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FANCY DRESS

With less than two weeks remaining before the Fancy Dress dance set opens, President Jim Sparks and his committee report that practically all the plans are complete for the George Washington Colonial Ball.

Working under a handicap this year with a drastic cut in his finances originally allotted to the ball, Sparks literally has worked night and day to assure this University that the dance under his supervision will equal and probably surpass preceding Fancy Dress balls.

It was early in September when Sparks first organized his committees, composed of men who he felt confident would do all in their power to continue to keep the name of Fancy Dress a foremost social event in the South.

All promises carried out, Fancy Dress of 1932 points to complete satisfaction for the student body. The figure, always a long drawn out affair, is shortened this year to a minimum time limit to afford dancers a longer time on the floor.

It now rests with the student body whether or not they intend to increase the prestige of the affair set through the Colonial Ball. All is in readiness as far as the president and his men can plan.

And it is interesting that while we revere such names as Homer, Socrates, Thucydides, Plato, and Aristotle of the ancient Grecian civilization, which in many years was remarkably similar to ours, the ancient Greeks themselves said of the Olympic victor, "He has reached the summit of human attainment; to rise higher he must become a god."

FRATERNALLY SPEAKING

There are some intensely apt observations on the question of fraternities in an article included in the most recent issue of College Humor.

On the other hand many of the most vital flaws which Wylie picks in the present system of fraternity houses may be only too easily applied to the life of a large number of our own students.

for its very valuable trend toward conservatism. But to preserve that reputation does not necessitate becoming conventional and intolerant. We are training each other to stand on the sidewalk and stare, perhaps glare, at a man who wears rubber overshoes, or whose pants do not quite meet his shoes.

It is important for a university to be a maker of men if students are interested solely in a flat, standardized, face value, or if students by ridiculing flairs of originality, strive to make their fellows like themselves rather than make any more to improve themselves.

A TOUGH ROAD

Followers of the Generals' grid teams who thought the Big Blue faced a mountain at the beginning of the season this past fall will look at the schedule for the next campaign and then remark that it looks "tougher than ever."

Not since 1925, when Washington and Lee faced Pittsburgh in the opener, has this school scheduled any team but a weak sister within the state to start a season. Next year it promises to be a different chapter in scheduling George Washington University of Washington, D. C., as the opening foe here September 24.

Completion of the 1932 schedule assures local fans three games on Wilson Field, the card calling for tilts here with George Washington, Maryland and Virginia Poly. Students who were prone to believe that as far as they were concerned the eleven was hardly representative of the University as too many foreign games were booked, are now promised one of the most interesting home treats in years with three strong teams coming to Lexington.

Not a set-up appears on the schedule. Few schools in this country may boast of a schedule which does not include at least one "breather" somewhere on the card, but nothing faces the General football team but a tough road.

It is indeed a treat to point with pride to the football schedule for next fall, and then hope for the best as the Generals start a long march in September down a tough road.

THE GREEKS HAD A WORLD OF IT

Historians have noted in the lists of winners at the ancient Olympic games that whenever any part of the Greek world was doing something memorable it was winning at Olympia, but when it stood stagnant it won no more victories at the games.

The records of the winners at Olympia for more than a thousand years tell the interesting story than when Sparta was at its peak in the years around 700 B. C., Spartans were consistent winners at the games; during the great artistic and literary age at Athens, from 480 to 400 B. C., the olive crown was won regularly by Athenians, and when Alexandria in Egypt became the intellectual center of the ancient world from 270 to 130 B. C., in those years their athletes' names appeared on the favored scroll.

Athletic teams are, after all, somehow indicators of the health of a university. Where we find athletic teams sunken in an abyss of despair and discouragement, forlorn and without hope, usually we find a school uncertain of its direction and function.

This historically traditional institution is noted for its very valuable trend toward conservatism. But to preserve that reputation does not necessitate becoming conventional and intolerant.

Front Row

Joe Margo Her Majesty Love

Marilyn Miller, radiant star of many Broadway productions, should take your minds off examinations and whatnot in her latest picture, which is to have a special performance Monday night and a re-showing Tuesday morning.

Coquetting her way from the position of barmaid to that of temporary wife to a many-times-married baron furnishes Miss Miller all the plot that is necessary, and her supporting cast does the rest.

This picture deserves several stars for its cast and general entertainment. Recommended.

Fetch O'Reno

Someone recently remarked that "there are two colorful spots on the map of the world today—a big one known as Soviet Russia, and a small one known as Reno, Nevada."

Besides the stage favorites, the cast includes Roland Young, Zazu Pitts, Maud Eburne, and Herman Bing. The best performance of the supporting cast is given by Young, as the critic, the imbecile bystander.

Although this department realizes that "Unaccustomed as I am to public criticism" might well be applied to its column, said department again sticks out the neck and RECOMMENDS strongly that you and you see this picture.

Tony Sarr's Marionettes Tony Sarr and his justly famous marionettes will be in Lexington next Tuesday afternoon and night, through the efforts of Miss Mary Barclay for the Woman's Club.

The Guardsman With the advent of noises, Hollywood's movie magnates immediately dangled the pot of gold before various Broadway stage stars with the result that there was a general trek toward California, much ballyhoo, and sometimes good results, but often hokey.

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## County Report Is Completed

### Governor's Commission Submits Plans for Improving Local Government

The report of the Commission on County Government of Virginia, of which Dr. Robert H. Tucker, professor of Economics and Business Administration, is a member, has recently been published and will be submitted to the Legislature in the near future.

The Commission, appointed in December, 1930, by Governor Pollard spent nearly a year in working on the very comprehensive report. The report is, for the most part, taken up by the recommendation of three county government systems, one of which was drawn up by the Commission and has received widespread comment from the press.

The new system, whereby county government is centralized to a much finer degree, is said to be the best plan that has been drawn up, and it is anticipated that eventually it will be adopted universally.

Until the appointment of the commission, the Constitution of Virginia provided that one form of government be used throughout the state. Dr. Tucker was largely instrumental in the addition of an amendment whereby counties might adopt another form by a majority vote of the people.

In his message to the legislature on Wednesday, Governor Pollard devoted a large part of it to the report. His description of the Commission's work was "counties set free." The Governor was especially favorable toward the new plan.

### Fancy Dress Reminiscences Reveal Unusual Incidents

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sky of Odessa. Anyway, the dancers were moving in gorgeous ecstasy to what is becoming known in such instances as carnation wrythm. A commanding outburst from silver trumpets seemingly high up in the camouflaged rafters of the gymnasium (of which it takes a swallow or two to believe), and across the floor, gliding majestically between the feet of the dancers, comes our feline beauty with a cortege of four kittens showing every indication of attaining the majesty evident in each muscle and fibre of the queenly mother. Naturally, the dance was halted to pay solemn homage to the visiting potentate, who took it all as a matter of course and disappeared with her brood at the far end of the gym. Some say it happened, and some say they must have had their back turned.

**Articles Returned**

Recently enough for at least a baker's dozen to remember was the ball of not so long ago when an unprecedented number of articles were lost, the majority in places which had been formerly sacred merely to geranium seeds and a tossed book or so. More remarkable still was the number of prompt returns of such articles by honest finders, some of the articles having been returned the same night, which is a record for promptness.

It is interesting to note the evolution of the student organ, perennially stuttered as the "Ring-tum Phi", in regards to the publicity given Fancy Dress. During the years when it was known as "Bal Masque," the Ring-tum Phi advised the students in two paragraphs on the fourth page that the Bal Masque would be one of the social events in the mid-winter activities. As the years went by, more and more lineage was given, until about 1924 the Fancy Dress Ball made a headline and a full-page article.

**Cocoa Served**

At such times the paper made much of the fact, particularly in the year of 1914, that there would be at Fancy Dress a record attendance of 150 students and "fully 50 ladies were expected." The music, it stated, would be "given by Wright's Saxophone Orchestra. In the same issue were the pictures of the Ball leaders. The W. and L. student was the ultimate in an iron-jaw and an equally unflexible cellar. The young lady's photograph heroically attempted to do her justice. She was pictured in a white waist with a black bow-tie and her hand twined about her head in a guileless pose, very much like Krummel's statue "The Lady of the Cherries."

But the big event of the Bal Masque and earlier Fancy Dress Balls, as reported by the Ring-tum Phi of the bowler era, took place at midnight, when the entire assemblage of 150 or so dancers were treated to delicious cocoa and chocolate cakes. After this "superb repast" the dance was recommended and continued until its grand finale at approximately 1:30 in the morning.

As good be out of the world as out of fashion.—Colley Gibber.

### Students Pick Ideal Girl For Fancy Dress

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minor consideration with them. Mary Baldwin please note.

The juniors also inclined towards the brunette, but contrary to the lenient attitude of the seniors, were emphatic in their insistence that their ideal must curb her "exuberance" sufficiently so that they may at least dance a fourth of the dances with the one being. She must not be such a superlative "mixer" that a pair of tongs would be the quickest aid in isolating her from a barrier of "stags." The juniors also disagreed with the seniors in their statement of psychopathic qualifications, emphasizing the fact that, instead of the lively and "obvious" type, she must be a smouldering enigma, and whose thoughts could only be derived by trial and error. Hollins please note.

Very little distinction of preference was made by those sophomores interviewed, but the brunette of the lighter type seemed to have the edge. Their ideal would be the "rapid-fire" type with large eyes and a pre-determination to enter into the spirit of things even if it meant more numerous rests and intermissions. She must dance like Pavlova, and disregard the pleas of romantic Birminghamites to "set out and watch the moon." She must be neither too conspicuously rotund nor so modernistic that she breathes of lettuce sandwiches. Though she might be "ca-r-razee" about dancing, she must realize that terpsichore is not everything in Fancy Dress. Sweet Briar please note.

The freshmen were proven to be the staunchest friend of blondes. Despite the fact that a few expressed a preference for "sweet-tempered brunettes," the majority of freshmen questioned, stated their preference for the blonde in a manner brooking little argument. Their blonde must be the true exponent, with either the newly-arisen platinum locks or with the "mulsified" wealth of a carefully arranged golden coiffure of blue either of the slumbrous glance or the sparkling glint. She must be a fairly good dancer, and must always laugh it off if bumped into on a crowded lawn of Mount Vernon. She must be glamorous, alluring, extremely friendly, and must exert every feminine wile, particularly on the dance floor, in order that the freshman might be later commended by his fraternity brothers for his aptitude in the art of female selection. She must be a capable conversationalist, and pay particular attention to the art of sprightly conversation, but she must not, by any means, overdo it at a time when conversation is least desired. Southern Seminary please note.

### Name Men to Aid in Washington Memorial

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Hok; Mrs. William Glasgow and William A. Law, insurance executive.

Virginia—Governor John G. Pollard; R. H. Angell, insurance executive; John Stewart Bryan, Richmond News-Leader executive; Junius P. Fishburn, Roanoke Times-World executive; U. S. Senator Carter Glass; John A. Lejeune, Virginia Military Institute; A. J. Montague, former governor; Congressman R. Walton Moore; W. T. Reed, Richmond financier, and Hower L. Ferguson, Pres. Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co.

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### Generals Face Big Teams in All Sports

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company managed to take the Wahooos over the hurdles twice, dumping them 26-17 and 20-18. This 20-18 game at Charlottesville, and the margin of victory for the Generals came on a long shot from the middles of the court by Gene Martin, who is now unable to play because of his physical condition. In 1930 the Generals beat Virginia 50-22 here, but Leigh Williams had to pull a fancy shot from the side in the last minute of play to give Washington and Lee the edge of 36-34 in the game at the state institution.

### Should Take One

Realizing that Maryland has another great team that has already shown its strength and that Virginia is stronger than usual, besides having the advantage of playing on her own court, the local cagers will be working hard to eliminate the fumbles and missed "crips" which have cost them many points in the games so far. If they steady down and get a few breaks, they should take one of these games, and possibly both of them. Bailey and Steinberg, who alternate at center, have gained some experience in the games, as have Violette, Sawyers, Mosovich and Sauerbrun. Bailey and Violette were both on the varsity squad last year, but saw little action, while the others mentioned came up from last year's undefeated freshman team. Holbrooke, Jarrett, and Burke are now the only veterans on the

team since the loss of Martin. Undeclared in this state for the past few years and jealously guarding their state title, the Generals are determined to retain the crown. They intend to start off right by downing Virginia. A win over Maryland, too, would place the Generals in the front ranks of the contenders for the Southern championship which has seemed to be jinxed for local cage teams.

### Chapel Hill Scene of Wrestlers N. C. Meet

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wrestling experience previous to that. Flagg is a varsity man from the 1930 team, not being eligible to compete last year. However, he is again showing up exceedingly well and will capably fill the position left vacant when Tex Tilson decided to look for a career in the boxing ring instead of one on the mat. However, Tex has been Southern Conference champion for the past two years and he will be greatly missed.

Mitchell, in the heavyweight division, is another Southern Conference champion, being selected at the close of last season, along with Wayne Mathis and Tilson, by a committee of coaches. This was usually strong men with good record of the Southern Conference meet, due to lack of competition for the Generals.

The Tar Heel lineup will find Hussey at 118; at 125, Usher; 135, Woodward; 145, Conklin; 155, Tsumas; 165, Eckland; 175, Idol; heavyweight, Thompson. Hussey and Thompson are sophomores and undefeated in their weights in freshman wrestling last year.

The balance of the N. C. U. made necessary by the calling off several seasons. Woodward, Conklin, Tsumas, and Idol are participants composed of veterans of ordeals behind them from the past wrestling season.

Previous to the varsity meet, the Washington and Lee freshmen

will hold a match with the N. C. U. frosh. The lineup will be the same as that which met the A. M. A. last night at Fort Defiance.

### Frosh Fight

Roland Thomas, with several years of experience behind him, will compete in the 118 pound class. Doullut, a newcomer to wrestling, will engage in his first regular match in the 125 pound division.

Sarkis, former Wyoming Seminary star, will hold down the 135 pound berth, while Munger will wrestle at 145. At 155 will be Hodges; 165, Cross; 175, Ruffner; and heavyweight, Mendolia.

The Tar Heel frosh will have had one meet so far this season, defeating the Duke first year men last Monday night by a 16-14 score. The frosh meet will start at 2:30 o'clock.

The two teams left here this noon and will probably return Sunday morning.

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