



Dave Guard (far left) and his Whiskeyhill Singers

Dave Guard's Quartet Scheduled For Concert

By STEVE SMITH

Dave Guard's Whiskeyhill Singers will be featured at the Saturday night concert of Springs weekend, Dance Set President Steve Galef said today.

The new quartet was formed by Guard a few months after his split with the Kingston Trio of which he was leader. The Whiskeyhill Singers have been touring north-eastern schools for the last few months, and, according to Galef, have been met with sellout audiences.

The singing of Guard, who is a leading exponent of genuine folk music, is in line with the Dance Board's experiment in bringing folk music to W&L, said Galef.

If the Springs folk music weekend goes over, a Folk Music Festival may be held here next October.

Talented Group

Guard picked the other members of the quartet with the object of forming a group which shared his own ideas about folk music. The first to join him was twenty-five year-old Cyrus Faryar, singer-guitarist-banjoist.

Faryar was a schoolmate of Guard in Honolulu, although he was born in Teheran, Iran, of Persian-English parents. Guard tracked him to a Phoenix coffee house to recruit him.

Next, Guard signed Victor Bacigalupi, 37 years of age. Bacigalupi is a Stanford graduate who studied music on a Ford Fellowship Foundation scholarship at San Francisco State. He is a bassist, but is also proficient on the guitar and gitarron (Mexican bass). Guard hooked him with the promise of making him singer in the new group.

Judy Henske was recruited from an Oklahoma City coffee house; she had just begun to make a name in folk singing and was at first reluctant to join the group. She performs with the six string guitar, banjo, tambourine, and autoharp in addition to singing. She is a 23 year-old brunette.

Debut on Feb. 1

The Whiskeyhill Singers made their debut on Feb. 1 of this year. They plan to publish their first album in about a month. The quartet spent a great deal of time working together before they stepped onto the stage.

Commenting on his group, Guard said, "Our music is designed for no particular age group or segment of the population. We hope everyone likes it, but we're not going to adapt it to suit any fad or aim for any 'market' in particular.

The leader stresses the point of good music, for it is his belief that a performer can neither underestimate the American public, nor lecture to it, and that the public, in the long run, will never fully accept so-called "commercial music" from top artists.

He also called his singers "a new and different sound," and "exciting."

The quartet will perform from 8 to 10 o'clock on Saturday night of Springs, April 14.

Othello To Play Wednesday Nite Thru Saturday

Four performances of William Shakespeare's "Othello" will be staged next week by members of the Troubadour Theater.

The two and a half hour play will run nightly Wednesday through Saturday in the Troubadour Theater at the edge of the campus. Curtain time for each performance is 8:15 p.m.

A 25-member cast led by Lexington High School junior Lisa Tracy as Desdemona and Washington and Lee senior Robert Allen as Othello will participate in the play under the direction of Dr. Cecil D. Jones, Jr., assistant professor of fine arts. Both leading actors are Troubadour Theater veterans.

Other principal actors include students John Dunnell as Iago, Steve Colvin as Cassio, Tim Morton as Roderigo and Miss Josephine Unger, a member of the faculty of neighboring Southern Seminary, as Emilia.

The principal actors for the tragedy have been preparing for over two months, according to Dr. Jones. Nightly rehearsals with the full cast have been underway for five weeks.

A six-foot extension has been built on the front of the regular Troubadour Theater stage for actors' use during soliloquies and two-character scenes. Stage coloring has been kept neutral to enhance the 32 Italian Renaissance costumes on order from a New York costume house. Part of the "Othello" costumes are designed from sketches by Robert Edmond Jones, a leading theatrical designer.

"One of the most difficult problems in producing a Shakespearean tragedy is that of speaking verse and recreating of strong and passionate human emotions so that they are believable for the audience," Dr. Jones said.

"Beyond our work with the principal actors, we encounter the problem of integrating the work of a cast of 25 so that they all are striving for a common goal throughout the play," the director said.

Reservations for performances of "Othello" may be made by calling HO 3-2181, ext. 273, between 2-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. any day starting tonight.

Troup publicity director Andy Leonard says that any freshman or sophomores interested in working on the Theatre business staff should report to the Theatre tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Report Says Zimmerman Died of Natural Causes; Funeral Is Tomorrow

Medical officials said today that Washington and Lee University senior John Louis Zimmerman, who was found dead in his dormitory room Wednesday, died of natural causes.

The natural causes opinion was issued by Dr. Frederick A. Fedde-man, Lexington medical examiner. Zimmerman, who lived in Glendale, Ohio, was found dead Wednesday evening in his room in Baker Dormitory by two of his fraternity brothers after he was missed at the regular evening meal at the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house.

A funeral service will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. from the First Presbyterian Church in Glendale. Burial will follow in Glendale's Oak Hill Cemetery. Dean of Students Edward C. Atwood, Jr., will represent Washington and Lee at the funeral.

Zimmerman is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John William Zimmerman, and a sister, all of Glendale.

Notice

An Air Force officer selection team will be in the Co-op Monday and Tuesday to interview seniors interested in an Air Force Commission.

Doenges Answers Tuesday Editorial

IFC President Says Fraternities Only Get What They Ask For

To the Editor:

Last year, the I.F.C. was called the "Inert Fraternity Council" and this week it was called a "do-nothing" organization. I, for one, would not say that these accusations are unfounded but I certainly would say they are unfair and illusionary. They have turned the I.F.C. into a scapegoat as an organization that is weak, inert, and fumbling in the eyes of many students, faculty, and the administration. This is far from the true picture of the Council.

I look at the IFC as an organization created to function as a representative body of the fraternity men on our campus. In this capacity, the IFC discusses topics which it and its officers deem important, and consequently establish and maintain a set of policies related to these topics. All policies adopted by the IFC

represent the majority of our fraternities. The IFC was created neither to pass down the opinions of the administration nor to pass mandate and shove them down the throats of the fraternities. The strength of the IFC stems from the fact that its policies are the policies of the fraternities and as such must receive fraternity support.

The faculty and the university administration are above the IFC, needless to say in absolute power, and it is the IFC officers which realize this more than anyone else.

However, in no case this year or in past years has there been a proposal made from the IFC administration or from a particular IFC committee in which the IFC's officers did not feel the proposals to be anything short of the best and most constructive policy for the Council, and consequently all 18 fraternities. The IFC is not an oligarchy as some things on this campus, rather, it is a democratic organization slow and easy to criticize. Above all, it is not and will not be a rubber stamp for the whims of "the Hill." The fact that "the Hill" expresses their opinion on some matters and requests IFC action does not mean the Council is weak and utterly subservient. It is the IFC's duty to study and consider the faculty's requests, just as anything proposed from within the IFC, is studied and considered. Furthermore, in doing this, "the Hill" is recognizing the IFC's power and sovereignty to take action over fraternity matters.

The charge I never can understand is that the IFC is weak. This is because there is no defined limit on the powers of the IFC over fraternities. Also, by looking at the IFC constitution and by-laws, we can see some of the chief areas long given to the IFC's administration: rush week, pledging, disputes among fraternities, scheduling and limiting of fraternity social functions, and others. The IFC's Judicial Committee can and would take away these privileges from any fraternity when deemed necessary—certainly, this is no weak base.

From this base, though, the IFC has taken actions which have been weak. This is partly true, but let's look just at this year, and we can see a changing attitude within the IFC, and much of this change was not due to faculty pressure at all. Certainly, there was no faculty

pressure to have Dick Fletcher speak to the compulsory IFC pledge assembly. Also, the "watered-down" Help Week proposals and the Help Week Committee were of the IFC's own initiative and fortunately, the proposals were watered down enough to cause three houses to abandon "Hell Week" altogether at the time and several others to do the same since then. No "Help Week" was ever so mild or so constructive. The IFC also passed legislation over the pledge-training period, which was an area never before covered by the IFC. I fail to see with such results as these that the IFC is altogether weak in its action.

On the other hand, I will agree with the Tuesday Edition that fraternities should take more interest in the IFC's problems. The IFC is hampered by apathetic and indifferent members. I think a prime example of this can be taken from this past meeting where certain members felt that to adopt the IFC Social Committee's proposal (worked out in conjunction with the Dance Board) would have limited what power the IFC had and cause the IFC to become a rubber stamp of the administration. In the first place, the adoption of the proposals would have greatly strengthened the IFC, and secondly, the proposal was not from the administration or faculty (they had neither seen it nor heard of it), but from IFC members, officers, and the head and co-head of the Dance Board (both of whom are students and fraternity men).

Attitudes of this type do greatly hamper the I.F.C.—they are unconstructive and detrimental. What the fraternity man must realize is that the I.F.C. can do nothing without support, which it has every right to expect, despite failures. If fraternities can continue in the constructive vein they are showing now, the IFC will regain much lost power and find much new power. Especially important this Spring will be the reconsideration of the combo situation, and the all-important Rush Week study. The I.F.C. will be able to attain constructive changes or maintain a constructive status quo, only if fraternity men are willing to make the changes which are in keeping with the general tempo of events on our campus inside, among, and outside of the fraternities.

Fischer To Give Geology Lecture

A member of the geology department of Princeton Univ. will discuss "Andean Landscapes and Geology" in a public lecture tonight at Washington and Lee.

Dr. Alfred Fischer will give his illustrated talk at 8 p.m. in duPont Auditorium. His appearance is under the sponsorship of W&L's department of geology and the American Geological Institute.

He was also guest lecturer for two geology classes this morning. A native of Rothenburg, Germany, Dr. Fischer was educated in the United States. He received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Wisconsin and his Ph.D. from Columbia University.

He has taught at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, the University of Rochester and the University of Kansas. He also has worked for the Stanolind Oil Company in Kansas and the International Petroleum Company of Peru.

Dr. Fischer's primary fields of study are historical geology and invertebrate paleontology. He is the co-author of a textbook on paleontology.

NOTICE

Dr. Milton Colvin will address the International Relations Club March 20 on German foreign policy.

ROTC Seniors Learn Branches; Thirty-One Seeking Deferments

Washington and Lee's 55 seniors in Army ROTC have received their branch assignments for their tour of active duty. All will serve two years.

Of the seniors, 31 have asked for deferment of their active duty in order to go on to graduate study. According to Major A. J. Moller of the ROTC department, it is likely that only those seniors going on to study medicine, law, or psychology will get their deferments.

Below is a list of the seniors and their branch assignments. Active duty begins on the date listed. The rest of the seniors who have not asked for deferments should get their orders for active duty within the month.

Name	Branch	Active Duty Begins
Rick Anderson	Intelligence	
Jim Austin	Judge Advocate Corps	
Barrie Bank	Infantry	
John Boyle	Infantry	5 Nov.
Wayne Bradshaw	Artillery	
Perry Brannen	Army Security	
Eddie Brown	Ordnance	
Worth Brown	Field Artillery	3 Apr. '63
Randy Butler	Artillery	
Dave Callaway	Air Defense Artillery	30 Aug.
Bob Carroll	Medical Service	
Dan Chittwood	Field Artillery	19 Sept.
Paul Clemenceau	Signal Corps	
Tony Council	Medical Service	
Allen Curran	Artillery	
Charles Dowman	Air Defense Artillery	31 Jan. 1963
Ralph Elias	Signal Corps	16 July
Terry Fohs	Army Security	
Rick Frisbie	Infantry	
Roy Goodwin	Signal Corps	16 July
Jim Gwinn	Infantry	22 Oct.
Bill Hamner	Infantry	
Pearce Hardwick	Army Security	
Mike Herndon	Artillery	
Doug Hill	Armor	
Jim Hitch	Infantry	June
Ned Hobbs	Infantry	22 Oct.
George Honts	Armor	
Jerry Hyatt	Infantry	
Louis Jones	Field Artillery	6 Feb. 1963
Allyn Kantor	Army Security	
Richard Kelly	Field Artillery	28 Nov.
Rick Kurz	Infantry	
Jeff Lasher	Chemical Corps	23 Oct.
Jay Legum	Intelligence	22 Oct.
Bill Littell	Medical Service	
Irving Lynn	Medical Service	
John Martin	Field Artillery	17 Oct.
Sandy Mersereau	Infantry	22 Oct.
Ben Michel	Intelligence	
Ray Miller	Infantry	1 Apr. 1963
Leyburn Mosby	Intelligence	
Bill Myers	Infantry	
Fred Nelson	Field Artillery	5 Nov.
Wes Ostergren	Transportation	19 Sept.
Al Painter	Artillery	
George Peters	Artillery	
Russ Pritchard	Infantry	
Dick Reid	Artillery	
Charlie Smith	Infantry	
Jim Starkey	Intelligence	
Ron Stein	Infantry	8 Oct.
Wally Thulin	Infantry	22 Oct.
George Van Sciver	Field Artillery	6 Feb. 1963
Ralph Weigandt	Artillery	

The Ring-tum Phi

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Constitutional Changes

The Executive Committee, to nobody's disappointment, has voted to ask the student body to approve a constitutional amendment doing away with the nominating convention for student body officers. According to the new amendment candidates will have to present a petition signed by 150 of their fellow students in order to get their name on the ballot.

The 150-signature requirement is good in that it assures that a man has substantial support for an office and still makes it possible for third or even fourth candidates, to run for office. The EC will schedule a voluntary assembly every spring for candidates to present their views and such platforms as they have.

We are pleased that the movement to remove the Publications Board representative from the EC has so far failed. The close vote (supporters of the amendment failed to get their two-thirds majority by one vote) is hardly a vote of confidence in the Publications Board. But we know of no better way to assure a strong and experienced EC than the present method. We are not surprised that the EC has been unable to find a substitute satisfactory to two-thirds of the Committee.

Other changes are very useful simplifications of the constitution which bring it more in line with actual student government practice. We'll discuss them when the EC releases their final draft of their proposed changes. Then it will be up to the student body to pass the new constitution by a simple majority.

Facing A Complex Problem

It has been said many times before, but we will say it again: the threat of atomic war hovers over our civilization like an impersonal god, threatening wanton, amoral destruction, and pervading our society with a sense of hopelessness and indifference. The tremendous moral questions posed by the advent of nuclear weapons are the great problems of our generation, and they will continue to be for a long time.

Bill Lowry is attempting to cope with this subject in the current issues of *Protest*, and two columns on the ramifications of nuclear disarmament appear in today's *Ring-tum Phi*. We urge that our readers study these opinions. We owe it to ourselves to give them our attention.

Fraternity Responsibility

The Tuesday Edition's attack on the IFC was justified to some extent, but the blame for that group's relative inaction must be thrown back on the University's fraternity men. For the IFC has been accurate in their representation of the fraternities' viewpoint. They have done nothing except when forced to. This is certainly not the fault of the IFC itself, nor of the IFC officers, who have been trying for the past several years to initiate some useful changes. They have gotten no support whatsoever from the fraternity rank-and-file.

What the fraternity men at W&L must realize is that they have a personal responsibility for the entire fraternity system here. If they are too lazy to make some well-considered changes they deserve to be regulated more closely from the Hill. We have always championed the right of the students to live their own lives with a minimum of regulation. But this right implies a responsibility to respect the viewpoint of the faculty and administration.

We believe in a strong fraternity system. But the power of the fraternities will have to be limited if they insist on working, consciously or not, against the larger goals of the University. We think this is now the case in some houses, with respect to their members' studies and their finances.

TWO OPINIONS ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

Harrington: Use Common Sense

By TRACY HARRINGTON
Colleges and crusades just seem to naturally go together—and Washington and Lee is no exception. The latest and loudest campus campaign concerns neither student government nor social fraternities—it's a ban-the-bomb movement.

Chief promoter of peace and promulgator of nuclear horror is *Protest* editor Bill Lowry. Lowry, who says he has hardly gotten the program started, already has a substantial following. In several articles and posters he has said, basically, what most people already know: that a nuclear war would be devastating to the human race. He paints vivid pictures of nuclear war, and succeeds in convincing his readers that unilateral disarmament would be great.

Admittedly, Lowry doesn't know exactly how to go about it. "But something has to be done, and our job now is to find out what's going on." Agreed. But how can we be

Behind The News

There is a movement afoot in the EC to make the office of president of the IFC a position elected by the entire student body.

There are also members who would like to see the offices of Dance Set President abolished. They propose that the presidents of the four undergraduate classes serve as chairmen of the four weekends, arguing that the present system is inefficient, and merely a political convenience.

From an article in a recent issue of the *Hollins Columns* discussing a returning Hollins Abroad:

"I wonder if she thought French males were as cool as W&L men?" Impossible.

The editor of the 1962-63 *Calyx* will be chosen next Tuesday by the Publications Board. Bob Payne, Delt senior and captain-elect of next year's football team, seems to be the leading candidate for the position.

Politics are in the air already. Latest rumors have it that the Independent Party's two leading candidates are playing hard-to-get.

Independent Party Chairman Spud Slater, in a particularly cagey conversation, commented yesterday that "I will probably be remembered as the most idealistic and naive party chairman in years."

Today's Quote: Mr. John Gunn, of the economics department, denied the need for more lenient punishment for honor system violations by saying simply that "a little bit of dishonesty is like a little bit of pregnancy."

sure or even suppose that nuclear disarmament is a feasible solution?

Russian Score: 33 for 33

Lowry seems to think our attitude towards the Russians is too hostile. He suggests that perhaps they aren't really out for world domination, but just for technological or ideological domination. I suggest that this is as bad—if not worse—than military domination. He suggests, further, that we have to trust the Russians more. I suggest, further, that the Russians, in the realm of political conflicts, have given us every reason not to trust them. (According to one source, the Russians have made 33 treaties since World War I and have broken 33 treaties since World War I.)

Several points seem to have been omitted in Lowry's arguments. What guarantee do we have that, should we disarm, Russia would follow suit? Mutual inspection arrangements would help, but what about all those nasty little bombs that are already made and stacked neatly away in a Siberian warehouse somewhere? It seems a bit naive to suppose that Russia—or the United States either, for that matter—would refrain from using nuclear weapons should they be on the losing side in the crucial days of a hot war.

Lowry has flagrantly dismissed such concepts as limited warfare, the so-called "balance of terror," and massive retaliation. As far as limited warfare is concerned, he said he doesn't believe the human race intelligent enough to refrain from using weapons if they have them—

even if the authorities concerned realize the destructive powers of such weapons. I wonder, then, why he assumes they have the intelligence to arrive at satisfactory disarmament agreements?

"Something Has To Be Done"

The most significant comment Lowry has made so far is that "something has to be done." Of course, he doesn't know what has to be done. No one else does, either. The truth of the matter seems to be that humanity has overstepped itself. Surely, the prospect of war with today's weapons is horrible. I share with Lowry the aversion for two-headed grandchildren. War, especially modern nuclear war, is a frightening prospect. Lowry has achieved one rather dubious thing—he has called to our attention just how pleasant a future we have to look forward to. Unfortunately, disarmament is extremely unlikely to rise as the answer to nuclear war. In my opinion, the only way man will ever be made to do away with nuclear war is to have one; and, if he manages to avoid rotting to death from radiation, is able to scrounge enough uncontaminated food out of garbage cans, he can try to salvage the few worthwhile aspects of "civilization" and think twice before he splits any more atoms.

Until that time, we can listen to editor Lowry, hope that the impossible will come true, and try to believe that Khrushchev, Kennedy, and the rest of our destiny-shapers have brains enough to keep their fingers off the buttons.

Slater: It's Worth A Try

By HOWARD SLATER

To believe, as most of us do, that man is "captain of his fate" is to affirm an essential feature of Western civilization. Western thought has not been as naive as to deny the significance of the environmental influence upon man's situation, but there is an obvious distinction between determinism and fatalism; and so it is asserted that men do have control over their individual destinies, however limited this control may be.

Why then is it true that men choose to be like cattle, and reject their right and their responsibility, to exercise this control? (There is a possible answer to this question which may not be at all flattering to some cows I know.) Has there ever been a time when the majority of men have taken it upon themselves to be the arbiters of their own fate? These times must have been few and far between.

Certainly, this is not one of them. And how utterly horrible that thought is! For now is the time when the fates of all men are at

a more critical turning-point than ever before. There can be no doubt about that. We have the bombs and missiles to prove it. How, then, are we reacting to the problem in this outpost of civilization? The answer is fairly obvious, and bears a strong relation to the major form of economic activity in this beef and dairy district.

Who To Believe?

There is a certain amount of justification for this reaction. The overall problem, which includes the questions of nuclear testing, the arms race, disarmament, and fallout shelters, is riddled through and through with seemingly insoluble conflicts. For instance, it is impossible to know who to believe, those who say that there will be total destruction of the human race as a result of radiation, or those who say that the results of radiation will be practically nil.

But because a question or set of questions is complex, does not mean that we ought not to tackle them. Besides, there is a rule of thumb

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Alumnus Calls Faculty Petition Socialist Move

To the Editor:

This letter is to oppose delayed rushing, which the faculty petition claims will cure everything from maladjusted freshmen to some of the University's complex problems.

W&L is, and has been, a very strong fraternity college for over 100 years. Prospective students know that pledging takes place the first week of school and they are affiliated with a fraternity, if they want to join one, for the full four years of college. I assume that if some boys and their parents don't like our system, they would go elsewhere.

Part of the faculty, 1962 model, apparently thinks it detects reasons for making a drastic change in our fraternity operation. I suggest that the faculty restrict its efforts to the purpose for which it was hired—teaching—and if it likes the system better elsewhere, to kindly pack up and leave.

The generalities advanced as reasons for promoting this change are misleading, irrelevant, and irresponsible. In short, they are merely a cover for what is really intended: the elimination of fraternities.

For the vast majority of W&L students, the fraternity is a good thing and just as important a part of education as books, classes, examinations. The few students who don't make the grade due solely to the fraternity to which they belong certainly are insufficient justification to stifle or eliminate an institution that provides such multiple advantages to all the rest.

This is definitely a move to stifle fraternities and if it is not defeated, it can easily result in the complete elimination of fraternities at W&L. You may not know that there is a strong socialist sentiment running in academic circles to eliminate fraternities because (1) fraternities are a bastion of conservative thinking and influence, (2) fraternities with their selective membership are in opposition to the socialistic-minded group who are ramming integration down our throats, and (3) fraternities permit and encourage individualism which is in opposition to the welfare state concept (the last step before the socialistic state).

The college fraternity typifies the free enterprise, individualism, and spirit that is America. Step by step emasculation of this American institution is what socialists, communists, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People want. Any one step now is merely a future invitation to another step.

W&L is standing firm against accepting general Federal aid because of the dangers of paternalistic government. For the same reasons W&L must encourage in every way the

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The South In The Sixties—Literature

Southern Writers Continue In Vital Faulkner Tradition

By James Boatwright, III
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The title of this series cannot in all fairness apply to this particular article. One can with some accuracy estimate the population of Norfolk in 1965; but there is no way of knowing the course that literature will take, literature of the South or anywhere else. Nor is the speculation interesting; what is interesting and valuable is the literature we have, the novels and poems and plays that are part of the past and the present. The literature of the future we can leave to the future.

The question that is worth asking is whether there is a vital tradition in Southern letters today. We know of the recent past, of Faulkner's greatest books, of Thomas Wolfe, of the Agrarians. We are often told, however, that the spirit that inspired these writers and movements has dissipated; the South will soon be like the North, perhaps worse. The social structure is changing, the farms have been abandoned, industries are moving in and bringing with them unionism, decent wages and other such evils. The Southern

writers of today, or so we are led to believe, inevitably reflect this change; they are more concerned with Freud and city planning than with their souls and their crops.

Distorted Generalization

Such generalizations are dangerous because they are distorted. The implications are that the writer is completely the creature of his environment, and that that environment has undergone an overnight metamorphosis. In answer to the first, I would say that a writer is much more than his environment, that he has memory and imagination, intellect and will; and he can adapt as well as any animal. As for the metamorphosis, the only person who would believe that the South is not still, in innumerable painful and blessed ways, the South (despite many vast changes) has simply not lived in the South and used his eyes and ears.

Several years ago, in separate essays, R. B. Heilman and Richard Weaver isolated the salient characteristics of the Southern temper, particularly the temper of the writ-

er, and these characteristics hold true for the writers of today. (It is not likely that the Southerner will be radically different tomorrow or ten years from now; a temper is not put down so easily.) Southern writing is marked by a sense of the concrete; the prose shows the influence of political and pulpit rhetoric and it shows affinities with the anecdotes and with gossip. The total view of life is often informed by religious feeling and an awareness of tragedy. Not that non-Southern writers might not share these feelings and attitudes; but the Southern writer is endowed with them according to a particular, identifiable balance.

This temper is evident, for instance, in the playwright Tennessee Williams. Williams, for all his fashionable commercial qualities, seems to me an essentially Southern writer. His best plays—*A Streetcar Named Desire*; *Suddenly, Last Summer*; *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*—derive their strength from the atmosphere of decay and the perverted idealism which are at least a part of Southern life.

The novelists who use the South

as subject are more numerous, and they use it in various ways. Carson McCuller's studies in loneliness, isolation, and the need for love are honest and painful reflections of Southern experience. Frankie in *The Member of the Wedding* records as faithfully as Holden Caulfield the peculiar joys and sorrows of growing up. In *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter*, *Reflections in a Golden Eye*, and many of the shorter works the dumb, the dwarfed, and the mad are heightened, exaggerated metaphors; their lives are ours, as Southerners and human beings.

God Denied Or Transformed

The grotesque of Mrs. McCuller's books are similar to the strange, possessed country people found in Flannery O'Connor's two novels and collection of stories: *Wise Blood*, *The Violent Bear It Away*, *A Good Man Is Hard to Find*. The difference is that Miss O'Connor's characters live in a world of heroic and demonic evil, a world in which God has been denied or transformed into a fundamentalist God of anger and destruction. It is not a comfortable or pop-

ular view of life, but it is expressed with an absolute and convincing skill. The fact that as rationalists we reject such a dark world indicates all too well our place in that world.

A more realistic, commonplace South appears in the novels of William Styron, a Virginian, whose first book, *Lie Down in Darkness*, met with great critical success. It is a moving and tragic story of the life of a Virginia family, but his second long work, *Set This House on Fire* (1960) is an even finer achievement and is suggestive of the way in which some Southern writers have found to use their past. The setting of *Set This House on Fire* is Italy for the most part; the story is in many ways a re-telling of the Don Juan legend; the suffering of the characters is overtly existential. But the main characters are Southerners, and their suffering and search are strongly conditioned by their Southern background.

Yet further evidence of the continuing vitality of Southern writing can be found in the work of Reynolds Price, who represents a new generation, but whose first novel

shows the same feeling for language and rhetoric, for place and character, as the works of his distinguished predecessors. *A Long and Happy Life* will be published this month simultaneously in hardcover and as a supplement in Harper's. It is a love story, set in rural North Carolina, a story of birth and death, of sorrow and happiness.

In The Southern Tradition

It stands securely in a great tradition in American letters, the tradition of the South. As do most of the works in that tradition, it shows close observation of the concrete and tangible; it is a novel of emotion, not of ideology. Its view of life is pathetic, if not tragic; but the tragedy and the paths are always touched by the comic. Finally, it extends its meaning beyond regional bounds, and achieves the universality of art.

Doubtlessly there is much in the South in need of change, much that is cause for shame; but there is also cause for pride, particularly pride in its literature, both past and present.

Robrecht Fights For Roanoke PAL Against Marines Monday

Ray Robrecht, Washington and Lee's only boxer-in-residence, will be shooting for his 12th straight win Monday night when the Roanoke Police Athletic League boxers meet the Camp Lejeune Marines in Roanoke.

The 12-bout card begins at 8:30 in the Roanoke National Guard Armory. Admission is \$2 for ringside, and \$1.50 general admission.

The Roanoke PAL has a string of 26 straight wins going into the Lejeune match, including five over the Quantico Marines. But Robrecht says that Monday's match will be against "the toughest opposition we've met yet."

The Lejeune Marines are the Corps' top boxing outfit. Robrecht, a middleweight, will be facing Sam Sloan, who's ranked near the top in Marine Corps middleweight fighting.

Began in '56

Robrecht, the first serious W&L boxer in recent years, didn't get interested in fighting until the summer of his senior year in high school.

That's when he started working out in a Plainfield, New Jersey, gymnasium, and slowly became not only a fight fan, but also a fighter.

When he came to W&L in the fall of 1956, he found an athletic pro-



Ray Robrecht

gram that was still competing against major university competition.

"I had played football and baseball in high school," said Robrecht, "but I just didn't have it against those big schools. I was a lineman in high school, but how much ball can a 160-pound lineman play against big schools?"

Robrecht didn't have much to do with athletics in Virginia until the spring of his freshman year.

Then he wrote the Roanoke Times and asked if there were any places nearby where he could do a little boxing. When they told him about the highly organized PAL facilities in Roanoke, Robrecht had found an organization that appreciates his talents in the ring.

He fought his first PAL fight in 1957, winning by a TKO. Since then, he's fought eight PAL-sponsored fights, and won all of them.

Also, he picked up a Virginia Golden Gloves championship in 1959.

Robrecht has been working out for five weeks in preparation for Monday night's fight.

"That's serious training, of course," he said. "I try to stay in pretty good shape all the time so I won't have to push too hard before my fights."

Robrecht's training preparation includes two and a half miles of roadwork every morning, and an hour and a half workout in the gym during the afternoon.

Sparring partners at W&L are hard to find, but Robrecht has been stepping into the handball courts with two students, Dick Rose and Jim Hague.

Rose, a law student, boxed at Cornell in his undergraduate days, and also did some armed forces boxing. Hague, a junior Phi Gam has done a little boxing, but has never fought in an organized match.

Never KO'd

In his 11-win string, Robrecht has never been knocked down. He's scored three knockouts himself, however.

Against Marine opposition, he's been highly successful, defeating three straight opponents from Quantico.

Monday night will be his toughest test so far, though. If he survives that one, he can start looking forward to his next fight, an April 14 meeting with Richmond's Billy Crowder in the annual Sportsman Show held in the VMI fieldhouse.

March 17 Is Date For I-M Track Meet

The Intra-Mural track meet will be held on March 17, it was announced yesterday by track coach Norm Lord.

Lord said that the I-M meet was being held in the spring this year instead of in the fall as has been the practice in recent years.

This change was made in order to make the meet coincide with spring track at W&L.

If Weather Permits

If weather permits, the meet will be held outdoors. In case of bad weather, the meet will take place in the VMI field house under the supervision of Coach Norm Lord and I-M manager Joe Spivey.

Lord said that each participant in the meet must get in at least three pledged practices before the 17th. In order to get recognition for practices, the entrant must contact either Lord or the track manager at either 3, 4 or 5 p.m.

Certain time and distance requirements must also be fulfilled before 6 p.m., Thursday, March 15, under the direction of either Coach Lord, Coach McLaughlin, or Coach Roberts.

These requirements are:

- 120 high hurdles:18
- Pole vault:8'
- 100 yard dash:12
- High jump:4'9"
- 220-yard dash:28
- Shot put:30'
- Mile run:6:15
- 440-yard dash:1:10
- Discus:90'
- Broad jump:15'
- Javelin:105'
- 220-yard hurdles:35
- 880-yard run:2:45

J-V Lacrosse Practice Will Be Held at 4:30 Daily

J-V Lacrosse practice will be held at 4:30 p.m. for the remainder of the season on the Alumni Field, coach Dana Swan announced yesterday.

Yesterday, Swan met with those going out for the J-V squad.

He said that anyone who missed the meeting, but still wants to come out for the team should report to the fieldhouse Monday.

He added that experience isn't necessary.



Hampered by snow, Lacrosse players work out in gym.

Australian Lacrosse Team Will Be On Campus March 19; Game Against Generals Set For 21st

Australia's All-Star Lacrosse team arrives on the Washington and Lee campus March 19, it was announced yesterday.

The 28-member squad will be guests of the university for three days prior to its scheduled game against W&L on March 21.

The Aussie team will be essentially the same squad that W&L Lacrosse players faced in Australia in 1958, when the Generals and the University of Virginia made a playing tour in that country.

Entertainment

The Australian players will eat at fraternity houses during their stay at W&L.

Also on tap for their entertainment is a banquet in the Robert E. Lee Parish Hall, and a sky-diving

exhibition by members of the armed forces at VMI.

They'll practice every morning in preparation for the game against Coach Bob McHenry's Generals. The W&L game will be the third outing for the Aussies on their American tour. Earlier, they'll meet Virginia and Duke.

This is the first time that an Australian lacrosse team has played in America.

Before coming down to play the University of Virginia on the 16th, the team will travel to Washington and meet President Kennedy and other White House officials.

All the Australian players are amateurs. Their occupations in ordinary life range from land surveying to stock exchange operators to motor mechanics. There's even a wholesale jeweller on the squad. All of them are strictly amateurs.

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Slater Wants Moderate Approach To Disarmament

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 which may be followed with great advantage — oversimplification though it may be. It is this: Truth, if it is discernible at all, is usually to be found somewhere in between two conflicting points of view. I think this is extremely applicable to the anomalies of the cold war.

In the case of fallout shelters, radiation may very well be as deadly a weapon as is claimed—but surely some lives may be saved through shelter protection, and isn't this possibility worth taking into account? The truth here is that we must not downgrade the horror which nuclear war will bring, but we must not put our eggs in one basket and assume that nothing can be done if an all-out war is begun.

In the case of disarmament, it may very well be that effective inspection procedures can never be adequately established; but this does not invalidate the truth, which is that disarmament is of itself an infinitely desirable goal. We should not assume that disarmament can never be accomplished, simply be-

cause there are practical difficulties of inspection. Disarmament will be much more effective if it is based on good will and a rational decision to survive, made even by those we consider to be implacable enemies. Many Americans realize that their destinies are wrapped up in those of the Russian people; why can't many Russians have reached the same conclusion?

In short, I am urging that we do begin finally to take some interest in this most important problem. Why, for instance, the faculty has neglected its obligation to teach and be itself concerned with an awareness of this issue is not understandable.

And I am urging that we adopt some moderate approach to the issue both because it will facilitate a reconciliation between those who are already concerned and working to concern others, and because it comes closer to the truth which we

desperately need to know. Do not say that this won't solve anything, either, because it is clear that mankind has been in a mess throughout this century mostly because it did not care to care.

Placement Interviews

Monday—March 12: Chubb & Son, Inc., Underwriters of Property & Casualty Insurance.

Messrs. Wm. O. Rogers, III and S. V. Gilman will visit the campus to talk with interested seniors concerning their Training Program, which program prepares men for underwriters or business development men.

Tuesday—March 13: The Bank of Virginia.

Mr. H. F. Collier will be here to interview seniors who may be interested in positions with his bank.

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Letter to the Editor

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independent fraternity concept which gives the individual student freedom of choice, freedom of government, freedom to live with the group he wants to. And, W&L must encourage fraternities because the "liberal" group in this country are anti-fraternity.

It is interesting to note that the same faculty which is now promoting this anti-fraternity activity also:

(1) wanted to invite Martin Luther King to the campus.

(2) had at least one member present at the showing of "Operation Abolition" who apparently went out of his way to discredit the film and, by inference, the motives of the Congressional Committee which is combating communism in the U.S.A.

Disconnected events? Or is some hard core of the faculty devoted to

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the liberal, leftist thinking which is the opposite of everything W&L stands for?

I urge all fraternities to notify their alumni immediately of this situation. Dr. Clayton Epes Williams states that there is a group in the faculty which favors the abolition of fraternities. In my opinion any faculty member who is in that group should be dismissed from the faculty as soon as possible. Hiring such an individual to teach at W&L is like hiring a known communist for an important government position.

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