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Student Support Brought Meet Here, Coach Says

Mathis Praises Students For Co-operation; Frats To House Entrants

By DON CARMODY

Concerted student support from fraternity and non-fraternity men was the prime factor in the selection of Washington and Lee as the site for the National Intercollegiate Wrestling tournament, Coach A. E. Mathis declared today.

"The co-operation of the student body has made it possible for the 1936 National Intercollegiate Wrestling tournament to be brought to Washington and Lee," Coach Mathis declared today. "Pledges of the members of the student body to purchase tickets and pledges of the fraternities on the campus, to take care of the visiting wrestlers and coaches, made it possible for us to bid for the tournament," he added. "I feel that bringing the tournament here will be an excellent thing for both the University and for collegiate wrestling in the South, and I want to thank the student body for making it possible for us to have the national meet here."

Student Opinion Taken

Before the national tournament was held at Lehigh university last March, student opinion on this campus fostered a movement to have the 1936 meet held here. As this tournament constitutes a semi-final tryout for the United States Olympic wrestling team, a money guarantee sufficient to defray part of the Olympic team's expenses must be provided for. Five hundred students pledged this support by guaranteeing to purchase at least one season ticket to the tournament at \$2.20. With the students as his backers, Coach Mathis guaranteed the committee \$1,000 and the expenses of the tournament, which will be approximately \$500.

The fraternities on the campus offered to house and to feed all of the wrestlers entered in the tournament, and their coaches.

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Christmas Seal Drive Nets Fifty-five Dollars From 17 Fraternities

A total of \$54.91 was contributed by the fraternities in the annual Christmas seal sale for the benefit of the anti-tuberculosis campaign, it was announced today by Mrs. Rosa Tucker Mason, chairman of the campaign in this vicinity.

Seventeen fraternities contributed in the sales, which last year amounted to \$60. Fraternities co-operating and the amounts they contributed, were:

A. T. O., \$5; Beta, \$5; Delta Tau Delta, \$3.50; Delta Upsilon, \$5; Kappa Sig, \$1.60; Phi Delta Theta, \$4.10; P. E. P., \$5; Phi Gam, \$4.14; Phi Kappa Psi, \$1.66; Phi Kappa Sig, \$3.45; Pi K. A., \$1.25; Pi Kappa Phi, \$1; S. A. E., \$6.45; Sigma Chi, \$3.25; S. P. E., \$1.12; Z. B. T., \$1.49.

Staff Celebrates Xmas, Puts Out Tabloid Issue

In the belief that the regular seven-column edition of The Ring-tum Phi, placed in the mails as usual at 8 o'clock tonight would be poorly read, the staff of the paper has condensed the news and feature material into this five-column tabloid edition. The paper is expected to go to press early in the afternoon and should be in the mails before 6 o'clock.

This is the third issue of The Ring-tum Phi this week, an extra having been published on Wednesday night announcing the award of the National Intercollegiate Wrestling meet to Washington and Lee this year. Copies were distributed at the post office and at McCrum's.

Cammack Scores Faculty Drinking

Expands Earlier Charges To Include Non-Tax-Supported Colleges

Reasserting his charges of faculty drinking in state universities in a second article published in the Religious Herald, Dr. J. W. Cammack, president of Averett College, this time expanded his insinuations to apply to "outstanding non-tax-supported Virginia colleges."

In a recent issue of the religious weekly, published in Richmond, Dr. Cammack quoted friends and correspondents as telling of incidents in which faculty members had come to class under the influence of liquor, other faculty members had used profanity in class and two presidents of State institutions had been involved in drinking affairs.

"Tragically fresh in the memory of not a few Religious Herald readers are incidents of similar sort in outstanding non-tax-supported Virginia colleges," he said.

Since the original statement was publicized in the press, Dr. Cammack has consistently refused to make specific his slander of unnamed administration and faculty members of Virginia colleges.

After the appearance of the original article, Dr. R. H. Pitt, editor of the Religious Herald, issued a statement saying he regretted that the anonymous charges made had escaped his notice while editing and had appeared in print. Dr. Cammack states now, however, that the second statement is being used in the Herald with Dr. Pitt's full approval.

Theatre Party

Members of the editorial, news, and business staffs of The Ring-tum Phi have been invited to attend the nine o'clock showing of "Harmony Lane" at the New theatre tonight, through the courtesy of Ralph Daves, manager.

Members of the staff should be in the lobby of the theatre at nine o'clock to be admitted, according to Frank Crew, business manager of The Ring-tum Phi.

Survey Discloses Christmas Plans Of W-L Faculty

Conventions, Trips Home Will Be Chief Activities Of Professors

Attending conventions and visiting their homes will be the chief activities of faculty members during the vacation period, a Ring-tum Phi survey revealed yesterday.

President Francis P. Gaines will interrupt his Christmas vacation on December 27 when he will speak in Harrisburg, Penn., before the State Education association on "Education for Utopia." This meeting will be attended by teachers from all over the state.

Dean Robert H. Tucker will remain in Lexington with the exception of several days at which time he will attend a meeting of the Virginia Tax League.

Hancock Undecided

Dr. Glover D. Hancock is undecided whether he will spend his vacation period in Lexington or attend meetings of the American Economic Association at New York.

Prof. C. E. Williams of the law school intends to visit New Orleans for a meeting of the Bar association.

Prof. G. J. Irwin will visit his home in Bethlehem, Penn., in addition to attending meetings of the Linguistic Society in New York.

Coach A. E. Mathis is expecting to spend his two-week vacation period in Vienna, Illinois.

Mr. Earl S. Mattingly, registrar, plans to visit in Washington and Baltimore.

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Freeman's 'Lee, Vein of Iron' Are Students' Choice

Washington and Lee students are very similar to other human beings when it comes to literary tastes, a survey of circulation figures at the library reveals.

Like Alexander Woolcott and his thousand of book worshippers, the student dotes on Douglas S. Freeman's "Life of Lee" and "Vein of Iron" by Ellen Glasgow.

Miss Blanche P. McCrum, head librarian, said that there two books are undoubtedly the most popular books in the library.

"Since July, 1935, the date we received Freeman's book on Lee, it has been loaned out more than one hundred times," she said while "Vein of Iron" has been running it a very close second.

"I live in Virginia," by Julian Meade, has also been a very popular book. This excellent book of Meade's deals with life in about six well-known Old Dominion communities, including Rockbridge and Albemarle counties.

Miss McCrum expressed surprise over the large circulation Anne Morrow Lindbergh's "North to the Orient," has received from the students. "It Can't Happen" Continued on page four

Fifty-one are Named To Places in Figure Of Fancy Dress Ball

President's Message

"I hope that all our boys are taking to their parents or guardians good Christmas presents in the form of fine records for the fall's work. I wish for every member of the student body the happiest possible holidays. I pray earnestly that no boy will endanger himself by unwise driving during the period of congested traffic, and I trust that each one will enjoy the best of health."

Francis P. Gaines

Announcement Made Today; Group Placement Not Revealed

Fifty-one men were named today by Glenn Shively, president of Fancy Dress, to take part in the figure which will open the 30th annual Fancy Dress Ball on January 31.

The groups in which the men will appear in the figure were not made public by Shively, but the announcement of these groups will be made soon, he said.

Following are the men who will be in the Fancy Dress figure:

Men in Figure

Joe Arnold, Marvin Pullen, Ed Boze, Fielden Woodward, Marty Kaplan, Artie Hauck, George Boyd, John Renken, Bill Daniel, Bill Seaton, Ed Howerton, Clark Winter, Bill Conner, Lee Reeser.

Jimmy Watts, Charlie Wilkerson, Eddie Marks, Randolph Tucker, John Beagle, Dick Scully, Ajax Browning, Frank Hague, Wade Hatten, Tyree Wilson, Russ Doane, James Price, Fletcher Maynard, Ken Lane, Forrest Huffman, Ed Heiserman, Langdon Skarda, Stan Higgins.

Gregory Maury, Doc Sloan, Joe Harding, Julius Garber, Lewis McMurrin, John Shoaf, Ben Thirkield, Frank Price, Angus Powell, Amos Bolen, Billy Wilson, Bill Rueger, Norman Iler, Jim Ruth, George Gilliland, Frank Crew, Ross Crom, Harry Fitzgerald, and Lewis Martin.

Christmas Cards Sent To 8,400 W-L Graduates

Following a custom which has been practiced during the past few years, the President's office is sending Christmas cards to each alumnus whose address is known. Miss Ella Webster, the president's secretary, estimated that approximately 8,400 cards would be mailed this year.

The cards are engraved with a view of Washington college in 1865 and a description of the picture on the front of the card, and a short greeting from the University on the inside.

Miss McCrum Announces Library Holiday Schedule

According to an announcement by Miss Blanche Prichard McCrum, University Librarian, the library will be open the following hours during the Christmas holidays: December 21, regular hours; December 23 through January 4, excluding Sundays, from 9 to 1 in the morning and from 3 to 5 in the afternoon.

On Christmas Eve afternoon Christmas day, New Year's day, and on all Sundays the library will remain closed.

Class Presidents To Discuss Gifts

Powell Calls Meeting After Holidays to Carry Out ODK Suggestion

Taking definite steps to carry out O. D. K.'s suggestion that each class present the University with a gift, Angus Powell, president of the leadership fraternity will call a meeting of all class presidents following the holiday, it was learned today.

The suggestion was made by Powell at the annual O. D. K. tapping assembly on Wednesday of last week. At that time, he said that O. D. K. was not directly sponsoring the measure, but was suggesting it in an effort to benefit Washington and Lee and to give more prestige to class offices.

The proposal calls for each graduating class to present a gift to the University during Finals. Through the planting of trees or shrubbery, the creation of a new campus walk, a gift to the library, each class will be enabled to make a contribution of lasting value to the University, Powell pointed out.

Tau Kappa Iota Initiates Ten Men Thursday Night

Ten men were initiated into Tau Kappa Iota, honorary biological fraternity, last night in the Chemistry building, it was announced today by Dr. W. D. Hoyt, head of the biology department and faculty adviser of the society.

The new members are: A. E. Sproul, Souther Tompkins, Paul H. Hardy, J. K. Tate, Samuel Peerless, A. N. Mangino, R. M. Herlihy, M. L. Robinson, Lewis Mangus, and Ernest Williams.

Three new men were admitted into the Chi Gamma Theta, honorary chemistry fraternity, at a special meeting last Tuesday in their room in the Chemistry building. The students initiated were: Straton Bruce, Herbert Clendening, and Jack Bear.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus: Now that everyone else is writing to let you know their Christmas wants, we thought perhaps you could help us with a few things we have been needing for a long time. In case we are nowhere to be seen on the night of December 24 we invite you to make yourself quite handy with the chimney of Newcomb hall and to leave whatever you have for us in the fireplace of Dr. Gaines' office. And when you *do* emerge we want you to take a good look around. Observe, for instance, the class rooms in Newcomb, and if you think *they're* bad, then take a peek into Washington College at some of those elegant chambers that pass for classes. Go around to the back campus, if your deer are not too impatient and gaze up at the towering pinnacle politely termed a "smoke stack." Drag through the mud over to the Chemistry building and get a whiff of *that*.

Tired, Santa Claus? Well, sit down and we'll tell you some other things we'd like you to do something about. How about a little cleaner fraternity politics from now on—something to give our unrepresented non-fraternity men and independent fraternities a break? And can't you do something to decentralize student government so that all student affairs, political, financial, social, and questions of the honor system, will not lie ultimately in the hands of a group of eleven students.

See if you can't do something to allow students who are unable to afford an \$8.75 campus tax the right to take part in student body and class elections anyway. And for heaven's sake, try to lend a hand to our down-trodden band and Glee club. Some new uniforms and increased travelling allowances for both groups would do a world of good. Now that the Troubadours have come through with a new theatre, see if you can't help them fix up the exterior of the building with some paint and a few shrubs.

Don't forget to drop a few farthings in the stockings of some of our hard-working professors, and try to infuse the entire student body with new cultural and intellectual interests. Hasten along that new auditorium we've been hearing about, and rejuvenate the scrawny campus trees. Encourage the Christian Council to try a few Sunday services in Lee chapel and to keep up the good work of bringing speakers and entertainers to the campus.

Finally, Santa Claus, reward Dean Tucker generously for his ceaseless efforts to improve the academic standards and the scholarship of the University. Give us bigger and better entrance requirements, and increase the size and the attainments of our faculty. And help the library to continue to expand in usefulness and in equipment as it has been doing.

And if you get a chance, Santa, drop around to *The Ring-tum Phi* office with a few beers and hamburgers. Yours for bigger and better scoops.

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AN HONOR FOR THE UNIVERSITY

Washington and Lee is especially fortunate in being selected as the scene of the 1936 National Intercollegiate Wrestling tournament. Whatever sacrifices holding of the meet here may involve, we should be glad to do our part as a fitting tribute to our wrestling team and coach, who have established for Washington and Lee so fine a reputation in intercollegiate wrestling.

Coach Mathis deserves the fullest support from the school and the athletic association, having accomplished so much on the strength of his own untiring efforts. Not only has he done wonders in turning willing but inexperienced men into finished wrestlers, but he has promoted some of the finest athletic events ever witnessed at Washington and Lee. To Coach Mathis and to his enthusiastic student supporters, goes all the credit for bringing this important event to Washington and Lee.

Whatever are the expenses of holding this national athletic contest here, the benefits to be derived outweigh them by far. To those who were fortunate enough to witness last year's thrilling match with Michigan and the Southern conference meet, the national tourney offers great possibilities; for they know there will be no lack of thrills. Those who did not see these other matches may be assured they will not be disappointed.

CAMPUS COMMENT

By BOB WEINSTEIN

Belated Scoops

The front page snoopers missed up on a couple of good stories last issue . . . First, Gen. John Pershing was in town Tuesday and Wednesday, stopping at the Robert E. Lee hotel, on his way South . . . he kept it pretty quiet so the newshawks wouldn't bother him . . . Second, Paul Hervey, a junior in the academic school, was married Wednesday morning in Lee chapel, with Dr. Morton of the faculty performing the ceremony . . . his bride came here that day from Texas . . . Congrats and best wishes, Paul and Pauline!

Personal

J. H. Thomas: You were in error in that letter of yours that was published in Tuesday's Ring-tum Phi. In it you declared that the writer of a previously published letter—a "Good Joe" you called him—was disappointed because Santa Claus didn't drop an O. D. K. key down his chimney. The writer of the letter was in no way disappointed for the simple reason that he was a freshman, hardly eligible for O. D. K.

Short Shots

How do you like this hip-sized edition of *The Ring-tum Phi*? . . . Congrats to Archie Mathis for bringing the national grunt-and-groan tourney here . . . he worked hard and long to do so, and deserves full co-operation . . . A radiometer used for demonstration in a physics class refused to function according to the professor's theory, but kept behaving in the exact opposite manner in which he said it would . . . Al Goodman, on his popular-song-of-the-week program, said that "A Little Bit Independent," which was second in popularity on the program, was the best-liked current song at Washington and Lee University . . . He probably got his information from the fact that seventeen fraternities on the campus have bought that record . . . All indications point out that an all-time record has been established by the honor-roll lad who is reported to have left for vacation December 12 . . . He does not plan to return here until January 14th . . .

Recently *The Ring-tum Phi* has been quoted in several other papers . . . Editorials have been reprinted in the National Student Federation of America Bulletin, the Farmville State Teachers college paper, and many others . . . Bill Hudgins' column was reprinted in the *Agnes Scott Agonistic* . . . and *The Davidsonian*, of Davidson college, quoted yours truly several times . . .

Some time ago an intermediate lawyer passing Lee chapel noticed a couple standing outside, who appeared hesitant to go in. The student offered to show them through the chapel, and they accepted. After they saw everything there, they talked with the student for several minutes, and found out his name and what he was studying. Recently, he received a letter from Washington, written by the man whom he had conducted through the chapel. The letter was written from the office of the attorney-general of the United States, and invited the student to come to Washington after graduation if he desired a position there.

And wherever you go—a very merry Christmas to you all!

THE EASY CHAIR

By COWL RIDER

Some of the People

At the O. D. K. assembly last week, Glenn Shively stood on the platform and announced that Kay Kyser had been signed for the Fancy Dress set. His announcement was received with applause. There have been few remarks aimed against this choice of a band and everyone seems quite satisfied, which is as it should be.

Last year there was quite a stew about getting a band for dance sets during the year since during the year previous certain orchestra selections were looked upon with very unfavorable glances. The boys wanted to be sure that they would get a good band for their dances, so what did they do? They looked around for some means of getting them.

There was a southern circuit organized, consisting of various colleges throughout the South, which would all agree to sign such-and-such a band for the dances falling between the middle of January and the middle of February. There are, through the South, a good many dances at this time of year.

We were to enter that circuit, and did for a short time join in the dickering for a band. But soon we tossed up the circuit and went out on our own hook, signing Isham Jones for Fancy Dress. The choice of the circuit was finally announced, and everybody said, "Boy, are we glad we didn't stay in the circuit!"

Last year the circuit signed Kay Kyser. It is amusing to note that when he was signed, everyone seemed to be glad that Washington and Lee was not in the circuit. We, you see, had to be exclusive. We had to go out and get our own band, a band which, fortunately, turned out to be good.

We could not be classed in a circuit and take the band they put up. The band they put up would not go over.

This year, on our own hook, we signed Kay Kyser, and everybody's reasonably satisfied. It is interesting to attempt to account for the mental set of the average student which causes him to boo one band one year and applaud him the next. It is not because Kay Kyser has done miracles of improvement in that year; his distinctive style remains the same.

When we had the chance to join a circuit and get a good band at lower rates than we would pay if we signed a band on our own hook, we tossed up the chance. We, you see again, had to be exclusive. In all probability Kyser will go from here to Alabama. Alabama was one of the members of the circuit last year. The whole thing is illogical.

The best thing for dance heads to do is to get together and organize a circuit sub rosa. No one must know anything about it, or the boys will sneer at the choice no matter who was picked. In secrecy the dance heads of the colleges will meet, pick a good band, and retire. Our man will come back here (saying nothing of a circuit) and announce that he has signed so-and-so, and the announcement will be received with cheers.

If the dance heads openly joined a circuit, the lads here would rise in wrath at the choice. Human nature is full of little whimsies. One year you wouldn't wear a bow tie for love nor money. Now you wear 'em and are proud of it. One year everyone thinks Kay Kyser is a rotten orchestra; another year they think he is pretty fine. You can't win.

description is far from judicious, and the choice little sentiment about muck-rakers was especially indiscreet—and revealing.

The loyal Mr. Thomas did not defend the selections which were so frankly attacked (as selections for O. D. K.), beyond applying the word 'libelous,' and assuring us that he and the rest of the nominating committee spent twelve hours on their task.

I take advantage of O. D. K.'s invitation to constructive criticism, extended through Mr. Thomas, to bring up two points, which prevent me from attaching much importance to O. D. K. as an honorary society, correction of which would enable the society to assume some significance on this campus.

The first recommendation is soon disposed of. O. D. K. is popularly termed a leadership society, and yet Mr. Thomas merely calls it a reward for achievement in extra-curricular activity. A glance at the selections for this year and last, furthermore, reveal that many of the most outstanding men on the campus from the point of view of leadership were passed over. The unfortunate coolness which the Big Clique controllers of O. D. K. feel toward leaders of the opposing political faction is pithily summed up in Mr. Thomas' statement of his attitude toward reformers—'muck-rakers' is his word. What better evidence of political partisanship could be introduced? O. D. K. will not be a leadership society until

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Letters

In Rebuttal

Editor of *The Ring-tum Phi*,
Dear Sir:

The hysterical invective which played all too prominent a part in Mr. J. H. Thomas' defense of O. D. K. was quite as immature as the unusually pointed attacks contained in the letters which he assailed, and constituted a very real reflection on the dignity of the honor society. His article was apparently written in the heat of anger, and was destructive to his cause in proving that the shafts aimed by the assailants of O. D. K. had found their mark; a more grave and reasoned reply would perhaps have had something of the effect desired on the student body, instead of becoming the butt of ridicule and general resentment. I allude specifically to the passages in which he brands critics of O. D. K. as "perjurers of the student body faith" (a humorous note if there ever was one) and feels constrained to use at least a slight degree of "selectivity," (probably a new word) else it (O. D. K.) might find itself contaminated by the presence of one of those incompetent muck-rakers, whose 'assiminity' (one 'n,' lexicographers are agreed) is only surpassed by their ability to publicize the moronic trend of their minds." Certainly language of this

Delts Lead Race For I.-M. Crown; Pi Phi's Second

High Standing in Football-Volleyball Gives DTD Advantage

The Delta Tau Deltas, volleyball champs and semi-finalists in the football tournament, are at the head of the list in the intramural standings of the fraternities, with sixty-seven and a half points, it was revealed today. The standings up to date, however, include only football and volleyball, since the tennis and horse-shoe pitching contests have not yet been completed.

Running the Delts a close second are the Pi Kappa Phi's, with a total score of sixty-one points, while the S. A. E.'s come third with fifty-five.

The official standings with the points made from volleyball are:

| Fraternity | VB | T |
|------------|----|----|
| Delts | 40 | 67 |
| Pi Phi | 27 | 61 |
| S. A. E. | 27 | 55 |
| A. T. O. | 7 | 47 |
| Phi Gam | 34 | 41 |
| Beta | 19 | 39 |
| S. P. E. | 7 | 27 |
| K. A. | 19 | 27 |
| P. E. P. | 19 | 27 |
| Phi Kap | 2 | 22 |
| Pi K. A. | 2 | 22 |
| D. U. | 19 | 22 |
| Phi Psi | 7 | 19 |
| Phi Delt | 7 | 19 |
| Kappa Sig | 11 | 19 |
| Tigers | 11 | 19 |
| Lambda Chi | 2 | 10 |
| Z. B. T. | 7 | 10 |
| Sigma Nu | 7 | 10 |
| Sigma Chi | 2 | 5 |

Phi Kappa Psi's Win Consolation

Strong Phi Psi Attack Conquers Sig Eps In Finals

The Phi Kappa Psi's, after three consecutive victories over their opponents, were crowned consolation champs in the volleyball tournament Monday night defeating the Sig Eps in the finals.

After their first victory over the Sigma Chi's, the Phi Psi's went into the second brackets, defeating the Pi K. A.'s and continued their march by downing the Sigma Nu's in the semi-finals. The Sig Eps, in the meantime, advanced to the semi-finals, too, but the Phi Psi's were not to be stopped, and after a closely contested first game, scored frequently to win out in the deciding tilt.

Handball will be the next intramural sport, and will begin immediately after the Christmas holidays. Although no one will be called on to play during examinations, it has been suggested that as many of the preliminaries be played off as soon as possible.

Coach E. P. Twombly, director of intramurals, declared that all independent contestants will have to send in their entries before Christmas, or they will have no chance to play in the matches. The schedule will be drawn up during the holidays, and unless the entree has already filled his name by then, he will not be included in the tournament.

The next issue of The Ring-tum Phi will appear on Tuesday, January 7.

Following the BIG BLUE

By ZACH KRAMER

Letters to the Sport Editor—From Diogenes 3, 4, and 5 And Sport Lover—Thanks to Santa—And More Presents Requested

December 20, 1935

Dear Santa Claus:

Eight hundred students wish to thank you for that very lovely Xmas present you gave us the other day, but Santa there's no sense in giving us the National Intercollegiate wrestling tournament if you are not going to give us a couple of champions. So look out for Hug Bonino and Rowland Thomas for us will you, and try and see if you can't get Glenn Shively and a couple of the others second and third place medals if they can't win the championships.

Our wrestlers are also mighty eager to regain that Southern conference championship, so if you can help us any, please do. I am sure that the students of Washington and Lee would be very disgusted if that cracker-jack basketball team of their's didn't at least win the Southern conference title, and go through the regular season undefeated.

Cy Twombly would be mighty glad if you can urge Frank Reed and Gil Meem to return to school and bolster up the championship swimming team, because if you don't, Cy is going to have to go in and swim himself. Mr. Forrest Fletcher could also use some real good trackmen to prevent the mighty Generals from humbling themselves before their opponents, so if you have anything that will make our boys run faster why drop it in all their stockings.

By the way Santa, you could help us a great deal if you could get us a class of 1940 that will be as athletically talented as the class that is graduating this June. We are sorely in need of a couple more Bonino's, Ellis' and Pette's.

To tell you the truth, Santa, if instead of all the above mentioned, you could give the Washington and Lee students the school spirit and the fight that will enable them to cheer and root for their athletic teams no matter how badly they are being beaten, then you will be doing something for Washington and Lee.

Sincerely yours,
Diogenes 3, 4, and 5

Dear Sir:
Your movement to add ping-pong to the intramural competition deserves much praise. I hope that the authorities will be

broad-minded enough to overlook the complaints that such a sport is only fit for "sissies" and see the value of adding this interesting pastime to the intramural program.

While you are on the subject of new sports and minor sports, consideration should be given to the value of these under-emphasized activities. The success of Washington and Lee teams in fields outside of football seems to suggest great possibilities in these other activities. Our wrestling team is a credit to the school and has earned for us an enviable reputation. In spite of this success, Mr. Mathis has been forced to accomplish what he has "on his own hook" with the Athletic Association offering no help and giving none. Why should Coach Mathis be forced to continue to carry the burden of wrestling promotion on his own shoulders when he has proven himself the most capable coach at Washington and Lee?

Then there is the ever-declining crew. Even though crew competition was limited to a large extent to the annual Albert Sidney-Harry Lee meet, our crew has been unique among Southern universities. Instead of developing this great sport, it has been allowed to decline.

Many other sports would serve well to broaden our athletic layout. Rugby and soccer could be introduced at little expense or need of instruction. It would be well to consider the advantages offered by such innovations. After all, why devote all energy to the impossible task of turning out a national championship football team when many students could be enjoying themselves in a wide variety of enjoyable and beneficial sports.
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Debaters Plan Discussion Of Supreme Court Power


After a preliminary study of material on the question regarding the power of Congress over the Supreme Court, aspirants for the debate team in their second meeting, held last night, discussed arguments and answers on both sides and began organizing their work for the year.

An open forum on the question is scheduled for the next meeting, to be held after the holidays on Tuesday, January 7. Debaters will be divided into affirmative and negative squads and briefs for both sides will be drawn up.

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Mathis Praises Student Support

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This fact and Washington and Lee's national reputation in collegiate wrestling circles, influenced the committee to select Washington and Lee University as the site of the tournament.

Because of the assistance and support they gave to the movement, students who pledged to buy tickets last spring will be given first choice of reserved seats when the seating arrangements are completed. The remaining students and members of the faculty will then be given their pick of the best seats before they are put on public sale.

A thousand seats will be placed on the gym floor, and 500 others will be in the balcony. The price of single admission seats will be announced as soon as arrangements have been completed.

The pledge to which the students signed in the spring, is as follows:

"We, the undersigned, hereby agree that if the National Intercollegiate Wrestling Tournament is held at Washington and Lee in March, 1936, we will purchase at least one ticket for the tournament, good for all four sessions and to cost \$2.20 (tax included). This price to be paid in exchange for a ticket, two weeks prior to the tournament."

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it recognizes leadership regardless of fraternity pressure.

My other quarrel is with the administration of the point system to which O. D. K. pretends. Political office is not on this campus a real distinction. It is an honor which too often comes to students who have no other extra-curricular distinction, and become officers on dance boards or in the student government through their fraternity connections; it constitutes no real measure of achievement. Men who have nothing else to their credit are not worthy of being specially honored on this campus; at least two of this year's selections had practically no other accomplishment to boast of.

Puzzling was the selection of a non-fraternity man this year with so few qualifications, when last year a non-fraternity leader with more achievement to his credit than any other undergraduate was ignored. Do you get more credit for being a member of a dance floor committee than for breaking a conference two-mile run record by thirteen seconds? The selection of Ed Jean, however, I conceive to be well advised, and something on which to congratulate the erratic O. D. K.

Severest indictment which can be brought to bear against O. D. K. was the "selectivity" which barred Thirkield, Boyd and Price, all high-ranking students and leaders in extra-curricular fields, in preference to comparative nonentities. So long as politics plays so important a role in its selections O. D. K. is going to be held up to scorn and ridicule on this campus.

I think that this year's selections are a definite improvement over last year's, which stunk to high heaven, but that O. D. K. has still a long way to go. If, as your correspondent, Mr. Thomas, insists, the selections of this year actually were the result of conscientious effort, they were unintelligently made. I know that I am repeating the opinion of a sig-

Faculty Christmas Plans Are Revealed in Survey

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Dr. Larkin H. Farinholt has already departed for Montreal where he intends to enjoy a few days before returning to Lexington via Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Prof. J. H. Williams will visit in Nashville and attend a meeting of the American Society of Teachers of Political Science at Atlanta, Georgia.

Smith to Remain Here

Dr. Leon P. Smith anticipates remaining in Lexington until December 30 when he will travel to Cincinnati to attend a meeting of the Modern Language society.

Dr. L. G. Tennis expects to visit in Charlottesville and Phoebus, Virginia.

Dr. M. H. Stow plans to attend meetings of the Geological Society of America in New York in addition to visiting for several days in Washington.

Mr. James Barnes, with Mrs. Barnes, will visit the Atlantic coast.

Prof. O. W. Riegel, Mr. R. P. Carter, and Mr. C. Harold Lauck, of the Lee Memorial School of Journalism, plan to attend the convention of the American Association of Teachers of Journalism at Washington from December 27 to December 30. At this convention Professor Riegel will lead a round-table discussion on "News of Europe as Seen in American Newspapers."

A large number of the faculty plan to remain in Lexington for the holidays. Several propose to go sleigh-riding. One professor maintains that he is going to sleep the entire two weeks.

"Regardless of where we go or what we do, we'll be ready for plenty of hard work during January," one professor remarked with a twinkle in his eye.

Law Building Nearly Finished

Work will continue as usual on the law building during the holidays, Dr. Robert W. Dickey announced today. All the plastering is completed, and work has commenced on the woodwork. If nothing occurs to delay the work, completion is expected by the first of February.

Moreland's Condition Unchanged

The condition of W. H. Moreland, dean of the law school, remains unchanged, it was announced today. He was taken to the University of Virginia clinic Tuesday for an examination, but the cause of his illness has not yet been determined. He will not meet any of his classes before the holidays.

Lexington is about to become a ghost city. At the stroke of eleven tomorrow morning the great exodus will begin.

nificantly large number of the student body that O. D. K. is badly lacking in either conscience or intelligence, at best, and at the worst, that it is weak in both these qualities so necessary to the honor of an honorary society.

Jay H. Reid.

McCrum Names Favorite Books

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Here," Sinclair Lewis' latest book which has been so widely discussed in book circles, has just recently arrived at the library, and already it has become one of the leaders in regard to student interest.

Quite a number of books which have received a favorable reception from book reviewers have not received the same approbation from the students.

"Books like 'Time the Present,' 'The Curtain Falls' and 'Clifford Odets' plays are all great works," Miss McCrum said, "but somehow or other the Washington and Lee boys have not taken kindly to them."

The classics have also come in for their share of reading. Books that have been made into movies, "Anna Karenini" and "David Copperfield" especially are those which have received a great deal of attention.

"100,000,000 Guinea Pigs" is still one of the most sought after books on the circulation list. "We have had it for a long time," the librarian said, "and it still remains a favorite of the student body."

Miss McCrum stated that during the last twelve months the library's stock of books has reached 73,000, an increase of 5,000 over last year.

LeGrande, who played tackle for William and Mary this fall, is a lyricist with a love for birds and bees and flowers . . . his best work is "Autumn," but it has nothing to do with football.

Campus Comment

If you go to New York for the Christmas vacation the following may be of advantage . . . the "Paradise," where N. T. G. has his show, need not set you back a month's allowance . . . barring champagne and imported caviar, you can have a good time and get out of there on a week-day night with a check for you and your date for as little as five dollars . . . the show is quite Broadway, and a bit reminiscent of burlesque . . . The hotels offer, on a whole, the best dance bands . . . and Hal Kemp, who is always quite cordial to W. and L. men, is at the Hotel Pennsylvania . . . that need not set you back more than about four dollars on a week-day night. Remember—all prices go up Saturday nights . . . The Rainbow Room, where Ray Noble plays, is very nice, but up in the money class . . . Greenwich Village can be a lot of fun, if you go to the

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