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First Meeting Since 'Break'
Brings Resolution to Raise
Standards

ATTEMPT TO STRIKE
AT LOW SCHOLARSHIP

Meeting Held in Richmond;
Many Old Rules Are
Amended

With the intention of "cleaning up athletics" in this section, the Southern conference, at the first meeting held since the break in that association took place last December, passed a resolution that provided for an investigation which will be made among Southern colleges with the idea of improving low scholastic standings of college athletes and ending the practice of subsidizing players as a result of flagrant recruiting.

The resolution, which took up the final day of meeting when the question was discussed in all of its phases, climaxed the Southern conference meeting held in Richmond from January 12 to 14. As presented, the resolution was stated in two parts.

Natural Agency

First, it was resolved "that the Southern conference request the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States, through some natural agency to be selected by it, to conduct an investigation of athletics in all institutions under the jurisdiction of the association, with special reference to recruiting, subsidizing, entrance requirements, and scholastic standards."

In the second division, the resolution stated "that the Southern conference recommend to the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in the Southern States, after such investigation, a regulation be passed to the effect that any of its members found to be subsidizing athletics or permitting athletes to be subsidized, or that they let down for athletics either entrance requirements or scholastic standards, be deprived of its rating as a standard college until such time as the condition be remedied to the satisfaction of the Association."

Not only will schools of the Southern conference be affected by the proposed investigation but all schools of the South will be included. Dr. W. P. Few, president of the Association of Southern Schools and Colleges said he believed that the Association would comply with the request for an investigation.

Miles Pleaded

C. P. Miles, president of the Southern Conference, termed the act "the most far-reaching and progressive legislation ever promulgated by an athletic conference." Miles plans to meet with representatives of the Southeastern Conference over this issue.

The eligibility ruling states that 24 semester or 36 quarter hours must be passed prior to entrance. Four-fifths of the college work must now be passed in order for a man to be eligible in this conference. Junior college transfers are required to be a resident for one year and are not eligible for freshman competition.

The new requirements are stiffer than those of most schools with the possible exception of Clemson, South Carolina and V. M. I. Should the investigation be conducted, the schools in the Carolinas and Virginia should be rather safe while those of the far south are more likely attackable.

Many of the old rules were amended or removed from the book of regulations to meet the requirements of the smaller conference. Several schools made application for admittance to the Southern conference but none were voted into membership.

Debating Team Meeting

There will be a very important meeting of all those interested in Varsity debating in room 204 of the Chemistry building at 7:30 Wednesday night. The purpose of the meeting will be to organize try-outs for the debates with George Washington university and Johns Hopkins, which will be held in Washington and Baltimore respectively on February 23 and 24. The cancellation of war debts and the British system of radio control are the subjects to be used for debate.

Frosh Cagers Play A. M. A. Today, Bluefield Tomorrow

With two victories tucked under their belts, the Washington and Lee freshmen basketball team journeys to Fort Defiance today to try for their third victory of the season and to attempt to make it their second win over Augusta this year.

The Brigadiers have not been able to practice recently due to the exams and Fancy Dress. This may handicap their play somewhat today.

The yearlings hold the only victory over Augusta thus far and the prep school boys are out for revenge.

The players making the trip today are: Middlekauf, Rieger, Ellis, Watts, Pette, Pullen, Grove, Henderson, Tucker, and Magrath. Tomorrow night the freshmen have booked a game with Bluefield College to be played on the Doremus floor. While on Friday the first year men tackle the Emerson quintet from Washington on the local court.

Generals Meet Fast N. C. State Cagers Tonight

Chance to Improve Standing
Of Fifth Place in Conference With Victory

After a brief workout following the examination recess, the Washington and Lee basketball squad is facing two of its hardest season games in close succession this week. Tonight the Generals are going out on the Doremus ribbed floor against North Carolina State, who are leading the Southern Conference by a wide margin, and Thursday evening, the Big Blue again journeys to Lynchburg to meet Duke, a close contender in the conference race.

North Carolina State recently turned in a 41-20 victory against Virginia Military Institute, which had been holding a high place in the conference by virtue of the Cadets' victories over Virginia and Maryland. Duke recently turned back Maryland with a high score win, and have also registered victories against V. P. I. to whom the Generals lost three weeks ago.

Due to the unsystematic manner in which the Big Blue conducted its losing attack against Virginia recently it has been rumored that Coach Cy Young will make drastic changes in his starting lineup against Carolina State tonight. When interviewed on this point, Coach Young replied: "There are liable to be plenty of changes now and in the future, but I shan't commit myself now."

Saturday night the Generals are playing their third game of this week, this time against West Virginia at Bluefield. The Mountaineers have a strong team and have recorded victories against fast teams throughout both conferences. The Generals return home the following Tuesday to encounter North Carolina University here in Lexington.

Probable line-ups:

Wash. and Lee	N. C. S.
Sawyers	F. Johnson
Smith	C. Jay
Fitzwilson	C. Deagan
Holbrook	G. Clark
Fields	G. Rex

Freshman Swimmers Lose Close Contest To Augusta Cadets

Losing the last event on the program, the Washington and Lee freshman swimmers dropped a closely contested meet to the Augusta Military tankmen Monday afternoon by a score of 36-30. The relay which was the final event was won by Fitch, Byrd, Patterson and Cooper of A. M. A. The time was 1:42.6.

A summary of the meet is as follows:
100-yard free style—won by Fitch (A. M. A.). 2. Lanier (W. and L.). 3. Reed (W. and L.). Time: 57.4.

50-yard breaststroke—won by Jacques (A. M. A.). 2. Vandumen (W. and L.). 3. Weiland (A. M. A.). Time: 34.2.

220 free style—won by Byrd (A. M. A.). 2. Magee (W. and L.). 3. Reed (W. and L.). Time: 2:38.4.

50-yard free style—won by Patterson (A. M. A.). 2. Allen (W. and L.). 3. Fitch (A. M. A.). Time: 26.

Dives—won by Ferris (W. and L.). 2. Weiland (A. M. A.). 3. Watts (W. and L.).

50-yard backstroke—won by Magee (W. and L.). 2. Farnsworth (A. M. A.). 3. Milton (W. and L.). Time: 30.2.

No Action by Trustees On Sunday Lights

Very Few Other Colleges or
Universities Permit Lights
On Sundays

ANNUAL MEETING
FOUNDERS' DAY

Board Believes Lights Would
Give School Factory-
Like Appearance

No action was taken by the Board of Trustees on the question of lights at its recent meeting. Despite the appeal of the students to have the lights left on, the Board is remaining on its decision of four years ago. The Board is the only body that can give the order for the lights to be turned on and until they change their minds regarding the situation, the buildings will remain dark.

Not feeling that they are being unjust or strict, or that Washington and Lee is unusual in this particular ruling, they pointed out that colleges throughout the country keep their lights off on Sunday. Students are given the opportunity to study Sunday mornings and afternoons, said Dr. Gaines, but the University does not want to feel that it is encouraging students to wait until Sunday night to study. If they want to study on Sunday, the buildings are left open so that the students that need to use them may.

Dr. Gaines further stated that the Board felt that Washington and Lee should not be a "seven-day week" school. That the general opinion was that there should be one day during the week when academic activity should cease on the campus in comparison to class days.

While no survey has been made on the subject, it is generally accepted that most of the schools in the country keep lights off on Sunday and close up their buildings.

The other chief objection to Sunday lights was that it would make the University buildings look like a factory, all lit up and this was considered to be against the best interests of the University and the community.

Latest 'Shine' Termed Best

Fancy Dress Number Receives
Wide Praise For Un-
usual Features

Coming out shortly before the Fancy Dress set of dances, the "Shine" received wide praise as being the best number this year.

Embodying the Fancy Dress motif as its theme, it contains several articles and short pieces of humorously satirical vein. The leading feature, called "Fancy Dress Silhouettes," satirized the various types of girls that attend the dance sets. A shorter piece gives a humorous interpretation of Bernie Cummins' orchestra greeting to Washington and Lee.

One of the cleverest features is an article that parodies the literary efforts of Ernest Hemingway, Al Smith, and Erich Remarque, the Hemingway piece being particularly uproarious in its effect.

A two-page poem entitled the "Virgin of Waikiki" aroused considerable comment for its deftness of style and unusualness in substance. The regular features maintained their former standards, being well-written and aptly presented.

Several cartoons and drawings with the Fancy Dress theme successfully embody the modern trend towards subtlety in humor, while a profusion of excellent original and exchange jokes helped to make the Fancy Dress issue the best of the year.

The cover, presented in multi-colored black and white, has also received comment as being one of the best drawings of figures to appear in a college comic.

Calyx Drive Begins
Officials of the Calyx announced that the campaign for subscriptions was to begin Monday, January 30. The price will be \$5.00 per copy.

I have never seen anything since 1918 that was worth the sacrifice of the war dead.—J. B. Priestly.

Colonel Anderson Gives Founders' Day Address

Colonel Henry W. Anderson, lawyer and distinguished alumnus of Washington and Lee, was the principal speaker at the annual Founders' Day assembly which was held in the Doremus Gymnasium on Thursday, January 19. The subject of Colonel Anderson's address was "Facing the Future", an analysis of the national election.

Colonel Anderson said that the vast social and economic changes that must take place in the near future could be made without violence provided that a courageous leader takes the initiative and inaugurates a program that will materialize the will of the people. The people must be told the truth, he said. He could not see that the election was necessarily a victory for any party, but rather a defeat of the party that has been in power, and that has failed to face the facts and thus appeal to the people for cooperation.

Dramatic Club Picks Comedy For February

'Louder Please,' With Cast of
Fifteen Chosen by
Troupadours

"Louder Please," a new comedy, has been named as the coming production of the Troupadours, Mr. L. E. Watkin, director of the organization, announced yesterday. This show will be given in Lexington during the last week in February. Although final plans are not complete, it is probable that the showing will be given in the New Theatre.

Final cast selections are being made tonight. "Louder Please" has a cast of fifteen and was chosen because it will give a large number of men an opportunity to try out for dramatic parts. The try-outs last fall uncovered a great deal of talent which will be used in this performance. The first reading of the play was held last night.

"Louder Please" played on Broadway last year at The Masque. At that time Lee Tracy, of movie fame, and Miss Jane Buchanan played the leading roles.

Norman Krasna Author

Norman Krasna, former assistant Dramatic Critic of The World is the author of the show. Mr. Krasna has the distinction of having written a Broadway hit before he was twenty-two years old.

"For all his youth, Norman Krasna is one young man who cannot be fooled. The tinsel glories of motion-picture stars are just that to him. With bitter derision he has helped to glorify some of the dumbest blondes that ever cooed upon the silver screen. He has produced from them testimonials for throat deodorants when their giddy halitosis was enough to take the place of war gas. He has built up reputations as counterfeit as near beer. In his first play he opened up the workings of fame-manufacture, and here you see what it is that makes the idolized puppets of the talkies," says Louis Weitzenkorn, Mr. Krasna sponsor.

"Louder Please" is a comedy in three acts that takes the spectator behind the scenes of a publicity office in a Hollywood studio. It shows how Herbert White, master publicity director, puts his stars on the front pages of every newspaper in the country. It shows with satire how one fake publicity stunt almost lands the director in jail. But it ends happily with the police glad to let the matter drop in order to save their own faces.

The Troupadour workshop will open today under the direction of Duncan Groner to begin work on the setting for the play. The scene of the show is the office of the publicity director in Hollywood.

"Louder Please" will be produced under the direction of Mr. L. E. Watkin. It will be the second show of the current season. Present plans of the Troupadours include a third show to be given in the spring.

Sigma Pledges

- Bob Morris
- Jim Pound
- Tom Boland
- Joe Sawyers
- Bill Grove
- Sherwood Wise
- John Thomas
- Marshall Black
- Billy Wilson
- Tim Cremin
- Walt Cremin

Great Acclaim Greets Annual Costume Ball

Over Thousand Dancers And
Many Spectators Attend
27th Fancy Dress

ALUMNI ATTENDANCE
SETS NEW RECORD

Miss Annie White, Sponsor of
First Dance, 'Enjoys
Ball'

With attendance and the splendor of decorations surpassing those of previous years, the twenty-seventh annual Fancy Dress Ball was acclaimed a great success by over a thousand costumed dancers and many spectator guests. Friday night saw the Doremus Gymnasium decorated to represent the ballroom of the royal palace in Madrid as King Philip IV of Spain and Queen Elizabeth were entertained at the "Ball of the Grandees."

"The Fancy Dress Ball this year was very pretty, and I enjoyed it a great deal," declared Miss Annie White, director and hostess at the first Fancy Dress Ball in 1907, and guest of honor at the twenty-seventh ball last Friday night.

Men's Costumes Better

"The men's figure costumes were particularly good this year, prettier than they have been in several years; Bernie Cummins and His New Yorkers played unusually good music," Miss Annie said. "The beauty of the decorations was outstanding."

Cy Young, alumni secretary here, in commenting on the ball said, "More alumni attended the Fancy Dress Ball this year than ever before." He placed the number conservatively at 50, but stated that there were possibly 100 present.

Frank Bailey and Miss Justine White, of Huntington, West Virginia, lead the dance as the King and Queen of Spain. They were assisted by Pickens Walker and Miss Emily Woodruff, of Columbus, Georgia, as the Duke and Duchess of Aragon.

Frank Bryant and Miss Nona Hill Ewbank, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, led the Junior Prom Thursday night. William Thomas and Miss Jeanne Barner, of Hagerstown, Maryland, assisted.

Band Goes South

Bernie Cummins and His New Yorkers played the music for the dance set; they also played for a tea dance given by the fraternities of Phi Gamma Delta and Alpha Tau Omega at the Robert E. Lee Hotel on Friday afternoon. After leaving here the band went on to Georgia Tech. Cummins played for the twenty-sixth annual Fancy Dress Ball last year.

Many of the guests at the ball attended the informal held at V. M. I. Saturday night. The cadets used the same orchestra.

Costumes not returned to the gym this afternoon will be charged against the holders. Any one still having a costume should get in touch with Frank Bailey, president of the dance, at once. Van Horn, of Philadelphia, served as costumer this year.

Officers assisting Bailey and Walker were Eli Finkelstein, secretary-treasurer; Billy Wilson, business manager, and Arthur Lamar, publicity director.

Duty To 'Raise Hell'

Cincinnati—(IP)—One of the most sacred duties of the sociologist, in the opinion of Dr. Edward A. Ross of the University of Wisconsin, is to "raise hell" at times.

He expressed this belief here in an address before the American Sociological Society, in which he condemned "shrinking violet complexes," and the dodging of controversial subjects by professors of sociology.

"We don't want to dehumanize sociology," Dr. Ross said. "At certain times, under certain conditions, it is the most sacred duty of sociologists to 'raise hell.' They should give their conclusions on such things as companionate marriage, sex, marriage and divorce and other problems in their realm when asked."

We must not scorn, but study Russia. We must think along new lines.—President Farrand of Cornell.

As a camouflage for corruption prohibition has been useful.—Ezra Pound.

W. and L. Tankmen Defeat W. and M. 42-24

The Washington and Lee varsity swimming team defeated the William and Mary tankmen in a meet held at Williamsburg before exams by a score of 42-24. The Generals who are State champions defeated the Indians by the same score last season.

William and Mary managed to take only two events, those being the relay and the high dive. Washington and Lee was superior in the dashes to take all the events. The Indians' outstanding winner was Casey who took the diving event with little trouble. Casey was also favored to win the breast-stroke but the Generals pulled a surprise and Casey came in for second place. Cohen, the speedy General swimmer, took a first place in the breast stroke after coming in second in the 440. McDavid, another Washington and Lee ace, broke a pool record in the 440 free style. The next swimming meet scheduled for the Generals will take place at Durham on February 10, when they face the strong team representing the Blue Devils.

Generals Hold Fifth Position In Conference

Defeats by Virginia and V. P.
I. Give Big Blue .333
Standing

Washington and Lee, tied for fifth place in Southern conference basketball rating with North Carolina State, will find opportunity to step forward when the Generals meet the Red Terrors from Raleigh in Doremus gymnasium tonight. The Big Blue has won one and lost two against conference opponents.

North Carolina university and South Carolina are holding first place with no losses. The Tar Heels have won three while the South Carolina quintet has only met one conference team, Duke and Virginia, tied for second place with two wins and one loss, will attempt to continue their fast pace now that examinations have been completed in the majority of conference schools. The Blue Devils will face the Tar Heels tonight in a closely expected battle. Maryland and V. M. I. are the lone holders of the third and fourth positions. The Cadets opened the season with a fast pace and took most of their games with close scores but later met defeat at the hands of Carolina.

North Carolina has scored 126 points to 66 for opponents while the Generals have chalked up 101 against 106 for opponents. The present standing for conference teams is as follows:

	W	L	Pct
North Carolina	3	0	1.000
South Carolina	1	0	1.000
Duke	2	1	.667
Virginia	2	1	.667
Maryland	3	2	.600
V. M. I.	2	3	.400
Wash. and Lee	1	2	.333
N. C. State	1	2	.333
V. P. I.	2	5	.286
Clemson	0	1	.000

Rivers and Moreland Elected Co-Captains Of Swimming Team

M. Peel Rivers of Louisville, Ky., and William H. Moreland Jr. of Lexington, were elected co-captains of the title holding Washington and Lee varsity swimming team, Coach E. P. (Cy) Twombly announced yesterday. Both of these men are seniors and this season will mark their last appearance on the General team.

Both Rivers and Moreland are members of the relay team which won the Southern Conference championship two years ago. Besides being on the relay team, Rivers is a dash man participating in the 100 while Moreland swims the 50. For the past two years the varsity swimming team has been undefeated and at present holds the state championship. The 1933 season was opened recently when the General tankmen traveled to Williamsburg where they defeated the William and Mary team, 42-24.

Hazed By Students

Allentown, Pa.—(IP)—When a chapel proctor at Muhlenberg College reported several men absent he was seized and hazed by the men. The faculty asked the student council to act against the hazers. The council refused, and asked the faculty to dismiss all chapel proctors.

Virginia Downs Cagers, 32-27, During Exams

Generals Find Maryland Dif-
ficult, But Win Thrilling
Victory

SUFFER LET-DOWN
IN CAVALIER TILT

Big Blue's Eight Point Lead
Overcome in Second
Half

Two victories and one bitter defeat marked the activities of the Washington and Lee basketeers just before and during the recent examination recess. Victories were recorded against Gallaudet, mute team near Washington, and Maryland, one of the strongest teams in the northern division of the conference, while the loss was administered by Virginia. The first game of the examination series, played against Gallaudet, resulted in an easy victory for the fast moving Generals who mowed down the Mutes, 43-18.

The following night witnessed a game against Maryland which was almost a repetition of history. The Generals took the aggressive from the start and managed to build up a slight lead which remained unthreatened during the opening stages of the game. The Terps came back near the close of the opening half to score three baskets in rapid succession and end the first period in a 19-19 deadlock.

Fields Scores

Fields opened the second half with a flip shot, and the score rose steadily until a renewed Diamondback drive placed things in a second deadlock, 33-all, with five minutes to play. Fields dropped another basket and Jarrett came through to count for both of his charity chances while Sawyers was sinking a brilliant side shot. The Terps were now faced by a six point lead and took time out.

Chase sank a field goal to count for the Old Liners and a moment later Walker added a free toss and a field basket to bring Maryland within one point of the Big Blue. Sawyers and Jarrett sank charity throws once more to add two points to the lead, but Walker again came back with a long basket and the Generals clung to their one point lead with seconds to play. Fitzwilson iced the game shortly afterwards with a side shot, his first score of the evening.

In the Virginia fracas at Lynchburg two Saturdays ago, the Generals began with the fury of a cyclone and ended with the meekness of a Maypole dance. After a brilliant opening which gave the Big Blue a lead of eight points at the intermission, the Wahoos came back slowly and surely to tear down the big lead against them and decidedly build up one for themselves, which reached six points at one stage of the game. The score was 20-12 at the half.

Scored Eight Points

Led by Hudson and Rogers, the Cavaliers quickly scored eight points to tie the score, 21-21, after Sawyers had been successful in dropping one free toss. The Generals took time out at this point and came back into the lead shortly afterwards when Sawyers sank a long shot from the sideline. Rogers flipped in a basket for the Cavaliers a moment later and again the score was deadlocked.

At this instance occurred the turning point of the game. Holbrook was awarded a free throw and missed the chance, and shortly afterwards he fouled Rogers who dropped his toss through the hoop. The lanky Wahoo forward continued his scoring streak with two more field shots in close succession and the Generals were trailing five points. Charlie Smith rang a flip shot, but Sturm added another two points for the Cavaliers.

Billy Wilson sank the final score for the Generals shortly afterwards and when Rogers, again fouled by Holbrook, dropped both of the chances, the scoring was completed and the Cavaliers had walked away with a victory, 32-27, which was marked by their brilliant comeback and the utter letdown on the Big Blue.

The Virginia fray, which developed into a veritable comedy of errors the closing half, witnessed a frenzied desire on the part of each General to score as many points as possible in the Washington and Lee mode of play against the Cavaliers.

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HELL WEEK

The end of the first semester means that the Greek fraternities will have their annual opportunity to initiate their freshmen into their respective organizations. It also means the revival of that old blood-thirsty practice of holding a Hell Week. This week, appropriately designated, gives the old men under the guise of "it has always been done before" the opportunity to inflict corporal punishment on their pledges.

Hell Weeks are being done away with. It is a feature of the fraternity system which is pointed out as one of the evils of the system. For this reason fraternity leaders are trying to eliminate this archaic practice. The national officers of nearly every fraternity have either passed a rule against Hell Week and its physical punishment or have gone on record as favoring the abolishment. On some campuses, like Washington and Lee, the matter has been left up to the individual chapters. On others the interfraternity council has lead the agitation against Hell Week, while in some schools it has become necessary for the university authorities to rule against the practice.

A little beating when needed, never did any pledge any harm, but Hell Week does nothing to make him a better pledge, for at its completion he is eligible to go through the formal initiation and need not worry as much about his conduct. It is ridiculous that the members of a fraternity who are receiving a higher education should think it necessary to engage in a physical initiation.

There are certain features of Hell Week that are all right, but there is no need for the beating that goes on or other physical punishment. An efficient committee in charge of Hell Week can give the goats plenty of trouble without beating them.

The coaches of the freshman teams are always confronted with the problem at this time of the year of keeping their men in condition. A man who has been up all night or who has been receiving regular beatings cannot be expected to do his best in athletic competition.

Except for the physical punishment the old men of the house have to suffer loss of sleep and time on their studies along with the freshmen. In other words they will suffer themselves, in order to make their freshmen suffer.

Several fraternities on this campus have already done away with the terrific beatings that took place on the last night of Hell Week. They are to be congratulated. If the others were to follow their example the worst feature of Hell Week as it now exists among the Washington and Lee fraternities would disappear.

NUMBER PLEASE!

There was once a time, not so long ago, when a phone could be picked up and by merely mentioning the name of the person to whom you wished to speak, the operator would oblige in a fairly reasonable length of time. But that one redeeming feature of the telephone company is gone and Lexington's one utopian touch with it.

Today, if one must phone, the number has to be looked up and this has developed into a distinct nuisance. After all these years of just mentioning names such a sudden change is rather jolting. The telephone company seems to have no excuse for their reversal of form except that they are trying to be metropolitan in a small time way. The operators know everybody in town, and there have been some cases where they can tell you where a person is when he is not at

home. Of course the telephone company holds the upper hand. If you refuse to look the number up, the operator immediately cuts you off and if you tell her what you think of the company she immediately disconnects the phone. By adding this cosmopolitan touch to it, the telephone company has incurred a great deal of disfavor.

While many colleges and universities in all parts of the country have been accepting the barter system of tuition payments this year, probably the most novel offer made was that of President Albert S. Parker, Jr., of Hanover College.

President Parker has offered to accept land suitable for reforestation at the rate of \$10 an acre for payment of college tuition fees.

The plan is for the college to hold the land for future development and revenue from timber. The president said that there is much marginal land in the hills of southern Indiana which should be turned into forests. He said he expected many young men and women to take advantage of his offer.

Hanover, founded in 1827, is a co-educational college supported by the Presbyterian Church and private endowment. It has a student body of 335.

There are two kinds of education. One is that which makes you pass examinations, the other is the one you enjoy. This makes education an atmosphere, a discipline and a lift, and produces a human being.—Bishop David of Liverpool.

Democracy has not failed; the intelligence of the race has failed before the problems the race has raised.—Dr. Robert M. Hutchins of the University of Chicago.

HIGH PRINCIPLES

There will be little "footballing your way through college," in the Southern Conference, according to the revised constitution and by-laws of the recently reorganized intercollegiate athletic league. The revision of the rules, which govern the conference, which took place down at Richmond last month at the outset point toward the elimination of the commercial athlete and any other phase of professionalism on the southern conference common. Often before, athletic bodies have set forth high sounding principles which have served merely to camouflage the real methods employed in obtaining and maintaining athletes.

The revised regulations provide that a student in order to participate in intercollegiate varsity athletics must be well up on his work, having passed at least 36 quarter hours during his previous year. This will amount to two-thirds of the required hours for the first two years and three-fifths for the last two at V. P. I.) The granting of special athletic scholarships and the subsidization of athletics by college administrations are also prohibited.

A resolution was passed requesting the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States to make an investigation of athletics in southern colleges and upon completion of such an investigation deprive any of its members of the rating of standard colleges who were found to be subsidizing athletics or lowering entrance requirements and scholastic standings for athletes until such conditions were remedied at the institution.

The question arises, what effect will the adoption of the revised regulations have upon college football? That remains to be seen. The setting of a standard scholastic standard will eliminate some men from football teams. College subsidies and athletic scholarships being eliminated the athletic associations will be entirely free to guide their own course with two less means of financial aid. With standard eligibility requirements for all teams and one less recruiting weapon, the athletic scholarship, a keener rivalry and a higher type of intercollegiate sportsmanship should evolve. It remains also to be seen, however, just how closely the new conference rules will be adhered to. Only last year the conference set out to clean up the gridiron, but no later than the opening of the football season was the president of the conference called upon to act on the case of a prominent football player of one of the member institutions. The player was dismissed and quite a stir occurred in all quarters of the conference.

We have great hopes in the fact that a group of athletic heads from the Northern end of the former conference, led by C. P. MILES, president of the Southern Conference and director of athletics at V. P. I., have for the past several years advocated a clean up of the Southern gridiron and that breaches which have occurred have been chiefly among schools now out of the conference.

In revising its constitution and by-laws, the Southern Conference is placing upon each of its members a challenge to adhere to the principles set forth in the letter of the regulations and implied. Unless the colleges of the four states do this, the revised rules will be just another meaningless set of athletic ethics. Strict adherence to these rules would be a great step toward returning of college athletics to the strictly amateur basis. The colleges can, if they will.—V. A. Tech.

Among The BOOKS

Editor's Note: Through the cooperation of Miss Blanche McCrum, head librarian, a series of book reviews, to appear every two weeks, will be presented in this column. The reviews are to be on the most important new books obtained by the library and are to be signed by the professors who reviewed them. The Ring-tum Phi offers this service to those students who are interested in keeping up with current books and to stimulate interest in important literary works that they might otherwise not hear about.

"The Revolt of the Masses" By Ortega y Gasset A Review Call Number at General Library: 901077r

This book by one of the foremost intellectual and political leaders of Spain is perhaps the most important work in the philosophy of history which has appeared for several years. It is written so attractively that Ellen Glasgow calls it "the most interesting book of the season" and it is so significant for our times that the Wall Street Journal says that "it is of first importance in aiding the reader to understand the fundamental causes of the World's distress."

The thesis is indicated by the title. In a century the population of the Western World has increased three fold. Along with this quantitative increase has been an unparalleled growth in the significance of the masses. To the Eighteenth Century, the equality of man was a utopian dream; to the Nineteenth, it was a working ideal; in the twentieth it is an accepted fact with certain very serious consequences. We live in an age which is dominated politically, socially, morally and aesthetically by the mass mind, an age in which the influence and power of select minorities is definitely declining. The mass has no ideas, no reverence for ideas ("Ideas" are defined as rationally grounded principles or standards of value). The author tells the story of a gypsy who went to confession. The cautious priest asked him if he knew the Commandments of God. To this the gypsy replied: "Well, Father, it's this way, I was going to learn them but I heard they were going to do away with them." This is a parable of the situation in the world at present. Men and women everywhere are living without rationally grounded principles and standards of value. Where there are no standards there is no culture. The traveler who arrives in a barbarous country knows that in that country there are no ruling principles to which it is possible to appeal. Barbarism is the absence of standards. Hence, the Western World, including America, is suffering from the vertical invasion of barbarism.

Ortega's definitions are interesting. "The mass is all that sets no value on itself—good or ill—based on specific grounds, but which feels itself "just like everybody" and, nevertheless, is not concerned about it, is, in fact, quite happy to feel itself as one with everyone else." The man who feels his inferiority in some aspect, as measured by some standard, is not mass. Society is always a dynamic unity of two component factors: minorities and masses. The minorities are individuals or groups which are especially qualified. This division of society into masses and select minorities is not the ordinary division of social classes. "The select man is not the petulant person who thinks himself superior but the man who demands more of himself than the rest" and, consequently, makes more of himself than the rest. The author is not contemptuous of man in the mass. He believes that real progress has been made in certain directions. The general level of living has been raised so that the masses now enjoy the pleasures and use the instruments, hitherto the exclusive privileges of minorities. This is good. Yet, he believes that, if the mass mind continues to be master in Europe, thirty years will suffice to send the Continent back to barbarism. "The mass crushes beneath it everything that is different, everything that is excellent, individual, qualified and select. Anybody who is not like everybody, who does not think like everybody, runs the risk of being eliminated." Having declared the standards upon which European culture was erected to be bankrupt, the mass refuses to entrust leadership to those select minorities through whom, alone, better standards and a better culture can be built.

The aim of the book is, primarily, diagnostic. It paints a dark picture; yet is far less pessimistic than much current literature, much less than the popular fatalism of Spengler. Ortega does not believe that present civilization is decadent. He believes that Europe, and perhaps America, can

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

The Ring-tum Phi has been carrying on a campaign for lights in the libraries and on the library steps, and this campaign seems to have had some response from the administration. However, nothing has been said this year about the lighting conditions in Lees dormitory.

Every year, for the past three years, the students living in Lees dormitory have asked that the lights in this dormitory be kept on all day, and every year they have asked in vain. The Executive Committee of the Student Body has recommended time and again that these lights be left on, and at sporadic intervals the lights have been left on, but eventually someone countermands the orders and we are without lights for the greater part of the daylight hours.

It may seem strange that we want lights during the daylight hours, but anyone who has visited in the dormitory while the lights were out could not fail to notice that there are someroots that are not sufficiently accessible to the sun's rays, and those in these rooms are penalized.

While it seems to be a useless task to fight for lights for every day in the school year, there is no reason within the limits of common sense why the lights should have been turned off for any time at all during the examination period. It may have been a case of oversight, but someone has surely slipped up badly and penalized those students who are unfortunate enough to live in a dormitory where there is insufficient lighting and who want to study during the day for examinations.

If any member of the student body, faculty or administration took a room where the lease called for lights, and was subject to the inconvenience and annoyance of lack of light that some thoughtless persons make the students of Lees dormitory stand for, they would make a particularly strong attempt to have the matter rectified. Why can't we have the same break that they would want?

A resident of Lees dormitory.

GATE CRASHING ART BEING PERFECTED BY SMART LADS

Cleveland—(IP)—The smart lads who attend high school "open" dances these days, it appears, are perfecting the art of gate crashing in a manner which would cause the great Connolly to hang his head in shame. Not that they object to paying the admission fee, but it's more fun crashing the gate.

When the Great Minds which plan dances hit upon the scheme of rubber stamping the young gentlemen who have paid their admission, they considered it fool proof. The stamp was affixed on the right wrist, and was there to show that all was well.

But it usually happens that in every group of men students there is at least one budding young artist, and these young artists are taking their kits with them when they go to dances. In the kits are various pointed pens and inks of different hue.

One of the groups goes through the gate, pays his admission and has the imprint of the stamp placed on his wrist. Then he comes out. The artist has a pattern to work from. The rest is easy.

Another less perfect plan is to moisten the wrist which has been stamped, and transfer the stamp to another wrist. This, of course, is likely to be detected if there is any printing on the legal stamp, because it will be backward when transferred.

A more apt slogan would be: "Both beer and bread."—John Hemphill.

be saved. He definitely rejects both Facism and Communism as desperate backward steps, doomed to failure. He holds to the representative democracy of the American Founders. Capable men must assert themselves and use their influence to stem the tide which threatens to engulf them. This he thinks they can do by calling the masses to enterprises big enough and important enough to awaken their latent enthusiasm and to restore their willing submission to capable leadership. The task he most strongly urges is the unification of Europe. The concept of the nation has developed historically from the tribe to the region, to the province, to the modern state. The modern state is now outmoded and its present boundaries, meaningless. The time has come for another synthesis of diverse cultures like those which stirred the imagination and aroused the energies of the past.

No brief review can be just to the thought of a great book. Still less can it indicate the clarity of ideas and charm of style which this possesses. Its views, as here presented, may seem repugnant to some. Yet even these will be repaid in the reading and their distaste may be lost when they follow Ortega's logic and perceive his views in relation to the argument as a whole. For here is a literary landmark of our times, a book destined to influence opinion, both in Europe and America.

William W. Morton.

Front Row

JOE MAGEE

"No Man of Her Own" features Carole Lombard as the lady without and Clark Gable as the one in demand in this saga of sex. Miriam Hopkins was originally intended for this picture, but Miss Lombard does well in her struggle for a wedding ring; however, little can be said for the Gable ears and vitality.

Good situations and clever wisecracks, often close to the pale, combined with Miss Lombard's endocrine appeal, make "No Man of Her Own" an excellent show. The critics gave this one several stars.

"If I Had a Million" plays a return engagement at the Lyric on Thursday for the benefit of those who missed it due to the change in Christmas holidays.

This picture, as you may already know, represents the combined efforts of some of our leading short story writers, and the cast contains a line up resembling the Grand Hotel array of stars. To reveal all, "If I Had a Million" is very good, except for one scene (that of the condemned man), and received highly enthusiastic praise.

Now that Boris Karloff has automatically assumed Lon Chaney's place in the sun as the best exponent of horror roles, the movies are overlooking nothing to advance the popularity of their find. At present we discover him billed as "Karloff the Uncanny," and his latest creation is "The Mummy," in which he plays just that. Concerning this fanciful tale of Egypt, tombs, mummies and romance, the critics expressed themselves rather definitely. The great Karloff is credited with remarkable makeup that gives him every appearance of being mummified remains; he gives what might be called a sterling performance; the setting is weird; but at best, "The Mummy" is only fair entertainment.

Greta Garbo, returning to America, is being held up on the restriction regarding foreign actors and actresses entering this country.

Two Students Have Narrow Escape

North Conway, N. H.—(IP)—Two college students, Miss Jessie Whitehead, daughter of Professor Albert Whitehead of Harvard University, and Walter K. Sturges, Harvard '31, now a student of architecture at Yale, narrowly escaped death last week when they fell 400 feet down an ice-capped shoulder of Mount Washington.

Four members of the Harvard Mountaineering Club, along with others recruited for the purpose, carried the pair on a stretcher for several miles in relays to the Conway hospital here.

A survey of the tastes of the senior class at Hunter College reveals that on the whole the members of the class are conservative, prefer classical poetry, like to read better than to do anything else, plan mostly to go into teaching, medicine, law, radio broadcasting, and library and museum work, and have Heywood Brown as their favorite columnist.

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--Scribblings--

The son of an exiled Afghan-isthanian king, Prince Abdul Ghani, is enrolled at L. S. U. Recently he came out strongly in favor of the "one-woman harem," much to the surprise of his fellow students.

A freshman at Tulane, when asked why Edward II was deposed, answered that she really could not say just then as her mind was on Edward III.

Examination papers in the law school at West Virginia are identified by numbers instead of names. This is a part of the intricate honor system which is attempting to get rid of unprejudiced grading.

At Purdue, experiments conducted have tended to show that large classes are just as good and in some cases better than small ones.

A "Female Aid Society" has been organized at the University of Washington for the purpose of renting fraternity pins to unattractive co-eds at very reasonable prices.

This year's annual at the University of Kentucky will contain pictures of the ten most popular professors instead of the ten most popular ladies, as has been the custom heretofore.

Eddington deduces religion from the fact that atoms do not obey the laws of mathematics and Jeans deduces it from the fact that they do.—Bertrand Russell.

Commerce students at Southern Methodist have more to complain about than lack of lights. On cold days they must wear coats during class because of a defective heating system.

Oberlin coeds may smoke in their rooms if they have fire extinguishers rented from the school with them.

A research committee at the University of California has brought to light the fact that there are only nine unknissed men on that campus.

At Kansas, because of the high cost of maintaining the absence file in the dean's office, no official excuses for absences are required.

Last year campus organizations at Ohio State held 658 dances.

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.. Following the BIG BLUE ..

By De Clark

It is almost certain that the football game with Kentucky already scheduled for Lexington for this year will be changed to Roanoke. The game with the Wildcats was first scheduled for Lexington because V. M. I. was playing away from home, but when they heard Kentucky was coming here, they changed their schedule and brought their game back to Lexington, making two on the same day. As it was Washington and Lee's turn to play a morning game when two contests are played in Lexington, the crowd would naturally go to the afternoon game and our attendance would drop off. Kentucky wasn't very happy about playing a morning game, so the scene of battle will be shifted to Roanoke. This is a good football town, and officials there have always done their best to make Washington and Lee students welcomed.

With the Kentucky contest taking place in Roanoke, there will still be three home contests for the General fans. The site for the William and Mary game has been decided upon, and this year it will be played in Lexington. A home and home agreement has been made with the Indians, and the 1934 fray will be played in Williamsburg. The other two home contests will be Roanoke College and Virginia, the latter coming on Armistice day.

With examinations out of the way, it looks like a big time for winter sports during the next three weeks. The basketball team swings into action again tonight when they face the strong North Carolina State quintet. The Red Terrors and the Generals are tied at present in Southern Conference standing, each having won one and lost two. The Big Blue will have a chance to step up in the race tonight, providing they set back the Carolinians. Cy has been drilling his men hard this week and if the Generals get under way, I can see a victory despite the fact that State turned back V. P. I. last night, 45-25.

The last home game was a perfect exhibition of what the Big Blue can really do if they want to. They functioned like a regular General basketball team against Maryland and the outcome was almost as exciting as last year's game against the Old Liners. Once the Big Blue had the lead they showed that they were able to keep it until the final whistle. Up to date the Generals have won all home contests but dropped the two away. If that means anything, the Blue and White should come out on top tonight. They seem to fight a great deal harder on their home court, but that's only natural.

Thursday night the Generals will travel to Lynchburg where they will tackle the Duke Blue Devils for the first time this season. The game will be played in the New City Armory and will probably begin about eight o'clock. The middle of the week is always bad for a contest scheduled away from home but Lynchburg isn't so far off and it seems to be a popular place with students for many 'fair' reasons. Some of you "On to Lynchburg men" might drop in and watch the boys battle it out with the Blue Devils.

Duke will naturally be favored to win because of their impressive record so far this season. In conference rating they stand second along with the Wahoos. A little bit of their power was shown in their recent game with V. M. I. which they easily won, 41-20. The Cadets took Maryland by one point while we pushed them aside by three. The Blue Devil game will also be played on a neutral floor but the Generals have already played there once, losing out to Virginia. This gives them the advantage of being familiar with the court.

The latest dope is that only eight schools out of ten in the Southern Conference will be invited to participate in the tournament held in Raleigh on February 25, 26, and 27. The reason for this is to avoid the necessity of having any byes. With this announcement the Generals will have to move fast for the next few weeks. The remaining games with the exception of William and Mary and West Virginia are all Conference battles and we have a good chance to end up in a high position. Clemson and V. P. I. now hold the cellar positions but they have plenty of time to come up from the rut.

Charlie Garner, 145-pound boxer for North Carolina State and Southern Conference champion, received a setback the other day. He was defeated by Leroy Eldes of Duke by decision in a close battle. Garner recently fought Ed Mincher when the Red Terrors met the Generals in Doremus gym. Ed lost out by a close decision after an extra round had been added.

Kenneth (Big Island) Routen former fast-stepping shortstop on the Generals' baseball team will begin his second year of semi-professional baseball this spring with the famous Cutters Club of Lynchburg. "Big" signed again to play a shortstop position for the Cutters who made a great record last year with teams in the South Atlantic section in their class. They will be out to do even better this year and "Big" will certainly be a help. He was the hero of many a game on Wilson field. He not only stops the hot grounders that flash by a shortstop but hits and runs like a big leaguer.

Wide Range of Dance Costumes Due to More Student Designing

Ellis Island would have looked like a prison camp, with its customary uniformity of dress, beside Doremus Gymnasium last Friday night. There were everything from Empresses of all the Russias, any number of them, to peasants from the Belgian Congo. Approximately one thousand people made up the group attending the Fancy Dress Ball. Of these there were enough Russian peasants to put through the Five Year Plan in six months. Faces were changed from ordinary American ones to glamorous visages full of the love of adventure and a lust for power. If there is anything in the old maxim, though we have always been inclined to discount it as an advertising scheme on the order of one about three on a match, that clothes make the man, Napoleon would have headed for the tall timbers on Friday night for shame at being such an ignoramus.

Two-Headed Snake
First of all there were the Spanish nobility and grandees, with Lexington haircuts. These were members of the figure, composed of men on the campus who have distinguished themselves in one field or another during their stay in Lexington. Then there were the buccaners, attired in brilliant sashes and headgear and very convincing looking they were too. Last but by no means least were the large group who might have called themselves cosmopolites. They represented many nations, creeds, and civilizations. Their headgear perhaps was Chinese, their coat Dutch, their trousers Finnish, and in an overwhelming majority of cases their shoes came from Graham and Fether. It has been said by one who has attended a great number of Fancy Dress Balls that the costumes this year, in general, showed a great deal more originality than they have heretofore. This fact may be, as so many other things are, attributed to the Depression. There were a great many students and ladies who did not feel that they could afford to pay a large price for a costume when a make-shift one could be made just as effective.

There were a number of bell-hops, but none seemed particularly interested in running errands. Several students came as "I am a fugitive from a chain gang," and they too looked very convincing. Another came in a night gown but we haven't had an opportunity to talk with him to find out just what he was supposed to be. Information of a more definite nature will be published in the near future as to this point.

J. A. Crawford, director of physical education at the University of South Carolina, has received from a colored man in Edgefield County, S. C., a snake with a head perfectly formed at each end of the body. The Negro killed the snake in attempting to capture it alive.

Crawford said the Negro's account of seeing the snake raise both its heads and protrude its tongues probably was true, but he doubted the story of the snake being able to crawl in either direction.

Dr. Raymond L. Ditmars of the New York Zoological Gardens, one of the country's most famous snake students, has asked that he be given the snake to study.

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With a total of 65 points, Joey Sawyers, flashy General forward, leads the rest of his teammates in number of points scored in the first five games of the season. The Generals' quintet has met five teams, winning three and dropping two.

Bob Fields, another forward, has chalked up 20 field goals and five free throws to make a total of 45 points and a firm grip on second place. Fields has been playing a fast game and caging many a long shot to help put him in this position. Third position goes to Charlie Smith, center for the Big Blue. He has amassed a total of 29 points in the five games played. In these games Smith has dropped in 13 field goals and three free throws.

Co-captains Jarrett and Holbrook are running a close race for fourth and fifth positions. Jarrett has accounted for 17 points while Holbrook has made 14.

Totals, including the Virginia game, are as follows:

Player	G	Fs	Tl
Sawyers	23	19	65
Fields	20	5	45
Smith	13	3	29
Jarrett	6	5	17
Holbrook	6	2	14
Pitzwilson	2	0	4
Henthorne	2	0	4
Jones	2	0	4
Violet	1	2	4
Wilson	1	1	3
Steinburg	1	0	2
Barron	1	0	2

Three in Hospital
In spite of the several recent wet spells, only three students are in the hospital. Edward Seitz is still in with a cut he received in a fall; E. L. McLellan has a slight inflammation; and W. L. Paymer is suffering from flu complications. This lower sickness rate is a great relief after the cold and flu epidemic occurring around last Christmas.

True humility,
The highest virtue, mother of them all.—Tennyson.

Walter Smith, 83, the last of a succession of famous Provincetown (Mass.) town criers, is dead.

After College WHAT?



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Rumor Reports Important Step Will Be Taken

The University has recently inaugurated an extensive program of building, and the first step in the proposed scheme has recently been completed. Soon after Christmas there was a hushed murmur running about the campus that the authorities planned replacing one of the original steps in the staircase of Washington College (built 1824), but in the last week or ten days it has become a rampant rumor, rushing about the student body like so much scandal.

As soon as the rumor reached the ears of your correspondent, the matter was thoroughly investigated. It was found that the new step is approximately four feet long and nine inches wide. It is stained pine, done after the original Italian Renaissance stairs. A number of the international architects were called in on the matter, and, after due deliberation, it was decided that the step should be placed just before the first landing where it might be viewed by all students, faculty, and patrons of the University.

No announcement was forthcoming from the office of the Treasurer tonight when asked what the next move would be. He laughingly said that when one play will be until it is made, tell one's opponent what the next play will be until it is made. There are a great many improvements that are at present under consideration, but none of these are as yet at all definite. It is believed that some definite announcement will be ready before the next issue of the Ring-tum Phi.

A new hunt to find the long-lost grave of Pocahontas, heroine in the life of Capt. John Smith, early American explorer, has failed in England, after a man had told authorities he knew where the grave was.

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Ringmen Meet Augusta Again

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Boxing an unscheduled meet, the Baby Generals will meet the Augusta Military Academy fighters tonight at Fort Defiance. The meet was requested by A. M. A. and was granted by Coach Tilson in order that his charges may gain valuable experience before the next boxing season rolls around.

The freshmen will go to the meet with an added burden. On top of the fact that they have been defeated once this season by the A. M. A. men comes the disadvantage of not having been in training for the past week. During the recent festivities at Washington and Lee the boxers were not required to follow training rules.

In the first met with A. M. A. Murphy, heavyweight fighter for the Frosh, was forced to lose his match because of a shoulder thrown out of place during the fight. The referee stopped the match and awarded the decision to A. M. A. It was this fight that would have won or lost the meet. McGee who fought for the Freshmen in the first meet will not fight tonight. Jean has been moved up from the 155 pound class and will fight at 165 pounds. Murphy will be replaced by Marwick. The new lineup is as follows:

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STARS HAVE OWN FLOAT IN PARADE

For the first time in the history of the United States, motion picture stars will take part in the inauguration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt on March 4th; and they will have their own float in the procession. Among the stars who will travel from Hollywood to Washington in the "42nd Street Special" train, according to bookings up to date, are Bebe Daniels, Joe E. Brown, Ruby Keeler, James Cagney, William Powell, Warner Baxter, George Brent, Bette Davis, Joan Blondell, Guy Kibbee, Loretta Young, Warren William, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Ginger Rogers and Una Merkel. The float appearing in the parade will be an elaborate one symbolizing "Better Times" and also 42nd Street as the greatest theatrical street in the world. A number of the stars who will go to Washington on the "42nd Street Special," stopping at numerous leading cities for personal appearances en route, also appear in the cast of the new Warner Bros. feature picture, "42nd Street," which will soon be released. The entire delegation of motion picture players

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Noel Coward, Playwright, Gives Ring-tum Phi Special Interview

By Duncan Groner

Noel Coward, the English playwright, received us into his apartment at a Washington hotel with a graciousness that is rarely distinguishable among the world of celebrity. He is a very young man and has achieved great success in his 33 years of life. Mr. Arnold Bennett once said of him that critics were jealous of his early fame, and they have just cause to be because he has no less than a dozen plays that have been tremendous hits both in New York and in London. At the present time he is in New York where his latest play "Design for Living" opened last week and in which he is co-starring with Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontaine. His "Calvacade," over which all England went crazy last year has recently been released in Hollywood and has broken all depression box-office sales records. Another of his plays has recently been released by the movies, but not so much success. The name was changed and the plot somewhat muddled. Mr. Coward somewhat bitterly and somewhat ironically calls it "Banana Royal," though its real name, now, is "Tonight is Ours."

Though of course it has been stated to the contrary, Mr. Coward is not the temperamental type of genius. With all his success he remains very unassuming. He could not think what we could want to interview him on. However, he immediately put us at our ease and told us to be like the stag at eve. He likes America, though, he hasn't much sympathy for the 18th Amendment. His first success came in this country, and much of it was due to the Lunts for whom he wrote "Design for Living." He said that he liked Washington very much. It was only his second trip there and the first one had been with rather disastrous results. No one seemed to be much interested in his play and only "a few old ladies" came

to see it.

We asked Mr. Coward which of his plays he liked the best. He said that he thought that his latest was by far his best. After showing in "Calvacade" what he could do in epic-drama he said he had turned to social comedy again because the idea for it had come first into his head. Had the plot for a detective story come he should have had a try at that. He has written with equal success light opera, musical comedy, revue, social comedy, and drama. His plays take a very short while for him to set down, but they are usually the product of a six or eight months' jaunt off to some unknown part of the globe. He refuses to let himself be tied down to city lights for more than two years at a time. It is then that he boards a tramp steamer and leaves for part unknown. His routine, which he leaves behind, is so well trained however that he can go off and leave everything in their hands. Once when he was in China he wrote a play and cabled his publishers that he had a new work for them. It was bought, sight unseen, and produced before he returned to London.

"The theater was never more alive than it is today. Some one recently said that it is dying because the poets have left it. The former is not true, and if the latter be true I am very glad of it," he said.

Still insisting that something was wrong with the stage, we suggested that perhaps the talkies were having something to do with its demise. "The talkies are not killing the theater," he said, "the talkies are killing the talkies."

While we were talking along, the proverbial worm turned and Mr. Coward began catechizing us. He asked us what we were studying. He said that he felt very, very sorry for anyone who was forced to learn anything. He did not really look very sorry though. But we agreed with him anyway.

Magazine Has Great Variety In New Issue

Alumni Publication Carries Picture of General Lee On Cover

GIVES ALL ASPECTS OF UNIVERSITY LIFE

One of Leading Articles is 'Miss Annie: An Appreciation'

The January issue of the Alumni Magazine, under the direction of Harry K. (Cy) Young, has just come off the press. The cover of the magazine this time is in honor of the birthday of Robert E. Lee, and carries his picture.

This issue of the magazine is full of interesting articles. One of the best is that one entitled "Miss Annie: An Appreciation." This is written about Miss Annie White, "the best friend of our college days." Every alumni and every student of the school will enjoy this article.

Another interesting article is "Washington: Nation Builder." This is the oration that was delivered by James R. Moore in connection with the activities of the Bicentennial Celebration of the anniversary of the birth of George Washington. Moore won the national collegiate title in the contest with this speech.

"Twenty-Seventh Annual Fancy Dress Ball," written by J. Franklin Jones, gives a very good and a beautiful description of the ball that was given here last Friday night.

Athletics are not left out of the magazine for there are three articles that will be of interest to

every alumni. "Athletics Go Forward Under R. A. Smith," is an interesting article on the successful career that "Captain Dick" has had at Washington and Lee. The second article is "Tilson to Coach 1933 Generals." This article will be of especial interest to everyone. It gives a short history of Tilson's athletic career and tells about the coaching system for the Generals of 1933. "Winter Sports Off to a Favorable Start," written by John A. Culley will be read with much enthusiasm by the alumni.

DR. LOWELL HAS HIGH PRAISE FOR ATHLETICS

Cambridge, Mass.—(IP)—Football and other intercollegiate athletics supply college students with the important stimuli of contest with each other which was lost to the students when the elective system of studies did away with competition in the classroom.

This point of view, expressed last week, was not that of a college football coach seeking to justify his job, but was the opinion of none other than Dr. A. Lawrence Lowell, retiring president of Harvard University, who several years ago sharply criticized the importance given to college football.

The statement was made by Dr. Lowell in his last annual report as President of Harvard to the university's overseers. This report was mailed to some 60,000 Harvard alumni. In regard to athletics, Dr. Lowell said:

The old fixed curriculum, the same for all, partook, as President Hadley remarked its name implies, somewhat of the nature of a race. Among those in the lead there was an ambition to excel, and they were held in respect by their classmates. Eighty years ago every one knew who was the first scholar in his class, and usually for several classes before and afterwards; but with the inevitable adoption of the elective system the race over a common track became broken into many

different and incommensurate parts; and the impulse of contest, dear to youth, with the attendant approbation of the victor, was much enfeebled. Moreover, the fame acquired, both in the college and with the public beyond, by intercollegiate games and other activities outside the range of studies, diverted ambition into other channels.

"Some people have thought that the condition could be improved by eliminating those contests, that is by abolishing intercollegiate sports; but ambition in one direction is not promoted by destroying it in another which is in itself good. Scholarly interest must be fostered as an end in itself, not by trying to remove other interests."

Economy Record Set At Nebraska Univ.

Lincoln, Neb.—(IP) What ought to be the record for economy on the part of college students has been set at the University of Nebraska by Charles Warner, senior in business administration, and Hubert Heigle, senior in engineering.

The two, cooking all their own meals, are gaining weight on a diet which costs them each only \$3 a month.

They believe their food is wholesome, and that it is good for them they prove by going in for athletics, one for swimming, the other for wrestling.

Twice a week the pair makes a thick stew of beef, onions and potatoes. This is frozen and reheated as it is needed. And here is how the two make bread: they buy raw wheat and have it ground whole at the College of Agriculture. To this they add two cans of baking powder, sixteen pounds of resins and six cups of sugar. This mixture is put away in a sack to be used as needed. When bread is needed ten cups of the mixture is taken out, mixed with a can of condensed milk, three tablespoons of lard, salt and water to make a thick batter. If eggs

are selling cheaply they add four eggs to the batter. Then it is put in the oven.

Apples and raw cabbage are used to supplement the diet, on which the students expect to hold out until graduation.

CAMINERO PRAISES LEE AS EDUCATOR

Last week in three Cuban newspapers, The Havana Post, The Havana Evening Telegram, and The Havana American-News, appeared columns commemorating Robert E. Lee's one hundred and twenty-sixth birthday. The papers were quoting a speech given by Jose Caminero, a Cuban engineer and a member of the staff of the El Mundo, a Cuban magazine paper, over the radio station CMBZ at eight o'clock on the night of Lee's birthday. Caminero pointed out Lee's significance in American life with respect to journalism and education in his speech rather than his military ability. In his speech he showed the good of Lee's taking the presidency of the small Virginian college and aiding education rather than accepting a job whereby he could get a very high salary for his day, and a great deal of fame.

Caminero was a graduate of Washington and Lee more than twenty years ago, along with Cy Young. After he finished here he went to Villanova College to study journalism. Later he went back to Cuba where he acquired quite a name for himself in engineering and in newspaper work.

In his letter that he sent to President Gaines he said that he was taking this means of showing his faithfulness to his "alma mater" and of paying homage to the memory of the most beloved hero.

Apparently man is capable of adjusting himself to almost anything. I have seen millions of my fellow citizens living and apparently enjoying themselves in the City of New York.—Prof. G. S. Counts of Columbia University.

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APPROVES METHOD OF ELECTING OFFICERS

New York—(IP)—The student body at Columbia College of Columbia University was expected last week to approve a new method of electing its student officers, proposed by Prof. Joseph D. McGoldrick. The proposal already has been approved by the board of student representatives.

The plan, known as "the single transferable vote," which is now used extensively in English and Irish universities, is sought as a cure for the so-called "fraternity deal" system now in vogue at Columbia College.

Under the plan ballots would be marked with numbers in consecutive order designating preferences. The total number of ballots would be divided by one more than the number to be elected and to the resultant quotient one would be added to obtain a quota.

Each candidate who received first choice votes equal to the quota would be elected. All surplus first-choice votes would be distributed among the candidates marked for the second choice.

Thereafter the lowest candidates would be successfully eliminated and the ballots redistributed to the alternative choices until the number to be elected was reached.

Co-eds Heavy Drinkers

Philadelphia—(IP)—Two out of every three co-eds at the University of Pennsylvania drink intoxicating beverages of some kind or other, according to a survey made by Kenneth W. Conners, graduate research student at the University. The results of the survey were published in the alumni magazine of the university.

"Among male students," Conners said, "we found that three out of every five drink occasionally and that one out of every five is a steady drinker. The co-eds usually drink only socially."

"The student most likely to drink comes from a 'wet' home in an urban community, lives at a fraternity house and buys his liquor at a speakeasy or a road-house."

The survey, Conners said, was made on a scientific basis and represented about 25 per cent of the senior class of the university.

Wilmington, O.—(IP)—Finding that it has been losing money on intercollegiate football, Wilmington College has abolished the game, at least until after the depression.

This means the cancellation of eight tentative games for next season.

Dr. Walter L. Collins, president of the college, says that in place of the intercollegiate sport, a broad system of intramural sports will be worked out, the emphasis to be placed on basketball.

Wilmington College has an enrollment of about 300. In the last football season she won two games, tied two and lost four.

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EARTH HIT COMET MANY YEARS AGO

Raleigh, N. C.—(IP)—Evidence that some time in the distant past the earth ran into a comet, which landed in what is now South Carolina, has been discovered by Dr. F. A. Melton, geologist.

Dr. Melton took an airplane ride over Horry County, S. C., and from a distance of a few thousand feet saw and photographed gigantic holes in the ground, some of them more than 8,000 feet long, which is more than a mile.

These holes are believed by Dr. Melton to have been made by a shower of giant meteors in a collision between the earth and a comet a million or more years ago.

The death and destruction that could be caused in the world today by such a collision can well be imagined. If such a shower of meteors should by chance land on Manhattan Island it could and probably would wipe out New York City and kill millions of people.

This is not the first evidence that the earth has had rather violent contact in fairly recent times with heavenly bodies.

In northern Siberia there is a spot where, within the last century, a huge meteor is believed to have landed with a mighty explosion which was heard in most parts of northern Russia. The spot where the meteor landed is devastated, and for scores of miles in a radius from the spot trees still lie low to the ground from the concussion of air caused by the collision.

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One of Houdini's most spectacular escape feats was performed with a huge milk can filled with water. He invited persons of the audience to bring padlocks and lock him into the can. He got into the can, the lid was put on and fastened with several padlocks. A screen was placed in front of the can. Assistants stood by with stop watches and fire axes to save him from drowning after a certain time. About a minute later, the screen was removed, Houdini was seen panting and dripping...the padlocks remaining intact!

EXPLANATION:

The usual method of escaping from a milk can is as follows: The lid of the can is apparently securely padlocked to the lower portion, but actually the metal band to which the staples are attached is the top of a short inner lining. The performer, after being locked into the can, pushes the lid upward with his head and the short inner lining is forced out of place, permitting his escape. The screen is then removed.



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