

.. Following the BIG BLUE ..

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A Man Who Does A Great Job

If you have ever watched a baseball game during some of the warm spring days and happened to see a man sitting in one corner of the dugout with one foot parked on the side beams and a hat pulled down far over his eyes and who calls out every so often, "Hey! When are you going to wake up out there?"—it's just Richard A. Smith, famously known in these parts as "Captain Dick." For sixteen years this grand old man of Washington and Lee baseball, and basketball, too, has worked his head off to put athletics on the map for the Generals, and he's been more than successful.

A Shortstop in Prep School

Captain Dick came to Washington and Lee from Fishburne Military school where he was a star on the baseball club. His position on the team during those days was at shortstop, and he was a good one, capable of catching the hot ones with little trouble. Captain Dick was also a football player at Fishburne and made a name for himself along that line.

A Sophomore Captain

In his first year at Washington and Lee Captain Dick made the varsity baseball team with no difficulty. During those days all freshmen were allowed to participate in varsity sports because no rule had been set down to govern the freshmen and varsity teams. Instead of playing shortstop as he did at prep school, he was shifted to second base, which he held down in fine style. As a reward of his fine game of ball during his first year, Captain Dick was elected captain of the team in his sophomore year. This was a distinguished honor that very few men have held at Washington and Lee.

Another Great Team in Those Days

The teams that Captain Dick played on while a student at Washington and Lee made a great record. In 1910 the Generals won 13 and lost seven out of twenty games played. The following year seventeen games were on the schedule and eleven of these were won by the Big Blue. In 1912 the varsity team had 26 games scheduled, a great increase in number from the year before, and 19 were won, six lost and one turned out to be a tie. That year the team met several Northern schools on the

schedule and beat most of them.

An Efficient Director

In 1912 Captain Dick returned to Fishburne, where he coached the baseball team and also acted as instructor of mathematics. During the summers he took to pro baseball and kept in fine shape for the work that was ahead of him at Washington and Lee. In 1919 he came back to Lexington to act as Director of Athletics for his alma mater and started at once to reorganize this department. Prior to Captain Dick, student managers had done the work and scheduled games. Since Captain Dick took over the job, a more business-like method has been used in the athletic department and it has been turned into a smooth-running organization.

Started in 1923

Captain Dick was made head coach of baseball in 1923, and since that time his teams have always been at the top. In 1926 he also took over the duties of head coach of basketball, and his teams during his reign were among the leaders. In 1931 seventeen games were on the baseball schedule, and the team won 12 of these. Last year the varsity played twenty games which ended up with a Northern jaunt to points as far as Hamilton, New York. Captain Dick's team won fourteen of these games, and the Northern trip was more than successful. The Generals made a name for themselves by defeating Cornell, Colgate, Temple and Drexel.

He Watches Eggs Like Baseballs

Back in the good old days Captain Dick held a little party out at his house. Among those present were Tex Tilson and Eddie Parks Davis, former coach of the freshman football team. After the festivities of the evening those present got somewhat hungry and decided to fry eggs. Davis was nominated as chief cook and he was flipping eggs in the air out of a frying pan like a professional. Davis happened to toss one egg a little too high and Captain Dick, who was sitting nearby noticed that it wasn't going to hit the pan on the return drop. He jumped up in second base style and dashed after it. He managed to get his hand under it just before it hit the floor—a perfect catch. Wonder if eggs were twelve cents a dozen then?

Tenth Year Begins Tomorrow

Tomorrow Captain Dick will start his tenth year of varsity coaching on the baseball team. The year is going to be a stiff one because the schedule is long and many leading teams of the Eastern part of this country will be played. At the opening game with Drexel tomorrow there probably won't be as many spectators as usual because the spring holidays start at the same time. Following the Drexel contest the team will journey South to meet several of the big teams in that part of the country. When Captain Dick's team returns home to play on Wilson field, school will be under way again, and the students will be out to back the team as in past years. I look for a great season even if some of the big shots did leave last year.

A Change at Last

It's a great feeling that this brief week of vacation is here at last. It will be a rest for all of us—maybe. It's the first time that a week has been granted for the spring recess since I have been in school. Most of us are going to make use of it and wander home or other places to see those that really count. See you soon, Nina.

In Beirut, Syria, when a drouth threatened the winter crops of the populace, a law was passed outlawing the yo-yo, with which all youngsters are playing. It was believed the yo-yo offended gods.

Touring Tigers Cut K A's Lead

Independent Team Only One Point and Half Behind Leaders

Kappa Alpha fraternity is still leading in the race for the intramural trophy, but their closest competitors, the Touring Tigers, succeeded in garnering two more points than the leaders in the boxing tournament and so moved up to a position only one and a half points behind first place.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon was able to gather three more points than the Pi Kappa Alpha's, who occupy third place, and are now only 11½ points behind them. The Alpha Tau Omega's, winners of the first place in the boxing meet, moved from tenth to sixth place in the standing and the Delta Tau Delta's moved up many places by jumping from nineteenth to fifteenth. Phi Kappa Psi advanced from fourteenth to twelfth place in the race.

The standings are as follows:

Kappa Alpha	162½
Touring Tigers	161
Pi Kappa Alpha	138½
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	127
Phi Kappa Sigma	109½
Alpha Tau Omega	87
Sigma Nu	82½
Kappa Sigma	77
Delta Upsilon	71
Alpha Chi Rho	68½
Pi Kappa Phi	68½
Phi Kappa Psi	64
Phi Epsilon Pi	62½
Sigma Phi Epsilon	58½
Delta Tau Delta	57½
Beta Theta Pi	55
Sigma Chi	50
Barbarians	48½
Lambda Chi Alpha	48
Phi Delta Theta	41
Phi Gamma Delta	39
Zeta Beta Tau	24

New Intramural Trophy To Be Given This Year

Three intramural cups will be awarded this year instead of the usual two. The new cup added will be given to the organization which has the highest percentage of its members competing in intramural athletics during the school year. The large cup for the organization winning the most points in the twelve intramural sports will be awarded as usual, as will the individual cup for the student earning the highest number of points in intramural competition.

The winners of these cups have permanent possession of them. Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity won the organization cup, and Pat Hodges, S. A. E., received the individual cup last year.

Intramural Basketball Goes Into Finals

In the semi-finals of the intramural basketball tournament last night Alpha Tau Omega lost a hard fought game to Delta Tau Delta. The Touring Tigers downed the Phi Epsilon Pi quintet 19-9. Walls was high scorer for Delta Tau Delta with 8 points. Brannaman led his team mates of Alpha Tau Omega with 6 points. Corwith of the Touring Tigers was high scorer for the evening with 12 points. Lyons was high man on the Phi Epsilon Pi team with 4 points.

In the games played Wednesday afternoon and evening Phi Epsilon Pi defeated Kappa Sigma 15-10. Delta Tau Delta downed Sigma Chi 21-13. Alpha Tau Omega won over Phi Gamma Delta by a three point margin, 23-20.

Morrison was high scorer for Kappa Sigma with 4 points. Ortnor of Phi Epsilon Pi was high man on his team with 7 points. Davies led the scoring for Delta Tau Delta with nine points. Jewell with 4 points was the high scorer for Sigma Chi. Joe Arnold took the honors of having the highest score in Wednesday's bracket with 11 points. Mathes led the scoring for the Phi Gamma Delta quintet with 8 points.

SCIENTISTS SET EARTHQUAKE TRAPS

Washington—(IP) — Government scientists did not know when they set earthquake "traps" in California a few months ago, whether it would be the next day or twenty years before they could "catch" their quarry.

They caught it recently when the Los Angeles area was shaken by one of the most severe quakes in California history.

The traps were instruments designed to record automatically as many things as possible about an earthquake for the purpose of finding out how to build to withstand the shocks.

Such things were expected to be recorded as the quake's speed, direction and force.

An earthquake shakes a building in "double-reverse" manner; the top of the building sways one way, while the foundation is moving the other. This sets up a strain that throws off copings, roofs and chimneys, and often

Intra-mural Sidelights

Jack Cooke suffered a bruised nose when, during a scramble for the ball, in the Lambda Chi-Delta Tau Delta game, his nose came in to violent contact with his brother's head. As a result Jack has a swell bump on that organ of smell. I'm not trying to fix an alibi for the injured organ, it really happened.

Speaking of alibis maybe I'd better tell you how "Chuck" Reesor obtained that blackeye of his. In the midst of the Delta Tau—Sigma Chi game, Reesor and Campbell both went after the ball at the same time, somehow or other Campbell's knee hit Reesor's eye— you figure it out.

I told you before that the games alternated between football and basketball but I left out baseball. Thursday night, Ortnor showed that baseball is also handy on a basketball floor; he slid for quite a distance on his stomach in trying to obtain possession of the ball.

That Delta Tau Delta—Alpha Tau Omega game had all the earmarks of a regular game. A. T. O. had a regular cheering section of seven men, while the Delta Tau's were well supplied with lemons, cough drops and managers. (The coughdrops are strictly a Delta Tau idea.)

Athletic Council Members To Be Chosen on April 14; General Elections May 5

The Executive Committee has announced that the athletic council elections will be held April 14. At this time the president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and two members-at-large will be elected to this body.

The general elections will be held on May 5. The offices to be filled at that time are: president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer of the student body; president of Finals and president of Fancy Dress; cheer leader, and the six publications' officers.

causes buildings to collapse. This causes the greatest amount of human destruction.

It was found in the Los Angeles and Long Beach quake that the taller buildings, erected to withstand the wind, withstood the quake better than smaller build-

Golfers Face Five Matches

Southern Trip Starts Monday At Duke; North Carolina University Next

Leaving Sunday morning the Generals' 1933 edition of the golf team will start an extended Southern tour. During the course of the week they will meet Duke, North Carolina University, Wake Forest and Davidson. On April 1 a return match will be played with Duke on the Tribrook course in Lexington.

This year's team, with the exception of Henry Cohen will be composed of new members. Five men will make the trip, the extra man acting as alternate, Cohen, McDavid, Brown, Alexander, and Allen will compose the team. In the mornings the single matches will be played and in the afternoon the foursomes. Men out for the squad have been practicing for the past two weeks on the Tribrook course.

This trip will give Coach Twombly some idea of what to expect of this season's team since he has not been able to be present at practice sessions. It is not probable that he will accompany the team because he has to take charge of the baseball team during the illness of Coach Dick Smith.

Issued to Advertisers

Princeton, N. J.—(IP)—When the banking holiday came along the Daily Princetonian, daily newspaper published by Princeton University undergraduates, issued scrip to the college students to be used among merchants who advertise in the college paper.

When the bank restrictions were raised, the Princetonian, which had uncashed checks of the students as collateral, cashed the checks and redeemed the scrip accepted by the merchants.

ings. It was the two and three story structures which collapsed. The sky scrapers just lost plaster.

A scientific expedition lead by Dr. Paul Bartsch has discovered the deepest known spot in all the oceans—a depth of 44,000 feet, just north of Puerto Rico. This is about nine miles deep. This is more than three miles deeper than the previously known greatest ocean depth.

Track Team to Meet

V. P. I. Here April 6

That Washington and Lee's varsity thinclads will meet the runners of Virginia Poly April 8 at the home of the Techmen was announced by Coach Fletcher yesterday.

This meet was an addition to the already arranged six-meet schedule and was signed up last week. With this new day for activity the varsity runners face a strenuous two weeks immediately after the holidays. Two days after this first meet the General thinclads will act as hosts to a visiting team from the Old Liners of Maryland University. Again on the 15th of April the local track and field men will see service when they take a trip across the state to challenge the William and Mary Indians.

Since the second week in March

Coach Fletcher has been holding daily workouts on the outdoor cinder path. Although the spring holidays will break up the training for a week, the boys will have one week in which to get back their strides after an idle period.

Coach Fletcher hopes to have a well rounded team in condition at the time of the initial duel meet. In all events plans are being made to take a full strength team to Blacksburg following the holidays.

Two hundred and twenty leaders in American education have signed a petition to President Roosevelt asking for the formation of a national co-ordinating council "to save the United States from disintegration."

The Mellon Institute of Industrial Research announces that an investigation shows city smoke has a tendency to slow down the brain functions of man.

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