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Quarterly to Explain New Trends of Public Opinion

MR. RIEGEL WRITES FEATURED STORY

Points Out Affects of Press And Radio in Spanish War

O. W. Riegel, head of the Washington and Lee School of Journalism, serving as one of four associate editors on the staff of The Public Opinion Quarterly, a new magazine devoted to the interpretation of public opinion trends, wrote one of the feature stories in the first issue on "Communications," which dealt with the press and the radio in relation to the Spanish Civil War.

Propaganda Factors
Primarily the article indicated what potent factors the press and radio were in arousing sentiment, for or against a particular side. To prove the indubitable favoritism of many newspapers, Mr. Riegel indicated how some newspapers by use of nomenclature in distinguishing the two opposing sides could indicate their sympathies. For example Rothmere's London papers which are supporting the rebels, refer to the government forces as "Reds" and to the rebels as "patriots," and Hearst uses the terms "Reds" and "Communists" while to leftist papers in England and America, the rebel forces are Fascists, while the government forces are "loyalists."

Press Activities in War
In summing up what the Spanish war experience had shown with regard to the workings of the international press, Mr. Riegel stated that, "First . . . although the international communication system has achieved a remarkable efficiency, little reliance may be placed on it in a moment of crisis for the complete and accurate information which might dissolve that crisis. The second principle, corollary to the first, is that modern efficiency of press and radio seem to represent an increased hazard in the maintenance of neutrality of thought, without which no true neutrality is possible."

Functions of Magazine
As indicated by the tenor of Mr. Riegel's story, the prime purpose of the magazine is to "give the clearest possible understanding of what public opinion is and how it generates, because this understanding is a vital need touching both public and private interest. The Public Opinion Quarterly undertakes to serve that need by creating a convenient medium for regularly bringing together from all the sources—scholarship, government, business, advertising, public relations, press, radio, motion pictures—the latest available information on the phenomena and problems of public opinion and developing thought, in connection with those phenomena and problems, of scholars, governmental officials, business men, public relations counsel and the rest."

Riegel Chosen Official At AAJT Convention

At the convention of the American Association of Journalism teachers held from December 28 through January 1 in St. Louis, Mo., O. W. Riegel, head of the Washington and Lee School of Journalism, was elected vice-president of the organization.

During one of the several sessions of the convention, Mr. Riegel delivered a paper on the "Foreign Press and the War Crisis."

Hospital Notes
Six Washington and Lee students are now interned at Jackson Memorial hospital. All are suffering from colds of a varying degree. The students are: Jock A. R. Stewart, Independence, Kan.; Ervin Powers, Bennettsville, S. C.; Robert Kingsbury, Elizabeth, N. J.; Homer Carmichael, Atlanta, Ga.; Tom S. Parrott, Newnan, Ga., and Fred M. Moran, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'Brother Rat' Is 'Sexcess' On Boisterous Broadway

Ring-tum Phi Columnist Finds New Production Spicy And Amusing; V. M. I. Forms Background For Play Which Stresses Romantic Life

By JAMES FISHEL
In and around the New York sector and gradually seeping out to the four corners of the United States is a new expression ready to be adopted to the present over-loaded, picturesque lexicon of American wordage. That phrase is the familiar V. M. I. term but heretofore unpublicized, "Brother Rat." Along boisterous Broadway friends don't come up to you any longer, slap you on the back and say "Hi, Kid," or "Hya Palsy" or "Whatcha know Bud?"; instead, all of them have gone Lexington with "Howdy, Brother Rat" wagging on everybody's tongue.

For "Brother Rat," the new comedy produced by George Abbot and written by former cadets, John Monks, Jr., and Fred Pinkle-hoffe, is kidding the life out of staid old V. M. I. and New York audiences who had up to this time thought the Institute was a prep school like Culver or the New York Military Academy, and Lexington a mere army post, are being laughingly awakened to the fact that they breed men in these parts—ladies' men!

In general the authors have portrayed V. M. I. as a training school for Romeos. From the word go to the last rollicking drop of the curtain, there is so much unrestrained fun about Keydets confined off second best to a group of pretty girls, that it is hard to believe all those horrible tales of severe military life and hard work that keep floating from the windows of the barracks. With all

their extra curricula activities, it doesn't seem possible for V. M. I. men ever to settle down to a hard work day's session.

Girls, girls, girls, babies, artful necking, and a baseball team are the extent of the interests of the "Brother Rats." Those are the main themes of the play just to give you an idea how sane it all is. Bing Edwards, whose I. Q. isn't of the best, is the star pitcher of the corps ball team. But Bing is in no condition to pitch on the day of the big game. He is married, and as if that isn't enough to have him thrown out of school on his ear, his wife is going to have a baby. "With drug stores on every corner in America," his room mate admonishes him, "you, you have to go and get a baby!"

But that isn't the end of Bing's worries. There are many of them almost as frightful as his approaching baby. Bing is a terrible chemistry student, but he must pass it to secure his diploma. His roommate who like all good room-mates, has the marvelous faculty of getting you into trouble but never himself, hits upon the bright idea of having the superintendent's daughter come into the barracks at two in the morning to tutor the deficient chem student. By far the best scene in the play, "Night Watch," and even the superintendent himself keeps barging into the Cadet's room only to find it looking like a Sunday school class room or a V. M. I. bed room, the way they picture it Continued on page four

Troubs to Visit Mary Baldwin

'Ah, Wilderness' to Make First Road Trip In Recent Years

On Saturday, January 9, the Troubadours will visit Mary Baldwin College in Staunton with their successful production of Eugene O'Neill's "Ah, Wilderness." This trip, the final arrangements for which were completed before the holidays, marks the beginning of the first tour that the Troubs have taken in several years.

The play will go on the road with its original cast intact. There will be full rehearsals on Thursday and Friday nights. According to Mr. Watkin, the problem of the transportation of scenery has been solved, and all is in readiness for the trip.

The University of Virginia has expressed a desire to see "Ah, Wilderness," and there is a strong probability that the Troubs will go to Charlottesville some time in February.

National Arts Guild Again Makes Lauck State Head of 'Week'

C. Harold Lauck, head of the Journalism laboratory press here, has been named state chairman for Printing Education Week for the fourth consecutive year, according to announcements in the press. The appointment was made by Chester A. Lyle, of Canton, Ohio, national chairman.

The ninth annual observance of the "week" will begin January 15, Mr. Lauck said, with statewide programs falling on the 231st anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin.

"The programs for the week will be concerned largely with honoring the memory of the patron saint of American printing," he said, adding that he had mailed letters to Virginia printing teachers and co-operating graphic arts organizations, giving them an outline of appropriate activities for observing the week and promoting a better appreciation of printing.

Mr. Lauck is secretary of the National Graphic Arts Education Guild, which annually sponsors the printing education movement throughout the nation.

Walls to Give More Lectures

Professor to Discuss French Architecture In Talks

Professor Walls will continue his art lectures, giving two talks on Tuesday and Friday of next week, which conclude his lectures for the first semester. Both of these lectures will be held at eight o'clock in Washington chapel and will be illustrated by eighty to a hundred slides on the beauty of French architecture.

The lecture Tuesday will emphasize the small abbey churches of southern France and Normandy and their Romanesque architecture, particularly the churches in the old French provinces of Burgundy, Aquitania, Provence, and Languedoc.

The Friday lecture will be on French Gothic architecture, emphasizing the cathedrals; particularly of Chartres, Paris, Amiens, and Rheims. In the past an average of twenty-five people have attended the lectures which are open to all. Other lectures will be given towards the end of next semester concerning French chateaus and sculpture.

Journalism Graduates Receive Appointments

A. T. Gunn, of the class of 1933 in Journalism, was recently appointed assistant editor of the Hopewell News, of Hopewell, Virginia. Gunn, formerly of Danville, served previously as editor of the weekly Alta Vista Journal.

B. T. Martire, Washington and Lee Journalism graduate last year, has been placed on the desk staff of the Nyack Journal News, of Nyack, N. Y.

All Fees Must Be Paid Before Exams Are Taken

Registrar Mattingly today called attention to all students to the fact that "no student shall be allowed to enter on any of his semester examinations until he has paid, or has made satisfactory arrangements for the payment of all his dues to the University."

This rule will be strictly enforced this year, Mr. Mattingly said. First examinations begin on January 18.

Iler Explains Costume Rules Of Dance Set

Measurements to Be Taken Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Afternoons

COSTUMES LISTED AT \$3.00 FOR RENTAL

Unauthorized Crude Costumes Will Be Barred From Floor

Measurements for Fancy Dress costumes will be taken in the gym between 2:30 and 4:30 next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons, Norman Iler, president of the Fancy Dress set, told The Ring-tum Phi today.

The costumes will cost \$3.00 again this year, Iler said, and will be furnished by the same company that had the contract last year.

"I wish that everyone would hand in the measurements for his date's costume during the first of next week too," he stated. Costumes of almost any period may be worn at the Fancy Dress ball, but those who attempt to wear convict costumes or makeshift costumes consisting of dress pants, sash, and shirt, or various combinations using pajama tops and similar apparel will be barred from the floor. There will be a wide variety of costumes from which to make a selection next week, the costumers have told Iler. They will have sheets with descriptions of all available costumes with them when they take measurements.

Final Drive Starts Monday
There will be a second and final drive for subscriptions to the set of dances Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Iler said at the same time he made the costume announcement. Representatives of the Fancy Dress organization will be at fraternity houses and eating places on those days to take the money for subscriptions.

The cost for the entire set through Wednesday will be \$9.50. The cost to all who paid junior dues up to this year will be \$6.50. After Wednesday midnight the tickets to the dances must be bought individually at a great increase in cost.

Iler has almost completed the plans for the Fancy Dress figure. He said today that he would announce the names of the men in the figure along with the plan for the figure in Tuesday's Ring-tum Phi.

Back On His Lofty Pedestal Is Rejuvenated Old George

After reposing in the vault of Tucker Hall since last May, Old George was once more restored to his place on Washington College on New Year's Day. The half-ton statue was replaced after a thorough face-lifting and overhauling, and it should remain on its perch for many more years.

Mr. Veech, superintendent of buildings and grounds of the university, stated that George had been thoroughly reconditioned and it is hoped that with an inspection every three months it will be possible to keep him in condition. All wood which had become rotten due to the weather has been replaced with red wood, which is considered more durable. The old base was discarded and replaced with a new one of red wood. Then a rod was inserted vertically from head to foot and this was bolted through the framework of the cupola. After this his body was caulked thoroughly. Caulking material was also put into the moulding around the base. To replace him on his pedestal, a scaffolding was erected around the bell tower. Eight men and a block and tackle were required to put the rejuvenated statue in place.

The flag pole that formerly stood behind George will not be replaced due to the fact that there is now no other way to reach the top of the tower than by ladder and this would result in great inconvenience.

Fancy Fingers...



EDDY DUCHIN

For Fancy Dress

Rider Worried Over Copy For Next Collegian

Editor Needs Several More Stories to Complete Issue

A disgruntled editor walked the campus today. Cowl Rider, editor of The Southern Collegian, when interviewed expressed sardonic amusement at the quarterly predicament of practically no copy for the Fancy Dress issue.

"It's nothing new," the Ring-tum Phi reporter was assured. "Just a little worse this time, since it's hard to get copy so soon after a vacation."

When asked what he needed to fill the magazine, Rider stated that he needed a fairly long story, about four thousand words, a long article, three or four short stories, a couple of short articles and some verse. Particularly light verse.

The next issue, scheduled to appear just before Fancy Dress, will have an article on chaperones, an expose of a well known radio program, and a semi-burlesque on important people of 1936.

An article on Washington and Lee hops from the girl's angle has been promised him, the editor stated, written by a student at one of the neighboring girls' schools.

The deadline for copy is Saturday, January 9, and copy may be left with Mr. Lauck in the print shop.

Mr. Q Surprised; Pledge Surprised; Reason? Cold Check Committee

The last meeting of the cold check committee occasioned an incident which the brothers in one fraternity here will laugh about for another month.

A new man had just been pledged, and after he had received congratulations all 'round, one of the older men, a Mr. Q, volunteered to walk back to the college with him. Mr. Q had a heavy date with the cold check committee, which meets periodically in the hall of the student union building. (The committee does all its business right in the hallway, there, where decent privacy is at a premium.)

Not wishing to inform a new pledge of this matter, Mr. Q averred that he was going to a meeting of the Interfraternity council. The pledge, it turned out, had a few trifles to hash over with his pal, Dr. Hancock.

Okay. Together they went into the student union building, where Mr. Q hastily whisked up the stairs to the second floor, intent upon finding a room where he could have his Interfraternity council meeting—at least until the coast was clear, and he could go down stairs without running into the new pledge. Hot upon his heels, however, followed Dr. Hancock's friend, looking for some nice secluded room where he and the professor could exchange confidences.

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Faculty Authorizes Changes in Courses For Science Degree

Trial Orders Are Placed For Classroom Furniture

Trial orders for classroom benches have been placed with two furniture manufacturers, Dean Frank J. Gilliam, head of the faculty committee on furniture, revealed this afternoon.

The new classroom benches, together with the lecture chairs that have been ordered for the Old Chapel in Washington Hall, the end of the semester. Furniture for other classrooms will be ordered after the first part of the second semester.

Approval Is Granted For Pre-engineering Courses

CHANGES EFFECTIVE NEXT SEPTEMBER

New Courses Are Added In School Of Commerce

At a special meeting before the Christmas holidays, the faculty approved the change of the engineering requirements so as to provide a pre-engineering course, beginning next year.

At the same time the faculty authorized changes in the curriculum in the school of commerce, and the department of geology, as well as minor changes in the courses in chemistry.

Tucker Heads Committee

The faculty also authorized the committee, headed by Dr. R. H. Tucker, which recommended the changes, to continue its study of the curriculum and requirements for degrees. A final report is to be made to the faculty not later than May 1, and is expected to include the recommendation of important changes in the requirements for the A. B. degree.

"For the benefit of students desiring to attend a professional school the faculty has adopted a course which will enable them to lay a broad educational foundation and at the same time to secure credits which will materially shorten the time required for graduate work at such schools," Dean Tucker said, in explaining the changes.

Course Leads to Degree
In the course as adopted, particular emphasis is laid on such subjects as mathematics, surveying and drawing, physics, chemistry, mechanics, English, economics, and business law.

The course will lead to a general degree of bachelor of science, with the general scientific work substituted for the two majors in Group 4 of the present requirements for the B. S. degree.

The pre-engineering course, as adopted by the faculty, will include 85 hours of required courses and 41 hours of free electives.

Benefits Derived
"The course is designed," Dr. Tucker explained, "to meet the needs of two classes of students, namely, those who desire to transfer at the end of the sophomore year to a technical school, and those who prefer to equip themselves with broader cultural and scientific training before entering advanced engineering work."

"The tendency in larger universities is now to require completion of work for the undergraduate degree before entrance to the professional school."

In further re-adjustment of the course in science and engineering, the faculty also authorized a course leading to a B. S. degree with special attainments in physics and electricity. The course, according to Dr. Tucker, is designed to prepare students for graduate study in these subjects or for research work either in other institutions or in industrial laboratories.

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Dr. Few Will Speak Here In Founder's Day Chapel

Dr. W. P. Few, president of Duke University since its inception in 1924, will be the speaker at the annual Founder's Day assembly on Tuesday, January 19, it was announced today. The assembly will be compulsory.

Administration officials said today that all seniors will assemble in front of Washington Hall at 11:15 and march in front of the faculty to the gymnasium.

Dr. Few, who was president of Trinity college when it became Duke university, is a graduate of Wofford and received his Ph.D. from Harvard. He holds honorary degrees from eight colleges, and at one time was joint editor of the South Atlantic Quarterly.

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Debate Team Plans Season

100 Percent Increase Noted in Turnout For Squad

Topics for debating for the coming season were discussed at a meeting of the Washington and Lee debate squad last night. The squad was divided into two groups in order to obtain more comprehensive subjects for debating.

This year almost fifty students turned out for the debate squad. This represents a hundred per cent increase over last year when only twenty students participated in debate. Three years ago there were only ten.

There will be only one debate here on the campus. That will be held some time during March or April with the University of Virginia. Other home debates will be held in neighboring radio stations, high schools, churches, and clubs.

Quintet Opens Regular Season

First Conference Game Tonight With University Of Maryland

Washington and Lee's veteran Generals will open their Southern Conference season tonight when they oppose the quintet of the University of Maryland on the floor of Doremus gymnasium.

Bob Spessard, star Blue and White center who was injured in Wednesday's game with Elon, will probably be in shape to play in the contest tonight. Coach Cy Young early this afternoon indicated that he expected to start Spessard at his regular post. Should Spessard be unable to play, Borries will move to center and Cameron Wiley will take the forward position.

Washington and Lee enters the game with an impressive practice record that has been featured by a point-a-minute attack. The strength of this offensive has centered about Spessard, Borries, and Iler. In last Wednesday's game, Kit Carson also broke through to ring up thirteen points.

Against this team Maryland will enter an experienced squad which has had only moderate fortune this year. Loss of their star Vic Willis from last season has cost the Old Liners heavily, and the pivot position still remains a toss-up among Bob Johnson, Bill Guckeyson, and Ben Allen. John-Continued on page four

Chi Gam Initiates After Examinations

Chi Gamma Theta will begin initiating new pledges late in February after mid-year exams, Lewis Williams, president, stated. Additional new men will be pledged at that time also.

Out of the present pledge class two are selected before each meeting to make speeches. This has been the procedure since the first of the year. Last Tuesday's meeting was not held on account of the many pre-Christmas exams.

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ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND THE POLITICIAN

From Wisconsin, the home of "progressive" political thought, come reports of the ousting last night of Dr. Glenn Frank as president of the University of Wisconsin after a hearing characterized chiefly by its lack of both tolerance and fair play. The Board of Regents of the state university decided by an 8-7 vote to end the eleven-year regime of Dr. Frank, whom they charged with inefficiency and maladministration.

Regardless of the validity of the charges against Dr. Frank, the arbitrary and high-minded manner in which the Board of Regents conducted the hearing and the attitude of the majority of its members gives credence to the contention of the friends of the university president who maintain that the entire proceedings were motivated by partisan hatred of Governor La Follette for Dr. Frank. Therein lies a more fundamental issue: the question of academic freedom.

The Board of Regents is appointed by the governor of the state, all but one of the present members being an appointee of Governor La Follette. But does the fact that these men hold office under the notorious "benevolent despot" of Wisconsin mean that they must serve his political ends in supervising the administration of the state university? When the politician is able to direct through appointees the hiring or firing of a college president, a situation arises not far removed from that existing in certain European countries where a dictator can prescribe what shall and what shall not be taught in the class-room.

There may be some justification for the charges that Dr. Frank's administration has not been as efficient as was desired, but instead of giving him a fair and impartial hearing, the Board of Regents rushed the proceedings through, allowing the educator but scant time to prepare any defense. H. M. Wilkie, president of the Board, from the first assumed the role of prosecuting attorney, whereas all rules of fair play would indicate that he should have heard the case as an impartial arbiter. The manner in which the hearing was conducted did not result in the conviction of Dr. Frank in the public mind; it resulted in the conviction of the Board of Regents. The Regents have branded themselves as the political tools of a demagogue.

The repercussions of the ousting of Dr. Frank will be numerous. The issue will undoubtedly be taken up by the Wisconsin legislature, which Governor La Follette does not control. Students at the University of Wisconsin may strike in protest against the dismissal of their president. The university itself may suffer a loss of prestige as the result of this interference by politicians. But above all, the public has been given additional evidence that casts doubt upon the sincerity of the "progressivism" of the La Follette regime in Wisconsin, for no true progressive would tolerate, let alone take part, in such flagrant violation of academic freedom.

FRESHMAN MATH— IS IT NECESSARY?

A mystery to us is the continued insistence by this university on a rigidly restrictive freshman curriculum. Examination of the catalogues of such liberal arts colleges as Princeton, Yale, Harvard, Amherst, and Williams fails to reveal a parallel to Washington and Lee's limitations on the first-year man.

It is a strange state of affairs when a candidate for an A. B. degree finds it a near impossibility to study an ancient and a modern language simultaneously during his freshman year. Yet that is the situation here. Washington and Lee, almost

alone among reputable universities, requires every student to take a year of mathematics. Group requirements so dispose of the rest of his schedule that the first-year man has to choose between continuing his ancient or his modern language.

No wonder the ancient language department is such a sickly proposition. If it were not for those oh-so-cultural Greek and Roman civilization courses, the department would be reduced to almost absolute zero.

Mathematics may have some value as mind discipline according to out-moded theories of education, but surely the cultural value of courses in Livy, Horace, and Ovid is of comparable importance. A large number of rather erudite people have been grievously misinformed, if not.

The rigidity of the curriculum in some cases is turning students away from Washington and Lee. Seniors in secondary schools just can't seem to understand what the administration has in mind when it takes such an unusual stand against Latin and Greek, in deference to the "disciplinary value" of mathematics.

Neither, for that matter, can we.

WELCOME HOME, OLD GEORGE!

It is with a feeling of relief and a sense of renewed security that we have gratefully noted the reappearance of "Old George" in his accustomed perch atop the pinnacle of Washington College. Once more, as for over a century, that aged yet still sturdy gentleman observes the comings and goings of Washington and Lee students. After being rudely and vulgarly disturbed, ignominiously let down by the neck from his hallowed perch, he must feel quite elated (if gentlemen his age could show their elation) at being restored to a position worthy of his dignity.

According to the most reliable information, George has been provided with a new foundation to stand on. After due consideration of his weathered condition, a few bits of paint and new wood were patched on to the neediest places and the old gentleman was as fit as the day he first rose to the top of the building that bears his name. From some obscure source we have been informed that certain unnamed individuals were in favor of replacing George with a steel imitation, or at the least coating him over with lead. Such treatment would have been poor repayment for the years of faithful service he has rendered. "Old George," like that most famous of American frigates, "The Constitution," should rather be allowed to serve as long as wood and nails (we almost said flesh and bone) can stick together. He's a young man yet, with youth's gleam in his eye, so give him another century before allowing any talk of retirement to be broached.

THE FORUM

A STUDENT EXCHANGE

A university education is not, as Dr. Eliot once implied, a five-foot shelf of books.

Nor does it consist wholly of great buildings and extensive laboratories; nor of an attractive campus. Nor even of an able and understanding faculty. Exposure to knowledge is not enough.

A true education includes the development and experience of human contacts.

And the practice of exchange scholarships is one way—one which has the recommendation and approval of Dean McConn—in which those contacts can be made more valuable. Understanding of the viewpoints, the culture and the philosophy of other people is one of the finest things university life has to give to an undergraduate. The wider the field of those personal contacts, and the more varied their character, the more valuable the education. One of the kindest things to be said about any campus is that it is cosmopolitan.

Lehigh university, in giving special consideration to its foreign students and in this year creating ten regional scholarships, recognizes this axiom.

Unfortunately the scope of representation at Lehigh has in recent years become less broad, and the number of students from remote states and from foreign countries seems to be decreasing. The fault is not entirely Lehigh's.

The past decade has witnessed a remarkable increase in both the size and number of American colleges, and a corresponding decrease in both the need and the desire of high school graduates to go very far afield for their college training. Greater publicity given the larger institutions, and special provisions made at them—by "international houses" and "cosmopolitan clubs"—have drawn foreign students away from such relatively small institutions as Lehigh.

Lehigh cannot well compete with the internationally publicized schools: Columbia, the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard, Yale and Princeton. But Lehigh might, perhaps, by the provision of an exchange scholarship with a foreign institution, not only add materially to the breadth of the human values represented here, but also give Lehigh students the unequalled experience of education among foreign youth in a foreign land. And attract a not inconsiderable attention, incidentally, to the fact that in this day of frantic nationalism, Lehigh is still more anxious to understand the other fellow's point of view than to point a gun at him.—Lehigh Brown and White.

CAMPUS COMMENT

By JIMMY FISHEL

Kemp and Duchin . . .

On some campuses it takes a Communist uprising or a peace strike to snap the students out of their books and create news for frantic college news editors, but here at Washington and Lee we are ridin' high when a dance band is announced or in the offering.

This year it was no different. For weeks prior to Iler's announcement the entire student body was up in arms about his eventual decision. Finally, when it came there was a general sigh of relief and satisfaction on the part of most of us.

Three nights and a couple of days of Duchin and Kemp ought to make plenty of feet beat. There is plenty of rhythm there. Enough already is known of Hal Kemp. He's a great band and will undoubtedly go over with a bang. But of Eddy Duchin not much is known. Acclaimed as "Society's Orchestra," he has never as far as we know, played a great deal at college proms.

His experience, though, at some of the finest night clubs in the far west and east will more than provide him with a background for the musical tastes of a college audience. His piano and his smooth band will be a sensation here, we feel. At any rate we're prepared for a big time during Fancy Dress . . .

Rambblings . . .

One of our columnist friends of The Ring-tum Phi was one of a party of eight at a swanky night club during Christmas week in New York . . . Towards the end of the evening the waiter brought in the bill which amounted to about twenty dollars . . . the four boys there split the check among themselves . . . The waiter stood at silent attention then waiting for his tip which he felt was going to be something terrific . . . With a nonchalance that led us to believe it an every day occurrence with him our friend took out a dime and let it clatter sheepishly on the silver tray . . . what the waiter said was too rude for even a college paper . . . Not content with that our hero pranced up next to the hat check girl, pinched her cheeks, told her she was beautiful and then let a nickel fall into a tray where heretofore only quarters and half dollars rubbed sides . . . This time the literary giant received a setback . . . "Sorry, you old spend-thrift," she smirked, "I don't take nickels" . . . Our playboy immediately dived for the coin and the matter was closed as far as he was concerned . . .

Bob Weinstein, who used to hold down this department last year, is now busy at work with Time Magazine . . . Just another case of Weinstein Marches On . . . For those of you who know Bob, he's looking fine and sends New Year's Greetings to all the lads with whom he used to bend elbows over . . . eh . . . ah . . . milkshakes. Marty Cramoy, another former newspaper man on The Ring-tum Phi who used to heckle all the Hollywood productions in his griping movie column, is with the Cue Magazine, a theatrical weekly that is devoted to listing the time and places of the various shows and movies in the New York neighborhood.

Dick Steelman, Delta Tau Delta sophomore, is in the well known dog house . . . boarding a train for school, Dick found the coach too crowded to deposit his luggage in . . . He took his bags and tramped to the Pullman, asking the porter to allow him to put them up there . . . the porter agreed . . . Dick then went back to the coach . . . Along the way, the Pullman, with Dick's luggage, was routed to Florida, disconnecting from his car . . . That accounts for Dick's dirty shirt.

On the air waves Kay Kyser declared the Washington and Lee Swing as the finest college song in the world—to dance to! All very well indeed, that's a compliment in any league, but somehow or other we feel that the Swing belongs on the football field, played to march tempo, not heated up so that it sounds like a negro version of the "Tiger Rag."

Culled from last week's "Editor and Publisher" is the announcement of Professor Riegel's article on "Press, Radio and the Spanish Civil War," which will appear in the new periodical, "The Public Opinion Quarterly," shortly. Incidentally, they refer to Mr. Riegel as Dr. Riegel . . . There's a story for you, Jay, or else it's a misprint.

THE EASY CHAIR

By STANFORD SCHEWEL

Fancy Dress Comes Through

Up until two or three weeks ago most of the student body had been unwillingly converted to the opinion that it was almost impossible for Washington and Lee to get good dance bands for its dance sets.

Then to save the situation the Fancy Dress Committee came through with an announcement that the officers of our next dance set had procured two orchestras who rank among the nation's best. This action well illustrates what can be done by a Washington and Lee dance committee when it is backed by aggressive leadership such as is being shown in the present Fancy Dress organization. It shows that it is not always necessary for the orchestras we get to lag far behind the orchestras signed up by our friends of V. M. I.

Washington and Lee dances have a reputation to uphold. All through the South, and even in other parts of the nation, dances given by this institution have built up the name of being outstanding social events.

This reputation is not coincidental. In the past it has been well deserved, and we who are students here now must see that the standard set by previous students is not allowed to fall. The recent announcement made by Norman Iler that we had secured two first rate orchestras, instead of the second

PREVUES

The New

Friday — "One Way Passage," with William Powell, Kay Francis, Frank McHugh, and Aline MacMahon. An excellent picture which concerns itself with the love affair of a convicted murderer and a woman suffering from an incurable disease. The heaviness of the main story is relieved by good comedy by Frank McHugh and Aline MacMahon.

Saturday — "Pennies from Heaven," with Bing Crosby and Midge Evans. An ordinary story, coupled with several good songs and a good performance from Bing Crosby. This is no epic, but it should finish an hour of fair entertainment. Principal songs are: "Pennies from Heaven," "So Do I," and "One, Two, Button Your Shoe."

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday — "Gold Diggers of 1937," with Dick Powell, Joan Blondell, Glenda Farrell, and Victor Moore. Another of Warner Brothers' more elaborate musicals, with much the same cast that has been playing in them for the past five years. The story is also very much the same. Your enjoyment of the picture depends largely upon whether or not you can stand looking at Dick Powell for an hour and a quarter. Joan Blondell, Victor Moore, and Glenda Farrell turn in excellent performances.

BETWEEN SHEETS

By ALEX LOEB

Kiss Strike . . .

It all started in a laboratory class at the University of Utah. A little, blonde co-ed was looking under the microscope at a glass slide she had pressed to her lips. Upon seeing thousands of little micro-organisms dividing and redividing, she gave a whoop and ran out of the building swearing never to kiss again. Co-eds all over the campus took up her war cry and soon the "kissing strike" was spreading to other colleges. Before the poor boys knew what was happening they found that the "anti-osculation" movement had gained so much ground that when they went to dances, they danced.

However, there were a few girls who refused to join the "scientific" strike. They claimed it was illogical, basing their argument on "it's the kissing technique, not the act, that is dangerous." One freshman girl declared, "If you kiss hard and hot enough, you'll kill the germs anyway." Another girl said that even if the bacteria work fast in light "maybe they slowed down in the dark." But these few dissenters helped the crisis very little. The men decided to take matters into their hands. So they organized a league and called a halt on all dates. It proved effective. Now everyone has "kissed and made up," and when the lights are dimmed these Saturday nights, the date parlors of Utah University are again full.

Hash . . .

We've oftimes heard the story of the robber who looted the house of the dash champion with dire results. Out at the University of Southern California that's exactly what happened when a man entered the fraternity house of Harold Smallwood, national 400-meter champion . . . A recent survey showed that the graduates of Yale had 1.3 children, while those of Vassar have 1.7. Guess this shows that women have more children than men . . . A very effective publicity scheme was used recently at Northwestern when 30 of the most beautiful co-eds drove around the campus in 1937 model coupes . . . While Richmond University was voting Shakespeare its most popular author, Syracuse was buying up its first lot of detective stories for the University library . . . One-fourth of the student body at Trinity College have N. Y. A. jobs.

He Must Be . . .

Here is a classified ad that recently ran in the Minnesota Daily: "Wanted: A big, crazy, male University student with a small appetite—will work way around world or something."

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Spessard Is Injured as Generals Open With Victory

ILER, CARSON LEAD IN POINTS SCORED

Iler Sinks Six Free Throws In as Many Attempts

In a rough and tough basketball game, which seldom saw less than two men on the floor, Washington and Lee opened its regular basketball season Wednesday night by defeating Elon College of North Carolina, 43-26.

As a result of the rough game, the Generals lost the services of their center, Bob Spessard, early in the first half. Spessard was sent rolling to the floor by some close guarding as he attempted to make a set-up shot after taking a long pass from Captain Norman Iler. Shortly afterwards he signaled the bench to be withdrawn and he never returned to the contest. His injuries, diagnosed as a sprained back, were not regarded as serious.

Despite the loss of their lanky center, who had piled up tremendous totals in the three practice games, the Blue and White with Carson, Iler, and Borries leading the way piled up a seventeen-point lead by the end of the half, and the General reserves were able to protect this margin when they entered the game in the second half.

Iler Leads Scorers

Captain Iler was the wheel-horse of the Washington and Lee attack; and although he had spent the day in bed with a fever, he managed to chalk up fourteen points on four field goals and six free tries. Kit Carson, playing his best game of the year, tossed in five shots from the floor while counting three times from the charity line; and Bill Borries, taking Spessard's position at center, piled in five baskets from the pivot position.

The Generals got off to a fast start as Carson, Iler, and Spessard gave the Blue an 8-0 advantage; but Elon pulled up fast behind the sensational shots of Bradley after Spessard was removed; and the score stood 15-10 as Washington and Lee took time out.

Evidently Captain Iler rallied his forces, for the Generals had counted twelve points when the whistle sounded for the end of the half. Carson opened the attack with a basket and a pair of free throws. And after Iler had added a point from the charity circle, the Blue opened up from the middle of the court with Iler connecting twice and Borries once. With only seconds to go, Iler dropped in the fourth of his six free throws to bring the count to 27-10.

Bradley Paces Elon

When the second half got underway, Elon closed the gap to ten points with Royce, Cameron, Fesmire and Whitley scoring. But after another time out, the Generals, led by Borries' three baskets, moved to a 39-19 lead. Carson, Woodward, and Iler also contributed to the Washington and Lee cause.

During the last few minutes Royce and Bradley and Whitley rained shots off the Washington and Lee backboard, but only two found their way through the net. Shortly before the end of the game Carson tossed in a pivot shot for Washington and Lee's last points. The basket was made possible through an excellent bounce pass made from Frank Frazier, who had replaced Captain Norman Iler at guard.

Eleven Blue and White players saw action in the contest; and all of the starting five broke into the scoring column, contrasting previous games when the majority of scoring was done by two or three men.

Consolation Volleyball Advances to Semi-final

Preliminary and semi-final games of the Consolation Volleyball tournament were played this week with Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Zeta Beta Tau, and Pi Kappa Alpha gaining victories. Zeta Beta Tau defeated Pi K. A. two matches to one in the semi-final round of the tournament. Z. B. T. easily won the first match, but Pi K. A. came back and evened things up by taking the second. The third game was a hard fought battle with Z. B. T. coming out on top.

Last night's victory advanced Z. B. T. to the finals where they will meet the winner of the S. P. E.-Pi Kappa Phi game.

The Line-up

W. and L.	B	F	P
Carson, f	5	3	2
Borries, f	5	0	2
Spessard, c	2	0	1
Iler, g	4	6	2
Woodward, g	1	0	0
Wiley, f	0	0	2
Frazier, g	0	0	1
Doane, f	0	0	0
Parsons, f	0	0	0
Szymanski, c	0	0	0
Ernst, f	0	0	0
Totals	17	9	10

Elon	B	F	P
Fesmire, f	2	0	3
Whitley, f	2	1	0
Bradley, c	3	3	2
Royce, g	2	2	2
Cameron, g	0	2	3
Cromlish, f	0	0	0
Carver, f	0	0	0

Quintets Claim Jan. Spotlight

Game With Long Island January 15 Features Calendar

Basketball takes the spotlight of the January winter sports season with varsity swimming starting next month and the wrestlers having only two meets this month.

Coach Cy Young's last year's Southern Conference finalists opened against Elon with a victory on the 6th. The highlight of their schedule this month is the game in Madison Square Garden in New York with Long Island University's crack squad that lost its first game in eighteen months to Stanford December 30. The frosh cagers will go to Charlottesville with the varsity to open their season against the University of Virginia this Monday.

Varsity Basketball

January 6—Elon, home.
January 8—Maryland, home.
January 11—Virginia, there.
January 12—William and Mary, home.

January 15—Long Island University, New York.
January 23—V. P. I., home.

Frosh Basketball

January 11—Virginia, there.
January 14—A. M. A., home.
January 16—S. M. A., home.
January 23—V. P. I., home.

Varsity Wrestling

January 16—Waynesburg, here.
January 23—North Carolina, here.

Frosh Wrestling

January 16—A. M. A., home.
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Frosh Swimming

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A.A. Introduces Inter-Fraternity Foul Shootings

Contest May Become Regular I-M Sport; First Round Tonight

Washington and Lee's athletic association announced today that it will sponsor a free throw shooting contest between the halves of all remaining home basketball games. The prize to the winner will be a trip to the Southern Conference basketball tournament in March.

Representatives of ten fraternities will open the contest during the Maryland-Washington and Lee basketball game tonight. Entrants in the contest will be limited to one man from each of the nineteen fraternities on the campus and one man from the Non-Fraternity Union. These 20 men will be divided into groups of ten each, and the two groups will alternate during the six remaining home games.

Forest Fletcher, director of Intramural athletics, indicated today that the free throwing contest may be included as a part of the university program next year. Final decision on this action will await the completion of the present contest. Movement to incorporate the new contest in the intramural program must be approved by the Intramural Board.

Fraternities Competing

Included in the first group who will open the contest tonight are representatives of the following fraternities: Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, Delta Upsilon, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta, and Phi Epsilon Pi.

In the second group, which will shoot their first round during the William and Mary game next Tuesday, will be representatives of the following groups: Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Zeta Beta Tau, and the Non-Fraternity Union.

Rules Stated

The man who represents any organization in the first round, will be required to represent that organization in all the rounds. Exception is made to all of the houses in the first group who will be allowed to enter a new man in the second round if they wish. This exception was allowed due to the short notice given these organizations. The score of the entrant in the first round will be counted, however, and will be added to the entrant in the second round.

At the conclusion of the contest announcement will be made of the man winning the trip to the Southern Conference tournament. This will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina, on March 3, 4, and 5. The prize includes all the necessary expenses of this trip.

Following the BIG BLUE

Twelve men on Washington and Lee's freshman basketball squad are six feet or more in height. . . . Lea Booth and Lindsay Little, reserve centers, top the squad at a peak of six feet, four inches. . . . Joe Oehsie, who declared last March he would never go to the mat again, reported out for wrestling this week. . . . Frank Frazier, varsity basketball guard, was a former teammate of Clinton Frank Yale's next football captain, when the two were students at Evanston, Illinois, high school. . . . Bill Swift continues to handle the managerial work of the basketball team while Mickey Cochrane, senior manager, is convalescing in Chicago. . . . Cochrane, who was forced to return home by an infected ear two weeks before the Christmas holidays, is expected to resume his duties with the beginning of the second semester. . . . Dr. Thurston Davies of Colorado College, in an address on subsidization before the recent N. C. A. A. meeting in New York, said: "The football player has become the forgotten man." . . . Burt Shafer, star hurdler of last year's freshman track team, underwent an operation for appendicitis two hours after he arrived home for the Christmas holidays. . . . Flash Harvey, distance star, is now wearing a silver victory medal around his neck. . . . It was presented to him during the holidays by the lady-admirer.

Wayne Martin, who was voted the outstanding wrestler at Washington and Lee's national tournament last spring, has assisted his coach, Harold Keith, in contributing an article on wrestling for The American Boy magazine. . . . Among the interesting features of the article is a list of terms used by wrestlers at the University of Oklahoma, Martin's alma mater. . . . By definition, a muscle head is a wrestler. . . . and a pinky is a wrestler out of condition. . . . Tom Moses, regular center of the frosh football team of 1935, will return to the gridiron next fall. . . . Moses, who plans to enter the law school, will still have three years of varsity competition. . . . Bill Baker, letterman, will be lost to the swimming team indefinitely. . . . Harry Crane, varsity forward, was captain of the lightweight basketball team at Hinsdale, Ill., high school before he came to Washington and Lee. . . . Charley Lykes has been working overtime on the mats with Kelly Litteral in an effort to help Coach Mathis get a heavyweight freshman wrestler. . . . Gil Meem, varsity swimming sensation, crashed the society pages of Bluefield, W. Va., papers when his picture was featured with an article on the annual "Bud and Blade" dance. . . .

Elmer Ripley, former Yale coach who recently visited Washington and Lee, thinks the Generals can take Long Island University if they can match the long shots of the Islanders. . . . Long Island suffered its first defeat in three years during the holidays when Stanford won a 41-27 victory. . . . Lew Bender, offensive star of the New York five, held scoring honors for the evening, however, with fourteen points. . . . Chester Shively, brother of last year's wrestling captain and an outstanding member of the freshman squad of two years ago, has returned to the mats. . . . Shively has been kept out of active competition for the last two seasons by a trick knee. . . . Duke's Ace Parker held the ball on the place kick that gave the Eastern all-stars a 3-0 victory in the annual East-West football game at San Francisco on New Year's Day. . . . Al Szymanski was

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N. B. C. Quintet Tops W and L Team, 48-34, In Pre-Holiday Game

The Generals basketball team suffered its first defeat of the season at the hands of the National Business College cagers, a semi-pro team from Roanoke, on the Wednesday before vacation by a score of 48-34.

Inability to sink long shots was the main cause of the Washington and Lee defeat, while the National Business College enjoyed remarkable success on their tries from mid-floor. An uncertain defense, which often found an NBC man down under the basket, was another cause of the Generals' collapse.

Price and Drumheller, Business College guards, led their team to victory by chalking up a total of twenty-five points between them. The former sank five field goals out of five attempts during the first half to give his club the commanding lead of 25-15 at half time.

While the Roanoke boys were sinking shots from all over the floor, the Generals were missing all kinds of easy shots. Spessard, with thirteen points, and Borries with nine were high for Washington and Lee. Carson, Iler, Woodward, Ernst, Doane and Szymanski also saw action, each scoring from one to four points.

The game was a rough one, Price and F. Hoke of N. B. C. going out on personals and Spessard and Carson of the Big Blue going out by the same route.

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The Brigadier quintet tapered off today for their opener Monday night with the University of Virginia's yearlings in Charlottesville and closed the hardest week's work they have experienced since launching their practice drills last November. Heavy scrimmage has been in vogue all week and Coach Bill Ellis has relentlessly driven his charges. The frosh will have their game run off preliminary to the varsity tilt with the Cavaliers.

The group of about twenty-five men which has yet to be cut by the coach all seem to be in good shape and should be primed for the battle with the Wahoos.

One casualty, Sydney Lewis, a leading candidate for the pivot post, may not be able to open the game. Lewis sprained his ankle in Wednesday's workout.

Coach Ellis has not yet committed himself to announce any starting lineup or has any captain been elected as yet.

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Thomas J. Rice Dies on Dec. 26

Druggist Succumbs to Lingering Illness During Holidays

Thomas J. Rice, a prominent Lexington business man, died at his home at 504 South Main street Saturday, December 26. A native of Rockbridge county, Mr. Rice died at the age of 67 following a two weeks illness.

He had long been engaged in the drug business in Lexington, owning and operating since 1926 Rice's Drug Store, situated opposite the New theatre on Nelson street. Mr. Rice purchased this store from the Gorrell Drug Company. He managed the store very successfully until his death.

Prior to 1926 he had been associated with the McCrum Drug company and with H. C. Barnes and company of Roanoke. He was vice-president and general manager of the latter firm until returning to engage in business in Lexington.

Funeral services were conducted at 3:00 o'clock on Monday, December 28, from the Trinity Methodist church by the Rev. E. W. Aaron, with Rev. James A. Johnson, of Blacksburg, and Rev. T. M. Swann, of Clifton Forge, assisting.

New Courses

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Commerce School Changes

In the commerce school, the curriculum changes include the establishment of a new three-hour course in economics, the Social Control of Business, to follow the present course in Economic Theories.

The junior course in Business Organization will be consolidated with the senior course in Industrial Management to form a single three-hour senior course in Industrial Organization and Management. This consolidation will release three additional hours in the junior year for the elective courses.

The school of commerce was also authorized to establish a course in Insurance as soon as the necessary instruction force can be provided.

In the department of geology, a new course, the Geology of the Eastern United States, will replace the present course in Engineering Geology.

In the chemistry department minor changes were made in the courses given in alternate years, Dr. Tucker said.

The power plant at the University of Chicago produces and delivers over 1,000,000 pounds of steam daily to heat the university buildings, to supply hot water, and to sterilize hospital instruments.

Graham-Lee Society Schedules Mock Trial For Future Meeting

A mock trial has been planned for the next meeting of the Graham-Lee society. The trial is intended to present a rather serious subject. Bob Early will be the prosecuting attorney, with Carlyle Fix the defense lawyer. Andrew Bower is playing the role of the criminal.

Hugh Avery of the Washington society declined to tell any of the plans that his organization has for the next semester. He stated, however, that something is planned for next semester that has never been done before in the history of either of the two organizations.

Mr. Q

floor, Mr. Q and his new friend, to their mutual confusion, met again. All the doors were locked and there was nothing for it but for both to return to the first floor. Here the chairman of the committee nabbed Mr. Q, who was trying his best to be incognito.

"Hey," he shouted, "it's about time you were showing up." The pledge being no great distance down the hall, Mr. Q made a desperate effort to cloak everything by inquiring interestedly if the boys were all ready for the meeting.

Basketball

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son, however, is favored to start.

At guards Maryland will present a pair of capable lettermen in Charley Keller and Fred Thomas. Wheeler and Knepley are expected to fill the forward posts, although Bill Bryant may get the call at either position when the starting whistle blows.

Last year the two teams met three times with Washington and Lee winning all of the games. In the first contest at Lexington, the Generals eked out a last minute win, and later in College Park had to fight off a late Maryland rally. Then in the first game of the Southern Conference tournament the Blue and White, behind the accurate shooting of Spessard, took an easy victory.

But it was no good. The chairman took out his checks, started in on Mr. Q, when suddenly he spied the new pledge, who was frantically yanking at a door knob down the way.

"Say, you," he called, "haven't you got some business with us tonight?" It was one of those occasions when both the principals would like to have been on their Christmas vacations, or maybe in Cuba, some out of the way place.

Fraternity houses at the University of Florida lodge 100 more students than the dormitories.

Brother Rat

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in their catalogues . . . cold but "MASCULINE."

Throughout the play the superintendent of the school is confronted with just such situations like that which always prompt him to bewail, "What the devil am I running here, a country club?"

But these pleadings of the army-minded superintendent do not put a crimp in the actions of the stumbling Bing Edwards and his fun-loving roommate. On every back porch of Lexington their fame is known as the most ruthless pair of late daters that ever "ran the block." And sitting in the audience you never once question this boast or ask, "But what of Washington and Lee men? Aren't they tops too?" Roommate Billy Randolph is in a class by himself as he "swoops down on a girl from the middle sector after advancing from the left flank" and kisses her fully forty seconds until the pretty young lady is on the point of fainting, only saved by the Don Juan's roommate interrupting with "Having fun, mister?"

The playrights have caught the real spirit of V. M. I. Of course the cadets play around a great deal but on the whole the authors try to make you feel that somewhere in the background there is a semblance of text books and

they usually crack the kids over the mouths and whisper, "No, no, and don't say those nasty things again or else I'll tell papa."

The actors talk in the lingo that is so very familiar to the college citizens of Lexington. "Wait till you see her Bing," the effervescent roommate shouts, "she's stacked like a—," the door bangs, but up in the cheap seats the gallery gods from V. M. I. and W. and L. get the idea. It panics them and makem 'em homesick.

Audiences drifting out of the theatre become "Brother Rat" conscious. Youngsters, still wet behind the ears, incensed with the idea of "military life" ask their terrified mothers, "Mom, when I get older can I go to V. M. I.?" Startled, but nevertheless polite

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At three o'clock that afternoon the Chesterfields were on their way. Four days later back came the message:

"CHESTERFIELDS JUST ARRIVED. FAST WORK. PANAIR WAKE."

When smokers find out the good things Chesterfields give them . . .

nothing else will do