with his right hand, but due to an injury was forced and practiced throwing from the "wrong" side.

Abell of Virginia to Join Ranks of the Unemployed

Earl Abell, for the past two years head coach of football at the University of Virginia, resigned that position on December 22, at the expiration of a two year contract at that institution. Abell tendered his resignation to the athletic authorities at Charlottesville on the 22 and was accepted by that body on the 27.

Abell came to the University in the spring of 1929. He took over spring training for that period and the coaching instruction during the past season.

While at Virginia his team for the two seasons made but mediocre showings on the gridiron.

He served as head coach of football at Virginia, being the successor to Earl "Greasy" Neal recently named head football mentor at West Virginia. Gus Tebell, former N. C. State coach served as assistant to Abell the past season.

St. Johns To Be First On General Card

Johnnies To Be Met By Blue Quint Here On Friday

MARYLAND IS SATURDAY FOE

Old Liners Appear At Doremus In First Conference Clash

Coach Ray Ellerman and his varsity basketball returned to a snow-covered Lexington on January 1, full of Christmas cheer and great expectations for the New Year. This joy and happiness was short-lived, however, as the General mentor announced that two three-hour practice sessions would be held daily in preparation for the game with St. Johns on Friday night.

The twelve men responding to the call for early practice were Cox, Barasch, Jarrett, Smith, and Violet, forwards; Hardwick and Annin, centers; and Burke, Pilley, Cross, Holbrook, and Martin, guards. The squad was sent into intensive drills in fundamentals and exercises to develop the wind the first two days of practice, while long scrimmages have been the order for the past two days. These pre-class practice sessions appear to have done a real good. Every member of the squad has shown greater improvement in the last four days than at any other period during the training season. The pivot, the primary essential of the system Coach Ellerman is teaching here, so sadly neglected before the holidays, has come into prominence and the entire squad has been using it to good advantage in the scrimmages.

The men composing the first team during the early workouts were Cox and Barasch, forwards; Jack Hardwick, center; and Burke and Pilley, guards. Jarrett alternated with Barasch at the forward post. The second team was made up of Smith and Violet, forwards; Annin, center; Cross, Holbrook, and Martin, guards. The entire squad is in first-class condition with the exception of Burke, who is confined to his bed, with an infected leg.

That the Wisconsin system as used by the Big Blue this season failed to work against the Shawnee Club in the pre-Christmas game, Coach Ellerman admits. But he adds that he did not expect it to work, no organized offense would have clicked against such a defense as the Lynchburgers presented. All it was necessary to do was shoot.

The Generals have a very busy week-end in store for them. Following the game with St. Johns here Friday night, they open the Conference season with Maryland's Old Liners, Li Doremus Gymnasium on Saturday.

The Washington and Lee swimmers resumed practice yesterday after the holiday lay-off. With the opening meet with Duke less than two weeks off the men are striving to obtain a high quality of early season perfection.

Coach Twombly will hold the trials for the team on Friday, and next Tuesday the men will swim through the events.

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Freshman hats should be purchased as soon as possible this week. Several stores around town and the Co-op handle these necessary articles of apparel. It is our humble suggestion that all Freshmen voluntarily obtain these hats, before the V. C. forcibly makes them do so in the near future.

Freshman rules will not be essentially altered for the second semester. All rules will be in force as in the past three months. The Easter holidays mark the time when all Freshman paraphernalia is abolished and along with it all freshman rules and regulations.

But until then—"Ye Gods is it Lon Chaney's spirit? No, only a freshman and his hat."

Boxers Report For Workouts

Mitmen Will Meet North Carolina State College January 17

After a strenuous and eventful Christmas vacation the members of the boxing squad reported to the field house for workout yesterday. Bus Malone, coach, is keeping the squad hard at work in preparation for the first meet of the season when the Generals boxers will meet North Carolina State on the 17.

Coach Malone is centering his efforts on speed and footwork, and great improvement can be noted in these respects. Of late the boxers have been drilling in coordination blows and they are being used with telling effects in practice matches. The freshman team promises great things from their appearance so far. Of the freshmen, Mincher and Tucker show the best form so far. Both are in the heavier weights.

The varsity is shaping up especially well. Either Gunter or Robertson will represent the team in the 115 pound class. Captain Slosberg seems to be the pick of the 125 pounders. Slosberg is looking very good now with great improvement in timing and power. There is keen competition in the 135 pound class with Surlowitz and Bolton slightly in the lead. The 145 pound division is also hotly disputed for, though

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Ramblers Are Selected For Gridiron Title

Notre Dame Almost Unanimously Picked by Sports Writers For Award

Notre Dame wins a smashing victory in the final balloting of the country's leading sports writers engaged in selecting the championship football team of 1930 for the Albert Russell Erskine Award. For the second successive year, Rockne's team captures the national gridiron title, according to announcement by W. O. McGeehan, chairman of the Erskine Committee of Award. The preliminary ballot, which was completed two weeks ago, resulted in re-submitting to the jurors the names of Notre Dame, Southern California, and Alabama for the final vote. This final vote tallies 261 for the South Bend team and 5 for Alabama. It includes the votes of the sporting writers who compose the jury, plus the votes of 20 members of the Award Committee. Theodore Roosevelt's selection was cable from Porto Rico by way of the War Department in Washington.

The Notre Dame team will be entitled to hold for another year the huge silver cup which is the emblem of victory. The formal presentation of this cup, as well as the presentation of a parchment scroll and a Studebaker car to Rockne, took place in New York on January 2, 1931.

The balloting affords interesting comparisons with that of 1929. The final vote last year showed Notre Dame leading with 179, Pittsburgh second with 41, and Purdue third with 2 votes. This year neither Pitt nor Purdue figured in the selection, and the Irish lead was so great that there was no third place team at all. Analysis of the votes by States shows an almost unanimous and thoroughly nation-wide conviction that Notre Dame deserves the title. The five dissenting

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bama, Tennessee, New Mexico, Illinois, and Mississippi. The Erskine Award, according to Mr. McGeehan, has established votes came one each from Alameda itself this year as the ideal method and institution for selecting a championship football eleven. Comment from experts all over the country, he reports, indicates general satisfaction with the Award and its work.

State Spends Nearly \$3,000,000 at U. Va.

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 Total28

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"The course in Short Story Writing, Journalism 105, may be counted to fulfill 3 hours of the 18 required for English, but in no case may this course be taken as a Journalism elective for the major in Journalism. The course in Editorial Writing, Journalism 206, also may be counted for 3 hours in the English group.

"The foreign language requirement is based on four or more entrance units. Students entering with fewer than four units in foreign language must make up the deficiency in addition to work prescribed here. College courses in foreign language which are repetitions of work offered for entrance will not be credited toward the twelve hours herein required. Six hours must be in a course advanced beyond the elementary year in that language.

"Electives used to complete the work of 126 hours must be approved by the head of the Journalism department. Such electives will be chosen to strengthen the student's preparation for the particular field of Journalism toward which demonstrated aptitude and indicated opportunities point.

Student Body Returns Filled With Usual Holiday Yarns

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of a silver-fox farm. Two freshmen journeyed to New York and spent three-fourths of their allotted time on Jamaica Avenue before discovering that it wasn't Broadway as they had at first supposed. They report having an enjoyable time except for the fact that on the return trip home they caught the wrong train at Washington and returned half the distance back to New York ere learning of their error. Another freshman actually completed a three-thousand word English thesis on New Year's Eve, but also claims that the annual head-burst was not lacking the next morning.

A few students remained in Lexington over the holidays. Their time was largely spent in reading, playing bridge, hunting, making side trips to the neighboring towns. One or two students never ventured beyond the limits of Lexington, but report that they enjoyed a quiet and pleasant two weeks despite the somewhat dull atmosphere and the town's deserted appearance.

News Briefs

Fourteen states paid a smaller internal revenue total than Hawaii last year.

Yemen in southwestern Arabia has one automobile for every 104,166 persons.

Drivers licenses of 208 motorists in California were revoked the first seven months of 1930 for failure to pay court judgments.

There are 208,324 miles of surfaced highways in California.

A horse trail has been completed to the summit of Mt. Whitney, in California, 14,496 feet above sea level.

Alabama received \$2,615,434 of federal aid funds for highway improvements during the fiscal year ending June 30.

A corporation has been formed to manufacture face powder from an extensive deposit of clay in Georgia and Alabama.

An Evanston, Ill., man was convicted of indecent exposure for removing his shoes and hose on a bathing beach.

In the finals of a Chicago singing contest were a negro elevator operator, a railroad laborer, an immigrant and a choir boy.

Among relics of the Fort Dearborn massacre, 108 years ago, is the wedding trunk of Rebekah Heald, taken prisoner by the Indians.

Horses caused 18 deaths in Wisconsin during April, May and June, while airplanes killed only five.

A spiritualist college is being built at the Chesterfield, Ind., camp of the Indians association of spiritualists.

Booth Tarkington, the writer, at one time was a member of the Indiana state legislature.

Elevation at thousand foot intervals is being added to road signs in California.

Wholesale value for the 4,587,000 automobiles produced in the United States last year was \$621.75 per car.

About 30,000 telephone calls monthly for highway routings are answered by the California automobile association.

Exchange Students From Foreign Lands Showing An Increase

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Another editorial in the Pennsylvania suggests that the logical source of information concerning foreign countries is to be found in the foreign student. "These students from foreign lands are the leaders of progressive movements in their home lands. They are pioneers in the field of education." This and the other articles stress the point that more intimate relations between American and Foreign students, do much toward the bringing about of World Peace.

The bulletin of the American Association of University Professors gives some interesting figures for 1929-30 concerning foreign students registered in "accredited institutions." "From the countries of Anglo-Saxon civilization the numbers have been more than doubled (740 to 1,773). From the Far East, the number from Japan has been nearly doubled, from the Philippines it has been greatly increased, from Korea it has been more than doubled, making, with the slight decrease from China, a net increase for the Far East of 741 (from 2,449 to 3,190). The Near East makes as favorable a relative showing with an increase from 443 to 714 largely accounted for by Russian emigres. From other than Anglo-Saxon countries in Europe, there has been almost a trebling of the numbers. Finland that had only 9 in 1921-22 and 27 in 1929-30; Lithuania 10 and 41; and Hungary, 32 and 63. France which had the largest number by far in 1921-22 has remained practically stationary (127 and 134), while Germany has increased her group nearly eightfold (49 to 380).

Organization Described By Dutch Writer

Pointing out the similarity of the Dutch student corps to the American fraternity system, a news letter from the Dutch National Union has come to the office of the NSFA, supporting the plan of the Weekly News Release to present articles on various student organizations in other countries.

The A. S. C. is the most important and certainly the most interesting institution of the great University of Amsterdam. In the halls of its club house the students gather nightly after one o'clock, the official curfew of Holland, to enjoy good beer, good companionship, and friendly confidences.

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Jimmy DeHart To Return To W. and L.

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It was announced by R. A. Smith that spring practice will continue this year, under the direction of the assistant coaches. DeHart will not arrive until next September. It is not known whether his family will move from Durham, N. C., to here or not.

Seawane Tops In Early Games

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Tallyn Makes Progress In Dance Plans

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be assisted by H. M. Minnice accompanied by Minnie Louise Culver, of Montgomery, Ala.

As an added feature of the Ball, Miss Annie Roberts White, who twenty-five years ago inaugurated the first Fancy Dress Ball at Washington and Lee university, will be the chaperone of honor. She has signified her intentions that if it is at all possible she will be at the dance.

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