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# ELMER X. TOPLASM TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT

## Base Skullduggery! Baser Machinations!! And O Whatta Stink

By HALF A DOLLAR

Members of the student body were aghast today to learn of one of the devious and darkest plots that has ever been hatched against an unsuspecting public. A great wave of moral indignation is said to be sweeping the campus in protest against the machinations of Art Buck, self-styled "brains of the Non-Fraternity Union," to swing the entire campus behind him in his campaign for the secretaryship of the student body. When we first heard of this rumor

we were disbelieving. We did not believe that anyone of our comrades here on this beautiful campus could actually stoop so low as to run for a campus position. But the evidence is incontrovertible. For last night at the Corner Store we heard this erstwhile honest man say, "One chocolate shake, please." Now, to a man of ordinary intelligence, that might sound innocent enough. But years of experience in reporting the doings in the field of politics have sharpened my wits until I can understand the sinister meaning that lurks behind such a seemingly innocuous remark.

**Hull Suspended**  
For just before this, Vaughan Beals had also been in the Corner. He, too, had had a chocolate. In order to get on the good side of this campus leader, and to secure his support, Buck decided that the sincerest form of imitation being flattery, he should do the same as Beale. Some of you may say that this is not true, because Beale was not present at that time. However, Buck well knew that the news would soon carry along the grapevine to where he wanted it to go.

This shows us conclusively that this conscienceless scoundrel has actually fallen so low as to want to be elected to something. The way we knew he was going to run for the secretaryship of the student body is that he said, "Please." The secretary sells quite a few little articles of one type or another. He is, therefore, the only campus official who has to say "please" to anyone.

**What a Figure!**  
Surely this is enough to convince the habitual readers of my column that this Buck fellow is beneath contempt. But this is not all. The other day he was seen doing a most despicable act. He went up to Frank O'Connor, and said, "Hello, Frank." This is really a heinous crime that almost passes the process of description. Imagine, going up to a member of the student body and calling him by name. Everybody knows that a gentleman should never speak to another unless the latter is either going to buy him something, or vote for him. This remark of Buck's clearly shows to what extent this plot has gone, and shows that any means will be and is being employed. I, certainly, would never speak to just anybody on the campus, and I'm certain that no one, not a politician, would either.

Of course, it's not my business to tell you how to vote. I am engaged purely in the impartial collection of facts, and the relation of them to my vast reading public. But it does seem to me as if something should be done about this situation before the awful contagion of this crime spreads any farther.

P. S.—If this gets by the editor it will surprise him as much as it does us.

## Toplasm Plays Lead In Troubs' New Production

### Famous Star of "Topper" Consents To Perform For the Boys

Tom Tennant, president of the Troubadours, announced today that due to the unanimous request of his many friends, Elmer X. Toplasm had been secured to play the lead in the forthcoming production of the dramatic club, "Squaring the Circle."

**Beer For Breakfast**  
Tennant said that the local players considered themselves very fortunate at having secured such a famous and talented actor to play in their show. Elmer is much more famous on the silver screen than on the stage, having played in such famous screen successes as "Topper" and "Topper Takes a Trip."

At present rehearsals for the next dramatic offering are speeding slowly. Tennant declared that the reason for this was that he had recently suffered a broken leg. Sluggie Sugrue had given birth to an idea, and Johnny Friedlander had a flat tire on his Wombat. He added, however, that he was confident that the circle would be squared in later than September 3.



The Troubadours opened their season last night before a full house.

The cast of this tremendous, gigantic, stupendous, colossal flop includes such deadbeats as Johnny Alnut, who is said to be very life-like as a no-good wastrel; Jimmy Paulkner, who continues to scare people, this time his leading lady; and Francis Sugrue and Johnny Friedlander, who don't yet know why. Also in the cast is the Troubadour press agent, which only goes to show how far some directors will go to get their names in the paper.

**Hell With It**  
The women in the cast are played by Easten Cooke, who is making her Troubadour debut, and so can not help herself, and Dolly Burks, who should know better



Elmer X. Toplasm, just beginning to materialize before assuming the role of dark horse in the campaign for the presidency of the Washington and Lee student body. Toplasm was caught by The Ring-tum Phi photographer just before he came out of his fog.

## Boy, Did Elmer Fix The Union!

Elmer X. Toplasm, current hero and sensation of the W-L campus, caused a mild uproar when he appeared at the meeting of the Forensic union Thursday night in a special session of the union.

He walked into the meeting in his usual fashion and proceeded to take charge of things, despite the protest of Czar Burner. When the topic for debate was brought up, Elmer suggested and railroaded through the following topic: How many angels can get in Heaven?

Someone noticed the headlessness of Toplasm and reminded him that he couldn't debate without a head. To this question Toplasm replied:

"This union has been getting along very well without them for the last few years. I guess I'll get along."

**Typewriters Thrown**  
The debate almost caused a riot. The whole union was lined up against Toplasm. The union contended that the question was one which could not be decided since there was no evidence to base the argument on. Toplasm countered with the statement that he knew about thirty men who wouldn't go to Heaven, and they were sitting on the opposite side of the room from him.

The members of the union could not debate the question very well, having no facts to go on. Toplasm stressed the fact that he guessed at least half the people in the world went to Heaven. He then proceeded to read the union the 1930 census and figure out the approximate area of Heaven. He then used the famous Elmer X. Toplasm theorem to work out how many people could get in Heaven. He finished.

**Coeds to Aid Developments  
In Camera Club Darkroom**  
Sam Ames, president of the Camera club, announced today that arrangements are now being made to transform the club into a co-educational group. Members, he said, will be recruited from the nearby girls' schools.

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## Veech To Build Elmer Platform For Campaign

### Says Political Gusts Can't Ransack Strong Balsa Platform

A sound, solid political platform was promised Elmer X. Toplasm, rising star of the Washington and Mattinglee university politics, today by James Gordon Veech, director of Grounds and Dregs on the campus.

**Where's That Copy?**  
Veech plans to construct "the vanishing American" a platform which will be strong enough to withstand the strongest gusts which opponents may send against it. It will be of solid balsa wood and will be entirely hand-raised, as the saying is in Lees.

There will be no knotholes in it, Veech promises, to obviate the danger of opponents peeking through at his campaign promises.

On the subject of his platform, Elmer X. Toplasm, in a stirring



Veech—"I'll build Toplasm a platform stronger than the New Deal's" statement to the press yesterday afternoon electrified every body within the next three miles of hollering at the top of his lungs: "Why, I shrdl tao mf e cm cm shrd aoin {wyp rdlu etaoi mf!" "Why, I shr etaa mfw rdl oi zfi cmf shrd zhif fw rdlain aoin!"

## 'Czar' Taylor Bows In Disgrace Before The Mighty Elmer

Answering a mandate of the people, Elmer X. Toplasm today announced that he had bowed to the wishes of his thousands of friends and had consented to run for president of the Washington and Lee student body. His announcement today put an end to the speculation which had been rife on the campus, indeed, over the entire world. Throughout Lexington throngs of students had been gathered in prayer, hoping that their request

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### Yevrus Yb Roop Yrev Dnouf Stnemtraped Sci- monoce Dna Ecremmoc

Going into the last round of its poll, student opinion on the Washington and Lee campus today bestowed a glowing eulogy of every single solitary department in the University.

A final check-up, therefore, on this great scientific investigation, reveals the following results as to each of the different departments:

**Accounting:** Generally marvelous. Several students complained that they were unable to work problem L-3 in corporate accounting, but when we took five minutes off to explain the course to them they said they were perfectly amazed that any course could be so fascinating and yet offer so few difficulties.

**Ancient Languages:** In this department Dr. Shelley received unanimous applause for his teaching. Livy and Horace also got considerable praise. About the rest of the teachers in this large department the students were rather non-committal.

**Commerce:** See Economics.

**Biology:** We love this whole department. Without doubt this is the greatest set of courses ever offered to mere mortals, and it is taught as only the angels could. Only, the formaldehyde disagrees with us.

**Chemistry:** A wonder, marvelous department. Only the formaldehyde disagrees with us.

**Economics:** See Commerce.

**Education:** We found several students who were in favor of education.

**Geology:** Dr. Stow can tell you more about loess than anybody else in the school.

**Modern Languages:** Much quieter since Spain stopped fighting. Only French and German now maintain the tradition.

**History:** Fine on their subject matter, but the professors are all too tall.

would be heeded by their hero. And now their fondest dreams are realized. For Elmer X. Toplasm has agreed to be elected to the presidency.

**Don't Shoot, He Said**

Only one discordant voice was expected in the entire proceedings. That was Cecil Taylor, who back in the forgotten days of 1939 had been hailed as the campus "boss." When the news was received at the Taylor for President headquarters, the shutters were immediately drawn and the flag was placed at half mast. The erstwhile "Czar" shut himself off from the prying eyes of the curious crowd to pre-

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pare a statement. At length he called in reporters and issued the following announcement:

"The presidency of the student body is an office which I have looked forward to getting for twenty-two years, and in all that time I have worked with no other aim in mind than to secure that high office.

"But in my heart I am interested in only one thing, and that is the well-being of the University. I have always said that I would gladly retire from the race if a better man would present himself. That man has now appeared.

Therefore, I can only say that I consider it my duty to tell my friend that I am withdrawing from the race. Good luck to you, Elmer X. Toplasm."

**Hitler Refuses To Comment**

The next president of the student body is a man so well known to all students that it is hardly worth while telling you about him. He has served in every possible position on the campus. His freshman year he was out for baseball for three days. His sophomore year he was almost elected tennis manager but five men were ahead of him. His sophomore year his genius was so well recognized that he was appointed to the all-important ticket committee for the junior prom. And now, the final reward of his great service is at hand.

## ODK Pledges 45 Suckers; Plans 65th Anniversary At Institute

Omicron Delta Kappa, honorary society, today announced the pledging of forty-five new men. This number includes thirty students, fifteen faculty members, and ten men who were unable to dig up the initiation fee last year. Five honorary members were also pledged.

ODK was established on the VMI campus shortly after the war of independence in 1865 as an adjunct to the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Since that time it has served a great mission in keeping the trees around Lee chapel green in the summer time.

Fielden Woodward, president of the Beta chapter here, announced also that the freshman assimilation committee would continue to function as well in the future as it had in the past. Just exactly.

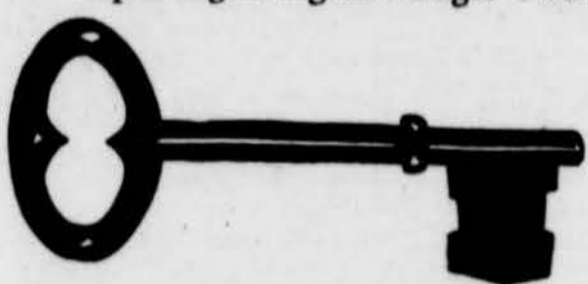


Caught by our candid cameraman at the ODK initiation, President Fielden Woodward.

At the same time as the pledges were announced, it was stated that Omicron Delta Kappa will hold its

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## Alpha Sigma Sigma Pledges Twelve Butts



The Alpha Sigma Sigma Key

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# Lefty X. Toplasm Spits Blue to Win Over Brass-Eared Cuspidors, 78 to 3



By HONEY SMARTWELL

## Oke O'K's X's Order For Oak Bats — O'Hell

### Ford Overthrows Second; Fired For Revolutionary Tactics

Washington and Lee came back into diamond prominence here today as her Generals broke a ten-year losing streak with a 78-3 victory over Ridgewater Cuspidors. The game was close all the way and kept the spectators in a frenzy of excitement.

At 3:45, ten minutes before the game started, a large crowd began milling into Wilson field. The stands were literally jammed with enthusiastic spectators loud in their enthusiasm for the local team. Accountable for the overwhelming crowd was the fact that Speedball O'conner, brother of W-L's famed Elmer, was scheduled to face Lefty X. Toplasm, ace of the General pitching staff. As a vote of confidence all five of the spectators let out a volunptuous yell when the team took to the field.

Nazis Sink Titanic  
Their anxiety was soon to be satisfied. After holding the visitors to three runs, the locals came into bat and set up a rally the like of which has never been seen in this part of the country. However, Fasto O'conner tightened up in the pinches to hold the locals to 78 runs.

Besides turning in a beautiful game of pitching, O'conner also proved impregnable at the plate. In the fourth he rode the pitch of X. Toplasm and he traveled the distance of the four bases. True, the outfield was absorbed reading "Meln Kampf" and did not notice the ball. However, this was not a discredit to O'conner's hit because it rolled nearly to the track.

The game was held up at several points of the game when both of the balls became lost. At one time the referee had to hold up proceedings when KY Ford, on the bench all last year with a sore arm, over-threw second. It was necessary to pick out the glass that ball had picked up in its flight through the press box window.

Roosevelt Censured  
As soon as the news of the victory had spread through the city by telephone, telegraph and by newsboys, celebrations were reported in all sections of the city. There was dancing in the streets, the doors of the ABC House were thrown open wide and pink lemonade was served to all. It was reported that some in their jubilation even went to church.

In commenting on the game, Captain Dick Smith said as he was recovering from the shock in Reid White Memorial hospital, "Gee." X. Toplasm was also lustrous in his comments. eH was reported to have said, "Gosh."

Both teams will renew battle tomorrow at three o'clock when they will begin the second inning. Both coaches agreed to limit the game to seven innings as the visitors had to return in a week.

## Trustys Can Tex Tilson Despite Violent Protest Of Aluminum Chapter

The University Board of Trustys last night unanimously voted to can genial Tex Tilson despite a violent protest of the alumni.

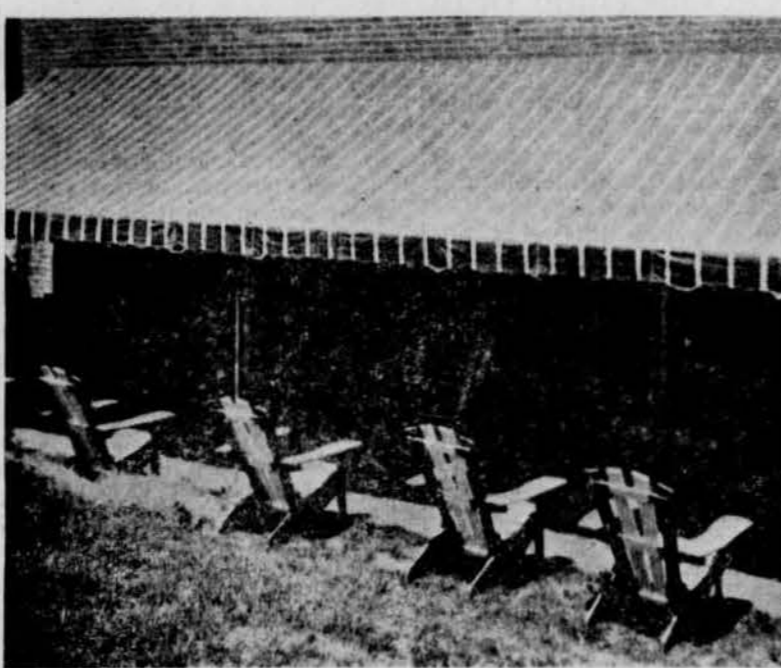
"You can't let Mr. Tilson go," wrote the Lynchburg chapter in a perfume-scented letter. "He is a gentleman."

Gaines Hints Okay  
The Trustys issued a statement, neatly typed and autographed.

"People having been blaming our recent losses on lack of material," they said, "but now that we have signed the backfield of the Green Bay Packers (see picture above) there can be no further excuse."

Weights Nine Pounds  
When reached for a statement by a Ring-tum reporter, Coach Tilson burst into tears.

## Four Blue Triple-Threats Ready



Coach Tex Tilson proudly presents the 1939 Washington and Lee backfield. From left to right: Slaphappy Dick Pinck, Elmer X. Toplasm, June Bishop, and Lib Smith.

## Wrecketeers Favored To Win Rockbridge County Tournament

### Coach 'Shorty' Crenshaw's Hopes Soar As Five Men Report For Tennis

The Washington and Lee tennis team, with an eye to one of their most successful seasons in years, tapered off with their final workout before spring vacation today, looking for all the world like a combination of Fudge, Vines and Perry.

Coached by pint-sized Ollie (short for Olivia) Crenshaw, the General netmen have consistently displayed a remarkable court game (no girls or policemen involved) and should raise the Washington and Lee tennis stock in



Rockbridge county immensely this year. Crenshaw (not quite the type who earned his spurs as head coach of either Artie or Hawk Shaw), of table-tennis at the University of Virginia, is looking forward to his first year as a tutor of tennis at W-L with keen anticipation.

But Coach Crenshaw is not so optimistic about the rest of his prospects, darling Dick Clementine, Willie Washtub, Cole Porter, Half-bushel Robertson, and Dick Stink.

When questioned about Stink's chances of making the team, the General mentor was very complimentary and said that Dick was one of the finest football players he had ever seen.

In regard to the rumor that Ward Archer, a promising candidate for the team would quit tennis in order that he might become a sports writer, Coach Crenshaw remarked that "Archer will never be a sports writer. He likes tennis too much."

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## Swombly in Hospital Pleased With Record Of W-L Tank Bums

Last Tuesday night the University of Washington and Lee suffered one of the gravest disasters in years when lovable "Cry" Swombly was confined to the hospital with a very wet case of pink eye, which he acquired after weeks of dripping tears over his 1939 edition of the General swimming team.

For four years "Cry's" teams won the Southern conference swimming championship, but this season all "Cry" had to work with was two or three good splashers, a pair of water wings, and a prayer. Those who knew "Cry" Swombly well, expected this unfortunate disease of cloud-burst and banded together in a united effort to ease the pain of the congenial splasher coach. Brent Farber graciously consented to a transfusion, and gave some water from his knee.

Lexington, Va.—Don't look now, but Lexington is being over-run with blondes today. UDC has sent three anti-blonde battalions to the front. Toplasm is leading an attack from the rear.

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## Athletic Board Heated Up Over Girls' Tourney

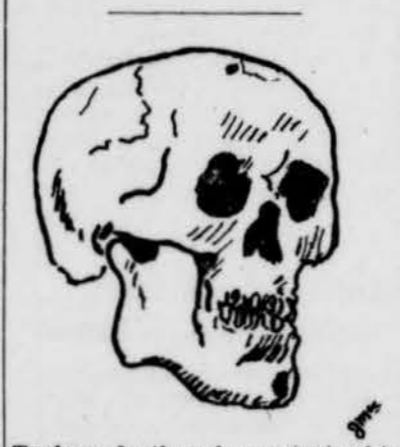
### Plans To Sponsor Cage Tournament Here; Lewis Against It

Washington and Lee will sponsor a girls' interscholastic basketball tournament next year, it was announced this afternoon after a special five-minute session of the Athletic council.

Sixteen teams will be invited from various Southern schools. A suggestion was made that invitations be extended to teams from Sweet Briar, Randy-Macon and other nearby colleges, but most of the council was in favor of limiting the affair to girls from mountain schools.

W-L Scores In Ninth  
The girls, during their stay in Lexington, will be housed in fraternity houses. The plan was put up to the Interfraternity council this afternoon, and was heartily endorsed by all but Sid Louis. The Interfraternity council went on to suggest that the tournament be carried out over a six- or seven-day period.

Cap'n Dick Smythe expressed himself as well pleased with the tournament plans. "I know that Washington and Lee students will support a girls' tournament in a big way," he said. "And I am sure that fraternity members will have no objection to keeping several girls in their house for a few days. Girls don't eat very much."



Toplasm further demonstrates his versatility by vanishing the more delicate part of his features, leaving... ugh!!!!

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## Heaty Lamarr



Eleanor X. Toplasm, Elmer's moll, is a Heat Briar curve with plenty on the ball.

## X. Replaces Pinck Richard

### Toplasm Stages One-Man Spring Practice As Thousands Cheer

Washington and Lee's 1939 gridiron hopes reached a new high yesterday when Elmer X. Toplasm, sensational vanishing star from Buena Vista high school, turned out for spring practice.

Of course the fact that spring practice officially ended last week didn't make a bit of difference, for Elmer put on a one-man exhibition that made the regular spring practice sessions look like a Harvard-Yale game by comparison.

"I Hate War," He Says  
The stands, packed to the rafters by Herb Thedogman and Jimmie barnes, went wild time and again as Elmer would kick off, suddenly disappear, and come to life at the far end of the gridiron, where he would take the ball, go through his vanishing act, and suddenly show up triumphantly at the other end of the field.

Coach Tilson was unrestrained in his praise for this new flash. "Why, I won't even have to bother with teaching blocking now," he joyfully exclaimed. "Elmer will just reach out from thin air and pull 'em down. What a play. He'll probably replace Pinck Dick in the backfield."

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## Gym Fische L Made Copy Boy On Ring-Tummy

### Nag Editor To Decipher Sports At Washington And Lee

By GYM FISHE L  
Announcement was made yesterday of the addition of James Wilson Fische, magazine editor and talented columnist, to the sports staff of The Ring-tum Phi.

Price Is Elected  
Fische will assume his new duties within the next few days. An expert at understanding and interpreting sports, he will, in his stories, offer detailed explanations of the failures and successes of various teams. He said yesterday that he will spend every minute of his afternoons at practice sessions, and will handle not only major sports, but tennis, lacrosse and Chinese checkers as well.

Generals Victorious  
Fische will also lend his talents to the editorial, news and political columns.

Wheat Prices On Up  
Fische is at present editor of the Southern Collegian, which is acknowledged to be the finest literary publication in the country. He was connected with The Ring-tum Phi last year, and once did what he terms "the best piece of columning seen in these parts." His latest venture into newspaperdom was in the role of guest columnist for The Ring-tum Phi three days ago.

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## FLASH . . . Elmer X. Toplasm, Cap'n Dick's new mound protege from Buena Vista, of the Hot Rock league, will be the starting pitcher for Washington and Lee's baseball team when they meet Hollins colleg today.

Elmer decided to come to W-L only after he was offered the highest athletic scholarship in school, which consisted of free milk and crackers every third Wednesday provided he could whiff 20 batters a game.

## FLASH . . .

Elmer lost his scholarship and O'conner was the star in the Big Blue's baseball game with Miss Petunia Pert's Hollins lassies today. Elmer did not live up to advance expectations as he was dragged out of the box after pitching to two batters to fill a date.

Miss Lotta Stuff was the starting pitcher (and we do mean pitcher) for Hollans' "Nine plump girls" and she was mistress of the situation throughout.



Miss Lotta Stuff, one of the "Nine Plump Gals" whose untouchable curves had O'conner buffaloed yesterday.

O'conner was the first General batter, and was he surprised. It didn't take Lotta long to warm up and her form was beautiful except she had too much control to suit Oek. Lotta threw a few roundhouse curves, before O'conner was tempted and swung hard at a fast one, low and inside. But he missed, and finding he couldn't get to first base with her he threw down the bat in disgust and began talking possibilities of a late date with Miss Belinda Bliss, the beautiful blonde backstop. She was reluctant, however, and protested to the umpire who ordered the Oke to first base for annoying her.

The Oke immediately stole second and after a chat with Sizzling Suzy Siren, the shapely shortstop, went on to third on Brooks Young's



Lefty X. Toplasm materializes to try to figure out just what those "Nine Plump Gals" had on the ball.

single, and pulled up safe at home plate in time for tea.

But from then on it was all Hollans. The Generals just couldn't put the Lassies out when they came to bat, and the game was turned int on rout. Elmer left for fairer fields and Oke started pitching, but all to no avail. The Generals continued to fight fiercely and courageously but the umps finally postponed the game on account of darkness with the score 110-1 in favor of Hollans. But this didn't bother O'conner, who continued to pitch long after dark. . . .

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### Butterfly Nets & Freshwater Top W-L 99-98

#### Biology Students Get Miled Up In Lacrosse Game

By ELMER X. TOPLASM

Who would have thought that the resemblance between a lacrosse stick and a butterfly net could cause so much confusion as it did on Wilson field this afternoon? (You've got me, brother. Who'd have thought the life expectancy of a goose was 200 years.) The occasion was Washington and Lee's opening lacrosse encounter with Freshwater college of Freshwater, Idaho.

You see, Coach Larkin Y. Fahrrenheit, inventor of the Fahrrenheit temperature scale, by the way, had just sent his charges into the final frame of a thrilling, skull-rending, heart and head breaking fray which had seen the Freshwater Alligators turn in an inspired performance of stick welding and skin cracking to overtake the Blue Planets of Washington and Lee and gain a 99-98 advantage in what experts described as "a rather free scoring game." It was just at this moment, as I say (hope you don't mind the reporter butting into this story a little, I'm so wrapped up in it I just can't keep out of dear life) that the unusual occurrence which kept this game from being just another lacrosse match burst onto the field, like a pack of fox hounds in full cry.

The unusual occurrence turned out to be nothing other than that biology 4 class which was so scurrilously treated in these columns not long ago. Led by Doctor-Professor W. D. (a few disgruntled students caused it all) Hoyt, this motley throng swept onto the field of play in fine fury. As you may have divined, they were in search of a rare snoodecranthus hemipteropticalitis, which is a kind of rare tropical butterfly reputed to carry a love potion in a tiny spiracle beneath its beetle brows.

#### Curiosity Killed the Cat

But, great day in the morning, reader, what hellish havoc the advance of science played in lacrosse annals. Imagine 24 knights of lacrosse—or however many there are—all girded in pads and armed to the teeth—imagine these taken underarms on the flank by the dragon-like charge of biologists on the hunt!

And it all might have been adjusted at that if both teams had not mistaken the brandished butterfly nets for the weapons of a third team. Freshwater of course thought there had simply been a mix-up in the schedule of W-L and two teams had been signed up for the same day.

Hero of the game was Elmer X. Toplasm.

### State Theatre and Shirly Temple To Go On Binge Over Holidays

By A. NUNYMUS

The State theatre goes on a pronounced binge Monday and Tuesday when it presents my sweet-heart, your sweetheart, in fact, America's sweetheart (we allude to Shining Shirley Temple, of Kerse) in Darryl F. Zanuck's mighty and supreme triumph of technicolor (again), "The Little Princess."

You can't go wrong on this one, cinemaddicts and dope fiends. It offers you an unsurpassed opportunity to give free rein to your paternal passions, or to coo and gurgle to your heart's content. Even Elmer X. Toplasm is a lit-

tle leery of the Lyric's offering on Saturday, "Shine On Harvest Moon." Elmer says sentimental slush shouldn't slip into his Saturday thrillers. Even if Roy Rogers and Mary Hart (hero and heroine of this little melodrama) are doing the wooing, Elmer still prefers his westerns packed with thunder and gunsmoke.

We regret that we are unable to inform you as to who will roar into the Lyric on Monday and Tuesday, but it seems to be still pending. Not knowing its title, we can still unreservedly recommend it for Elmer X. Toplasm and Gus Bernd.

### Vanishing American Zilches Alpha Sigma Sigma House Party!

That "vanishing American," Elmer X. Toplasm, lent a spiritual air to the Alpha Sigma Sigma house party, held in the ruins of the old Washington college boat-house on the North river. They couldn't see his actions, though.

Nine women fainted. Then barnes jumped to his feet to lay drama legal dictum. Professor barnes of the W-L faculty, who was also present, however, immediately enrolled the student-athlete-politician-playboy into his advanced political science course. "We need

something to pep that class up," he smirked.

It seemed that just as festivities were at their peek and all was gay, in had walked Elmer. Now that was all right, but when the "vanishing American" pushed Ex-Boss Cecil Taylor off his oratorical soap box and climbed up himself, the party got rough.

Seraphine On Sex

In the first place, there wasn't anything visible above Toplasm's shoulders; he didn't have a head. But to those who were still unfainted the playboy-politician-athlete-student spoke in a parable (or something), saying:

#### Death Strikes Swiftly

"What politician needs a head?" All the persons there present assured Boss Plasm that he had their support—owing to the fact that he had been doing some private detective work and had "something" on every one there.

Then barnes fainted, making it unanimous.

Co-education Seen As Threat Kissed In the Moonlight To Breath Fresh Air Couldn't Pin Him Down Why, She Asked Death Over Honolulu

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### Toplasm v. Whiskey

Washington and Lee students will have the opportunity to see in person none other than the far-famed Elmer X. Toplasm on the Whiskey special when it pulls out tomorrow morning... Toplasm, heading north in search of Miriam Kerby, has promised to perform his famous vanishing act for the benefit of those present.

### Matt Sows Seeds For Bumper Crop On Glistening Bean

Things will start growing on the W-L campus soon. Something unprecedented indeed has happened. Something which will go down in barber history as being the greatest achievement of the 20th century. Before stating just what this unprecedented innocent is, we would like to advise to grab tightly to the arm of your chair. That's it—settled down and take it easy. Now to break the news gently.

#### Live and Let Live

Point one—it's Mattingly—you know him, the bald-headed guy who so proudly struts around the campus calling everybody "Joe." Point two—soon he won't be bald! After rummaging around in assorted hair tonics for the past 67 years, he has finally discovered the combination that has succeeded in putting two hairs even on his head.

#### 300 Die In Crash

Thus Washington and Lee has lost another landmark—the sun reflecting off Matt's shiny dome. On seeing the spectacle, Elmer X. Toplasm and barnes fainted. Ha—there's that name barnes again. It seems to keep cropping out.

### Five Pretty Nurses And One New Bed For W-L Students

Doc White announced late yesterday that he is going to put an extra bed in the hospital so as to be able to accommodate the extra students that will be there during the Spring vacations. Many of the students will go to the hospital as a result of nervous breakdowns caused by the mid-semester exams, given by such professors as "Doc" Paxton, "Smiling Boy" Walls, "Mickey" Williams, "Jolly Johnny" Graham, and barnes.

Also in anticipation for the big week, Doc White has hired five new nurses (three of them are good looking, too, boys) to help take care of the sick. I just know that you won't be able to keep some of those boys away from there now. Also, some of the professors might decide that they are sick also. Those sick in the hospital now are: Elmer X. Toplasm.

The Political Science department lapsed back into its coma today as the Supreme Court invalidated three more pages of Professor James Harry Fletcher Elmer barnes' 1, 2, 3 notes. When questioned, barnes said nothing—for once he couldn't. Ah, sweet monotony of life!

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### Boy, Did Union Fix The Elmer!

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nally concluded that there was plenty of room left yet, so why should anybody worry about it? When the time came to see who had won, the union insisted that they had the most votes. However, Elmer produced about forty of his invisible friends sitting on the other side of the room and won the debate. Since the union couldn't prove that there weren't any of his friends on the other side, they had to admit defeat.

#### Oh, You Kid

When he was leaving, Elmer was interviewed as to his stand on the Forensic union. "If I am elected to the presidency, I will positively abolish the Forensic union. I went to the meeting tonight to see in just what shape the union was, and I found out. When one headless man can outdebate the whole works, there's not much hope."

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See Page One Cecil Taylor, president of the Alpha Sigma Sigma honorary fraternity, announced today the pledging of 12 new members. These men will be formally initiated at a banquet given at Mike's tomorrow by Herb Theodogman. Honorary membership was extended to Professor Twitchell James barnes. Students initiated will include Gus Bernd, Georgie Myers, Bob Dementi, Ed Corrie, Jack Watson, The Governor, Johnny Cleveland, Bert Schewel, Herb Friedman, Joey Moffatt, Frank O'Conner.

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