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A FIGHTING BUNCH

Washington and Lee should be proud of her football team. For the first time since the opening game with George Washington more than a month ago the entire student body had an opportunity last Saturday to see the Generals in action. The four touchdown margin in the score fails to indicate what it saw.

It was truly a fighting-bunch of Generals who took the field against V. P. I., a team rated as one of the greatest in the South. It was a team inspired by the real spirit of Washington and Lee that held fans spell-bound as it rallied to throw its furious power into a touchdown drive after the unfortunate incidents in the first two minutes of play had given the Gobblers a fourteen point lead. Any ordinary team would have cracked wide open under such circumstances as faced the Generals in those opening minutes, but they are not an ordinary team. They have shown that by the manner in which they have battled all season against the odds which beset them. They simply will not give up. Frequent injuries, a long string of defeats, bad breaks in their first big chance in weeks, bad breaks at the outset of the next game; this combination is enough to break down the morale of any team, but not Jimmie DeHart's men.

Battered and beaten they continued to struggle against the odds. Discouragement is not in their make-up. Saturday's game was an example of that never-say-die attitude which prevails in the Blue and White squad. Large numbers of substitutions hurled at a tiring Washington and Lee eleven enabled the Gobblers to roll up three touchdowns in the final period, but the Gobblers high perch looked shaky for two quarters, and the cheers which rose from the V. P. I. section in the fourth were cheers for relief.

Students of Washington and Lee, the spirit of this University, which has been fading rapidly in you, lives on in your football team. You should be ashamed of your half-hearted support. A school that can't stay behind a fighting losing team has no right to share the joys of victory with a winning one. The Generals are going to beat Virginia next week, and when the game is over and the Blue and White jersied grid-iron fighters are tasting the sweetness of the season's first victory, there will be far too many Washington and Lee men who cannot honestly say, "WE won."

NOVEMBER NINETEENTH

Thursday's assembly offered to the students something new in the annals of campus social history. The student body has invited the students of Randolph-Macon's Woman's college to be their special guests at the Maryland football game and at a dance that will follow the game.

This is the first time that anything like this has been done, and authorities and student executive heads of both schools are heartily supporting the plan. If things work out as successful as it is hoped, it is probable that in the future an even better program may be outlined.

It will be a great aid to the committee working on the plans if all men who know girls that they would like to have over and who are going to invite girls for other men to do so at once. This will relieve a great deal of the last minute details and uncertainty.

Here is offered an excellent means of improving the relations between the two schools and bringing the individual members of both student bodies together. It will be a greater success if arrangements are completed early, so get those dates and help the committee out.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Pity the poor Washington and Lee student who is so unfortunate as to live outside a five hundred mile radius of Lexington. He is indeed a victim of circumstances over which he has no control. Because of the severe holiday rule affecting the Christmas holidays, he will be compelled to return to school a few days after Christmas. Worst of all, he will be "on the road" on New Year's Eve.

Washington and Lee has always boasted of its cosmopolitan student body representing all sections of the country, and through its many years of existence the student body has grown from men from the Southern states alone to men from over thirty states. Consequently, quite a large number of the students are affected by this harsh holiday rule. For many of these men this will be the only visit home during the entire term, and their hopes will become blackened at the idea of omitting New Year's Eve, one of the high spots of the vacation, from the celebration.

New Year's Eve will present a sad and dreary

spectacle for these unfortunates. Instead of celebrating with friends at home, they will be compelled to welcome the new year in among strange faces and in strange places. All the frivolity and excitement will be sadly lacking. It will be a very quiet and disappointing evening for some students—all because of a faculty ruling.

A regulation much more satisfactory than the present one would be to start with the afternoon classes of January 2. Such a plan would enable the students to make later train connections, thus affording them more time at home. It would also allow those who will return in automobiles to start from home later. If the faculty should consider this, several hundred students would offer them praises.

MID-SEMESTER EXAMS

"Time and tide wait for no man," so quoth an ancient philosopher, and the time element of this sage old saying certainly holds true at Washington and Lee. It is a rather severe shock to many members of the student body to suddenly realize that mid-semester examinations are upon them.

For many it will simply mean several nights of cramming; for others it will mean just another set of exams; for the freshmen it will signalize that six weeks of the first semester, that seemed like six years to many of them, is behind. To the seniors it will signify that one quarter of their last year at Washington and Lee is a thing of the past.

Between football games and the regular routine visits to adjacent cities every week-end, time passes faster here than in any other place in the United States, if one were to believe the upperclassmen, but for the freshman the first six weeks is the hardest. Once this period is over, they fall in line with the rest of the student body's idea of time, and another year has passed before they realize it.

Contrary to fears expressed at the opening of the college year Lehigh University students have discovered that it will not be necessary to drop any of the regular intercollegiate sports, at least for the present.

In a poll of the students, taken by the *Brown and White*, undergraduate newspaper, at a time when it was expected some sport might have to be abandoned it was found that cross country running was the least popular, and it is probable that if the income of the athletic association drops materially during the year cross country will be the first sport to be abandoned.

The voting of the students showed the campus favored sports in the following order: football, wrestling, basketball, swimming, track, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, and cross country.

Considerable excitement is caused in the geology lecture room whenever the sun shines through the skylight, as this awakens the large family of wasps in residence there. All attention is immediately centered on the movements of these insects. As the wasp has a well known weapon of defense, as well as offense, note books are turned into swatters, and Dr. Campbell's lectures are frequently punctuated by loud smacks, signifying the death of a too adventurous wasp.

HONORARY FRATERNITIES

On the Davidson campus at the present time there are over fifteen honorary fraternities of various kinds, established to recognize leadership, scholarship, and to bring together men with kindred interests. These fraternities have, or should have, in their constitutions something to the effect that they are existing for the purpose of contributing something to the Davidson campus or to some group on the campus. Unless each one of these groups is serving some definite purpose, their continued existence is not warranted.

Of the large number on this campus, very few are making any sustained effort to contribute any good to the student body. Of course this is not true of all these, because there are a few notable exceptions. These few exceptions truly live up to the name of an honorary fraternity. Besides bestowing honor on the members, they are attempting to build up interest in some specific line of endeavor. It is only these which deserve the right to exist. The rest exist in name only, and merely to furnish various members of the Junior and Senior classes material to list under their names in the annual.

At Emory University last year one of the honorary fraternities, which should have been a leading one, realized that it was of no benefit to the university and voluntarily relinquished its charter. This may seem to be a rather hard procedure, but certainly it would lend more prestige to honorary fraternities in general and to the ones which are really active, if the inactive ones would realize their condition and vote themselves out of existence. The alternative would be to live up to the provisions set down in their constitutions. This would be an ideal condition, because they were all organized for a worthy purpose. Certainly they should take one of these alternatives or the other, because the existence of some organizations on this campus is detrimental to the existence of others.—*Davidsonian*.

Front Row

JOE MAGEE

The previews of "The Big Broadcast" have been unusually well received, due no doubt to all that hodeho yelling done by Cab Calloway. Critics of the picture were virtually unanimous in saying that his sequence was the best thing in the show.

At the Lyric Thursday is Charles Laughton, rising English star who already has five pictures to his credit, in "Payment Deferred." Last season Broadway viewed the play for a very short while, declaring it only a vehicle for the usual talents of Mr. Laughton. It is remarkable, however, that a bad play always makes a good movie, and vice versa. "Payment Deferred" is a good movie due mainly to the excellent characterization given by Charles Laughton.

Roland Young, who has a dry good sense of humor, is equal to any occasion it would appear. Re-

cently he took a young lady to a wrestling match and one of the mat gladiators was thrown for a toothhold right in front of the girl. So Mr. Young got up and introduced them.

Robert Montgomery received five cables from a friend traveling in Europe. They were all in different languages. To the tune of \$10.00, Mr. Montgomery called in an interpreter and had him translate. Each message read: "I've learned the language."

Paul Green, who has become recognized as one of the best of our native dramatists, has been assigned the task of writing "Voltaire" for Mr. George Arliss.

The film version of "Little Women" started a war overnight. Constance Bennett, pondering over the success Norma Shearer had in her turn from the fast and loose to the sweet and sentimental in "Smiling Through," decided to change her own personality. Accordingly, she and her movie director went into the RKO office and told Mr. Selznick they would

make it. Usually, Miss Bennett's wishes are final, but she got a little opposition in the person of Katharine Hepburn, latest find, who is slated for the role.

While S. N. Behrman's play of last season, "Brief Moment," goes into production, Ina Claire plans her return to the stage in his latest, "Biography," which will be done by the "Theatre Guild."

With the help of the editorial pencil, and a few censorship boards, William Faulkner's somewhat indelicate book, "Sanctuary," is to be done by the movies.

To those who have wondered how it could be done ever since "The Washington Merry-Go-Round" was announced for filmization, suffice it to say that the political picture has inherited the book's title but not its story.

Walt Disney's latest creation for the "Silly Symphony" cartoon is "King Neptune," done in color. The drawings are accompanied by such musical compositions as Liszt's "Les Preludes," "The Lo-

relei" and the chanty "Blow the Man Down."

George Jean Nathan has long been one of the most consistently egotistical of all drama critics. In the November issue of "Vanity Fair" he has a criticism of "Dinner at Eight," the new George Kaufman-Edna Ferber play. The criticism was gleaned from reading the script of the play before it was produced. His review is none too complimentary, and he says that the play is done in the Grand Hotel manner. He ends with "But you will have to admit it plays." Miss Ferber and Mr. Kaufman might agree. "And so does an old-second-hand organ," he adds in his most Nathanish manner. This department would be interested in knowing his reaction now that "Dinner at Eight" has been acclaimed by all the New York critics as one of the best plays of the season.

A great number of old alumni were back for the game. It sure was good to see old "Beef" Hoffman back down on the field again.

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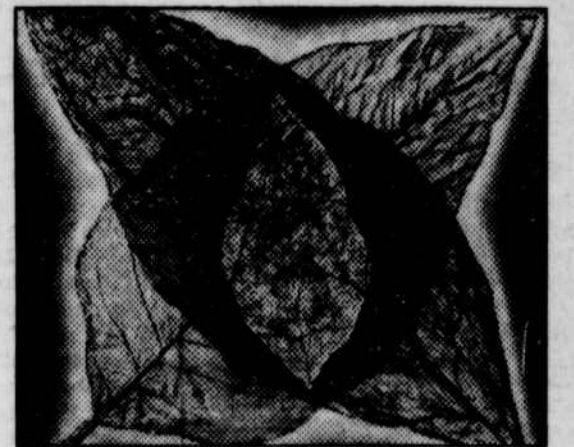
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First Weekly Trial Held by Coach Mathis

Wrestlers Vie For Positions on Team in Five Minute Matches

After several weeks of conditioning and learning the fundamentals of the game, Coach Mathis' wrestlers held the first of a series of weekly trial bouts last Thursday afternoon, when all the potential grappling material for the varsity and freshmen teams were required to participate in five-minute bouts.

Thirteen varsity candidates went through this workout while thirty yearling candidates also demonstrated their abilities. The bouts lasted five minutes and decisions were made by Thomas and Munger, who refereed the various matches.

According to Coach Mathis, yesterday's training introduced a schedule whereby team members will be paired at the close of each week of training. It is planned that the bouts will be lengthened gradually until the regulation ten minute length is reached.

Among the varsity, C. Thomas and Munger won falls over Hodges and Montague respectively. Butler won a time decision over L. L. Smith and Sarkis won over Townes. Dyer bested Bennett. The Lofstrand versus Harwell affair was a draw. Coach Mathis took on H. P. Smith in a practice encounter.

Dick Cross, who has been out with a bad arm, did not take part in the matches. He will be out for another week. Cover, a freshman, was forced to leave the squad after an attack of appendicitis.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Alec M. Sterling of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, is now in the hospital with a slight attack of influenza, but his condition since his admission last night has improved.

R. C. Clarke, Jr., of Hendersonville, N. C., has a mild case of appendicitis but an operation is not necessary.

Herbert Lyon, Jr., of Hohokus, N. J., is suffering from intestinal toxina but is expected to be out tomorrow.

J. E. Guggenheim, of San Antonio, Texas, who has been in the hospital for some time with a severe attack of pneumonia is much improved and will be released at the end of the week.

No Dance Wednesday Night
Due to the number of examinations given this week, there will be no dance at the Chateau Harmony tomorrow night, but the next dance will be held Wednesday night, November 9.

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Glee Club Members Have Been Selected

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Mary Baldwin and Randolph-Macon Women's College have also been approached for joint concerts to be held later in the term.

The members of the senior glee club are: First Tenors: A. M. Doty, R. G. Geiger, Jr., C. Koch, J. G. Robinson, R. Scully, G. J. Sechler. Second Tenors: G. W. Betts, E. L. Bond, W. M. Drake, R. H. McCauley, Jr., F. Bryant, B. Schuman, W. C. Smith. First Bassos: H. E. Anderson, R. Cross, H. K. Doane, R. Kelley, J. L. Price, R. B. Prugh, D. B. Startzman, V. J. Wilhousky. Second Bassos: D. J. Bennett, J. A. Black, C. A. LaVarre, N. C. Pascoe, J. W. Vinson, T. C. Vinson, J. F. Watlington. The junior club consists of: First Tenors: N. D. Coates, Jr., V. D. Martire, F. D. Strong. Second Tenors: N. E. Band, D. G. Basile, R. W. Magrath, H. K. Rieger, R. K. Turney. First Bassos: L. B. Allen, R. C. Dyer, D. J. Gilmore, P. C. Huntley, L. A. McMurrin, S. J. Moore, Jr., A. H. Uggla. Second Bassos: R. F. Cooper, R. K. Davidson, L. Leight.

Societies Make Debating Plans

Graham-Lee to Support Roosevelt in Contest With Literary Rivals

The Washington Literary society held its first meeting last Monday evening, October 24. This is the first regular meeting of the society which was reorganized three weeks ago. At the last meeting officers for the session were elected and plans were made for the ensuing year. The society is under the guidance of Professor M. G. Bauer, head of the Public Speaking department. The prospects for the organization are very encouraging and the members are expending every effort to restore the society to its former important place on the Washington and Lee campus.

At present, plans are advancing in regard to a debate with the Graham-Lee society, the other literary society, on the timely question of deciding which of the two presidential candidates is the more qualified for the office. The Washington society will uphold Mr. Hoover, while the Graham-Lee society will support the Democratic nominee.

The debaters for the Washington society are chosen by elimination. The members will choose six speakers from a dozen or more who have spoken at the last two meetings, and these men will participate in a formal debate at the next meeting. From the six speakers, three will be chosen to represent the society in the debate against Graham-Lee. The debate between the two societies will be held in the near future.

Alice H. White Gives \$60,000 To University

Money Will Probably Be Received At Some Time During School Year

A bequest of \$60,000 was made to the University last summer when the will of the late Mrs. Alice H. White was probated. Mrs. White, a native of East Radford, Virginia, died last February at the home of her son, Judge Benjamin Dey White, who was graduated from Washington and Lee in 1889. Estimate of the value of the estate was made by Paul M. Penick, treasurer of the University, who said that though there was \$25,000 in bonds and property in Norfolk, Virginia, valued in normal times at \$100,000, the estimate made at this time is liberal. Executors of the estate have one year in which to settle it. Mr. Penick says that it is reasonable to state that the money and property will be delivered sometime during the school year. No plans have been made as to any immediate use of the money.

George Pierrot Makes Address Before Students

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number of prominent journalists who will speak here in connection with the University's program of training for journalism. The first speaker was W. M. Kiplinger, Washington editor.



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Oct. 22—William and Mary, 7	W. and L., 0
Oct. 29—V. P. I. 32	W. and L. 6
Nov. 5—Virginia	Charlottesville
Nov. 12—West Virginia	Charleston
Nov. 19—Maryland	Lexington
Nov. 26—Duke	Durham

Generals Defeated By Strong Gobbler Eleven

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ball down to the Generals' 13. The fourth quarter opened with the Engineers, in close territory and determined to run up a score against the fast-tiring Generals. Mills ran twelve yards on the first play to the one-yard line where Seaton downed him, and on the next play Groth carried it over for the third Tech score. The next V. P. I. score came a few minutes later after a poor punt gave the Techmen the ball on the Blue and White 22-yard line. Casey received a short pass from center on the first play and ran the 22 yards for a touchdown; again the extra point was lost.

After a short interlude of line reverses and a five yard penalty, Seaton punted out of bounds on his own 39 yard line. On the first play Groth raced around end and through the secondary defense to the Generals' eight yard line.

where Harvey Pride brought him down. Mills gained a yard, and on the next play, Hall carried the ball over for the final touchdown. Each V. P. I. touchdown was scored by a different back, and all besides the freak opener were the results of long drives.

V. P. I. held the upper hand during most of the game, though the Generals far outplayed the famous Blacksburg eleven in the second and third quarters. The Generals scored seven first downs to the Gobblers' 11, but completed only one pass out of 12 tries. V. P. I. completed three out of five passes and intercepted two. Both teams fumbled twice, and on each occasion recovered their own fumbles without serious loss. The Gobblers blocked two of the Gen-

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Replica of Lee's Cottage Being Shown at Library

A replica of the cottage in "Baltimore Row" occupied by General Robert E. Lee during his visits to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, in 1867-69, is now on exhibition in the University library. The replica was presented to President Gaines in behalf of the University, at the celebration of Robert E. Lee week at Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, during the week of August 22-26.

McGeary Starts Work By Naming Committees

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to house canvass will be made. The following committee chairmen were appointed Wednesday night: finance committee, Eugene Krewson; decoration committee, Gus Morgan; invitation committee, L. L. Smith; music committee, Bill Cover; reception committee, John Spohr; favor committee, Grier Wallace.

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