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## Who's in Charge

### W&L Trustees Still Rule But Have Delegated

#### No One Can Really Say Who Holds Seats Of Power

##### Students Have Little To Do

By REED BYRUM, THE RING-TUM PHI Staff.

The Board of Trustees of Washington and Lee University represent the most ultimately powerful organization upon this campus today; uncontested as this statement may go, this group, however, no longer holds true control over the administration of the innumerable functions of this college.

Since 1964 when the Self-Study Committee of Washington and Lee reported to the school that a "revised plan of administrative organization should be adopted" by the Board of Trustees, this generally unnoticed organ of power has undergone almost a complete change, implementing an entirely new governmental establishment. A broad outline of this can be rather easily obtained by referring to page 411 of "The Self-Study Report of Washington and Lee University," with more concise delineation of this plan being available in the preceding 15 pages. A rather brief summary of the present system of control will now be given for the sake of both expediency and facility.

The Board of Trustees maintains executive responsibility of Washington and Lee, being that it is the ruling corporate body of the university. Containing fifteen lifetime members and the president, this group assigns administrative responsibility to the faculty and leadership, maintains the financial stability of the school, elects new presidents and trustees, and provides for the academic and physical excellence of the college.

The President of the University acts as liaison officer for the Board with the other officers of the administration. It is his duty to convey the desires of the Trustees to the deans and to the faculty and to secure continuity and stability in the administration of the school. He sets forth the policies of the Board and then makes sure that these are carried out by his subordinate associates. The latter are the dean and assistant dean of the College, dean of the College of Law, and dean of the School of Commerce and Administration. They also convey the directives of the Board, but only those of general policy making; within each of these academic divisions, autonomous government is maintained by their respective officers and faculty.

Under the dean of the College are the registrar and the teaching body of this division. The dean is the chief administrator and is chairman of the Executive Committee of the academic staff, the latter body making general recommendations of concern to the entire College. The faculty is divided into numerous sub-committees, such as the Curriculum, the Admissions, and the Courses and Degrees Committees, which are in charge of studying and enforcing various faculty policies and making recommendations to the body as a whole. The Schools of Law and Commerce are similarly structured with only minor modifications to accommodate their own needs.

The president once again enters the organization in the fifth level of power in his direct leadership of the Dean of Students, the McCormick Library, and two special assistants to himself. The Dean of Students directs with aid from subordinates the Admissions Office, the Financial Aid Office, the Chaplain's Office, and the Health Services; the library is personally run by the librarian, whose total responsibility is the maintenance of McCormick. One assistant to the president directs the Office of Information and Publications, the Office of Institutional Research, and Lee Chapel, while the other has jurisdiction over the service and grounds staffs and the service organizations, such as the Book Store and the Dining Hall.

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## What's News—

### Big News

SATURDAY CLASSES were abolished yesterday by the faculty in a voice vote. Next semester a new class scheduling arrangement will go into effect, whereby there will be three meetings of one class one week (the "odd" week) and two meetings the next ("even") week.

The plan which will go into effect is currently being used at Lynchburg College; it was proposed to the student body for a vote last spring by The Tuesday Ring-tum Phi, in which vote it was overwhelmingly favored; it was endorsed by the student body Executive Committee this fall; and it was recommended by the faculty committee-as-a-whole in October.

Under the new scheduling

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system, classes begin at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday, and are completed at 12:55. Periods are 55 minutes long; afternoon schedules (labs, seminars, etc.) and examinations are not affected. The school year will remain the same.

Deferred pledging activities will be mandatory for fraternities next year, as the IFC approved unanimously in an 18-0 vote on a motion by vice-president Roddy Roediger that rallies, work days, and the like be outlawed for first-semester pledges.

Greek Week was also abolished, by voice vote, on a motion by Roediger. In its stead will go some event to be determined later by the IFC.

And in unprecedented action, the IFC voted 12-0-5 to outlaw fraternity rush publications, on a motion by junior justice Bob Trout. Each house will be allotted 3 pages in the official IFC rush publication.

The motions passed by the IFC at last week's meeting are still being considered by the student-faculty Student Affairs Committee. The motions were that girls be allowed upstairs in fraternity houses and that girls not be made to leave houses until 3 a.m.

Kevin Baker and Andrew Wyndham won five of eight debates over the past weekend in an important regional debate tournament at Ohio State University in Columbus that drew 80 teams from over fifty colleges. This is the best that Washington and Lee has done in a major tournament this year. At the same time, Please Turn To Page 4.

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### Little News

On recommendation of the Executive Committee of the faculty, the faculty at its meeting on December 9 approved the following policies with reference to allowing students excused absence to leave school early to work before the Christmas holidays:

A student who submits evidence that he has a job and a statement that he is currently receiving financial aid may, on application, be excused for a maximum of 2 days (Dec. 20 and 21). Applications for such excuses should be made on or before Dec. 16, Monday, to the office of the Associate Dean of the College, Dr. Watt.

After the holidays, the excused student shall report to Dr. Watt on his employment to validate the excuse of his absences. Otherwise, such absences shall be considered unauthorized.

The Troubadour Theatre next week will present Dr. Keith J. Shillington's adaptation of Euripides' "The Bacchae." Performances will run from December 17 through 20; curtain is at 8:30. Reservations may be made by phoning 463-2181, and asking for the Troubadour Theatre extension.

The cast of "The Bacchae" consists of Jeb Brown as Dionysus, Carr Garnett as Tiresias, Bob Baroody as Cadmus, Hugh Hill as Pentheus, Dave Katz as the Captain, Pat Bednarczyk, as the Herdsmen, Andrew Wyndham as the Messenger, and Carlisle Landreth as Agave.

Backing up the production will be music created by Tom Mitchell which can be best described as hard rock. Joe Bates designed the lighting, making great use of strobe lights and other psychedelic effects. In contrast to these effects, the cast will be dressed in traditional Greek costumes and full masks.

Explaining the somewhat unusual staging of this production, Troubadour director Lee Kahn stated: "We're experimenting with the form in order to find a way to present the classics for a modern audience."

The Bookstore announces an exhibition of student photography, scheduled for the middle of January. Any student may submit a photograph which he has taken. Mrs. Betty Munger, manager of the Bookstore, stated that this is not a contest but merely an opportunity for students to display their photographic talents. All entries, preferably matted, should be submitted to the Bookstore by January 11.

Hopefully, student participation in the photography exhibition will be great. Referring to the anticipated photographs, Mrs. Munger said enthusiastically: "I hope to paper the walls with them."

Reid Hall, the Washington and Lee journalism building, has been given a plaque by the Sigma Delta Chi journalism fraternity to commemorate the establishment of the first formal instruction program in journalism in the United States there.

W&L was one of three sites chosen by the organization to receive commemorative plaques. The other two are Hannibal, Mo., boyhood home of Mark Twain, and Atlanta, Ga., at the corner of Alabama and Forsyth streets, the location of the old Atlanta Constitution Building.

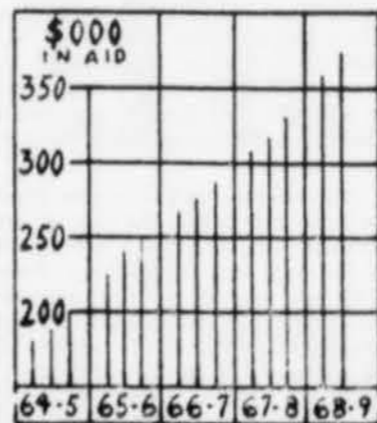
Virginia State Republican chairman Samuel E. Carpenter will speak at Washington and Lee Thursday, December 12, at 7 p.m. in duPont Auditorium.

Carpenter, whose visit is being sponsored by the W&L Young Republicans, will discuss the 1969 gubernatorial race in Virginia and the opportunities for young people in the Republican Party.

Last May Carpenter was elected GOP state chairman at the Republican state convention in Richmond. He will serve a four year term.

The W&L natators split their two swimming meets over the weekend. Losing, 60-44, to American University which fielded perhaps the strongest team ever to swim in Lexington. Monday evening the Generals gained their revenge defeating Roanoke College 69-23. Showing excellent depth, the Generals lost only one event.

## Financial Aid Up



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE to undergraduates at Washington and Lee has shown a remarkable increase since the 1964-65 college year. It is projected that ten years from now financial aid to undergraduates will approach \$750,000.

## W&L's Lodges' Past Provide Unusual Stories

### Phi Kappa Psi's Building New House In Front Of Old; Alumni Pay

By REEVE KELSEY, THE RING-TUM PHI Staff.

"Eighteen national social fraternities are represented on the Washington and Lee campus. . . . All eighteen fraternities maintain chapter houses in Lexington, and the University requires a resident housemother for each. Approximately eighty per cent of all Washington and Lee students affiliate with fraternities, making these organizations an important influence upon student life."

The brief account of fraternities quoted above from the University Bulletin does poor justice to representing fraternities to the public. Besides the academic work of the student, fraternities are the most important facet of the University for a large majority of W&L gentlemen. The evolution of fraternities into their present format of eighteen nationals proves very interesting history where it is increasingly impossible to distinguish legend from fact.

It all started in 1855 when Phi Kappa Psi became the first national on the campus. There is strange irony that next year they will present the facade of the newest as they move into their newly constructed house, clearly confident of the future.

The great spurge of fraternity expansion started immediately after the Civil War when 10 charters were granted in the 7 year period from 1865 to 1873; we hasten to add that 5 of these chapters are now defunct, but that is a later story. The most recent period of fraternity expansion was during the 1920s which saw 5 new chapters ultimately emerge at W&L.

A grand total of 26 nationals have at one time or another been represented in Lexington. While some had their charters revoked, others merely faded out of existence.

Alpha Tau Omega provides perhaps the most interesting saga. Much legend has surrounded this fraternity including the much repeated episode with the C&O railroad, although this event is not the major reason for their demise. The ATOs reasoned (somewhat incorrectly) that if they removed their mortgage from the University, the University would no longer have any control over their activities (assumption incorrect). They then obtained a loan from a Staunton bank and purchased the remaining portion of the mortgage from the University.

Then, as Dean Gilliam tells it, the fateful day of December 7, 1941, rudely intervened and most of the fraternities became inactive. The benevolent University suspended all interest and principal payments for the duration of the war and granted each fraternity a gift of \$2000 to help it get started again. But the ATO's bank in Staunton, being essentially a profit making institution, needed its money, and when the ATOs could not make the payments the bank foreclosed and sold the house. The ATOs returning from the war, lacking a house, money, and the impetus to start again, simply faded away.

## Lexington Wire

### A Special Background Report on Faculty Publications

IT CAN'T BE SAID that the W&L faculty isn't keeping busy with its research and writing. In the past few years, the faculty has produced over thirty books dealing with a wide range of topics.

THE MOST RECENT ADDITION to the list of faculty publications is Dr. Allen W. Moger's "Virginia: Bourbonism to Byrd, 1870 to 1925." The book is a general history of Virginia from its restoration days to the election of Harry F. Byrd as governor. It deals with the development of the Democratic Party and the Conservative heritage of Virginia politics.

DR. OLLINGER CRENSHAW of the History Department will publish a history of Washington and Lee this spring. He was given a leave of absence for the school year 1939-40 to work on the book. The book, which will be published in May, 1969 by Random House, one of America's most distinguished publishing houses, will be called "General Lee's College."

Besides his new book, Dr. Crenshaw wrote "The Slave States in the Presidential Election of 1860." This was his doctoral thesis and was recently reprinted in paperback form.

DR. CHARLES F. PHILLIPS of the Commerce school has several volumes to his credit. Outstanding are "Competition in the Synthetic Rubber Industry," an outgrowth of his doctoral thesis; "Bank Mergers and the Regulatory Agencies," written

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with George R. Hall; and "The Economics of Regulation," used as a text in the Commerce School.

DR. JAMES G. LEYBURN, head of the Sociology Department, has written several books. Among them are "The Handbook of Ethnography" (1931) and "Frontier Folkways" (1935) which was his doctoral thesis. In 1962, he published "The Scotch-Irish: A Social History."

Dr. Leyburn's most famous book is perhaps "The Haitian People" (1941), in which he told the history of Haiti and of such colorful characters as "Papa Doc."

DEAN W. W. PUSEY's last book is "Louis Sebastian Mercier in Germany."

DR. WILLIAM A. JENKS has written two books, both concerning Austria during the earlier part of this century: "Vienna and the Young Hitler" and "Austria Under the Iron Ring."

PROF. PAXTON DAVIS' works include several books which deal with the history of this part of the country. "The Battle of New Market" deals with that school which is contiguous to the W&L campus. Two other books, "One of the Dark Places" and "Two Soldiers," precede the publication of his latest work, "The Seasons of Heroes," a well-written book concerning several generations of soldiers.

DR. EDWARD L. PINNEY's political science works include "Federalism, Bureaucracy, and Party Politics in Western Germany" and "Political Leadership in the Louisiana Desegregation Crisis."

THREE GEOLOGY BOOKS have been published by Dr. E. W. Spencer: "Basic Concepts of Physical Geology," "Basic Concepts of Historical Geology," and "Geology—A Survey of Earth-Science."

DR. L. I. BARRETT, Professor of Romance Languages, has five books to his credit. His anthology of Spanish literature, "Five Centuries of Spanish Literature" is currently being used by the Spanish Department as a text for Spanish 201. His other books, all translations, include Verismo's "Mexico: Story of a Journey," Redol's "The Man With Seven Names," Moog's "Bandierantes and Please Turn To Page 4.

## Our System

### A 100-Year-Old Tradition Still Lives At W&L

#### Code Administrators Retain Honor's Ultimate Penalty

##### But Some Say Honor's Out

By ROBERT H. YEVICH, THE RING-TUM PHI Staff.

One of the fundamental aspects of life at W&L over the past century has been the tradition of the honor system. The fact that this deliberate tradition, enforced by the students, has flourished for so long testifies to that unique power it exercises over the students. Certainly, if students did not respect the honor system, it would have been buried with the nineteenth century.

But what is that power it exercises which has made it a fact of life at W&L for one hundred years? In theory, the honor system encompasses every area of a student's behavior while he is associated with the institution. This gentlemanly code dates back to the character mold poured by Robert E. Lee during his administration as president of Washington College. Ideally, the driving force of the honor system lies in its ability to instill in students the desire to be such perfect gentlemen.

But, in practice, the honor system connotes a more realistic meaning to the students of 1968. This meaning consists of the realization that if a student commits an infraction of those hallowed rules of behavior, and is ensnared by the laws of the code, he may then be asked to leave.

Naturally, the administration of this code is an important facet of the honor system. The tangible aspect of the system is left squarely on the shoulders of the "supreme court" of the student body, the elective Executive Committee. Frequently, their assigned task of governing their fellow students amounts to administering the honor system by interpreting the honor code.

In consideration of the size of the University, the element of secrecy was introduced to afford a certain amount of protection to those students who in some way might become involved with the mechanics of the system. Usual honor trials are conducted by the Executive Committee behind closed doors with the names of defendants and witnesses generally withheld from public knowledge.

However, the advantage of an open honor trial is available to a student who feels that he has been unjustly convicted of an honor offense in a closed honor trial.

Again, the question of whether or not a conviction (or acquittal) was just or unjust rests solely upon the interpretation of the Executive Committee. This avenue for change is a necessary part of the system. If the system was not flexible, then it would become stagnant and lose the respect it commands over the students.

Fortunately, few students meet the reality of the honor system head on. To tell what it is like to have been asked to leave the University because of a violation of the honor system, an anonymous letter by a student who was convicted of an honor offense appears on page two of this paper.

For most students, encounters with the honor system are limited to lectures at freshman camp, and occasional boosters in the form of EC statements, open honor trials, and various University publications. However, the threat of the ultimate penalty remains strong in the minds of every student, and it is this threat which keeps the system alive more than devotion to the ideal.

# REVIEW and OUTLOOK

## Responding

An immediate result of last month's Executive Committee "Bitch-in" is the yet-to-be formulated committee on student civil liberties, headed by senior Jack Horowitz. Apparently it is Mr. Horowitz's concern (and the concern of others, if the dialogue at the "Bitch-in" is a true indicator) that the EC's practice of searching students' quarters at its discretion is not a legitimate function of that body.

Mr. Horowitz may have a point. In discussing such questions about the EC's role in this University, two fundamental questions need to be approached: 1) To what extent is the EC an investigative body? and 2) What resolution can be made between individual rights and the EC's duty to the student body?

The Executive Committee, despite what some like to say, is an investigative entity—it must be; and in its very nature, that of a court in toto, it must, as Mr. Horowitz will surely want to point out, exercise its virtually unchained perquisites of power with unimpeachable fairness.

And while we're on the subject of what the EC is doing, some mention needs to be made of that body's impending study of the Honor System.

It is our understanding that out of this endeavor should come some definite statements about the EC's jurisdiction; a problem here, though, would arise because such statements could be interpreted as giving license to otherwise dishonorable actions in certain areas. It is also our understanding that some additional (or perhaps revised) procedures for honor trials will be formulated. This is seen as an outgrowth of the open honor trial option; aside from any moralizing, it is not difficult to realize the possible discredit that may fall upon the twelve justices when their verdicts are publicly reversed. Perhaps this kind of check needs to be allowed—governmental court systems work similarly; or, perhaps such open scrutiny is dangerous to the honor system.

These and other questions are to be answered. The need, though not an urgent one, is evident.

## Leadership and Diplomacy

The faculty's lack of action on deferred rush was a triumph of sorts for the Inter-Fraternity Council. Much could be said in support of a case that there is no triumph, that the action was indecisive, that conditions are imposed on the IFC, an so forth. But despite these arguments, ultimate analysis awards "triumph" to those who desired the actual outcome.

More than anyone else, IFC President Clark Carter deserves fraternities' commendation for his role in this year's Scenario of the Grand Rush Drama. Throughout the past months, his calm leadership and cool diplomacy have earned the respect of many faculty members—not the least important of which

were those on the faculty EC. And Mr. Carter has achieved for his constituents more than most could have expected. His arguments (and the arguments of those in agreement) for mid-semester rush must have made sense to many faculty members.

Not to be ignored are those in the faculty who, for whatever reason, voted to maintain the status quo. And at this point Mr. Carter will find that his task has not ended. His is the burden of steering fraternity leadership in this fresh, positive way until long-needed reforms in pledging activities are accomplished. The faculty and the fraternities should be confident of his ability to do so.

## At Long Last, It's Ended

No more Saturday classes! We've been waiting a long time to be able to write that—since last March when this edition first proposed the idea and brought it to the attention of the University community.

Starting next semester, the five-day week will be a reality at Washington and Lee. We now join our neighboring schools in the elimination of what has long proved an inconvenience. God bless the faculty!

## About This Edition

As a good friend of ours in the administration said, the Journalism Laboratory Press is intended to be just that—a laboratory. It is with this in mind that we have published this Tuesday on the format of The Wall Street Journal. But a few additional comments now become germane.

It is more difficult than it may seem to experiment in this particular laboratory; for example, such a minor change as the elimi-

nation of column rules on the editorial page could very likely push the schedule up two hours (which would mean the Wednesday Ring-tum Phi).

Thus this edition was weeks in the preparation and was difficult at that. If the finer touches in this paper today are evident, an especial word of thanks is due Messrs. Hunter McCoy and Ed Walker of the Journalism Laboratory Press, whose patience and extra time made this edition possible.

# PEPPER . . . and Salt

**Tanked**  
Collegiate: Got an oil gauge?  
Attendant: Yeh, but where's your car?  
Collegiate: It ain't for my car, it's for me. I'm oiled.  
**Eye-Opener**  
Doctor: Well, and how did you find yourself this morning?  
Patient: Oh, I just opened my eyes and there I was.—Hamilton Royal Gaboon

**More Logic**  
Mil: What are those holes in that fence?  
Dred: Why, they are knotholes.  
Mil: Why, those are too holes.—Oklahoma Whirlwind

**What The Duck?**  
The young duckling must have been very embarrassed when he found out that his first pair of trousers were down.—Lafayette Lyre

**Blow Your Mind**  
"Watch out, Yap! Don't strike a match on the gas tank."  
"It's all right. This is a safety match."  
—Notre Dame Juggler



"YOU CALL THIS A CARTOON?"

**What A Jaak**  
"Because of the hay fever they're cutting down all the male cedars around Austin."  
"Gosh! Won't that make it hard on the female cedars?"  
"Yeah, they'll all just pine away."  
—Texas Ranger

**A Tittoo For A Tattoo?**  
"You may not be bad," said Hattie to the tattooed man, "but you have evil designs."  
—Utah Hunbug

# The Sports History Of A Small College

By ROY CARLTON,  
THE RING-TUM PHI Staff.

It was nearly fifteen years ago that Washington and Lee surprised sports enthusiasts all over the nation by completely desubsidizing a fairly successful athletic program. That decision was probably the most important one the Board of Trustees had made since they elected Robert E. Lee as President of the college in 1865. The effects of that event reached far beyond the Athletic Department or even the athletes on scholarship. It was to affect the very character and standards of the University which we now attend.

Athletics and W&L have gone hand in hand since before the turn of the century. Back in 1892, a handful of Minks met their counterparts from VMI and played the first intercollegiate football game south of the Mason-Dixon line. It was hardly an auspicious debut for the original Generals. The Keydets whipped them 6-0 to the embarrassment of every man at the University.

In following years, the contests continued and neighboring schools were added to the schedule. Intercollegiate sports became a favorite pastime, and soon the whole University was getting excited. A weekly sports page began appearing in the late '90s named after a favorite cheer, the Ring-tum Phi. In 1906 the Trustees finally buckled in to the pressure and built Doremus Gymnasium, supposedly the finest of its kind in the south. Also in 1906, a W&L law student, Mark Sheafe, made his greatest contribution to the school. He wrote the Washington and Lee Swing.

Athletics entered their modern era in 1933 with the founding of the Southern Conference. The Generals joined with other schools in the region such as Duke, UNC, Maryland, and South Carolina to form a first class league. It was also at this time that subsidization became the byword of athletics at the University. In order to compete on the same high level as conference foes in basketball and football, athletic scholarships were granted and recruiting became a frenzied effort.

The war years halted athletics temporarily. The student body was drastically reduced so that the buildings could be used by the armed forces. Athletics ceased to exist. With the return of peace in 1945 though, sports, notably football and basketball, were revived. The late forties were particularly lean years. Conference opponents had been competing continuously, so the Generals had to start from scratch. About the only sport that enjoyed success was wrestling. Throughout the thirties, the Blue had dominated SC wrestling, and once again they took up their throne.

The great resurgence of W&L football fortunes began in 1950. With a 3-5-1 record the year before, the Minks weren't exactly given glowing praise in the pre-season estimates. Coach Barclay had a hard corps of capable experienced players, though, in quarterback Gil Bocetti, fullback Walt Michaels, and center Joe McCutcheon.

The 1950 Generals were one of the most explosive teams in W&L history. Led by the running of Bocetti and Michaels from a split-T formation, they scored twenty or more points in every contest of the season. The two biggest games just happened to be W&L's only two defeats of the season, too. The Minks traveled to UVA for the annual bash with the Wahoons in early October. In front of a fierce Cavalier crowd, the Blue held on to the lead against a good UVA team until the final moments when the Wahoons pulled out a 27-21 win.

Toward the end of the season, it became the Generals' turn to beat their heads against a stone wall. The Blue went to Knoxville to face number one ranked Tennessee. In their best game of the year, the Blue came close to doing the impossible and fell short by 27-20.

Season's end found the Minks ranked sixteenth in the country and rewarded them with their first and only trip to a bowl. Eleventh ranked Wyoming was the Generals' Gator Bowl opponent, but illness struck and Michaels and others missed the game. The result was a forgettable 20-7 drubbing.

A poor football team in 1953 brought matters to a head. The alumni were screaming for an increase in athletic scholarships beyond the thirty already being given. To do this, the University would have to start supporting the debts of the Athletic Department. As the spring of '54 approached, the Trustees looked like they might be about to give in.

That spring, Washington and Lee was rocked by one of the biggest cheating scandals in its history. For some two years, a janitor had been getting copies of tests for a group

of football players. By the time the Executive Committee had ruled on all the offenders, the football team had been decimated. Many of those who remained unscathed sensed that W&L's gridiron status was liable to change drastically and transferred to other colleges.

The Trustees now had to face the athletic aid question directly. If subsidized football was to remain, many more scholarships would have to be given to make up for the last players. Many Trustees were unhappy about the idea of admitting players who might not otherwise be accepted, especially in the light of the scandal. The decision was made to suspend the awarding of more scholarships. Six had already been granted for 1954-55. Those currently receiving aid would continue to until graduation. The 1954 football schedule was forfeited for the lack of a team.

As the months passed, the Trustees decided to continue football, but on a completely unsubsidized basis. Temporarily, W&L would remain in the Southern Conference.

The winter of 1957-58 saw the last gasp of big-time college athletics at the University. The few remaining scholarship players were seniors then. After the spring W&L would withdraw from the SC. One of the players, a basketball guard named Dom Flora, took the Generals out in style.

The roundballers only finished with a 9-16 record that year, but Flora had the distinction of being the last major All-American from W&L. A tremendous shooter, Flora was selected to the first-string team with Oscar Robertson, Guy Rodgers, Elgin Baylor, and Wilt Chamberlain. After graduating from the University, Flora took a try at the NBA but didn't make it.

Unsubsidized athletics has brought a different era to Washington and Lee sports. University admissions policies preclude any hope of a successful return to the big-time, but this school has found its nook. The great football teams of 1960-61-62 have proven that small college status can be fun. The undefeated and untied team of 1961 even brought status to the school in the form of number one small college ranking by the Washington Touchdown Club. W&L's athletic program also offers a chance for more men to play on teams, and it provides better equipment for those who do. Before desubsidization the soccer team had an annual budget of \$200.

Small college athletics may not make the front sports page of the New York Times or win any Gator Bowl bids, but it does meet the needs of the students. And, for those from whom this is not good enough, Washington and Lee does have a past.

## Notable & Quotable

President Robert E. R. Huntley on the image of Washington and Lee, in his inaugural address, October 18.

... It is the image of an institution which unashamedly proclaims that there is no higher goal to which a scholar can aspire than to be a vital teacher of young men, an institution which confidently entrusts the largest possible measure of choice and freedom to its students and its faculty, requiring conformity of no one, prizing an environment in which tolerance, integrity, and respect for others tend to prevent misidentifying independence of thought with lack of self-discipline or mindless contempt.

It is the image of an institution which does not wish to cater to any particular ethnic or economic group, but which seeks a diverse student body and faculty where members may share in common only the ability and the conviction to learn from each other.

It is the image of an institution which takes seriously the injunctions which are engraved in its official crest, adapted, as you know, from the family coats of arms of the two great men after whom the school is named:

"Be not unmindful of the future."  
... "Question all things."

It is *not* the image of an institution which serves as a marshalling point or strategy center from which young men are sent forth daily to confront the sources of evil the strategists have identified. Rather, it is the image of an institution which sees no priority as higher than the search for truth and understanding from which eventually may grow the kind of wisdom that brings fullness to life.

What of this image?  
It is this where the action is?  
Or, in the strangely contemptuous tone of the more recent idiom—Is it relevant?

The only answer I know is this: If it is relevant to lead forth the mind from the dark corners in which it feeds on its own prejudice and arrogance and self-righteousness, if, in short, it is relevant for there to be men who are truly educated, then this image is relevant.

Therefore, if at Washington and Lee University today reality does not measure up to the image, then let us be about the business of closing the gap.

## The Bookshelf: Couples

By DAVID FIELD,  
THE RING-TUM PHI Staff.

John Updike's "Couples" presents a bleak picture of the epoque in which we live; it is "one of those dark ages that visits mankind between millenia, between the death and re-birth of gods, when there is nothing to steer by sex and stoicism and the stars." Traditional religion has thus lost relevance in this hopeless situation, and we have had to substitute humans for God. They are, however, inadequate; the tragedy of the Kennedy family underlines the main plot: "Strange, he thought, how pain seeks that couple out. Not wealth nor beauty nor homage shelters them. Suffering tugging at a king's robe. Our fragile gods."

Furthermore, there has been an exodus from the church as a religious institution; the movement to suburban communities has fostered a new "religion" whose foundation is interpersonal relationships. Updike explores this idea by examining Tarbox, a suburb of Boston, and focusing on the activities of ten couples. We are immediately aware of both the ritualistic, religious aspect of this culture and its sexual overtones. The small group of couples is described as "a circle. A magic circle of heads to keep the night out." They have "made a church of each other."

This new church is not successful, however, for as the couples' private lives are probed it becomes apparent that the "magic circle" is not a source of unity and strength, but rather the boundary within which each of the participants is destroyed. A keyhole view of the devastation of two couples is provided as Updike zooms in on the Applebys and Smiths. His description of their aspirations shows his conception of one segment of American society:

"They belonged to that segment of their generation of the upper middle

class which mildly rebelled against the confinement and discipline whereby wealth maintained its manners during the unheavals of depression and world war . . . Introduced into a nation whose leadership allowed a toothless moralism to dissemble a certain practiced cunning, into a culture where adolescent passions and homosexual philosophies were not quite yet triumphant, a climate still furtively hedonist . . . to this new world the Applebys and Smiths brought a modest determination to be free, to be flexible and decent . . . They . . . settled the year round in unthought-of places, in pastoral mill towns like Tarbox, and tried to improvise here a fresh way of life. Duty and work yielded as ideals to truth and fun. Virtue was no longer sought in temple or market place but in the home—one's own home, and then the homes of one's friends."

The Applebys and Smiths are unable to attain their goal of a new virtue, however. Contrast their ideals expressed above with the following scene in the Appleby's laundry room: Harold Appleby and Janet Smith have just discovered beyond a doubt that their mates are having an affair with each other: "Her body, his height, they dragged each other down, into a heap of unwashed clothes, fluffy ends of shirtsleeves and pajama pants, the hard floor underneath them like a dank bone . . . His face was half-pillowed in dirty clothes smelling mildly of his family, of Jonathan and Julia and Henrietta and Marcia. He was lying on ghosts that had innocently sweated."

Thus their ambition to find fulfillment in a circle of personal friends turned to a pathetic adulterous jumble. The cause is both from without and within; from without, there is this age in which "there is nothing to steer by sex and stoicism and the stars." That conception of sex  
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# Letters To the Editor

## From The Editor

Editor, The Tuesday Ring-tum Phi:  
I very much appreciate your nice words about The Wall Street Journal, and I am flattered that you plan to try to imitate us in one of the forthcoming editions of The Ring-tum Phi. I will be interested to see how you adopt The Wall Street Journal approach to the material in the Washington and Lee student newspaper. I not only wish you a lot of luck in the project, but I am looking forward to seeing a copy of that edition, which I assure you I will read avidly.

Cordially yours,  
s/Vermont Royster  
[Editor, The Wall Street Journal]

## On Being Kicked Out

Editor, The Tuesday Ring-tum Phi:  
There are a lot of fears, I'm sure, surrounding the operations of the Honor System at Washington and Lee—and let me tell you that they are well-founded fears. I was the victim of the cruel but necessary procedures of the Honor System, and was cast, less than fate in the familiar song, not to the winds, but into the doldrums of despondency and self-despite.

I am a better man for having been asked to leave the school. (By the way, they do ask you to leave. I guess if you said no, they'd make you though.) But this is of small consolation as I am brought to tears at each of the frequent remembrances of having spoiled my very own conscience.

What I did was done in a moment of frenzy—a paper, due the next day, was not even begun yet. What could I do but steal? Of course, the answer is that I could have done a hell of a lot more, including flunking the course, but I chose the route of dishonor. I found a very good book, and I copied it, or rather parts of it, in such great detail and with such a lack of finesse or whatever I should have used that I was immediately discovered by the professor involved.

At the Honor Trial, I readily admitted what I had done. I was asked why. I said because I wanted to get away with something, that I wanted to cover up for work which I had not really done myself. I suppose that was all that needed to be said, other than perhaps the professor telling the EC all about how much I had plagiarized.

That's about all there is to it. I was taken to my room by two mem-  
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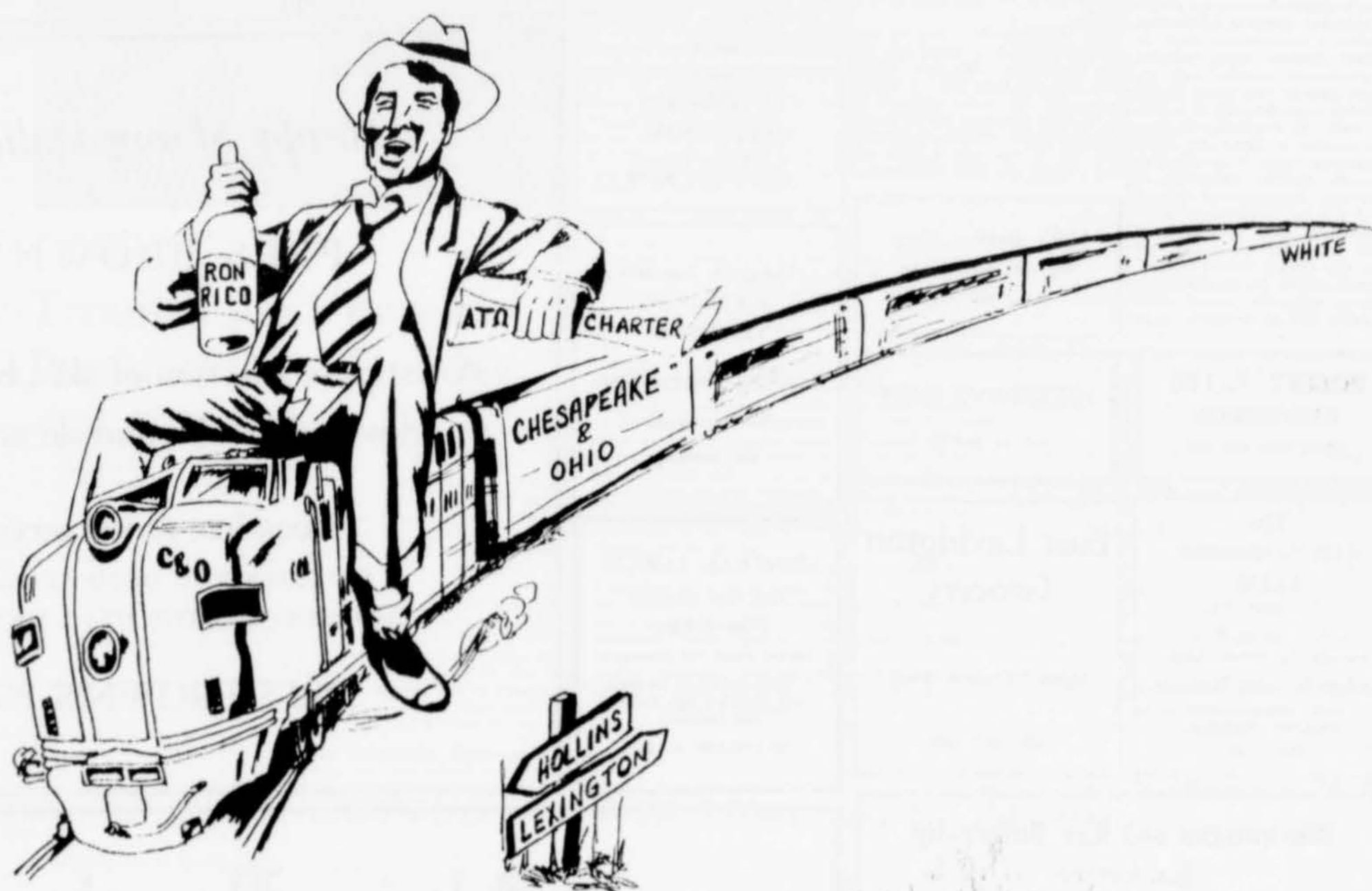
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Is there any answer to this world which seems to have a built in misery factor? Perhaps, for one source of the misery is within: "What impresses me isn't so much human self-deception as human igneity in creating unhappiness. We believe in it, unhappiness is in us. From Eden on, we've voted for it. We manufacture misery, and feed ourselves on poison." We have built much of our culture on a chase: we chase after love, after success—concepts which are too diaphanous to grasp even if they exist.

"Couples" is limited in scope, aiming its barbs exclusively at one stratum of American society; nevertheless, it must be realized that this is the sector of our body politic which has been called the "carriers of the creed;" these are those to whom the less well endowed look for their styles, and to whom those who lead the country listen. Represented among the couples are scientists, successful businessmen, a dentist, a contractor—in short, influential citizens. Their maladies, though not the countries', are important and, to the extent Updike accurately generalizes, his is a valuable book. He limits himself, however, to what is almost one factor analysis: the reader is carried along on a sea of pubis throughout the entire tone. One gets tired of reading of each of the characters' sexual idiosyncracies and impotencies—it would seem that more than sex drives men onward "toward the cliff." Updike's analysis, like those whom he analyzes, is severely limited. Thus the book, like its characters, is in-

fluential but not great; it somehow fails to rise above the social milieu and is satisfied at the mere hinting of ideas which would permit liberation from a stultifying atmosphere.

**On Being Kicked Out**

bers of the EC, who helped me arrange things. You see, I wanted, very much, to leave as soon as possible. I knew a notice would be up the next day, and I knew many would know who it was. And I'm sure the EC wanted me to leave right away, too. They acted that way. It was sort of like a silent understanding between us.

Nothing was said as I and those two EC members walked around with me, except I asked them if I could be alone to call my parents. I guess I should have called them before, but whenever you're in trouble like that (not many of us are, I hope!), you always have some hope that it will all blow over and that you can forget about it and go in the class as though nothing had happened. So I called by parents that night, late, very late, and told them I had been convicted of an Honor Violation. There was no reaction, just silence. I went on and explained to them all the details of it, then told them I would fly home soon, that I had enough money. I told them I was sorry for the money they had wasted, that I would try to make it up to them.

My parents made it easy on me. My mother cried, of course, but she said things like, "My poor baby," and "We still love you." I started crying too. My father said not to worry about anything, that he would wire a ticket to Roanoke that night, and that he was sure I could get into a college very soon. We hung up.

all of us in tears by then. As I rejoined the two EC members, crying (me, not them), I could sense not only their pity, which is a great thing for a man to feel of another, but also their sense of duty and their sense of pride in having done the right thing.

The Ring-tum Phi asked me to write this, because, they said, it was for an important paper which would deal with fundamental aspects of Washington and Lee. I am happy to offer this to the students of W&L through the Ring-tum Phi, hoping that everyone will take a good hard look at the Honor System, will keep my story in mind, and will act accordingly. I really don't mean to preach, but you just try to live with yourself if you get kicked out of college for an honor violation.

**Who's in Charge**

And thus seven levels of power exist in the administration of Washington and Lee, and overall, thirty division of responsibility can be made among this grandiose systems of administration. However, the most important part of this university has seemingly been overlooked: the student body. But it enters this organizational setup in only the most insignificant and infrequent manners.

Students at W&L are represented on only four of some thirty-six faculty committees and have no direct line of communication with either the faculty or the Board of Trustees (yet—Ed.) in the expression of their senti-

ments or will; for they are restricted from attendance or membership in either of these groups and must thus employ indirect methods of exposing their views. It is hastened to be added that such means are far from obscure, and the faculty and the president individually maintain a constant level of communication and of comprehension of student needs. Thus, Washington and Lee possesses an extremely complex, yet well organized, system of administration through the Board of Trustees, with the ultimate purpose being to serve the ever present needs of the student body.

**Lexington Wire**

Pioneers;" with his wife, Marie, Velinho's "Brazil South," which was published last month; and Verissimo's "His Excellency, the Ambassador."

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