

Vote Shows WPA Slash Is Favored

Opinion Survey Shows Students Agree With Congressional Action

Over Two-Fifths Still In Support Of President Roosevelt

By WALDO NIEBUHR
Student Opinion Surveys

Austin, Texas, March 2.—Perhaps pointing to future trends in the important American problem of work-relief, college students of today who may be the nation's leaders of tomorrow have declared themselves in accord with Congress's slash in WPA appropriations, a nation-wide survey shows.

During the closing days of January Congress rebelled at President Roosevelt's spending policies and ordered a \$150,000,000 cut in relief appropriations. That left \$725,000,000 to finance the WPA from February 7 to June 30, instead of the \$875,000,000 proposed by the administration.

Question Of Poll

In a poll of college youth taken for The Ring-tum Phi and eighty-two other college newspapers, the Student Opinion Surveys of America asked students, "Do you agree with Congress in reducing relief appropriations?"

Yes—answered 63.3 per cent.
No—answered 36.7 per cent.

In keeping with this tendency to oppose the President's policies, the Survey's percentages showing student approval of Franklin D. Roosevelt as chief executive dropped more than two points from the showing during January. College approval of the President has varied during the last three months as follows:

Approve of F. D. Roosevelt:
December—62.8 per cent.
January—65.5 per cent.
February—63.2 per cent.

However, despite the drop in his popularity during the month, which was probably due to administration bickerings with Congress, Roosevelt still paradoxically has almost exactly as many who approve of him personally as he has opponents to his relief demands.

Sectional Statistics

Breaking down the results of the relief-cut question by sections of the country the Surveys found sizeable majorities in each section agreeing with Congress:

Far Western states—67.8 per cent.

Southern states—66.7 per cent.

East Central states—64.0 per cent.

West Central states—62.4 per cent.

New England states—62.3 per cent.

Middle Atlantic states—58.7 per cent.

Typical of the comments on the question was the one given by a University of Kentucky arts and sciences student. She said, "Congress has already given out so much money that it has made people lazy, and they don't want to work." Taking another view were many who, like a University of Nebraska student, point out that although they believe relief to be undesirable, they "favor its continuation as long as the need exists."

Phi Alpha Delta Planning To Bring Speaker Here

Joe Murphy, president of the Phi Alpha Delta honorary law fraternity, announced yesterday that the fraternity would have regular meetings each month for the rest of the year. Murphy said that the organization also planned to have one more outstanding speaker to address the group before the year was out.

Members of the fraternity have started making a legal brief for the use of law students. They are doing this as a suggestion from the national chapter. Pledges for the fraternity will be selected the latter part of this week, and their initiation will be held in April, after the spring holidays, it was announced.

Literary Society Rushing

New Literary society rushing plans are listed now on the Student Union bulletin board.

Pre-Med Society Is Approved By Faculty In Special Meeting

After Four Months Planning, "Societas Praemedia" Receives Official Sanction; Nine Pre-Med Students Are Chosen As Nucleus Of Scientific Society

After four months of planning and organization, "Societas Praemedia," Washington and Lee's newly-formed honorary pre-medical society, was officially recognized at the conclusion of a special faculty meeting last Tuesday.

The plan of the society was presented to a Pre-Medical Advisory committee composed of Dr. Robert Tucker, chairman, Dr. L. J. Desha, Dr. Robert W. Dickey, Dr. W. D. Hoyt, and Dr. Reid White, Jr., all of whom unanimously approved of the idea of the society.

To Herbert P. Friedman, Jr., second year pre-medical student, goes the credit for the founding and organization of "Societas Praemedia." The idea for such a club was conceived last spring, but active work on the formation of the society did not begin until last December.

With the assistance of Dr. Desha, Dr. Hoyt, and Dr. Dickey, nine of the most promising men of Washington and Lee's pre-medical school were chosen as a nucleus around which to build the society. Those men chosen included two seniors, Ben Lawton and Robert Sloan; five juniors, Frank Beazlie, G. Watson James, John Graham McCown, Louis Walker, and Joe Mighell; two sophomores, William Fittipoldi and William Loggan.

Dr. Zimmerman To Speak Here

Noted Economist Will Discuss World Trade In Scientific Age

German born Doctor Erich W. Zimmerman of the University of North Carolina will address students on "World Trade in the Age of Science and Technics" in a Lee chapel lecture next Friday night.

The talk, sponsored by the Washington and Lee school of commerce and administration, is the first of a number of lectures by prominent guest speakers, who are scheduled to appear here during the spring.

The speech will be a discussion of current trends in international trade, with particular attention to the impact of modern science upon the development of natural resources which are the bases of world trade.

Born in Mainz, Germany, in 1888, Dr. Zimmerman was educated in German and British universities, receiving his doctorate at Bern university. He came to the United States and became an American citizen before the war. In this country he has had an active career, serving as consulting economist to the U. S. Bureau of Mines in 1920-23 and as member of the Brookings Institution staff that conducted an economic survey of Puerto Rico in 1929.

Dr. Zimmerman is the author of World Resources and Industries, Ocean Shipping, Foreign Trade and Shipping, and co-author of Economic Principles and Problems. He is today the leading economic authority in this country of natural resources.

Dr. Zimmerman has been a member of the commerce faculty at the University of North Carolina since 1921, and he has also taught at New York university, Columbia university, and the University of California. This summer he is offering courses at Columbia university.

Following the lecture Beta Gamma Sigma will entertain Dr. Zimmerman at a smoker in the Student Union, to which student and faculty members have been invited.

Bill Shannon Elected Beta Theta Pi Leader

William L. Shannon of Shelbyville, Kentucky, was elected president of Beta Theta Pi in annual elections Wednesday night. He succeeds Edgar P. Shannon, Jr.

Other officers named at the meeting were Alfred G. Morgan, Jr., secretary, Toledo, Ohio, succeeding Thomas W. Moses, A. Douglas Jamieson, Detroit, Michigan, succeeded Joseph Edwards as recorder.

Lee Papers Discovered In Old Stove

Valuable Historical Documents Found In Basement of Lee Chapel

Accidentally Discovered In General Lee's Old Office Recently

Papers recently discovered in the long-fireside stove in General Lee's office in the basement of Lee chapel may further explain and confirm historical facts regarding Robert E. Lee and his presidency at Washington college, predecessor of Washington and Lee, it was unexpectedly revealed this week.

Authorities are now searching through dusty copies of the charter, by-laws and laws of Washington college, found together with several old newspapers, all dating back to 1869 and before—two years before General Lee's death—to determine their historical value and the probable date of their placement in the stove.

Discovered Accidentally

Inadvertently discovered when the stove pipe was accidentally knocked from the iron stove in General Lee's thick-walled office, the well-weathered papers give the appearance to having been closed there unseen for a great number of years.

Chapel custodians testify that the squatty stove has never been lighted in their memory.

Whether "Marse Robert" Lee himself put the papers in the stove will remain a matter of mystery. This could have easily been the case, authorities point out, as the papers all date back to his presidency at Washington college.

Lee's Name On Papers

Upon two of the documents found was penned the name "Robt. E. Lee" in a handwriting very closely approximating that of Lee's signature. A check is being made into the authenticity of these two signatures.

Of especial interest was a copy of "The Evening Wisconsin," Milwaukee newspaper for December 26, 1868, containing an editorial which suggested the appointment of General Lee to (then) President Grant's cabinet. This editorial was marked in pencil or dark crayon.

More relevant to modern Washington and Lee.
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Exhibit Planned By Camera Club

Second Annual Salon To Be Presented During Spring Dances

The second annual Washington and Lee Photographic salon will be presented during the spring dance set, Sam Ames, president of the Camera club, announced last night.

Entries may be made by students, and will be criticized by a board of three judges. Several prizes will be awarded, as well as honorable mention. Further details will be announced in the near future.

The Camera club last night examined pictures in the Third Virginia Photographic salon, which is being presented under the auspices of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

Colonel T. A. E. Moseley of VMI criticized the pictures before the group. Taking into consideration lighting, subject matter, and composition, Colonel Moseley from the viewpoint of an art critic pointed out that in certain so-called "freak" pictures the photographer has influenced the painter in treatment, while in the ordinary landscape picture the artist has influenced the photographer.

There are now about a hundred pictures in the exhibit in the Student Union. These were selected from 315 prints which were submitted by 63 contributors.

The purpose of the salon is to show the people of the state the work of photographers throughout Virginia. The pictures were sent here from Richmond, and will be taken to Norfolk from here. They will be shown here until March 15.

On April 23 Dr. Oliver Hart, rector of St. John's church, Washington, D. C., will speak, and on May 21 Dr. Noble Powell, dean of the Washington cathedral, will preach.

Amendment Proposed To Reduce Influence Of Lawyers on Campus

Executive Committee Tables Motion To Reduce Representation

Move Would Eliminate Lawyers From Many Campus Positions

A proposed constitutional amendment to curb the influence of law students in undergraduate activities was tabled by members of the executive committee after a heated discussion on Tuesday night.

Supported by senior executive committeemen O'Connor, Shannon, and Nicholson, the amendment would eliminate lawyers from all major campus positions except the presidency and secretary of the student body and would equalize representation of law students and undergraduate students on the executive committee.

Judgment Deferred

Vaughan Beale, student body president, said that the committee had deferred judgment on the issue until the sentiment of the student body could be more accurately determined.

O'Connor and Nicholson pointed out the inconsistency in the present representation in the executive committee. They said the law school with only one hundred students has four members on the committee with the possibility of having seven, while the eight hundred men in the undergraduate divisions of the University are represented by only seven men.

Shannon said that he felt a man should have shot his load before entering graduate school if he's going to run for office. He added that a man who sticks around long enough would naturally possess an unfair advantage over more recent members of the student body.

1939 Calyx Plans Call For Increased Number of Pictures

Robert Watt, editor of the 1939 Calyx, gave a special preview of the annual to The Ring-tum Phi yesterday. The book, which promises to be original and different from past editions, will be out on May 25.

Instead of the last year's theme of depicting campus life through the year, Watt plans to emphasize the schools of Academics, Science, Law, Commerce, and Journalism by placing each in a special division. Original color schemes will be carried out through the use of seven colors. Last year's Calyx, in comparison, used two colors.

The book will not adhere to the strict, conventional form of past editions but will stress informality throughout. Several innovations never before used in a collegiate year book will add to its appearance and lend individuality.

The athletic section will contain more pictures than usual and have a minimum of type. This is believed to be a great improvement over former sections. The beauty section will be printed in special color ink on pebble paper.

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Girls From NC To Visit Here

To Inspect University's Religious, Recreational Activities

Returning a visit made to their campus by a Washington and Lee delegation, a deputation of girls from the University of North Carolina's Woman's college in Greensboro will arrive in Lexington tomorrow afternoon for a two-day inspection tour of the University.

The eleven girls are under the direction of Miss Billie Rowland, secretary of the Young Women's Christian association at W-C.

The arrival of this deputation marks the second of such groups to converge on this campus for the purpose of studying student religious and recreational activities. The University of Tennessee was the first institution to send a delegation to Lexington, and a group of students from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill is expected in the near future.

Students To Hear Talk By Greenfield Here on Wednesday

A discussion of the historical and contemporary influence of Italy on other Mediterranean countries will be presented by Dr. Kent Roberts Greenfield, Johns Hopkins university professor, Wednesday, March 8, at 8 o'clock in Lee chapel.

Dr. Greenfield is the leading American scholar on the field of modern Italian history and chairman of the Johns Hopkins history department. He is a frequent contributor of articles and book reviews to The American Historical Review, The Yale Review, and The Journal of Modern History.

A native of Maryland, Dr. Greenfield received his doctorate in history at Johns Hopkins in 1915, and taught history at Yale for ten years. He is the author of a book on Italian history just before the movement for unity which is being translated into Italian and will soon be published in an Italian edition.

Dr. Greenfield comes of Washington and Lee well recommended and should prove interesting to all students of history. He is scheduled to deliver the Taft lectures at the University of Cincinnati, and will also lecture at the United States Naval academy.

Jack Jones Is President Of Sigma Nu Fraternity

Jack Jones was elected president of Sigma Nu on Wednesday night in the fraternity's annual elections. He succeeds Bill Jenks as leader of the house.

Other newly-elected officers are: Clark Turrell, vice-president, and Ganahl Walker, treasurer.

Fritz Knust, Don Godehn, Joe Sreet, Walter Downie, Morris Atwood, Raymond Russell, and Cecil Hardy were elected to fill minor offices.

Buck Decries Gardner's Move; Reveals Power of Law School

By ART BUCK, JR.

In the last issue of The Ring-tum Phi an announcement was made concerning the candidacy of one Gilbert Gardner "for student body office." Of course in accordance with established policy to omit slanderous details the paper simply overlooked the name of the "office," and as a result Gardner has been the recipient of everything from promised votes for cheerleader to remarks that it's a pity he doesn't have any underclassmen.

Be that as it may, Gardner made a statement, which the paper did print, to the effect that the law school should be thrown out of politics on the campus. Politically such an open attitude on a subject like this was a bad move on his part, or maybe we don't know all the angles. Times do change and maybe the voters around here are getting to the place where they can have such a noble institution as the law school insulted, but we doubt it.

Speaking of that noble institution, it's one of the great W-L mysteries how it ever reached its position of political potency on the campus. It couldn't have been because of the gigantic mass of superior brain-work huddled behind those massive volumes; it couldn't have been because of an overwhelming desire for older and more experienced men to guide the destiny of campus affairs; rather it seems that in drawing up the constitution of the University the lawyers played a greater part than their appendages, the academic and commerce schools.

The "graft" of the disproportional number of offices they hold is the only logical explanation. You know the statistics—at present four lawyers are on the executive committee and they can possibly hold seven; all these out of a total of eleven. When one hundred and five men out of over nine hundred can exert this much control over campus affairs something is wrong.

What can be done? We'll tell you. Last week we sat in on a little get-together in which this

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Fifteen Students Kept In Hospital With Colds

With fifteen members of the student body confined to Jackson Memorial hospital, setting a new record for 1939, Dr. Reid White, University physician, yesterday issued a warning to all students to guard themselves against colds.

Dr. White said in his statement, "I would suggest that the most important thing to keep from getting a cold or flu is to get a minimum of nine hours' sleep every night."

He suggested that another way to avoid catching these diseases was to cut out irregular eating, and to "watch what you eat." He also stressed the importance of staying out of any exercise when feeling bad.

Students confined to the hospital are: Robert Root, Massie Yuille, Homer Jones, Louis Rehr, James Hammett, Donald Stein, Tom Fuller.

R. Schellenberg, A. J. Szymanski, E. W. Brachman, Charles Curl, John Robinson, E. C. Rasmann, Wm. Sougan, and O. N. Powell.

Manager Allen Snyder today announced that Captain Dick Smith requested all varsity baseball candidates to meet at the gymnasium on Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

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BAD MONOGRAM POLICY

For some reason or other we have always tended to respect in greater or lesser extent monogram holders. To our eyes, these men had achieved something in our small world. They were wearing an athletic award—which may or may not have been justly won.

But the decision of the athletic council last week to award promiscuously monograms to the members of the University band fills us with serious misgivings that the waning prestige of the monogram may never be salvaged.

We can stand a poor baseball player wearing a sweater or a mediocre swimmer. We have a hard time accepting a rifle team member with a monogram. But the fourth assistant to the trumpeter on the left wing of the University band, it's beyond us.

Doubtless the members of the band deserve some recognition for the work and effort they give the school. It may very well be true they spend more time in their activity than many athletes do in their sport. But to give an award, which is primarily athletic, to a non-athletic activity is incomprehensible.

This move on the part of the athletic council is to be deplored along with the tendency to give so many athletic monograms. The position of The Ring-tum Phi is that the monogram should be a reward for athletic merit, to be given neither to shyster athletes or to non-athletes.

Perhaps, however, it is the wish of the athletic council to so flood the campus with monograms that everybody can sport a monogram sweater and thus remove the coat from the apparel of the well-dressed Washington and Lee man. It will require only a few more mass moves and the deed will be done.

JACKSON RETIRES

The retirement of Professor George Stuyvesant Jackson as adviser of the Washington and Lee Forensic Union is to be marked with regret by all who knew of his work, even though the choice of his successor is to be highly commended.

In the years in which Jackson associated himself with the literary societies, which were last year organized into a single Forensic Union, undergraduate and intra-society debating were unquestionably improved.

Four years ago the literary societies were rather dull meeting places for the few members who saw fit to give up a couple of hours each week to attend. In this atmosphere Jackson, with the assistance of several able students, injected a spirit which soon raised the membership, standards and prestige of the societies.

The crowning achievement of his work was the organization of the Forensic Union to give men experience in parliamentary procedure as well as debate.

That his efforts have not been wasted or in vain is outwardly reflected in the improving record of the University debate team, which is ranked among the nation's best. Most of these men received

their early training in the debate societies fathered by Professor Jackson.

The societies are indeed unfortunate to lose such a capable and yet restraining hand. He leaves to his successor a heritage, which will be hard to match. We hope Mr. Miller will make good his promise to stimulate still more interest in the societies, which have grown from practical non-entities to vital campus activities under the direction of Professor Jackson.

TWO GOOD SPEAKERS

Nest week brings to the University two of the South's most distinguished scholars. On Tuesday Doctor Greenfield of Johns Hopkins will address students on Italian ambitions in the Mediterranean and on Friday Doctor Zimmerman of the University of North Carolina will speak on world trade.

It is useless to reiterate the trite remark that this is a chance for the students to hear some outside opinions on subjects vital to their interests. This has been said by professor and paper often before and resulted in an embarrassing turn-out of students.

In some instances we could sustain the student's judgment in staying away. Of next week's lectures, we would say, however, that any student who misses them is guilty of foolhardiness and intellectual laziness.

Doctor Greenfield is an influential member of the faculty of the progressive and liberal Baltimore school. As a history professor he is well informed on current European events as well as the historical origins which have led to these events.

Doctor Zimmerman is probably more renowned. The outstanding authority in the United States on the economics of natural resources, he is known to Washington and Lee students already through his text-books in resources and world trade. On his own North Carolina campus, he is one of the best known and most esteemed professors.

Two such men do not often fall into the intellectual opportunities of college men in the space of three days. We repeat: Any student who misses them is guilty of foolhardiness and intellectual laziness.

THE FORUM

American Public Must Beware of War Propaganda

During the past two years the American public has been subjected to one of the best organized propaganda campaigns the world has ever seen, and its effects are highly gratifying. Just as before the World war, Look magazine points out, we are being persuaded to abandon our traditional policy of comparative disarmament and isolation in favor of what is now a powerfully armed neutrality and what will no doubt soon be active intervention on the side of Britain and France. The imperialistic and vindictive actions of the two allies after the World war and the experiences of thousands of American soldiers with "democratic" Frenchmen who robbed them in cafes and "evil Huns" who made them feel not like invaders but like guests soured us temporarily.

Recent presidential policy has indicated that propaganda has won another victory. We are being fed tales of horror that make our blood curdle about Fascist invasions of Latin-American countries so that we can spend billions on a new navy to defend ourselves against German and Italian bombers that are even at this very minute waiting to blast New York and Secretary Ikes and Mrs. Roosevelt from this earth.

Don't go on believing everything you read. Remember that even the New York Times printed British-inspired falsehoods. The German people are not the German government; and even Hitler has done many things of great value for his nation. Says Dr. M. M. Wilkerson of the University of Louisiana: "War propaganda is an insidious thing. Once started it gains momentum with success until truth and rational thought are left stranded . . . and we become enmeshed in the coils of prejudice and hatred and join in the preaching of exaggerations and half truths. Lies become a part of the munitions of war."—The Duke Chronicle.

Personal OPINIONS

Democracy is dead in Spain. It is all over—and now the deluge. The two and one-half years of war have ended, and with them the last hopes of freedom in that country, once famous for its colorful, gay life, have vanished. The armies of Franco have been victorious, as is indicated by the recognition of the Franco regime by France and Great Britain this week.

To many students this subject is too remote from their every-day life to attract much concern, yet it may have a strong influence on their futures. Of course, the college boy is not supposed to worry about such worldly matters as the Spanish situation, but here is the biggest shadow coming events has cast. How can you overlook it? It has happened in Russia, Italy, and Germany. Where will it happen next? Which is the next country to be stripped of its freedom? Will the United States be next? Can we stop it here? These are the questions which hang on the tongues of the rest of the world, and these are the same questions that the college boy hastily skips over as trivial or unimportant as he rushes to the sports pages of the newspapers.

Maybe there is some virtue in ignoring the crucial problems of the world, for, as many students argue, there is enough to worry the college boy without looking for problems in far away lands. Besides, they say, he will be happier in his ignorance. Such a happiness is but temporary, for sooner or later these very same problems will swoop down upon him again, only this time in a bigger and more hideous form.

If and when facism does come to America, it will come in the same manner as in Spain. There will be insurgents fighting to overthrow the government (which has to be over-ridden with communists) and loyalists fighting to protect the status quo. And most important of all, the insurgents will be aided by foreign fascist powers, because once a country has the disease it is only too happy to help give it to some one else. Of course it will not be called facism, for the insurgents will be carrying the banner of Americanism; at the same time the loyalists will be fighting to preserve Americanism. Both sides will conduct extensive propaganda campaigns, employing the ablest press agents available. There will be lots of name calling and mud slinging before the first drop of blood is shed. It may have a slightly different dialogue, but the plot and ending of the story will be nothing more than a repeat performance of the Spanish war.

The "old Spain" is gone, and a new one has just been born. Where the old Spain lived a life of freedom and every man was at liberty to do as he pleased, the heart of the new Spain shall beat to the clinking tune of military boots. Freedom, the children of the new Spain will be told, was some barbaric custom of savages of the past. There will be no "pursuit of happiness" for future generations, for there will be no happiness to pursue.

Yet we, the youth of America, are content to ignore the threats to our freedom and simply say, "It can't happen here." How sure are you that some sunny morning you will not awake and find everything you and your forefathers believed in has been swept away by a wave of facism or some other kind of "ism"? Look around you now and think about what you have, and then you will realize what some of the people in Spain have been fighting for during the past two and one-half years. All they desired was the right to live their life as they saw fit, the right to seek happiness and pass it on to their children. But now that they have lost the fight, they must live as they are told, and must be content when they are told there is no such thing as happiness. Their children must learn to shoot and be good soldiers, for some day they may be needed to kill other children. It is a return to the Dark Ages, where the strongest survived and the weak had no right to live. Yes, the old order has changed in Spain, and has given way to a new one.

It is more than likely that among the college population today are the leaders of tomorrow. It is for them to study the problems now, with the realization that they may be confronted with a similar situation not very far in the future. Then America will call upon them to solve its problems and save its freedom. America will call upon them to prevent a civil war, but, as the Spanish people have shown, freedom is something worth fighting for. Without it, life is just one big military program.

HAMILTON HERTZ.

Campus Comment

By TOM MOSES

Apology . . .

This department is sincere in its apologies to Lupton Avery, who was positively not involved in any way in the affair of the Flying Wombat. He was neither an owner, nor was he a party to the other angle that seems to be contingent on ownership.

Farley's Foe . . .

Raymond Russel, Sigma Nu freshman, has finally got a method by which he may get mail and plenty of it. There is an American Youth page on one of Metropolitan papers which sponsors a Pen Pals club. Raymond sent in his name and three days later he received 16 letters within 24 hours. The following day he got 15 more. One of the letters offered to trade three bottle caps for a picture of Sonja Henie. That's a tough one to figure out but it probably has some psychological significance.

What About This . . .

In the picture section of the Washington Post there is a photograph captioned, "Hedy Laryar's Bust To World Fair." Grover Whalen may know what he is doing, but we doubt if Hedy will ever be the same at the box office.

You'll Break Your Arm, Wick . . .

Last issue the front page was concerned in the main with announcing the newly-elected Phi Beta Kappas. The editor of this paper was one of those who was elected. The editorial page was concerned mainly with telling the world of the greatness of Phi Beta Kappas. (Tsk, tsk, tsk.)

Broadside . . .

The addition of Art Buck to the columnizing staff of The Ring-tum Phi gives us just as many columns as we have pages. The idea seems to be one in every home before Christmas. All we can get out of the whole thing is that the "malodorous political pot continues to simmer and boil."

There are exactly two questions this department would like to ask—where in the hell is it boiling and what is so malodorous about it? It seems to be the accepted idea that anything that is political is bad and that there is always something that is political going on. Perhaps we are wrong but there was some little talk last year about straightening the political situation out, and it was done in the form of an amendment to the constitution of the student body.

If the men who are constantly announcing that they don't want anything through politics would do something about banishing the trades and secretive approachments of the politicians that seem to be so distasteful to them they could gird their simon pure loins and go out and get something by the beatific method that they propound. Otherwise all the chatter that they hand out sounds like sour grapes.

Rambblings . . .

We learned today that the pass that was taken at the Randolph-Macon Sun Dial has the editors of the paper all in a dither. They are planning some stinging retorts that will probably mean our obituary notice as a columnist will appear in the near future. Somehow there is a certain compensation in knowing that we went down in an attempt to stamp out a plague like the "Fly Swatter," and we stick to our guns in insisting that there is, was, or never will be an excuse for it. To some of the more tolerant souls this may seem a bit of hard-headedness, but if you will consider the fact that there is a strong Republican background, the whole affair may be excused to a degree. Whether Republicanism is a cause or effect we hesitate to say.

Incidental Information . . .

It is an accepted fact in the Phi Gam house that Tom "Twinkletoes" Bradley is sending money home. . . . He is wasting his time in the Commerce school, he should be teaching a couple of courses. . . . Gordon Lloyd, another Phi Gam, is headed for big things around here. . . . He is the original Fuller Brush Man. . . . What has happened to Oscar Ennenge the past six months? . . . He used to keep us in copy. . . . It is amazing how the papers that are sent home to parents can serve as a check on a columnist's exuberance. . . . For our own convenience we suggest that all boys who have the paper sent home get in touch with this department to prevent embarrassing situations. . . . Quality Street welcomes Wavy Barr and Hugh Hulsey who will hit the fast company the next month. . . . It is supposed to have been written by one of the men who has been serving as his double since September. . . . The New Yorker's Talk of the Town said that he has been dead since 1935. . . . What's my name? . . . Winchell!

The Governor Says

Last week's issue headlined that "W-L Enforces Parking Rules." This is definitely becoming an age of regulation.

Gilbert Gardner announced himself for off-five last week, but for what office, we don't know. Somebody overlooked this detail no doubt.

Reports have it that the Sweet Briar show tonight in which Troub members will participate is a sell-out. This will be once the Trouhs can play to a full house.

People who write plays can well take a lesson from Buck and Nicholson, who relaxed but found the producers didn't enjoy it.

Down the old ox road at Raleigh with the rest of the sweepings. It's unusual to see a W-L team out in the first go-round. Too many sophomores.

Washington and Lee University THE CALENDAR 1938-1939

Monday, February 27—Saturday, March 25

Monday, March 6

3:45 P. M. Faculty Meeting
7:30 P. M. Forensic Union—Student Union
7:30 P. M. Band Practice—Troubadour Theatre

Tuesday, March 7

7:30 P. M. Glee Club Practice—Troubadour Theatre

Wednesday, March 8

4:30 P. M. Sigma Delta Chi Meeting—Journalism Library

Thursday, March 9

4:30 P. M. Glee Club Practice—Troubadour Theatre

Friday, March 10

7:30 P. M. Lecture: "World Trade in the Age of Science and Technics," by Erich W. Zimmerman, Kenan Professor of Economics, University of North Carolina—Lee Chapel

Monday, March 13

7:30 P. M. Forensic Union—Student Union
7:30 P. M. Band Practice—Troubadour Theatre

Tuesday, March 14

7:30 P. M. Glee Club Practice—Troubadour Theatre

Thursday, March 16

4:30 P. M. Glee Club Practice—Troubadour Theatre

Saturday, March 18

8:15 P. M. Virginia State Symphony Orchestra Concert—Lexington High School Auditorium

Monday, March 20

11:15 A. M. Voluntary University Assembly, sponsored by Phi Beta Kappa. Address: "A Defense of Intelligence," by Dr. George Boas, Professor of Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University—Lee Chapel

6:30 P. M. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation and Banquet
7:30 P. M. Forensic Union—Student Union
7:30 P. M. Band Practice—Troubadour Theatre

Tuesday, March 21

7:30 P. M. Glee Club Practice—Troubadour Theatre

Wednesday, March 22

4:30 P. M. Sigma Delta Chi Meeting—Journalism Library

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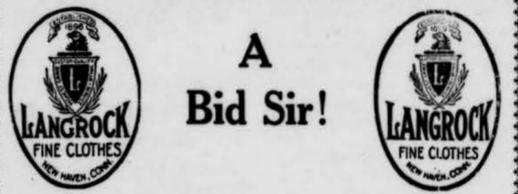
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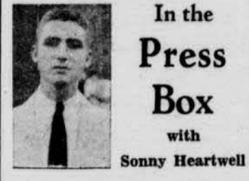
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Stormy Sophomores . . .
Perhaps the name of the Blue Comets should be changed to stormy sophomores. Some nights they rain in baskets galore and other nights they scarcely drizzle. This corner doesn't believe this will be the year but sees no reason why the Comets should not dominate conference and state basketball for the next two years, with a year's experience under their belts.

Basketball . . .
It's interesting to not how a winning visiting team reacts after a game. Last Monday night the Wahos came wahooping into their dressing room after downing the "Minks," as they call us, for the second time this year. Naturally the boys were whooping it up a bit but their tactics were mild compared to those employed by their coach—Gus Tebell.

He came charging into the dressing room, his chest expanded outward and a huge grin covering his face. "Whatta team, whatta team," he bellowed. "Nice going, fellows."

When this corner meekly said "The Comets were off—they were tournament conscious," Genial Gus exploded.

"Whaaat," he hollered, "tournament conscious. Why I've got one of the best defensive ball clubs in this section and what about my boy Feldman?"

"Fair," I murmured, "pretty good shot."

This was the final shot. He started all over again, concluding with a typical bit of Wahoo oratorical gesticulation. "You fellows never give us credit for anything over here."

You know it, Gus. . .

A Tisket, a Tasket . . .
"I hope I hit that basket," will be Dick Pinck's theme song down in Raleigh. Dick's latest trouble is not on the court but in the stands. She is a blonde.

The recent all-state team that came out Tuesday found four of Pop White's smart boys on the first team along with Pinck. Bob Lieb was elected captain while the fifth smart boy, Gene Studebaker, was on the second team along with Jeter Barker, E-H, Dobbins, Taffee, W-M, and Hoskins, Richmond, Bob Gary and Ronnie Thompson received honorable mention. . .

Walter Smith, who held Pinck to four field goals Monday night was comparing him with Paul Rice, of Roanoke.

"Rice doesn't move around as much as Pinck and consequently is easier to guard. However, he takes no wild shots and seems to be a better co-ordinated player and team man. I'd say that Pinck was more valuable to W-L than Rice is to Roanoke since Roanoke always has five men that are steady. They really have a ball club."

This corner concurs. The Magicians from Salem have made the rest of the state teams appear a trifle mediocre beside them and here's hoping they get that New York bid, which they really deserve. Three losses in two years is not to be sneezed at and Roanoke's basketball club will probably go down in Old Dominion athletic history as one of the greatest Virginia athletic teams. . .

Hither and Thither . . .

Ever since Forest Fletcher has been track coach at W-L he has specialized in turning out excellent timber toppers. When Jim Rogers finished last year things were pretty dark as far as hurdlers were concerned but last Saturday Bill Whaley, in the Southern conference meet, won first place, tying the record in the high's and beating the defending champ in doing so. . . For sheer slaughterhouse entertainment, we recommend Tyke Bryan, who, judging by his aggressive tactics on the court during I-M games should be built up as our next white hope. . .

The Southern conference swimming meet will be held in Raleigh Saturday. . . The grunt and groaners completed a successful season Monday by pinning Davidson and are co-claimants to the conference wrestling championship along with VMI. . .

Davidson Upsets Blue Comets In First Round of SC Tourney; Pinck Named to All-State Team

Wildcats Stop W-L Courtmen By 43-32 Score

Pinck And Thompson Lead Blue In Futile Bid For Title

Washington and Lee's young Blue Comets made their first appearance in the 1939 Southern conference tournament, also their exit, bowing out yesterday afternoon to an alert, dead-eyed Davidson quintet; 43-32, in Raleigh's Memorial auditorium.

The contest was the first in this year's tourney for both teams. The Comets and Wildcats each drew opening-round byes and were inactive on the initial day of play, Wednesday.

To Meet Clemson
In removing the Generals from the S-C title play-off, Davidson advanced to the semi-finals, where tonight they meet Clemson for the right to oppose the N. C. State-Maryland winner for the championship.

The Presbyterians' victory over W-L, which constituted something of an upset of pre-tournament dope, was materially aided by the sharp-shooting and the generally outstanding all-court play of Iverson, Jim Cowan and Tice. This trio accounted for over half of the Wildcats' point total. Their team is unranked in the tournament, while the Blue Comets had been seeded third.

Thompson High Scorer
Dick Pinck and Ronnie Thompson were the high scorers for the Generals in their unsuccessful effort at the conference crown. Pinck tallied nine and Thompson broke into the double-digit figures with 10.

The game represented the official opening of the regular eight-team tournament, Wednesday's play having served to eliminate the additional three entries; the occasion was marked by Governor Clyde Hoey's tossing in the first ball.

The Blue Comets made their best bid for triumph during the first half. Midway through this period W-L held a 14-10 advantage over the Wildcats, and appeared set to forge on to a more commanding lead. However, Davidson's defense became more formidable in this early crisis, rushing the Generals' shots and suppressing their surge.

Rally Fails
The second half began with the Presbyterians leading by 20-14, a margin which they successfully protected for the remainder of the game. The Blue Comets' closest approach came when five minutes were left to play, and it was too distant to give W-L rosters much hope. At this time nine points separated the two quintets, 26-35.

With some 2,500 persons looking on, Jim Cowan broke the ice to start Davidson off 2-0. Thompson tied the count, and the Wildcats barely led the Comets up to 10-10.

W-L assumed their only lead of the game here, their 14-10 advantage, on field goals by Pinck and Dobbins. Spurred on by this uprising, the Presbyterians over-

Crew Meeting Monday
All candidates for positions on this year's varsity crew will be expected to attend a meeting in the Hygiene lecture room at the gym Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Bill Kesel, captain, announced today. Plans for early practice will be discussed.

W. and L.	G.	F.	T.
Pinck, f	4	1	9
Gary, f	2	0	4
Park, f-g	0	0	0
Dobbins, c	3	0	6
Tompson, g	5	0	10
Reinartz, g	0	1	1
Cuttino, g-c	1	0	2
Totals	15	2	32

G.	F.	T.	
Iverson, f	6	1	13
Hoag, f	2	2	6
Johnson, f	0	0	0
Cowan, c	3	1	7
Tice, g	3	3	9
Hicks, g-f	4	0	8
Thomas, g	0	0	0
Harrison, g	0	0	0
Totals	18	7	43

Blue Swimmers To Defend Title

Chances Of Victory In Conference Meet Seem Slim

Rulers of Southern conference waters for the past four years, Washington and Lee's swimmers will defend their coveted crown against a strong field of challengers in Raleigh tomorrow afternoon.

Chances of a Blue victory are extremely slim. The Generals dropped decisions to three conference foes during their dual meet campaign, and their hopes will lie on individual strength rather than team power in tomorrow's titular meet. William and Mary, which broke the Blue's 53-meet winning streak early in the winter. Duke, and North Carolina all hold victories over Coach Cy Twombly's charges, and all are expected to make strong bids for the Generals' crown tomorrow.

Carrying Washington and Lee's colors in the meet will be Brent Farber, Gary Hiers, Bob Boyce, Jack Warner, Charlie Hart, Bob Shreve, George Vanta and Ben Lawton, who have done practically all of the Generals' point-making this season.

Farber, free style exponent who accounted for two of the Blue's three first places in last Monday's loss to Virginia, will carry a large portion of the Generals' hopes in the Raleigh affair. Warner will toe the mark in the breaststroke event, while Hart is expected to represent Twombly's squad in the backstroke and in free style events.

Their loss to Virginia on Monday gave the Generals a season's dual meet record of four losses and two victories.

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High Scoring Comet Captures Berth on 1939 AP Cage Squad

Dobbins Selected For Pivot Post On Second Team; Four Roanoke Sharpshooters Chosen For Mythical Star-Studded All-Virginia Team

Dick Pinck, the Blue Comet whose trail this season has been the brightest of all Cy Young's celestial cagers, was awarded a first-string forward berth on the 1939 Associated Press All-Virginia basketball squad, it was announced yesterday. Howard Dobbins, Comet center and, like Pinck, a sophomore, was named to the pivot post on the second team. Only one other college was represented on the first five. It was little Roanoke, with four of the "Five Smart Boys" occupying the remaining places on the honorary quintet.

Handsome Paul Rice won the other forward position, Bob Sheffield took the center slot and "Bounding Bob" Lieb and Johnny Wagner were placed in their accustomed guard posts on the All-State five. Rice was the only repeater selected. This makes his second year on the first team.

Only Non-Senior
Pinck is not only the lone non-Roanoker on the team, but also the only non-senior. All four of the "Smart Boys" have played their last regular game for Coach Pop White.

The Generals' high-scoring forward won his place by a wide margin in the voting, which was done by the State team's coaches. Only his running mate on the team, Rice, was close to him. The two forwards each received six votes for the first team and one for the second.

Pinck compiled an enviable record for himself in this his first year with the varsity team. He placed second among the State's high scorers with 297 points in 21 games, topped only by Emory and Henry's Jeter Barker, who tallied 411 in 24 contests.

Fifth High Scorer
Fifth place among the Southern conference basket-makers also fell to the Comets' prolific, eagle-eyed forward. Pinck rang up 149 markers in 11 conference games. He further established quite a name as a ball-hawk, thrilling the crowds with his frequent and spectacular pass interceptions and out-and-out steals from the opposing players.

Dobbins, the towering Comet center, made his mark with his work under the baskets and occasional scoring sprees. He was always a menace on the offense, and his height proved a telling factor in the scrimmages for the ball in the vicinity of the hoops.

The other members of the second team chosen were Barker of E-H and Studebaker of Roanoke at forwards and Hoskins of Richmond and Taffee of W-M at guards.

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Tennis Team Starts First Practice Drill

Big Blue Wrestlers To Lose 5 Regulars By June Graduation

Washington and Lee's powerful Big Blue wrestling team will lose five grapplers from this year's squad by graduation, including Captain Bobby Kemp. Besides Captain Kemp, Coach Archie Mathis will lose Crane, McInerney, Bowles, and Szymanski from the powerful team which shared the Southern conference championship with VMI and which boasts a victory over Northwest-ern.

Their record is one of the best in the Southern conference. However, the perennially tough Keydets from across the way also traveled through their schedule undefeated, and as a result, the two schools are deadlocked for the conference crown. Both records are equally as impressive, and as there is no tournament to determine the championship, the crown will have dual wearers for a year.

Washington and Lee's unsold score sheet includes wins over the Richmond YMCA, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Davidson, Virginia Tech, and Northwestern university. By far, the most outstanding scalp in the Big Blue trophy ring is the last one. The Wildcats are one of the finest outfits in the Big Ten this year, and the Generals' decision over them is something indeed to be proud of.

Capt. Clements, Washburn, Robinson, Pinck Battle For Top Positions

The first call for candidates to represent the 1939 edition of the Big Blue tennis team, was issued last Wednesday afternoon by Coach Ollinger Crenshaw, and a number of capable performers turned out for the first practice session of the current season.

The squad will work out every afternoon from now until Spring holidays, in preparation for their initial match of the season, April 10, with the University of Michigan, on the W-L courts.

Last year's squad was highly successful, with the team losing only three matches while winning nine. The graduation of Captain Stewart Reynolds, who played No. 2 man, will leave quite a gap to be filled. Bill Douglas completes the list of members lost as a result of graduation. Douglas played No. 5 man on the team.

This year the team should be very strong, with Captain Dick Clements leading a group of four competent lettermen. Clements played No. 1 man last year, and undoubtedly will fill the position again this season.

Will Washburn, No. 3 man last year, and "Peck" Robinson, No. 4 man, will probably hold down the No. 2 and No. 3 positions. Both boys are excellent netmen, and will bolster the top section of the

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First Team	Second Team
Pinck, f W. and L.	Barker, f E. and H.
Rice, f Roanoke	Studebaker, f Roanoke
Sheffield, c Roanoke	Dobbins, c W. and L.
Lieb, g Roanoke	Hoskins, g Richmond
Wagner, g Roanoke	Taffee, g W. and M.

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Knust Is Named On Debate Team

Orators To Meet W-M In Tilt Tomorrow Over W-SVA

Fritz Knust has been selected as one of Washington and Lee's two speakers in a radio debate tomorrow afternoon with William and Mary college. The debate will be heard from 1:30 to 2:30 p. m. over W-SVA, Harrisonburg.

Representing William and Mary will be James Watkins, of Emporia, Virginia, and Stedman Eure, of Suffolk, Virginia. Both have won high honors in forensic work on their campus. Watkins has had four years of debating experience and Eure has had three years experience.

Knust has been debating for one year at W-L and has been active in the Forensic Union. He is also a member of Washington Literary society and served as cheerleader last fall.

Hugh Avery, debate manager, announced yesterday that two intercollegiate debates will be held here the last of the month. The first will be with Washington and Jefferson, March 27 in Lee chapel. The topic for debate is: Resolved, that the democracies of the world form an alliance to preserve democracy. Washington and Lee will uphold the negative, and decision will be by audience shift of opinion.

The second debate will be held in or near Lexington March 31 with Davidson college on the subject: Resolved, that England and the United States should form an alliance.

Buck Decries Gardner's Move

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whole question was beaten out. The majority opinion (three out of three) saw in theory a simple remedy. Draw up an amendment, submit it to the present executive committee, who through their duty to do the best for the most, would pass it, and then have a general vote of the campus.

The plan was drawn up. In general it contained provisions for increasing the number of academic committeemen and reducing the lawyers. All the non-lawyers, numbering over eight hundred, should relish this—especially the politicians. Then it went to the executive committee. There, with the finesse that only legal minds can contrive, it was simply and sweetly tabled. A couple of the academic committeemen favored the tabling because in time they will be lawyers.

Next week it may come up again. If it passes—an amazing conjuration—it will be put to a vote of the student body. We will almost positively say that there it would also be defeated because of the influence of the law on the campus. The majority of the fraternity "bosses" are lawyers, and in spite of the adverse feeling when they say jump, Joe Academic jumps. Truly a peculiar situation.

For the more hopeful of you there is still a way open. Get fifty names on a piece of paper demanding a vote of the student body on the question and force the executive committee to hold a ballot. This will eliminate the "tabling" step but still you have Boss Lawyer telling the boys how to vote.

Anyway we wonder if there are fifty people that care that much about it. The lawyer will continue to divide the political pie with the rest of you—fifty-fifty of course, whence he will retire to the serenity of the great dark walls to enjoy it while you continue to carry the burden of athletics and social events.

Bear "their" mild yoke. "They who best serve 'them' best," is the way Milton would have summed it up.



Tropic breezes wave as does lithe Eleanor Powell who does a little mean hula-hul-aing while thwarting the approaches of Robert Young, her one and only in "Honolulu" at the State theatre Monday.

Neat Songs, Artists and Models In 'Artists and Models Abroad'

By HAROLD GADDY

Buck Benny rides again at the State theatre on Saturday in "Artists and Models Abroad."

It's a rather daffy tale of a Wyoming cowboy stranded in Paris with dozens of beautiful models. The plot is not too convincing and the entire show seems overstuffed in numerous places. Outside of that, however, "Artists and Models Abroad" has every feature of a good musical comedy, and it also offers several very neat song and dance numbers, plus some really beautiful gowns and settings.

The feminine lead is played by Joan Bennett. The supporting cast includes Mary Roland, Joyce Compton, and (don't blame us) the Yacht club boys.

"Honolulu, starring Eleanor Powell, will appear at the State on Monday and Tuesday. It's an extravagant but beautiful musical of Honolulu and Waikiki with all the trimmings.

Eleanor Powell's dancing, as always, is superb; her acting, as usual, is far below the level of her dancing. Robert Young turns in a good performance as the typical playboy who suddenly becomes serious when he meets the only girl in the world for him. Rita Johnson is very convincing as the spurned but bitter ex-sweetheart.

Netmen Start First Practice

Continued from page three starting lineup. Charlie Midelburg and Bob Fuller alternated at the No. 6 position, and should prove capable performers this season, with either one probably holding down the No. 4 position. Ward Archer and Tom McCutcheon are the other men battling for a starting assignment on the squad.

The 1938 undefeated freshman team that won four and lost none, should produce some outstanding material for the current season. Dick Pinck was outstanding on the team last year, and together with another sophomore, Bob Porter, should give the veterans a great deal of competition for a starting berth. Pinck will probably start at one of the first four positions. Bob Lee, Ed Trice, and Bob Junger are the other sophomores trying out for the team.

This season twelve matches have been scheduled with the best teams in the country, and the netmen are also entered in the Southern conference championship matches May 11, 12, and 13, held at William and Mary college at Williamsburg. The schedule is much tougher than those of previous years and with a well-balanced squad of better-than-average players, all indications point to a good season for the Big Blue netmen.

Senior Manager John J. Davis again requests all men trying out for sophomore manager, to report Friday afternoon for practice.

Historic Papers Found In Stove

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ington and Lee university was a copy of the Washington college "Collegian" — predecessor to the present-day "Southern Collegian" — dated June, 1869. It concerns itself chiefly with the Washington college commencement of that year.

Foster Mohrhardt, University librarian, is engaged at present in collating the literature found in the stove. At this time he has no definite statement as to their source, probable history, or significance.

Wildcats Stop W-L Courtmen

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took their foemen and stood six points to the good as the period closed, 20-14.

It was a follow-up of one of Dobbins' shots by Bob Gary that put the Generals within nine points of Davidson, but Iverson, Hogg, Hicks and Tice returned with interest what had been taken away.

Ed Cuttino, who replaced Dobbins after the Comet center had fouled out in the closing minutes, finished the scoring for the day with a field goal three seconds before the timer's gun roared out the end of the game.

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Jackson Chooses Speakers For Oratorical Contest

An oratorical contest to choose Washington and Lee's representative at the Virginia intercollegiate oratorical contest will be staged here next Wednesday, Professor George S. Jackson, debate coach, announced this week. The state contest will be held at Randolph Macon college in Ashland, Virginia, March 31 and April 1.

All students are eligible for participation in the contest, which will be held at 4 p. m. Wednesday. The place will be announced later. Those who wish to enter should submit their names to Mr. Jackson as soon as possible. The orations are limited to 2400 words, and the competition will be judged by members of the W-L English department.

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has won the contest here for the past two years and last year was elected president of the state intercollegiate oratorical association. The state competition is held in conjunction with the Virginia Tau Kappa Alpha convention, which will meet at Ashland at the same time.

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