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## Conference Officials Reveal Decided Split Over Graham System

Members Seen Equally Divided on Retention of Graham Plan

ANNUAL MEETING COMES DEC. 11-12

Dr. Graham Urges That Plan Be Amplified, Not Discarded

Dissension over the future of the Graham Plan moved out into the open this week with twelve of the sixteen members of the Southern Conference indicating what position they probably would take on the Plan next month.

Adopted last January and put into effect September 1, the Graham Plan will be one of the chief issues to be considered by the members of the Southern Conference at their annual meeting in Richmond, December 11-12.

Forest Fletcher, who is president of the Southern Conference, has on file recommendations from Dr. Frank P. Graham of the Universities of North Carolina and North Carolina State, that his plan to curb the subsidization of athletics in the conference be amplified. Coach Fletcher refused to reveal the nature of the suggestions, but said they showed Dr. Graham would resist attempts to discard his plan.

Meantime the Associated Press reported that queries sent to the presidents of Southern conference colleges revealed an almost even division of opinion on the retention of the Graham Plan.

According to Barton Pattie, A. P. sports writer, "expressions of opinion from the presidents of five Virginia colleges, the University of Maryland, North Carolina, and N. C. State left little doubt but that they would form an effective block against the abolition of the plan."

President H. C. Byrd of Maryland, as well as Dr. Frank P. Graham, has suggested that the Graham Plan should be revised.

Modification Urged  
Dr. F. W. Boatwright, president of Richmond college, joined Dr. Byrd in urging the modification of the present rules of the Graham Plan. Last Monday Dr. Boatwright declared that the "Graham Plan marks an advance in intercollegiate athletics, but I believe it can be improved in the interest of scholarship and morale."

Four members of the Conference have already expressed their dissatisfaction with the Graham Plan. These four colleges are South Carolina, V. M. I., Duke and Clemson. Of the newly admitted members continued on page four

## Forest Fletcher To Deliver Talk

S. C. Head Will Speak At Dedication of Furman Stadium

Coach Forest M. Fletcher, president of the Southern conference and Washington and Lee's director of physical education, will speak tomorrow at the dedication ceremonies of Furman College's new Shrine Stadium at Greenville, S. C.

Fletcher will deliver the main address of the afternoon between halves of the football game. He indicated that his talk would be confined to a dedicatory address and that there would be no controversial subjects discussed.

Furman, one of the recently admitted schools of the Southern conference, received the stadium from an alumnus, after whom the field is named. It is part of a wide program at Furman to develop physical culture along with the intellect.

Besides the football game, Furman is featuring a dance set over the week-end. Also many notables and alumni will speak at a banquet to be held tonight.



FOREST FLETCHER  
Southern Conference President

## W-L Thinclads Outscore Rivals For State Title

Ragon, Taking Fourth, Is First to Come in For Generals

Paced by Heartsill Ragon, Washington and Lee's varsity cross country team won the Virginia state title at V. M. I. this afternoon over runners from Virginia and V. M. I. It was the first state championship won by the Generals in five years. The final score was: Washington and Lee, 32; V. M. I., 46; Virginia, 58.

Shortly before the varsity meet Coach Fletcher's speedy freshman team retained the state title which Ragon, Harvey, and company gained for the Brigadiers last year. Only Virginia and Washington and Lee competed in this race, which was won by a score of 24-33. Libby, who won second place, was first over the line for Washington and Lee.

In both races Virginia men finished first; and in the varsity meet Washington and Lee failed. Continued on page four

## Yellow Caps Are Misleading; Prove A Menace to Innocent Upperclassmen

The Freshman Assimilation Committee overlooked one very important detail last week when they passed the ruling that all freshmen failing to uphold the speaking tradition would be required to wear yellow caps. No better evidence of this could be offered than the following episode.

Two upperclassmen were strolling across the campus yesterday morning when they saw two approaching freshmen who were wearing yellow caps. Expecting the guilty pair to come forth with an over-enthusiastic greeting, the two older men were somewhat nonplussed when they passed by without a word—not even to acknowledge their own "Hi, Gentlemen!" They looked at each other in astonishment, then roughly commanded the frosh to "Come back here!"

"Say, won't you freshmen ever learn?" growled one of the upperclassmen, taking out his pencil and notebook. "Give me your names."

"Why—why what do you want with our names? Have we done something wrong?" stammered one of the bewildered frosh.

"Wrong? Now listen here! You are both wearing your yellow caps and are still breaking tradition."

"Breaking tradition? Why we thought they were a tradition." Continued on page four

## Basketball Star Leaves School, Goes to Work

Squad Stands Great Loss With Departure of Wes Heath

MARRIAGE HALTS COLLEGE CAREER

Wedding to Miss Addie Larry Last Summer Revealed

Wes Heath, junior and varsity basketball guard, has definitely left school for his home in Bedford, Indiana. This was confirmed by a communication received by Cy Young yesterday. Heath, who was secretly married last summer, is now living in Bedford with his wife and working for his father. His wife, the former Addie Larry of Bedford, came to Finals with him last year.

One of the stars on last year's stellar basketball squad, Heath's loss is a serious blow to the team, according to Cy Young.

Heath, according to the reports of some of his fraternity brothers, discussed the possibility of his leaving school, and suggested that he might take his week of cuts to go home. His plans, however, were not taken seriously.

On Monday morning Bob Milligan, his room-mate, discovered a note amid a pile of Heath's clothes lying on the floor, asking him to send his trunk home. The trunk was not shipped, however, until the report of his departure had been confirmed.

From such reports as could be obtained at the Delta Tau Delta house and from Cy Young, Heath left for Indiana with Osgood Peckham, former Washington and Lee student now working in St. Louis.

Heath was a regular on the Generals great basketball team last year. He was chosen at a guard position on the second all-conference team. He was a better than average student and was one of the three candidates for the interfraternity scholarship which is awarded each year to an outstanding fraternity man on the campus.

Heath's plans for the future had not been definitely ascertained at the time of publication.

## Miss McCrum Granted Leave to Finish Book

Miss Blanche McCrum, librarian has been granted leave of absence by the University for six months, to get out a newer and larger edition of her book, "An Estimate of Standards for a College Library."

This edition is being published through a grant given by the Carnegie Corporation. The book was widely read throughout the year, and was reviewed by several critics.

## Possibilities of W-L Flying Club Explained by Aircraft Salesman

Three Washington and Lee students, two of them freshmen, are licensed pilots and owners of their own airplanes, it was learned today by a Ring-tum Phi reporter. They are Erskine Sproul and Freshmen Jack Broome and John Gurkin.

All three aviators are holders of private licenses, which require the passing of an examination and fifty "flying hours," and which entitles a pilot to fly himself or a passenger anywhere in the country.

There are four types of licenses, the private license being the second step. First is the amateur certificate which requires twenty-five hours in the air and the passing in an exam, and allows the student to fly himself anywhere in the United States. Next is the private license, then the limited commercial license which requires fifty hours in the air and a more difficult exam and allows the student to fly passengers for fares within a ten-mile radius of his community. A transport license requires 200 hours in the air and a very difficult examination. This is the license held by all pilots working in the large transport companies. All of these licenses require certain physical exams, and all minors must have their parents' permission before the

## Houses Plan Parties, Dances Before Xmas

Fourteen Fraternities Giving Affairs Before Holiday Session

SEASON TO OPEN WITH D. U. PARTY

Other Organizations Follow Suit on Other Week-ends

House parties and dances have been planned by fourteen of the fraternities for the pre-holiday social season, which opens this week-end with the D. U. house party, music being furnished by the Southern Collegians.

Closely following this, the Sigma Chi's, Beta's, and the S. A. E.'s have affairs planned for the 21st. The Beta's will have a house party all week-end with a dance on Saturday night. The Southern Collegians will furnish the music for this also. The Sigma Chi's have planned a dance for next Saturday night and have signed an orchestra from Roanoke. Sigma Alpha Epsilon will have a house party the same night, but no band has been definitely decided on yet. It was stated that it would either be the Southern Collegians or the Generals.

Two organizations have parties planned for the Thanksgiving holidays. The Z. B. T.'s are having the Generals for their house party on Wednesday and Thursday nights, while the Pi K. A.'s will hold their dance on Wednesday night with the Southern Collegians providing the music.

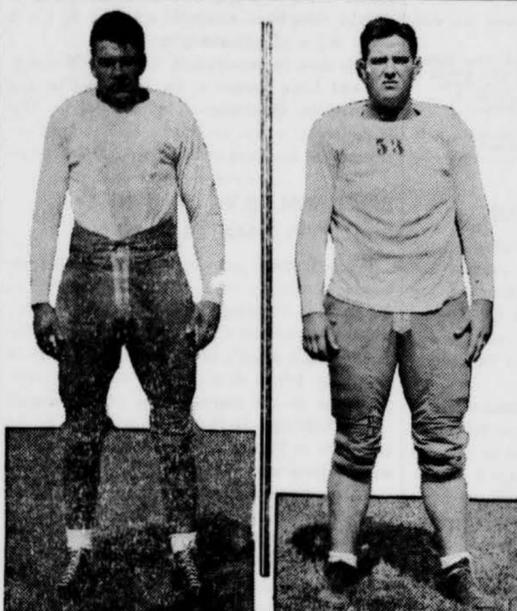
The only party on the week-end of November 28th is the A. T. O. Thanksgiving house party with music by the Generals.

On December 5 three more fraternities make their debuts. The D. T. D.'s will give a dance, using the Generals. Sigma Nu has a house party planned for that night, but has not yet secured an orchestra. The Pi Kappa Phi's have booked the Southern Collegians for their dance, which will be preceded by a buffet supper. Climaxing the season, the Phi Kappa Sig's have planned for an early December house party, which was originally scheduled for November 7 but cancelled because of Homecoming. So far their plans are indefinite. Kappa Alpha will officially open their new house on December 12 with a party, for which plans have been made.

## Compulsory Assembly

There will be a chapel assembly compulsory for all students except freshmen at 11:30 a. m. Tuesday. Visiting Professor P. R. Cole of Australia will deliver the address.

## Crippled Indian Line-up Faces Generals' Attack; State Crown Objective



JOE OCHSIE, regular tackle, and "PORKY" DICKINSON, substitute tackle in the Generals' forward wall. Ochsie will probably start tomorrow's game despite an injured leg. If he should be out, Dickinson may get the call at the right tackle position.

Five Indian Regulars on Injured List for Tomorrow's Game

NO CHANGES MADE IN W-L LINE-UP

Ochsie Expected to Start In Spite of Injured Leg

Fresh from their conquest of V. P. I., the Generals invade Foreman Field, Norfolk, tomorrow to battle the William and Mary Indians in an effort to clinch the state championship.

In contrast to the fine physical condition of the Big Blue, the Indians may have five important men on the bench when the opening whistle blows. Petey Bunch, a triple threat man, Red Hern, a great punter, Dick Dozier, a back, Walt Zable, an end, and Joe Zanghi, varsity tackle, have very little chance of seeing any action due to injuries. Joe Ochsie, Washington and Lee tackle, has a slightly bruised leg but is expected to start the game.

W-M Consistent Loser  
The Indians have gone through a very poor season, losing to Navy, Virginia, V. P. I., Roanoke, Hampden-Sydney, and V. M. I., and can only boast of one victory, that over Guilford, 38-0. They have been bothered by a constant epidemic of injuries.

In the absence of Hern, Woodward will probably take over the punting duties, and Delle-Torre the passing. With Zanghi unable to play, McGowan is expected to move over from center to the vacant tackle post with Krueger filling in for him. Last week against V. M. I. the Indians were constantly outplayed on the line, and with the injury to Zanghi, they will have to show unexpected strength in order to hope for any success against the heavy Generals.

Coach Tilson, entirely satisfied by the showing of the team against V. P. I. last week, will bank on the same starting line-up he sent in against the Gobblers. This will put Jones and Spessard on the flanks, Szymanski and Ochsie at the tackles, Captain Berry and Brown at the guards, and Will Rogers at center. The backfield will consist of Dunlap, Moore, Long, and Sample. With the state title in view, Tilson has spent the week perfecting the boys in the fundamentals and running them through signal drill. Pres Moore, who played an important role in the game with the Gobblers with his fine running and kicking, will be relied on to duplicate his performance against the Indians.

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## SDX Will Put Out Extra During Press Convention

In connection with the S. I. P. A. convention next week, the pledges of Sigma Delta Chi will publish a "convention extra" to be distributed to the press convention delegates at the final banquet of the convention.

Charles Clarke, who has been named "editor" of the extra, said today that present plans called for "replating" pages one and four of next Friday's Ring-tum Phi for use in the extra.

The convention edition will be published on Saturday, November 21, and will contain full accounts of all addresses given and of all sessions held during the four-day convention.

There will be a meeting of the Calyx editorial staff tonight at 7:30, second floor of student union.

## Terp Football Game Is Free

Special Hotel Rates Also Given Students Attending Game

Washington and Lee students will be able to attend the Thanksgiving day battle between the Generals and the University of Maryland in Baltimore at no charge, it was announced by Captain Dick Smith yesterday.

In commenting on the plans Smith, who is director of athletics here, stated that arrangements had not only been made for Washington and Lee students to attend the football game free, but that accommodations could be had at the Emerson House in Baltimore for \$1.50 per night. To secure these advantages, it will only be necessary for the student to have his Washington and Lee Athletic association identification card.

While further plans have not been announced yet, it was suggested that alumni in Baltimore were making arrangements for a pair of dances during the holiday. James Milbourne, Sr., is in charge of the plans. Another social event planned is a buffet supper.

Captain Dick stated that definite announcement would be made next week of all the plans for the holiday and of the procedure necessary to take advantage of the arrangements.

## S. I. P. A. Program Will Appeal to Special Interests of Students

Among the men selected by the S. I. P. A. to deliver addresses to the assembled high school delegates at the convention here on November 20-21, several should be of extraordinary interest to the students of Washington and Lee, according to Mr. O. W. Riegel, director of the association.

Raymond Clapper, very distinguished Washington Political Columnist, who will speak on "Confessions of a Political Columnist," should be particularly instructive to students of political science. For science students Howard Blakeslee, science editor of the Associated Press, who will speak on "Covering Science for Newspapers" will be a major attraction. Students of journalism will find the whole program of unusual interest, and particularly the talk by the Associated Press' executive assistant Edward S. Stanley, who will speak on "Pictorial Journalism."

## First Collegian To Appear Soon

Clarke, Reid, Sugrue Write Articles For Quarterly Magazine

"We are not publishing for the English department," says Cowl Rider in the title page column of The Southern Collegian, which is to appear a few days before Thanksgiving.

"Believing that the average student may study like a Phi Beta Kappa," said Rider, "but that his relaxation reading is chosen like a moron's, much of the material in the forthcoming issue will not require any terrific mental exertion to read."

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## A SENSIBLE SOLUTION OF THE ATHLETIC QUESTION

In a little less than a month the members of the Southern conference will meet to consider the continuation, abolition, or modification of the Graham Plan. Both as a member of the Conference and as a reputable institution of learning, Washington and Lee must determine its attitude on this question.

The experience of one football season conducted under the Graham Plan has been sufficient, we believe, to prove that this plan is as it exists today is unworkable. Admirable though it may be in principle, it cannot achieve the ends set forth last December by its advocates—namely, the elimination of athletic subsidization. The mechanism established for attaining these ends is too complex, too difficult of enforcement, too full of loop-holes inviting violation.

Even the spirit of the Graham Plan is being flouted today on almost every campus in the Southern conference. College after college has adopted such devices as "loan funds," "alumni grants," and their countless variations to compensate football players. At least sixty per cent of all members of football squads in the Conference are receiving financial aid in some form—a percentage entirely out of proportion to the number of non-athletic students receiving similar aid.

And Washington and Lee has not kept its own hands spotless. We do not question the sincerity or the motives of the athletic department, the administration, or the faculty committees on scholarships or athletics. But we do believe that in the granting of jobs at Washington and Lee discrimination—unconscious though it may be—has been made in favor of athletes. It is generally understood on this campus that obtaining certain types of work is the prerogative of the football player; these jobs may be open to all students, but few save athletes ever apply or ever receive this work. And one endowed scholarship in particular has invariably been given during the past few years to an athlete.

A year ago *The Ring-tum Phi* endorsed the Graham Plan as an experiment which might lead to the elimination of professional collegiate football. Today we still believe in the spirit of the Graham Plan, but we cannot sanction any plan, no matter how noble its object, which leads to hypocrisy and deceit.

The Graham Plan cannot be continued in its present form.

In abandoning the Graham Plan, Washington and Lee will be faced by three possible courses. On the one hand is out and out professionalism with open subsidization—the system adopted by the Southeastern conference. For Washington and Lee to take such a course is unthinkable. It would violate every tradition of the University in lowering the standards of admission and opening wide the doors of the University to a type of student who has never had a place on this campus.

At the other extreme is pure amateurism, an ideal which is probably highly desirable, but impossible of attainment under existing conditions. As long as intercollegiate football on a commercial basis remains an integral part of the American picture, amateurism is an impossibility.

The one remaining course is a middle of the road policy—the granting of financial aid to athletes, not as athletes, but as bona fide students, and the elimination of the man who is enrolled in college merely to participate in athletics. This is the end to which the Graham Plan was dedicated, but which it has failed utterly to accomplish.

Such a desideratum can be attained, not through a maze of complicated rules and regulations, but by establishing simple standards of eligibility for athletes. Let the members of the Southern conference agree that no student can participate in intercollegiate athletics unless his scholastic standing both in regard to the quantity and the quality of his work is such that it will enable him to graduate in the normal length of time required for the

attainment of a degree. In other words, at Washington and Lee this rule would mean that a man must maintain at least a "C" average in order to be eligible for any team. Let there be no questions asked as to the financial aid extended to athletes; allow each college to distribute its scholarships and opportunities for work as it may see fit and in accordance with its own standards of need and ability.

Such a plan of scholastic eligibility will eliminate the tramp athlete and the professional football player; it will drive away from the college those men who are enrolled primarily for the sake of athletics and not for the purpose of acquiring an education—which after all should be the primary motive for attending college.

Even more to be favored is the fact that this plan would be easy of enforcement. It would require no filing of elaborate reports, no prying into the personal affairs of the individual athlete. Above all it would put no premium on deception and insincerity. Determining the eligibility of any athlete would be simply a matter of consulting the official records of scholastic standing on file in every office of administration.

This then, in our opinion, should be Washington and Lee's answer to the Graham Plan and its manifest absurdities of administration. This is the policy which we believe both the University and the Southern conference might well adopt.

## BRICK WALKS VS. CONCRETE—BEAUTY VS. MATERIALISM

When, in three years or so, as the landscapers assure us, the ivy vines will have grown up on the walls of Washington college and its exterior will have again taken over that air of settled antiquity which so adds to its dignity, there will be few things left to do to improve the architectural perfection of the central group of Washington college buildings. In fact, there will only be one sour note in this "symphony of beauty," and it will remain a sore spot, or rather a series of sore spots, until some other Doremus or alumnus or big-hearted individual sees fit to remedy it. The remaining imperfection? Nothing more or less than those literal miles of concrete walk which span the campus from one end to another. Those smooth, dull grey strips that criss-cross in a most awkward fashion up and down and through the grass, (or what was grass last year and will be next year) do more to mar the beauty of this campus than any other single feature. They're just plain ugly, though eminently practical.

It's all the more of a shame since walks can often add to, rather than detract from, the beauty of their surroundings. But those hard surfaces were intended for city streets and pounding heels rather than the quiet red brick peacefulness which now surrounds them.

If the money were available, and sooner or later it must become available, those harsh pavements could be converted into brick walks without much difficulty. No glare, no incongruity, no bare-faced surfaces would then remain. The harmonizing effect of the red brick walls of Washington college would be enhanced by the red brick walks that led up to its portals.

## WHY NOT A CUP FOR FRATERNITY SCHOLARSHIP?

Realization of the end of half the semester, when the first reports start winging home to father, has started some of the fraternities to speculating upon their chances for first place in scholarship. It is an honor which merits fully as much as intramural athletic championships, some tangible reward.

It is popularly supposed that the University presents a cup to that fraternity which maintains the highest scholastic average of the year. Actually, however, the cup is a mythical one, and as far as can be discovered, has never existed.

National headquarters of several local chapters bestow cups on highest ranking houses, many of them award medals to the member in each chapter who attains the highest average, and some houses own plaques upon which the name of the top scholar is engraved. Desirable as all these tokens are, however, they should be supplemented by some recognition from the University administration or the Interfraternity Council.

At Washington and Lee interfraternity rivalry is keen in all respects but scholarship. However, there is nothing like the prospect of snagging a trophy for the old living room mantle to stir a house out of its lethargy and send it gunning for a first rating. Pledge captains would begin to prod the neophytes along to a little book work, and more attention would be paid to the serious type of students during rush week.

Presentation of a cup should have a salutary effect on the general student average, besides furnishing a satisfactory award for a deserving fraternity.

Dr. S. M. Corey, professor of educational psychology and measurements at the University of Nebraska, made an extensive study of the reasons why students attend certain universities, and these were the answers, in the order listed: Recommendation of high school teachers and administrators, proximity of the university to the student's home, family influence, prestige of the institution, economy, availability of desired courses, and influence of friends.

## THE EASY CHAIR

By STANFORD SCHEWEL

I noticed in the last issue of *The Ring-tum Phi* that the Interfraternity Council was considering a report on the problem of adopting here at Washington and Lee the policy of deferred rushing.

For the uninitiated, who are not quite sure of exactly what deferred rushing is let me say, in way of a partial explanation, that it forbids rushing of freshman by fraternities during the first few months, or often even a whole semester of school, and that freshman cannot be pledged to a fraternity until after a specified interval has passed. The system may vary wherever it is adopted, but it usually more or less follows that general pattern.

The advocates of this plan claim that is the "acme par excellence" of how fraternity rushing should be guided. They claim that it gives time for the freshman to sit back and judge which fraternity suits him better, and it also gives the upperclassmen more opportunity to judge their prospective pledges. Theoretically this is true. But in actual practice it works out far differently. It was put into use at the University of Virginia and is far from satisfactory to a great many of the fraternities there.

Our policy of rushing here at Washington and Lee has many evils, but it has one paramount virtue which to me far outweighs anything that deferred rushing has to offer. And that is, it hits rushing square in the middle and gets it over with as soon

as possible. Rushing is an obnoxious necessity and our present plan rids us of this necessity in the short space of a week.

I can well imagine what would happen here at Washington and Lee if deferred rushing were adopted. This business of "pleasing the freshman" would continue over the space of weeks and maybe months, instead of getting it over with as soon as possible. As a result neither the new men or upperclassmen would get down to regular routine until the first semester was almost over. And I doubt if many of the freshmen would decide differently as to a fraternity at the end of a month than they would at the end of a week.

True, there are bound to be freshmen who become dissatisfied with their fraternity. But this will always be the case no matter what system you have. There may be a few men who would choose differently if they were allowed a long time to make up their mind. But I dare say that this number is in the minority, and it would hardly be practical to change our whole set of rules to please a small number of men.

Rushing is rushing no matter which way you look at it. It is hard, pell mell, and sometimes unpleasant. No amount of sugar coating will change its essential features, and prolonging the period in which it exists will only make it worse instead of improving it.

## Letters to the Editor

### The Troubadours' Dilemma

Dear Sir:  
The Troubadours are deserving of pity. The part of "Belle," a "fallen woman" in O'Neill's scheduled play, is to be played by a boy.

"No one," we quote Mr. Watkin as saying, "shall ever know who this character is. We intend to keep this matter a secret." Not bad.

This is not a publicity stunt to get students into the Troubadours. We wish it were. It is a sad commentary on manners and morals in Lexington in Old Virginia where a hard-working dramatic organization cannot get a lady to play a female part merely because that part portrays a woman of elastic virtue.

Let's hope the whole matter will be kept a secret. Let's hope the boy who plays the part will have a clear falsetto and has a close shave before the performance. Let's hope his bosom will be heavily padded with socks or swelled with balloons so that verisimilitude may remain undisturbed.

There is some good Puritan stock in this town. That is a pity. Not so many years ago a very charming young woman played a part in which she happened to be married to two men at the same time. Not only that, she appeared on the stage in a night-gown. The tongues still wag over the town's bridge tables.

Valiant is the word for Mr. Watkin.

### The Drinking Question

Dear Sir:  
I presume that the recently published statement of President Dodds of Princeton university requesting all persons to refrain from the use of alcoholic liquors while attending athletic contests sponsored by Princeton, has received wide-spread comment on the Washington and Lee campus. I have been at the point of registering some protest on numerous previous occasions concerning the conduct of our own alumni and undergraduates in matters of drinking at such places as the Yale Bowl and the Palmer Stadium. This seems an appropriate time to voice this protest.

I do not believe that this is an isolated, limited or narrow opinion and my experience has been that it is held by a large number of my fellow alumni. I have been extremely embarrassed and greatly ashamed on the above mentioned occasions to have my family and friends—often unacquainted with Washington and Lee—observe with me the childish and, what is far worse, the disgusting and filthy behavior of some of the supposed undergraduates and alumni in attendance at these games. It might be argued that these offenders were "out-siders" and this may in some cases have been true. It would be, however, I feel too much of a coincidence for this to have been true in all instances and I think Washington and Lee men can ill-afford to hide behind such a smoke screen.

President Dodds has stated the

problem and the remedy in the most straight-forward terms. The remedy obviously is to stop drinking during attendance at athletic games.

As a previous member of the executive committee I appreciate that the only thing necessary and practical in attaining such an end is the spread of the opinion among the student body. This matter has nothing to do with the question of the desirability of drinking—it is purely a question of good manners. If the undergraduates and the alumni can both see that such behavior reflects great discredit on the University and upon themselves, the whole situation solves itself at once. In view of the encouraging signs of the past few years that Washington and Lee expects to conduct itself as a mature university, I hope this problem can be met in a way consistent with that idea. I believe any other attitude will place our university in a most unfavorable light.

With only the best interests of Washington and Lee in mind, I am,

Sincerely yours,  
Chas. W. McNitt, M. D. '17

### Respect for Lee

Dear Editor:  
A few days ago, I was standing in front of Washington College admiring the campus and talking with a distinguished alumnus of Washington and Lee about the change in the school since he had graduated. While we were talking a group of V. M. I. cadets and their dates were approaching Lee Chapel laughing and talking gaily; but when they reached the chapel the laughter ceased, and the cadets came to a salute as they passed before the tomb and statue of General Robert E. Lee. After they had passed and completed the salute the alumnus to whom I was talking said to me, "For a number of years I have noticed that the cadets of V. M. I. pay a great deal more respect to General Lee than our students, who, thoughtlessly pass before his tomb, heedless of the man who did more to make Washington and Lee what it strives to be than any other person. It seems to me that it would be most fitting for our students to pay this respect to their great leader daily by simply raising their hats when passing the chapel."

After thinking this over from a student's standpoint, I decided to write this letter to *The Ring-tum Phi* to see if anyone else feels as I do; that this alumnus has pointed to a valuable spot in our traditions.

Most of us, I am sure, have not intended any lack of respect in failing to show some evidence of our feelings for General Lee when passing the chapel; but I believe we would add to our own traditions by showing more regard for the memory of the great man who is buried within.

A Senior  
Seventy-five of the 272 members of the freshman class at LaFayette College are either sons or relatives of alumni of the college.

## CAMPUS COMMENT

By JIMMY FISHEL

**Fancy Dress Straw Vote . . .**  
Just to see which way campus sentiment is blowing in regard to the band situation for Fancy Dress Ball, we're going to cast a straw vote of our own to the winds and see what the results are.

As yet *The Ring-tum Phi* plan for official balloting on the bands is not ready to roll. It won't be before Easter Dances at the very latest. Realizing this and aware of the fact that a great many of the gentlemen on the campus would like to have something to say in regard to the band choice, we are starting Friday night a campus-wide straw vote for the choice of the orchestra.

At each fraternity house we plan to have a representative tally the choices of the men. For the convenience of the non-fraternity men, ballot boxes will be located at the Corner Store, in the Co-op and in *The Ring-tum Phi* office in the basement of the law building.

Undaunted by the horrible example set by the *Literary Digest* disaster, we hope to find a representative and an accurate vote. Of course, there will be no way at all of finding out who stuffs the ballot boxes, and for sake of a fair vote and a precedent for future ballots such as this, we implore you only to put in one vote. In this way, perhaps, the orchestra named will serve as something of a mandate to the Fancy Dress president.

### Yellow Caps . . .

With all the hullabaloo on the campus in favor of the yellow caps as excellent haberdashery wear, it seems a bit risky and unwise to get out on the limb and say it's all wrong. But we honestly believe it is.

Overnight, practically, we noticed a change in the freshmen's manners. They are too polite, if such a thing is possible. Fearing the yellow dinkee, they greet you on the street with a smile stretched from ear to ear as if you were a long lost brother instead of just a vaguely familiar face. It's an unhealthy courtesy that doesn't fool a soul and out of tune with the wholesome Washington and Lee traditions.

The cruelty of the affair is obvious. It's only natural for a boy to arrive at school with something

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## PREVUES

The New

Friday—"Ramona," with Loretta Young, Kent Taylor, and Don Ameche. Helen Hunt Jackson's old romance about the treatment of the Indians in California, revived for the third time, this time in Technicolor. The story is well-handled, and the color shows considerable improvement over previous pictures.

Saturday—"Wedding Present," with Joan Bennett and Cary Grant. A farce concerning the adventures of two crazy reporters. The plot, such as it is, revolves around the efforts of the male member of the team to persuade the girl to marry him after he has made a practical joke out of a wedding ceremony. The story isn't much, but there are a lot of laughs.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday—"Big Broadcast of 1937," with Jack Benny, Burns and Allen, Bob Burns, and Benny Goodman and his orchestra. There is no story to speak of in this picture, only big names and songs. Some of the comedy is pretty fair.

The Lyric

Friday—"Dancing Lady," with Joan Crawford, Clark Gable, and Fred Astaire. This picture is almost old enough to rate as a period piece. Fred Astaire was just another hopeful then, and it might be interesting to see how he looked before he was famous.

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# Little Generals Fall Before Maryland, 6-0

### Little Generals Repelled In Four Advances To Old Liners' Goal

### HOLD MARGIN IN FIRST DOWNS, 11-9

### Alert Maryland Backs Intercept Passes to Prevent W. and L. Scores

By LEA BOOTH

Four times Washington and Lee's Brigadiers saw their efforts fade in the shadows of Maryland's goal line here yesterday after mobilizing in scoring range, and each of the four instances saw their drives barricaded by alert backs, mopping up on every opportunity to intercept passes. The Old Liners' lone first-stanza counter stood as 6-0 defeat to the local yearlings in their last stand.

Frantic lobs by the Brig's trio of pass-looper in the very wane of the ball game could do no more than arouse a meagre audience and finally it was one of these same alert Old Liners who came up from nowhere to cut short the last Blue and White march deep in enemy territory. Even though Maryland triumphed, the Little Generals held a 11-9 margin in first downs.

After the Generals' forwards had stuck in the fray in three valiant efforts to crush the attempts of powerful invading backs about to cross their goal, they allowed Corliss, visiting quarter, to pile through center for the only touchdown. Captain Dick Boisseau came in to block Mundorff's try for placement. The Old Liners' first-year men ran up four first downs before capping their drive.

**Hopes Blasted Again**  
The Generals came back a little later in the half only to have their hopes of retaliation muffed when Corliss intercepted a pass down near the goal line. Harrison Hogan had just thrown two aerials to Bob Abbott for 10 and 22 yards, while the latter tossed to little Jim Humphrey for 6 more, in three plays that stood out in the drive down-field.

Again in the third period the rejuvenated Blue eleven mobilized their power down in the scoring range but this time Mufendorf took a General pass to cut short any encroachment on their lead.

The quarter ended as the visitors tried to apply the proverbial razzle-dazzle to the locals only to have the officials' tribunal rule it void after two of four passes had shown signs of being forward.

Time began slipping up on the Little Generals until Hogan tossed to Joe Dietz for 16 yards and Abbott duplicated one to Bob Hobson for 18 yards. But again Hobson's pass was taken by a Maryland back on the Old Liners' 12-yard line. Norton, sub quarter for the visitors, got off a timely 70-yard boot from behind his goal to neatly pull his club out of the rut.

In another attempt to cut down the advantage held over them, the

Young-coached yearlings came down again to have their rally snapped as Corliss came in for another interception. This followed a completed pass, thanks to an over-zealous Maryland back who interfered with Monroe Emmerich, fleet Blue end. More passes carried to Maryland's thirteen, along with nice slices by Hogan. But once more Corliss came in to snag a shot from Abbott, southpaw passer.

About mid-field, Bob Hobson, in his most brilliant game of the year, proved beyond all doubt the tartar of enemy backs when he ran in from the secondary to block Norton's punt at mid-field.

**Resort to Passes**

And here it was that the locals abandoned all thought of safety and threw chance to the wind along with a hair-raising volley into the ozone. Erratic attempts to complete passes were met broadside by the winners and the gun finally let down the curtain as Corliss intercepted his last pass.

Boisseau persisted in calling time-outs and by this means, three plays were run in the last twenty seconds of the game.

Boisseau, Muldoon and Littrell played their usual heads-up ball and accounted for over half the tackles. Sheridan and Brodie came in for plenty as did the three ends that worked the game in A-1 style.

## Quintet to Begin Practice Monday

### Capt. Iler, Woodward, Carson, Spessard Return As Nucleus

Washington and Lee's varsity basketball team will begin practice next Monday to win the Southern Conference basketball championship which North Carolina won from them in the finals last year. In making this announcement Cy Young also added that all candidates for the freshman team should report at 3:30, an hour before the time scheduled for varsity practice. He pointed out that freshmen should bring their own equipment.

The varsity squad, which won twenty out of twenty-two games last year, only to drop the conference title in the finals of the Southern Conference tournament, will have a great number of lettermen returning. Captain Norman Iler and Fielden Woodward will be back at the guard positions. Bob Spessard, sharp-shooting center, and Kit Carson will be two other lettermen available. Spessard was high scorer in the conference last season. Also coming back are Frank Frazier and Russ Doane.

From the freshman squad of last season will come Bill Borries, whose shooting on the freshman team rivaled that of Spessard on the varsity. Also coming along will be Harry Crane, Bill Brown, Edgar Shannon and Cameron Wiley.

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North Carolina	4	0
V. M. I.	4	0
Maryland	3	1
W. and L.	2	1
Furman	2	1
Clemson	3	2
Davidson	3	2
Wake Forest	3	3
N. C. State	2	3
South Carolina	2	3
V. P. I.	2	5
Virginia	1	3
Richmond	0	3
W. and M.	0	3
Citadel	0	4

## Blue Is Picked To Beat W-M; Duke Favored

### Rommel Selects Maryland Over VMI, And Army Over Notre Dame

By ROLLIE REMMEL  
Fresh from a decisive victory over V. P. I.'s Gobblers Washington and Lee's Fighting Generals take on William and Mary's Indians at Norfolk tomorrow. The Generals are gunning for the State title, but William and Mary would like to revenge a 7 to 0 victory by Washington and Lee at a meeting of the teams two years ago.

An effective offense has been developed by the Generals, and their pass defense has improved considerably. The Generals are picked to win by two touchdowns, but there will be plenty of opposition.

Mighty Duke and North Carolina tangle in a match which will decide the championship of the Southern Conference. Last year Duke tromped the Tar Heels unexpectedly, but this year the Blue Devils enter the battles the favorites. Ace Parker and Co. just can't be stopped in the Conference. Both teams are undefeated in conference games.

**Maryland Over V. M. I.**  
Maryland and V. M. I. will pit their strength against each other. Bill Guckeyson, Big Jim Meade, and Gormeley of Maryland are ready for V. M. I.'s soph stars, and they will teach the youngsters a few of the finer points of the game.

Army and Notre Dame find themselves in the spotlight in a very interesting intersectional encounter. Notre Dame, twice beaten, will be the underdog, but army was beaten by Colgate, so they have been proved not invincible. Monk Meyers will make his bid for national recognition in this tilt.

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## Harriers Run In State Meet At VMI Today

### Kingsbury, Edwards, Prater Form Nucleus Of Generals' Team

After a demonstration of scoring power in their conquest of Richmond, Washington and Lee's cross country team will stand a good chance of winning the state title in the meet to be run over V. M. I.'s 3.3-mile course this afternoon at four o'clock. Barring the Blue and White's path to the state title will be teams from the University of Virginia, V. M. I., and V. P. I.

According to Coach Fletcher, V. M. I.'s well-balanced squad will offer the most serious threat to Washington and Lee's championship hopes. Comparative scores, on a basis of both teams' records against Richmond, would indicate a close finish between V. M. I. and Washington and Lee.

The Generals can offer a trio of strong distance runners in Captain Kingsbury, Charlie Prater, and Warren Edwards. Whether Edwards can run this afternoon depends on the condition of an injured knee. The rest of the team will be made up of Ragon, Harvey, Nielson, Darsie and Thurman. Washington and Lee's frosh harriers will compete in the state freshmen cross country meet this afternoon at 3:30. Representing Washington and Lee in this meet will be: Libby, Cleveland, Powers, Scott, Fix and Young.

and his team, Army, will try to pass their way to glorious triumph. They should do it.

Other predictions are as follows: Washington and Lee over William and Mary

Duke over North Carolina  
Maryland over V. M. I.  
Army over Notre Dame  
Virginia over V. P. I.  
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## Following the BIG BLUE

By BOB NICHOLSON

Victory was a most important word in a Washington and Lee vocabulary last week-end as the varsity football squad routed V. P. I.; as the freshman team ran riot over Virginia's yearlings; and as Coach Fletcher's cross country squad piled up its second consecutive victory. This week-end the Generals face more tough assignments but the "Victory" spirit still persists. Can the varsity score their third state win and gain at least a tie in the final standings? Can the cross country team win the state championship at V. M. I. this afternoon? Victory is the word—we hope.

Here stands a plea from a wrestler—an ordinary wrestler. He claims that the wrestling team must furnish their own sweat outfits and that the practice schedules are such that these can not be easily washed, and that the small place devoted to practice smells foul during workout. What does he want, this ordinary wrestler? He wants the school to furnish him with equipment the same at it does to participants in other sports. He wants a towel when he is through practice. He wants a clean and healthy place to practice in. Is this too much, he asks, for teams which consistently win the Southern conference championship? Is this too much . . . ?

Two years ago, Porky Dickerson was just another big boy who went out for football. He

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had never played the game before, and his first actions on the gridiron were comic. Now he is an important cog in the strong General line—one of that mighty quartet of General tackles. His exhibition in every game this year has caused Coach Tilson to mark him as the most improved man on the varsity squad. To this fighting man who came up from nowhere, we sing our praise. A man who says little but does much!

Another substitute who broke into first string action with a bang last week was Jim Lindsey who may start in the game with William and Mary tomorrow. Lindsey was the the cannonball that shot through those many times to nail the Gobbler backs behind their own line. And to Charley Lykes, too, must go a word of praise for knifing in to block that punt.

NOTES: We like that hippy running of Muldoon, freshman back; only he shouldn't wave them when he is out in the open . . . The departure of Wes Heath

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WESTBOUND—5 A. M.; 4:20, 11:45 P. M.

## INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

By JOCK STEWART

**Time In . . .**

The A. T. O.'s lead the intramural race by virtue of their win in football, although they have garnered very few points in tennis and horseshoes. A lot of the boys go to look at the list of the tennis and horseshoes drawings in the gym and get very indignant when they find they aren't on the list. Don't be worried, boys, only the first sheet has been put up. . . . At the University of Michigan there is a special gym for intramurals—it has six or seven basketball courts, a quarter-mile indoor track, two swimming pools, and just about everything else you could wish for. . . . Have you ever noticed the boys who jog around the track for hours and seem to have no connection with the track team? Wonder if they could be training for intramural track!

**Time Out . . .**

The Phi Psi's and the Pi K. A.'s turned in victories this week in the first round of the consolation tournament by close margins. Lea Booth pulled the game out of the fire for the Pi K. A.'s with a catch of a ball that had been batted into the air by a Phi Delt back. In the Phi Psi-Phi Gam fracas Lloyd Hoagland took a pass over for the lone Phi Gam touchdown, but they were unable to convert and lost by one point.

### Troubadours Sell Rapidly

Results Fulfilling All Expectations of W. and L. Actors

The sale of tickets for the Troubadours' first production, "Ah Wilderness," is progressing rapidly and fulfilling all expectations, according to Harry Miller, business manager of the organization. Many season tickets have been sent out, and single tickets will go on sale at McCrum's on Monday.

Lewis McMurrin, Troubadours president, strongly urged all students to see the play, since it presents a period of life through which most college men have lately passed. "Ah Wilderness" was chosen as an opener," said McMurrin, "because we believe it to be the best American comedy of manners. It should appeal to every student."

Campus tax subscribers are entitled to see free of charge and two of the Troubadours' productions throughout the year, and they may get a special rate of seventy-five cents for the other two plays, he said.

Miller said yesterday that the club's business affairs were in excellent shape. Plans for programs and posters have been drawn up and adopted, and everything is in readiness for the premiere on Thursday evening. The business staff consists of: Howard Hickey, Bille Steele, Arnold Raphael, Alton Farber, Buddy Poltz, Bob Walker, Homer Carmichael, and Oscar Ennenga.

Jim Andrews and Tex Lowery, in charge of sets for the play, reported today that construction of scenery is proceeding rapidly.

### Derr to Head Fencing Club

New Organizations Draws Up Temporary Constitution

Gardener Derr, sophomore in the science school, was elected president of the Washington and Lee Fencing Club last night at its first formal meeting. Other officers elected were Randolph Hall, vice-president and Bob Lawton, secretary-treasurer.

The constitution drawn up by Randolph Hall was formally accepted as the instrument of government until December 15 when a more parliamentary constitution will be adopted. This plan was followed because situations will arise which are not now covered by the constitution. The fact was made clear, however, that the club was organized mainly for the purpose of stimulating interest in fencing and not as a parliamentary society.

A locker has been obtained in the gymnasium for the purpose of keeping the equipment at a central point. Each member of the organization will be given a key to the locker so that they may fence at any time convenient.

Until the foils and other equipment arrives, the enthusiasts will practice with "single sticks." A single stick is a piece of bamboo pole about forty inches long which is taped on one end. The purpose of the stick is mainly to become acquainted with the fundamental principles of fencing.

A chart will be posted in the student union building lounge room so that the new members will be able to arrange time with the older experienced members to learn fencing.

### Yellow Caps

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"Better explain yourself, freshman," said the other upperclassman, now becoming irritated.

"Why all the freshmen at the University of Maryland have to wear these caps until Christmas—don't your freshmen wear caps, too?"

There was a deadly hush as the two upperclassmen sneaked away, leaving the two Maryland frosh football players wondering what it was all about.

### Cross Country

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to place a man among the first three. But General teamwork carried five consecutive positions in each race to insure a victory.

After Ragon, who finished in fourth place, came Charlie Prater, Warren Edwards, Bob Kingsbury, and Flash Harvey. The last trio killed off a lone V. M. I. runner, who sought to break the blanket finish, in the last stretch and cut him out just at the finish.

It was the third consecutive cross country victory for Washington and Lee runners who had previously defeated V. P. I. and Richmond. The win today assured the Generals an undisputed claim to the state cross country championship.

### Castello-Howison

Announcements have been received in Lexington of the marriage of Dr. Ialmar Castello to Miss Marion Wallace Howison of Chicago. The marriage took place October 5, 1936, in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Dr. Castello is well known in Lexington, took his pre-medical work at Washington and Lee and received his dental degree at the Medical College of Virginia.

### Campus Comment

Continued from page two of an inferiority complex. He's slightly bewildered and dazed by this new campus world. Slap a yellow cap on him and you not only shame him, but he's well on his way towards becoming a permanent Casper Milquetoast.

On top of it all some of the upperclassmen look at it as a huge joke and regard themselves as War Aces; in a petty manner they go out of their way to see how many men they can bring down.

### Rambles . . .

Professor Martin must be having labor trouble . . . In the middle of a recent lecture one of those human monkeys who are painting the walls of the college exteriors climbed into an open window of the economics professor's classroom and with dirty paint brush, filthy overalls and all, he walked

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down the middle aisle of the busy lecture period without batting an eye, walking out, slamming the door behind him . . . Suggested textbook for all political science classes is Sinclair Lewis' "It Can't Happen Here" . . . the hell it can't, and we all ought to know why . . . Favorite occupation of a few of our more sophisticated sophomores is writing away to the various marriage bureaus in the cheaper magazines asking for future contacts . . . don't be alarmed if you see a few mature-looking ladies here as dates for some of the lads.

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. . . A sign that the publicity department is busy at work is the lovely account in the College Section of the Sunday New York Times of the approaching SIPA time . . . Pappy Moore, old news editor of this paper, is down in Texas for the S. D. X. meeting.

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### Graham Plan

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bers, four have not yet expressed any opinion of the plan.

"College Topics," University of Virginia student newspaper, came out with a front page editorial proposing that present rules regarding the compensation of athletes be abolished and a new code be adopted or else the university withdraw from the conference and adopt its own code. It was signed by the editorial board of "College Topics." The editorial said there was nothing wrong in offering a football player room, tuition and a job by which he can earn his board. Men should be allowed to work their way through college by playing football the same as others do by grading papers or instructing in a laboratory. The paper did not condemn varsity players but commended them for the sacrifices they made and the spirit they showed. They said the student body wants intercollegiate football, a winning team, and the spectacles and excitement of a well-played game that accompanies a winning team.

While "College Topics" was making its appeal for open subsidization of athletes, Dr. John Lloyd Newcomb, president of the University of Virginia declared his school "is co-operating 100 per cent with the so-called Graham Plan as set forth in the rules and regulations of the Southern Conference" and that he had "no knowledge" of any proposed change.

The six newly-admitted Southern conference members, William and Mary, University of Richmond, Davidson, Wake Forest, Furman, and the Citadel, did not vote last January when the Graham Plan was passed, but will vote next month.

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