

EC RECOMMENDS SOPHOMORE DORMS



Staff photo by Arey

THE FIRST Troubadour Theatre production of the season, "Becket," opens Tuesday evening with an 8:30 curtain. Starring Don Baker and Jeb Brown, the Anouilh play continues nightly through Friday. Reservations may be had by calling Troub Director Lee Kahn at 463-2181, Extension 273.

New Social Club Offers IU 'Form And Purpose'

An Analysis

By BERNIE FELD

This year has seen the appearance of a unique organization on the Washington and Lee campus: an organization which, if successful, could have a significant effect upon a number of aspects of W&L life.

This "social club", as it is called for want of a better name, is a branch of the Independent Union, and is an open membership organization.

The idea for such a social club arose over the summer. As Jack Chaffin, Independent Union president, said, "I tried to decide exactly what I had been elected to. The Independent Union actually was nothing."

After receiving an O.K. from Dean Atwood, Chaffin began putting his plan into action. Three types of membership were created within the IU—first, a social membership; second, an intramurals membership, and, third, a membership requiring no dues and open to all independents, entitling them to vote on the Constitution and in elections of officers.

The social club now rents its own house, where a reception took place Parents' Weekend. The club also has a Homecoming display and hopes to have a combo party about Christmas-time.

At present, there are about 45 dues-paying members of the social club (out of 250 independents). Chaffin hopes to have about 60 members by second semester.

A Long-Standing Need

The need for an open social club which any student could join has been recognized for a long time. Consequently, the current effort has received support from all quarters—the administration, the "Ring-tum Phi" and the IFC.

The administration is undeniably pleased with the idea. Dean Atwood stressed that it has been entirely the project of the Independent Union, but, he has said, "We will support it in any way we can."

Similarly, the IFC has given support to the organization. Among other things, the new social club will take a little of the burden off the fraternities' backs, and support of it will give them an opportunity to raise their image.

Through the IFC, requests were made to fraternities for furniture. So far, three fraternities have made offers of furniture, but only one has materialized—a sofa and a television from Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Start Of An Experiment

The idea of a social club with an open membership is still in the experimental stage. There has not yet been time for its full impact to have been felt. Probably, it will be many years before its potential influence can be realized.

Already, however, the social club has made one significant contribution. It has given form and unity of purpose to the Independent Union, where before there was—at best—a nebulous organization. It is true that right now only a small percentage of independents belong to the club, but those who are leading the group expect membership to increase, and already have plans for the future.

Immediate plans include an increase in social functions—the IU plans three combo parties for next semester. Chaffin said they expect the present house to be a temporary fixture, and they hope eventually to purchase a house.

Not a "19th" Fraternity

Another interesting question, and one which could become increasingly important in the future, is the new social club's relationship with fraternities. Chaffin stressed that the new organization is not attempting to compete with fraternities; rather, it is offered as an alternative for those who, for various reasons, do not join them.

The new organization does have certain advantages over fraternities. It is certainly cheaper, and this is an important consideration with many students. As a club with open mem-

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7-1 Vote Urges New Facilities

The student body Executive Committee endorsed a resolution Wednesday night calling for the mandatory residency of all sophomores as well as freshmen in new dorm facilities.

The resolution also recommends a liberalization of current dorm regulations and the encouragement of juniors and seniors to live in these dormitories voluntarily.

The text of the resolution, which passed by a 7-to-1 vote, follows.

The Executive Committee, in substantial agreement with recently published comments by members of the faculty, believes that the educational goals of Washington and Lee would better be served by the centralization of a large part of the student body on campus, rather than its fragmentation into small groups oriented away from the University.

In order to further the achievement of this objective, the Executive Committee endorses the following proposal, and encourages its consideration by University authorities—

Washington and Lee should undertake to construct, on campus, comfortable dormitories adequate to house all students who desire to live in them. These dormitories should include attractive suites, and should have provision for faculty members as resident advisors if this is feasible.

When adequate dormitories have been constructed—with the following features: 1) suites; 2) change in liquor regulations; 3) change in policy toward female guests—all students below the junior undergraduate level shall be housed therein.

Voting in favor of the resolution, which was proposed by Student Body President Bill Jeffress, were Vice-President Kirk Follo, Secretary Billy Want, Junior Academic Representatives Richard Nash and Lane Steinger, Sophomore Academic Representative Doug Hall and Intermediate Law Representative Gil Faulk.

An Analysis

By Warren Montgomery

There is an extremely good chance that the Executive Committee's dormitory resolution of Wednesday will lead directly to the construction of dormitories for all freshmen and sophomores, and for all upperclassmen desiring to live in them.

The Washington and Lee faculty has been generally dissatisfied with an arrangement which has abdicated student housing to fraternities and apartments. In light of recent faculty thought on this matter, the faculty can hardly fail to be impressed by a request from the student government to improve the situation. It is expected that an increased-housing proposal will be brought up in the November faculty meeting and passed either then or in December.

The Board of Trustees will meet this February. While it is difficult to predict just what that body will do, they would without a doubt give much serious consideration to a joint request by student government and faculty. If they agree to the housing proposal, they may take immediate steps to raise or borrow the funds necessary for construction.

The Envisioned Dorms

The dormitories envisioned by the E.C. would be far different from the "freshman prisons" that we have now. Student quarters would be larger and built, perhaps, in suites of living, bed, and bath rooms. Drinking and female-guest regulations would be liberalized to permit both, within reasonable limitations. There would possibly be some arrangement for faculty proctors to live in the dorms with the students, stimulating a sort of college system in some ways resembling those of British universities. In short, such dorms would make more attractive sites for student living than either fraternity houses or apartments.

Social Changes

While the dormitory proposal has (Continued on page 4)



Staff photo by Arey

THE OPENING of the University's new paperback book shop yesterday afternoon was marked by the appearance of James Dickey, visiting Glasgow professor, who signed copies of his works.

300 Alumni Come Home For Event-Filled Weekend

Homecomings Weekend will start tonight with a torch parade and pep rally. Tomorrow, the dedication of the newly renovated Alumni House, the traditional W&L-Sewanee football game, and the crowning of the Homecomings Queen are scheduled.

Tonight's torch parade will form at 6:45 in the Lee Chapel parking lot. The parade, featuring a fire truck, cheerleaders and torches, will start at 7 p.m. and proceed up to Doremus Gym.

The candidates for homecoming queen will be presented to the student body in the subsequent pep rally.

This evening between 5 and 9 p.m. a team of independent judges will

evaluate the fraternities' and the Independent Union's house decorations.

On Saturday, 300 alumni and guests are expected to visit the school and attend the dedication of the new Alumni House. At 10:30 a.m. there will be a coffee in the house followed by the dedication ceremonies.

The dedication will feature remarks by Mr. Francis W. Plowman, W&L '24, president of the Alumni Association, Mr. H. Graham Morrison, W&L '30, Washington, D.C., attorney and chairman of the Alumni House Fund Campaign, and President Cole. Mrs. Plowman will open the house with the traditional ribbon cutting.

The house, on 34 Letcher Avenue, was built in 1886. It has been used continuously by members of the W&L faculty until the death of Dr. Flournoy, the last occupant, in 1964. The renovation started in the fall of 1965 and was finished the following May.

After the dedication there will be the annual luncheon at 12:30 in Evans Dining Hall for the returning alumni, their guests, and the faculty.

Dr. Shillington

Next will be the varsity football game against Sewanee. At half-time, the candidates for Homecoming Queen will again be presented. Dr. Shillington will then select the Queen and her two attendants. After the game there is a reception in the Alumni House for the visiting alumni.

Besides the W&L Club prize for the house with the highest attendance at the game, the Varsity Club will award a prize to the house with the best spirit over the homecoming weekend. They hope the fraternities and the I.U. will make, besides their house decorations, posters and signs to rally W&L spirit at the game.

And 11 of the 12 members of the Alumni Board of Directors arrived yesterday to participate in a special three-day program designed by President Cole to "provide the Directors with an increased understanding of the University and its programs, and an increased appreciation of its goals."

The special program began with a luncheon yesterday to which student leaders were invited to discuss student attitudes on diverse topics. A second luncheon took place today, at which EC President Bill Jeffress discussed student traditions and the Honor System.

Sundry Announcements

At its regular Wednesday meeting, the EC named Jay Vaisel, PIKA pledge from Ashland, Va., to the Cold Check Committee, and Reeve Kelsey, DU pledge from Toledo, to the Library Committee.

It was also announced that applications from juniors and seniors are being solicited for the student position on the University Athletics Committee. Letters should be given to Billy Want before Wednesday, November 9.

1966's Glasgow Visiting Professor

Dickey's Wit, Irreverence, Understanding

By EDW. N. BEACHUM

"A Dialogue On Poetry"

Having been introduced as a poet of great vitality, James Dickey, Glasgow professor and consultant in poetry to the Library of Congress, created "A Dialogue on Poetry" in duPont Hall Tuesday night. Mr. Dickey contended that he could be only half of the dialogue and called on the audience by asking, "How can I serve you?" Given pause, those present soon began firing questions and receiving potentially uncalculated responses.

Concerning Calder Willingham, Mr. Dickey observed that many young writers today find themselves trapped in the vein which brought about their "first period of eminence," and in the dilemma of having their own precocity breed stagnation.

When asked what consideration he gives his audience, the poet said that he sought a sense of speaking to one person only. Mr. Dickey went on to say that he does not view his work as matter for dissection in graduate school seminars.

A member of the faculty valiantly responded to this answer by asking if the poet wholly rejected dissection and awareness of technical detail. Mr. Dickey would leave this up to the reader, but warns against losing sight of the poem as a whole.

In terms of his own poetry and his preferences in poetry, Dickey said he seeks to get away from extreme emphasis on the intellect and to reach back to the reader's emotions. He questioned the value of poetry which depends on a great deal of secondary reference, as does T. S. Eliot's "The Wasteland." To this poetry of intellect and dissent, Dickey prefers the works of Whitman and Roethke. He went on to consider those elements in modern poetry that are effete or are in the vein of confessional poets who seem titillated by their own "raw suffering." Dickey prefers a vital poetry which expresses the poet's intensity of sensation.

Addressing himself to the subject of what the university is doing to, or for, the poet, he noted that they give the artist time and means to work as well as providing that delightful sensation of captivity so necessary to many poets.

Following closely this tribute to academia, the dialogue of the evening was ended.

A native of Atlanta with a carefully groomed North Georgia twang, James Dickey has served with the faculties of Rice Institute, the University of Florida, Reed College and San Fernando Valley State College. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and a veteran.

He received the National Book Award for poetry in 1966 and has also been winner of numerous other

awards for his poetry. His published collection of poetry are "Buckdancer's Choice," "Drowning with Others" and "Into the Stone and Other Poems." A collection of his essays, "The Suspect in Poetry," was published in 1964.

"Modern Poets, With Comment"

Wednesday night, Mr. Dickey presented a reading of "Modern Poets, With Comment," in which he undertook to read selections from a number of current poets and provide what he called "a private opinion of what is and should be happening in modern poetry." His hope for his "freewheeling comment and reading" was to seek

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Committee Will Accredite W&L

A committee of 10 educators will arrive at Washington and Lee Sunday to begin an intensive three-day evaluation of the University's Self-Study.

Chaired by Dr. Cecil Abernathy, academic vice-president of Birmingham-Southern College, the committee represents the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The visitation, which continues through Wednesday, constitutes the final formal step in W&L's two-year Self-Study project. The visitation will serve a two-fold purpose:

First, to determine if Washington and Lee meets the minimum standards for continued accreditation by the Southern Association, the regional accrediting agency for eleven Southern states and Mexico; Second, to determine if W&L has carried out its Self-Study in a manner in terms of basic requirements set forth in the Commission on Colleges' "Manual."

The permanent committee is expected to recommend acceptance of the Self-Study Report and reaffirmation

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Information Services Photo

AS YE SOW... The Deltas are up for tomorrow's game, as testified to by honorary frater Cyrus McCormick. The fraternity placed such provocative posters all over the Hill, some of which actually weren't taken down right away.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

November 4 through November 10, 1966

HOMECOMINGS

Today (Friday)

5 p.m.—Chemistry seminar; Cary Hansel will speak on Biochemical Stimulants. In Howe 401; preceded, at 4:30, by tea in Howe 402.

8 p.m.—Student Bar Association presents Fred M. Vinson, Jr., assistant United States attorney-general in charge of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, who will speak in the South Room of Tucker Hall.

Tomorrow (Saturday)

11:30 a.m.—Dedication of the new Alumni House.

12:30 p.m.—Alumni Luncheon. In Evans Dining Hall.

2 p.m.—Varsity football: Generals vs. Sewanee Tigers.

4:30 p.m.—Post-game reception for alumni. At the Alumni House.

Tuesday

8:30 p.m.—Troub's production of "Becket" (premiere. Troubadour Theatre.

The Ring-tum Phi

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Toward A Greater University

Given the quality of our faculty and the scholastic potential of our students, Washington and Lee is remarkable for its lack of intellectual activity and its orientation toward the social side of college life. Professors commonly complain, with justice, that the most pertinent academic and philosophical topics elicit almost no response from the students, and the considerable mentalities of most students seem to be directed more to memorizing facts for tests than to seeking knowledge for its own sake.

Despite his basic high intelligence, the average W&L student rarely concerns himself with academic or intellectual issues except when he is in class or doing necessary assignments. Assuming that this is true, Washington and Lee is failing in its primary goal of the intellectual maturation and development of individual students.

Any number of explanations may be advanced for W&L's intellectual failure, but there is little doubt in the minds of thoughtful people that our social system is largely to blame. Student life is not centered on the University; indeed, it is not centered on anything. Instead, student life is scattered and divided among 18 different fraternities and a disinclined independent group, and into apartments located all over the Lexington area. None of these provides or even encourages a climate suitable to intellectual thought.

In addition, the fragmentation of the student body makes interchange of intellectual thought most difficult. Beginning in the first week of the freshman year and continuing through sophomore residence in fraternity houses and junior and senior flight to apartments, the student body is divided, separated, and dispersed. Intellectual and social contacts among students are largely restricted to fraternity brothers, and later, to apartment mates.

Furthermore, there are particular evils associated with the residence of sophomores in fraternities. A rising sophomore class, already divided by fraternity memberships, is physically separated into 18 different fraternity houses. The atmosphere in the houses is inimicable to efficient studying, and the sophomores living in them are subjected to a host of pleasant but trivial diversions which are major contributors to lack of intellectual activity and neglect of academics. Furthermore, the large sizes of fraternities' sophomore classes and sophomore residence in the houses lead to the domination of fraternities by sophomores, and to the alienation of older members. The result is a certain amount of immaturity in fraternity behavior and attitude.

In this light, the Executive Committee's resolution that the University build attractive new dormitories to house sophomores and some upperclassmen may have the most beneficial consequences for Washington and Lee as an intellectual community. With the support of the student government, much of the student body would be concentrated on campus, resulting in a heretofore absent union of academic and social life. If at least the lower two classes were housed in dorms, a climate far more conducive to intellectual thought and interchange of ideas would be created. Simultaneously, fraternity leadership would be upgraded.

In short, Washington and Lee would probably undergo a definite academic and social improvement as a result of this act and the hoped-for future action of faculty, administration and trustees in making student dormitories a reality. Increased on-campus housing is certainly not a panacea for all of the University's problems, but it would be a definite start toward solving them. Hopefully, this proposal will be the first in a series of social and academic changes which will move us toward a greater University.

The Fraternities, Part VII

Scholarship Program Ineffective

By SWEDE HENBERG

Paramount among faculty criticisms of fraternities is that, as the present system stands, most houses pay too little attention to scholarship. Most of the complaining about this issue, however, seems to take refuge behind elusive generalities such as saying that fraternities "work against the best interests of the university" or are "anti-intellectual." In final analysis nobody seems to know for sure just what the fraternity system does or does not do toward promoting study.

A look at most freshman rush booklets shows that fraternities are hard put to say anything concrete about scholarship, even when attempting to glorify their houses. Largely concentrating on high-ranking individuals or on those cold quiz files, which freshmen later find are of little use, rush booklets ignore the questions of direct financial aid within the W&L chapters.

Overall, pledges receive, through

Aid Now Given

Out of the eighteen fraternities represented on campus, a total of four have specific cash awards for scholarship. Pi Phi offers \$25 each to the brother with the highest grade-point ratio, the pledge with the highest g.p.r., and the brother with the most improved g.p.r. Sigma Chi awards a total of \$250 throughout the academic year. Dividing the house into teams, Lambda Chi presents \$10 each to members of the team with the highest average. ZBT, which unquestionably has the strongest overall scholastic program of any fraternity on campus, gives out \$250, based partly on financial need, at the end of the academic year.

Other types of programs vary from house to house, but few carry any real significance. Some houses, including Kappa Sig, Phi Ep, SPE, and ZBT, participate in national scholarship programs. Sigma Nu gives pins to the brothers with the highest and most improved grade averages and the pledge with the highest average. DU has an extra steak night once a month for high ranking brothers.

Overall, pledges receive, through

"big brother" systems, the greatest amount of academic encouragement. As one scholarship chairman put it, "This is the time when we have influence enough to get freshmen started so that they are able to cope with the academic pressure at W&L." Critics of the fraternity system might insist, however, that houses are concerned about their pledge class averages for purely financial reasons. Whatever their motivation, the fact remains that W&L's eighteen fraternities keep watch over the scholastic standing of freshmen.

All fraternities require pledges to report their grades either to their big brothers or to the scholarship chairman. Pledged study in the library is demanded of all freshmen by some houses; while most houses merely require pledged study of freshmen with unsatisfactory reports.

Problems More Complex

It is relatively easy to compare houses on the basis of prescribed criteria: cash awards, grade-point ratios, cold quiz files, but such comparisons are meaningless without some condition of the overall attitude of fraternities. Some fraternity men claim that scholarship falls outside the realm of a fraternity system, which should be entirely social in nature and should complement a university with no direct linkage between the two. This belief may be popular, but it is certainly dangerous in light of growing faculty dissent toward the W&L system.

Apathy toward changing whatever haphazard systems already exist is a basic problem in setting up house scholarship programs. Selection of scholarship chairmen is practically universal among W&L fraternities, but money is seldom granted to help them in their efforts. Besides lacking capital, scholarship chairmen are hampered by a vagueness concerning their exact duties; some houses require them to keep grade lists, others have them keeping up cold quizzes; while still others have them heading a "tutoring system," through which pledges are hopefully given aid in a weak subject by brothers majoring in that field. In some cases, as one chairman said, a scholarship program boils down to simply "begging guys to study."

Therefore, no matter how encouraging fraternity academics might appear in the rush booklets, a basic fact remains: house scholarship programs do not measure up to faculty expectations.

Scholarship chairmen, a certain number of Dean's List students, and sprawling cold quiz files in no way add up to scholastic excellence. It is evident that something needs to be done to aid the promotion of studies within fraternities.

Specific Cash Award

One improvement could take place in the realm of specific monetary awards to top students.

Houses giving financial aid to high ranking students would accomplish three things. First, by cutting down on their social budgets and devoting more money to scholarships, fraternities might attract a higher percentage of scholarship students. Second, a specific financial award would, by increasing individual initiative, proportionately decrease house apathy toward academic performance. Most important, however, concrete evidence of scholarship aid, written into a chapter's constitution, would help stem the growing criticism from faculty and administration, thereby brightening the future prospects of fraternities.

Whether or not fraternities accept (Continued on page 4)



Henberg

Letters To The Editor . . .

To the Editor:

Are we playing partisan politics with Ring-tum Phi? I could not help but notice the picture of the motorcade for Lawrence Traylor, the Republican candidate for one of Virginia's senate seats, which was so prominently presented on the front page of the Friday Edition, October 28. I search the pages for some mention of William B. Spong's appearance in Lexington, on the same day and at approximately the same time, to open the local Democratic Campaign Headquarters set up under auspices of W&L's Young Democrats Clubs. Needless to say, my search was in vain, it was nowhere mentioned.

It is not my intention to discuss the relative merits of the two men, for the incident has far greater implications. It gives rise to questions concerning the role of a student newspaper in the life of a university. The prevailing concept of such a student publication, as it is generally agreed, is that it may politically disagree with, send out student activities with a view toward impartiality. This is a principle of journalism that should not be thrown to the winds, and it is seemingly a principle that Ring-tum Phi has generally followed in the past by presenting both sides of a question or issue. That, gentlemen, is the bold spirit that we dare not lose.

Ring-tum Phi is under an obligation to print "all" the news and nowhere can it find authority to arbitrarily omit or ignore the activities of a group that it may politically disagree with. The news should not be affected by political coloration. There are at W&L students who would object to continuing to subsidize a Ring-tum Phi which takes an apparently narrow and partisan view toward the reporting of student activities of a political group whose opinions it obviously does not share. It is true that the omission to which I call attention may have been an innocent oversight, but there is a popular phrase in the law

school—Res ipsa loquitur—which means, gentlemen, "the facts speak for themselves."

Let no one misunderstand me, gentlemen, I have no argument with partisan enthusiasm, but my limited undergraduate experience with a student newspaper convinces me that there is no room for partisan maneuvering in the publication of student activities. My plea is for equity.

Leslie Smith, Jr.
Freshman Law Class

Mr. Smith's points concerning the responsibilities of a student publication are certainly valid, and we agree with him wholeheartedly. However, we feel that it's a little harsh to accuse us of a "narrow and partisan view" on the strength of one picture and four lines of type.

Ring-tum Phi staff members are students all, and have responsibilities other than following the varied activities. (Continued on page 4)

Did You Know?

UNIMPRESSED

In 1963 an Englishman writing for the arty *Saturday Book*, in the course of a tour through Virginia, cast a bored glance upon the artistic and cultural pretensions of our University.

Of our much-vaunted colonnade, he wrote: "Architecture of the Virginia Westward expansion—naive Doric detail."

"Half a world west of Tuscany, the Lexington Architecture seems the very terminal point of the classical revival. . . . The several plastered houses and small public buildings are charming and tasteful—but the exhausted, remote renderings of a highly civilized style."

He also took a somewhat dim view of our intellectual standing: both W&L and UVA, he said, have "the air of some mid-western or California institution, dedicated to a clockwork pursuit of academic and scientific excellence."

Which just goes to prove you can't take things from a prejudiced Angle.

Republican Party in South Responds To New Demands and Old Problems

By PATRICK AREY

The 1964 election saw a mass defection of Southern Democrats into the ranks of the Republican Party. The Goldwater sweep in the South gave rise to speculation as to what the role of the new GOP in the South would be.

The current roll call of Southern (the Confederacy and Kentucky) Republicans includes



Arey

four Senators, two of which are from Kentucky, and 18 Representatives out of 113 House seats. This November, all Congressmen and three of the Republican Senators are up for re-election.

The fundamental question, then, is how has the Republican Party responded in the past two years to the new demands that are arising in the South, or rather, the old problems that are yet to be solved, and how effective are these responses?

It would be difficult to generalize about the Republican Party in the South, as it differs greatly from state to state. For example, in South Carolina the GOP is riding on the crest of Lyndon Johnson's local unpopularity and backlash, and in Tennessee, Howard Baker, Jr., is the only Republican in the South running on a straightforward and liberal civil rights platform. But then, these extremes of views are not limited to the GOP in the South, they are intrinsic to both parties throughout the country.

GOP Ultra-Conservatives

In both Georgia and Alabama, GOP candidates are running as hard line conservatives, having earlier anticipated facing moderate Democratic opposition. But the Democratic primaries in Georgia, Alabama, and Arkansas served as a rude shock to the GOP as well as the nation. The nomination of blatant racists in those states has forced the Republican Party in Georgia and Alabama to oppose the traditional machine without seemingly offering an alternative platform. But here, it might be better to move to a state-by-state analysis.

In Georgia, where the GOP is confidently predicting victory, Bo Callaway, always a hard-line conservative during his single term in the House, is emphasizing the difference between himself and opponent Lester Maddox. Neither is dodging the civil rights or open housing question: Cal-

laway insists that he stood up in Congress to vote down such measures, but it was Lester Maddox who stood in the door, pistol and axe-handle in hand. Callaway has further proposed sweeping reform in the pork-barrel-ridden state highway department. But that's only incidental to the voter.

Complications in Georgia

Further Georgia complications have arisen. While influential Atlanta Democrats are backing Callaway as the lesser of two evils, old line Democrats have flocked to Maddox to save million of dollars in patronage jobs. As if that weren't enough, a write-in movement for former governor Ellis Arnell is blossoming.

In Alabama, Jim Martin can attack Governor Wallace's liberal fiscal programs and his 1968 presidential campaign, but again, how often has Martin stood in schoolhouse doors? Although he says that he is trailing Lurleen Wallace by only one percentage point, with 15 per cent still undecided, he has been written off as a loser.

In Mississippi, Prentiss Walker is trying to hang, (imagine!) the Lyndon Johnson albatross about the neck of ultra-liberal of liberals, James Eastland. Need I say more?

In Florida, conservative Republican gubernatorial candidate Claude Kirk is finally given an even chance to beat liberal Democrat Robert High. Kirk is opposing High's extensive reform program, stressing that he will run a "business administration government." Although, the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* reports Kirk is riding the anti-LBJ and backlash wave, Kirk is avoiding the racist appeal.

In Arkansas, Democrat Jim Johnson has finally called on the Faubus machine to help him, and furthermore is now willing to shake hands with Negroes. Johnson faces the toughest opposition of the Ala-Ga-Ark trio. (Continued on page 4)

Shotgun-Wielding Owner Ends Era

Geology Department Banned From Cave

By JAMES LAWSON

For thirty-five years the pride of W&L's Geology Department and the bane of claustrophobic students (and professors), Cave Springs Cave was until recently a matter of loud complaints and dismay among freshman geology students. Now, with an owner who for the past year has forbidden tours of the cave, only the upperclassmen have had the dubious pleasure of slipping and sliding in its muddy passages.

Discovered soon after the founding of what was then Liberty Hall Academy, Cave Springs (or Geology) Cave has been the target of W&L's more adventurous for many years. The cave is the largest in Rockbridge County: 170 feet deep and three-quarters of a mile long and has been described, in geologic parlance, as "primarily a solution type cave with many deep, narrow canyons." It is unusually muddy and the passages are extremely narrow—both situations loudly attested to by past geology students.

Geology Cave was first mapped by Dr. Marcus H. Stowe, a former head of Washington and Lee's Geology Department, and has seen more than its share of intruders, both from W&L and VMI. Geology field labs, whose main purpose was to show students who had never seen a cave what one was like and in the process persuade

him never to be a geology major, annually toured the site; and area spelunkers had a field day there. Both the spelunkers and the sometimes unwilling students have more than their share of tall tales, and, speaking of the cave, one geology professor has commented that he is definitely "not addicted to it."

Geology students who were taken to the cave all explored it to a limited extent, in some cases under coercion, and then were offered the chance of leaving or continuing being drowned in mud. Miraculously, despite foot-thick mud, narrow or non-existent passageways, sudden drops, low ceilings, a small lake, and a good-

sized stream, there have been no major mishaps on the labs. The spelunkers, however, have a different tale.

Though fortunately local cave-hounds have suffered no casualties, they have had their share of mishaps and close calls. Most of the better-known incidents have resulted from improper precautions with lights.

A large party of VMI cadets became totally lost in the cave while on an exploring mission, and, trapped without lights, were rescued by a group which included the head of W&L's Geology Department, Dr. Spencer. A group of W&L spelunkers saw their one flashlight bulb burn out—leaving them stranded within five feet of an eighty-foot drop, and several individuals have been lost in the cave and rescued from above.

The cave's new owner, however, has made it quite clear by her actions that the cave is no longer open to the public. A group of students, led by the Geology Department's Dr. McGuire, was turned away by the owner; and some spelunkers, attempting to enter the cave without permission, were driven off—with a shotgun blast resounding in their ears.

Rumors of large black watchdogs, reminiscent of the Hounds of the Baskerville, guarding the entrance have kept this reporter from visiting the caves.

Perhaps it's all for the best.



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Injuries May Hamper Generals' Chances

Whatever it is, Washington and Lee University head football coach Lee McLaughlin says he's not about to reveal the surprise he's got waiting for Sewanee this weekend.

And if what McLaughlin has got up his sleeve amounts to anything like the little trick he unloaded on the Tigers two years ago at Wilson Field, when the Generals upset Sewanee, 11-6, then he's got a right to be silent.

It seems as though McLaughlin always reaches for some high-jinks when the Virginians play the Tennesseans. The upset victory in 1964, which broke Sewanee's 14-game streak, was due to an isolation play which the Generals had put in especially for the Tigers.

The gabit helped earn W&L 395 rushing yards, a figure close to the one Sewanee had been averaging before the Tigers arrived in Lexington.

"We'll probably have a few new plays this time, too," said McLaughlin, "but that's all I'll say."

Actually, it might take everything McLaughlin's preparing for, and then some, if his Generals are to pull off another 1964 performance. Five W&L linemen are injured, and two of them—tackle Charlie Myers and center Britt McFunkin—are out for the year.

The other three—tackle Logan Bullitt, guard Pete Swart, and linebacker Bill Sledge—are doubtful Saturday starters. But linebacker John Wolf, who missed most of last week's 14-6 win over Bridgewater, has recovered from a sprained elbow and should be available.

"We'll need every able body we can get," said McLaughlin. "Sewanee, now 2-4 is a much-improved club since the start of the year. Tailbacks Rusty Adcock and Charles Gignilliat are beginning to reach top form, and Marshall Boon and Tim Hubbard are developing into fine receivers."

The passing game, which the Tigers have used with some frequency lately, doesn't seem to bother McLaughlin too much. "We intercepted four Bridgewater passes last week," said the W&L coach, "and they were all thrown from a roll-out pattern similar to Sewanee's. We think we can

keep up the good defense."

At the same time, McLaughlin is hoping his offense can keep up its sudden success. The Generals' rushing total hit a season-high mark last week when seven W&L runners combined for 178 yards, while quarterback Andy Bloom was added 113 more by passing.

Sophomore fullback Dick Kinney contributed 105 yards to lead the Generals' ball-carriers, followed by Luke Crosland's 45 yards and a touchdown. Crosland scored W&L's other TD on a 44-yard pass from Bloom.

The Generals' beefed-up running attack, along with the usual 15 or 20 passes W&L throws each game, plus a little something from McLaughlin's bag of tricks promises to give Sewanee some hard times Saturday.

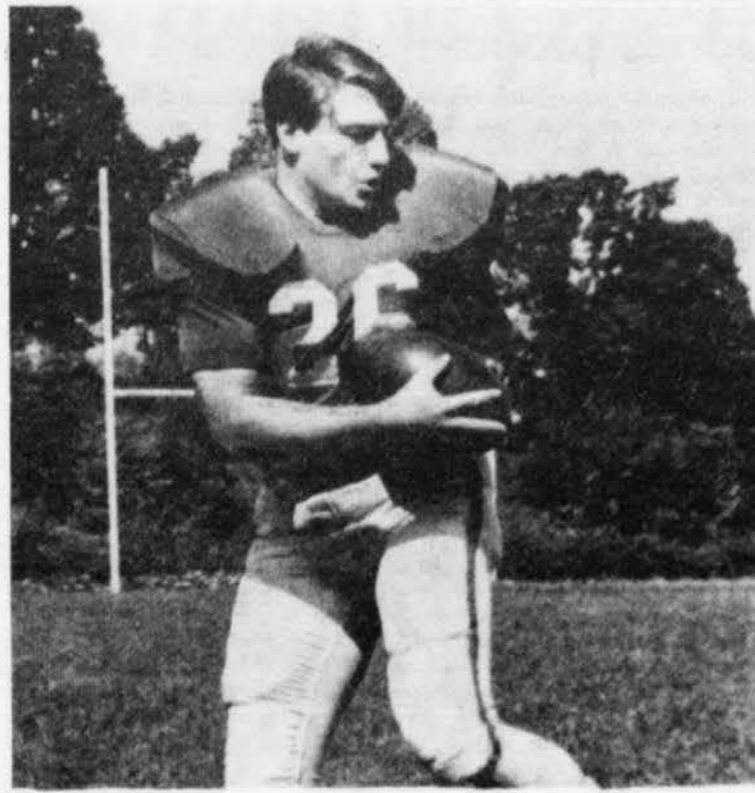
Then, too, it will be Homecoming for the Generals, and that should mean something. Seems as though the last time Sewanee came to town it was W&L's Homecoming game, too . . .

Centre To Host CAC X-C Meet

This Saturday at 11:45, W&L will participate in the second annual College Athletic Conference cross country meet. The meet will be held at Centre College in Danville Kentucky.

Some of the other participants will be Southwestern College of Memphis and Washington University of St. Louis, who won the meet last year and is this year's favorite.

The course is 3.5 miles, most of which is flat. Running for W&L will be co-captains Bill Wildrick and Bill Lowry, Corbet Bryant, Mike Hosford, Bob Stack, Ralph Pearcey, and Harry Zeliff.



Halfback LUKE CROSLAND is W&L's leading scorer with 3 touchdowns.

'W&L Always Up For Sewanee'

By LEE McLAUGHLIN
"Washington and Lee always gets up to Sewanee."

This is from our scouting report and its true again this year. We have been working hard this week to be prepared for the Tigers' single wing offense. In spite of injuries to many of our defensive linemen we have the formula to stop their powerful attack. We will know for sure tomorrow afternoon.

Coach Mac

Our elation at winning last week was subdued by the fact that the "big game" was coming up this weekend. As soon as the final whistle was blown last Saturday, the squad and coaching staff turned their attention to the Purple Tigers.

Sewanee is also anxious to win this one. We know that they will play their best game yet. Alumni of this highly respected opponent will be arriving in Lexington by droves to lend support and to celebrate victory. It will be up to us to out-do them in this department as well as on the field.

Sewanee is using the forward pass (Continued on page 4)

Assorted Pickings . . .

Seibert Notes "Bear" Trap

By OAK SEIBERT

Low and behold, W&L has once again reached national prominence by being featured in a national magazine. Well, not exactly featured.

Mentioned would be more like it. It's a start anyway. In the November issue of Sport magazine there is an article on the Centre College football team which defeated national football power Harvard, 6-0.

W&L's football team gained mention by the fact that they also lost to Centre that year, 25-0. I guess getting noticed losing is better than not getting noticed at all. In the future maybe we will be noticed for beating Sewanee this week.

In professional-amateur football, sometimes known as big time college football, it looks as though the top men are finally beginning to gain the places expected of them in the preseason ratings. The top 7 or 8 have been about the same all season, with the battle going on for the last two or three positions. Tennessee finally reappeared after a short absence due to run-ins with Georgia Tech and Alabama, both of which are high up in ratings. National powerhouse Wy-

oming slipped back into obscurity from its No. 10 spot, probably never to see such heights again this season. Even Oklahoma's bubble burst, with Colorado following up on the Notre Dame massacre of O.U.

If you're in a compassionate mood, shed a tear for Bear Bryant. He is probably the only coach in the country who can seriously play for the national title each year and have an even chance of winning it. An undefeated Alabama team is a preseason assumption. The only question is will they be rated No. 1 at the end of the season. Well, those much maligned northern football powers have finally caught the Bear. He sneaked past them last year after the bowl games, but it won't happen again this year. Notre Dame and Michigan State are ranked 1 and 2, will both be undefeated when they meet each other, and one of them will come out of the battle in the No. 1 slot. This is where the Bear trap comes in. Neither Notre Dame or Michigan State are eligible for any bowl games this year, so therefore,

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Republican party in south

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Moderate Winthrop Rockefeller has a record of racial moderation, while Jim Johnson has his primary image to overcome if he can hope to win. Johnson is waging a heavily personal campaign against Rockefeller, labelling him, among other things, "King Winthrop the First" and the "prissy sissy."

The Enigma of Texas

Texas is the electoral enigma of 1966. Republican conservative John Tower is facing conservative Democrat Waggoner Carr. But as a twist of local politics, Tower has picked up support of the liberal wing of the Democratic Party, and Carr has been refused support from state labor organizations.

Howard Baker, Jr., campaigning as a moderate, with, as already mentioned, the most progressive civil rights platform of any Republican in the South, is given a good chance to become the first Republican Senator from Tennessee. He has also been making inroads into the Negro vote.

The conservative wing of the party is holding its own, with some losses and other gains expected. But it is the moderate wing of the party that is

leading. While in Alabama Lurleen Wallace could conceivably carry Democrats back into congressional seats lost in 1964, the Republicans are expected to pick up at least one, and as many as four House seats in Texas.

But it is the moderate wing of the GOP that had the brightest prospects in the South. The Democratic machine will not be upset by mimicking its platform. The future of the GOP in the South rests with those forward-looking Republicans who can offer a challenge and alternative to their reactionary counterparts.

Self-Study

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of the University's accreditation. This action will not be taken until approximately a year later, at the Association's annual delegate assembly.

The University will be host to the visiting committee at a dinner in Evans Hall on Sunday evening. Members of the Self-Study Committee and others who will be most involved in the visitation project have been invited to the opening dinner meeting.

Letters To The Editor

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ties of each W&L organization and club. We must rely on officers and members of such clubs to inform us of their activities.

In recent weeks, W&L's Young Republicans have provided the Ring-tum Phi (both editions) with a veritable avalanche of news. During the same period of time, on the other hand, we have heard but little from anyone connected with the Young Democrats concerning any news event, newsworthy or no (with the exception of Mr. Smith's letter).

We repeat what we have said many times in this paper: whenever possible, we will print articles of any political orientation—Republicans (see the article elsewhere on this page submitted by a G.O.P. supporter), Democrats, monarchists and/or pro-equitists.

Scholarship

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knowledge the fact, they are on a collision course with the W&L faculty unless certain changes are made. This article in no way claims that a fraternity's future hinges on scholarship—too many other factors are involved. But because a financial aid program is an improvement which does not involve anything as obscure as rehabilitating "anti-intellectualism," it is therefore an improvement which deserves serious consideration.

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Alvin-Dennis

Dorms proposal analyzed

as a primary purpose the academic improvement of W&L (see Editorial, page 2), certain social changes would be inevitable by-products. In the first place, sophomores would no longer live in fraternity houses, which would be occupied by juniors and seniors instead.

Room would be made available to juniors and seniors wishing to live in the dorms. The result would be to concentrate the student body into campus housing. Presumably, most sophomores, juniors, and seniors would continue to dine at fraternity houses.

There are several problems inherent to such a sweeping program of dorm construction, but they should not be insurmountable. For one thing, the local landlords have money invested in student apartments, and if one additional class is housed on campus, some retrenchment will be necessary. The landlords will surely object to this. There may be architectural

the legal difficulties in securing land adjacent to campus, or aesthetic objections to building in the present University complex.

Money will be an important problem. Cash must be raised or borrowed, through the latter alternative is balanced by the fact that dormitories are financially self-liquidating after a number of years. Perhaps such an important improvement will induce the University to reconsider its long-standing policy of borrowing no money from the federal government.

But despite these unavoidable problems, the desirability of the dormitory proposal is so manifest that the administration and trustees, upon whom the burden of action will fall, will probably find ways of overcoming the practical difficulties.

There is every chance that the present freshmen and sophomores will be here to see new dorms go up, and to witness the start of the academic improvement that they will create.

Seibert's bear trap

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unless they incur a freak loss, there is no way Alabama can move up and claim the No. 1 spot. It looks as though the Bear is going to have to settle for the SEC championship, an undefeated season, and a trip to the Sugar Bowl. Maybe he'll do better next year.

Duffy Daughtery came up with a suggestion the other day. He wants

an NCAA playoff between the top eight teams in the country, the six major conference winners and two independents. Small colleges decide their championship that way. I'd like to see Alabama play Notre Dame or Michigan State. Then the college winner could play the pro winner, then that winner could play the Japanese league winner, then that winner could play the CAC winner, then . . . forget it.

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IU social club

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bership and less demanding upon the individual than fraternities, it will be able to offer a certain independence that one does not have in a fraternity.

The new social club, coupled with the projected new Student Union (which should be in operation within the next two years), would certainly provide a much more agreeable alternative than has been available in past years.

Witty

Dickey

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a trend, thought not to categorize.

He first approached the cerebral poetry of Alvin Fineman whose speculative poetry, he observed, often lacks settlement.

Mr. Dickey found much to praise in the "pure presentation" of William Carlos Williams and the ultimate reality of his heir A. R. Ammons. He also praised those translators of verse who make use of both scholarship and imagination.

"Folksy, domestic poets" such as Randall Jarrell and William Stafford received his stamp of approval on the basis of their appeal to the obvious and their creation of humor.

Politically, the Independents are the largest block on campus, and it is possible that with some real unity they may be able to make their numbers felt.

"Best Chance Yet"

Most of this is in the future, however, and remains pure speculation for the time being. Right now, the problem is to establish the organization as a permanent part of the W&L scene. Much of this is up to the Independent themselves. The percentage who belong is not particularly impressive, but as the social club becomes more and more accepted and recognized by students, membership is bound to increase.

At any rate, the void is there—there only remains for something to fill it. The new social club seems to have the best chance that has yet come along.

Coach Mac

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much more this year than has been their custom. They have dressed up their single wing with split ends and flankers. There will be other changes for surprise, I am sure. We have a few things up our sleeves for this game, too. It should be an interesting game. Let's send the Tigers back in a tank.

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