

## Darden Will Speak at ODK Ceremony 8 Honorary Members To Be Initiated

### Campus Leaders Will Be Formally Tapped

By Owen Easley  
Colgate Darden, former governor of Virginia and chancellor of William and Mary university, will be the guest speaker at the first Omicron Delta Kappa tapping since the termination of World War II at assembly Thursday.

Ex-Gov. Darden and seven other state and national leaders will be made honorary members of the national leadership society at the ceremony. An as yet undisclosed number of students will be formally accepted in the society at the tapping ceremony, Richard Spindle III, ODK president announced this week.

**VMI's Marshall To Be Tapped**  
Honorary members who will be tapped into ODK include:  
Gov. William M. Tuck, '21, of Halifax, Va.

Chief Justice Henry W. Holt, of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, '88 law.  
Justice John W. Eggleston, of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, '10 law.

Representative Clarence Brown of Ohio, Republican contender for the majority leadership of the United States House of Representatives and chairman of the executive committee of the Republican National committee, '15 of Blanchester, Ohio.

Maj. Gen. Richard J. Marshall, superintendent of Virginia Military Institute and former chief of staff to General Douglas MacArthur.

William Chapman Revercomb, United States Senator from West Virginia, Charleston '18.

C. Harold Lauck, superintendent of the University Journalism Laboratory Press and laboratory instructor in journalism, winner of the Harry J. Friedman Memorial Gold Medal for outstanding contributions to graphic arts education in 1944.

Abram P. Staples '08, Virginia attorney general since 1934.

**Includes Present Students**  
Candidates for membership in ODK this year will also include men who were active in campus organizations in 1944 and 1945 when the society lacked sufficient organization to make selections and carry out the initiation ceremony. Of necessity, some of the men named for outstanding work during that period will be tapped in absentia because a majority of the men who were in school here during the war have graduated, Spindle said.

Members of the society will meet a short time before the assembly Thursday to select candidates, whose names will not be announced until the formal tapping ceremony. Bids are generally limited to upperclassmen and lawyers, largely because most of the outstanding campus leaders come from this group, the fraternity president pointed out.

Organized on the Washington and Lee campus in 1914, the leadership society has grown to national proportions and now has chapters in most of the large colleges and Universities in America. Mr. Rupert N. Latture, professor of political science and sociology, is the only charter member who is currently affiliated with the local chapter.

Omicron Delta Kappa was organized not as a society to reward leadership and outstanding contributions to the university and the student body, but as a fraternity of men interested in the development of Washington and Lee Spindle explained.

Membership is considered an opportunity for student leaders to meet and concentrate their efforts in plans for extending and improving campus activities and making recommendations to the faculty and administration from the student body. The participation of outstanding campus leaders in such an organization increases the scope of the society's influence in obtaining reforms, he said.

**Current Project Is Athletic Poll**  
Although activities of the leadership group are not secret, it often works anonymously in the background exerting its influence quietly through the leaders of the organizations represented in the body without thought of reward or recognition. But on frequent occasions, Spindle continued, ODK has conducted well publicized drives for improvements.

A canvas of student opinion

### ODK Initiate



C. Harold Lauck, Superintendent of the Journalism Laboratory Press and one of the nation's foremost printers, who will be tapped next week by ODK.

on the athletic policy of Washington and Lee is the outstanding current project of the leadership fraternity. Findings of the study and recommendations for long range policy in university organized athletics are expected to be ready for presentation to the administration within a few days, Spindle announced.

ODK also sponsored university pep rallies and organized a cheering section shortly before the war in order to promote school spirit.

The leadership society has no fixed membership, nor has it established any limit on the number of new members which may be initiated into the organization at any time. The fraternity is now composed of eleven men, but its membership dwindled to one during the war years.

Members are guided by a point system, which assigns a certain numerical value to each leadership post on the campus, in issuing bids. The only purpose in the point system, Spindle pointed out, is to furnish some certainty in the organizations membership standards.

The policy of ODK is to consider contributions to campus life and activity in preference to actual leadership posts held in keeping with the society's aims. Conduct and performance in office are also given high priority in the considering potential candidates, he continued.

Students who conceive and execute

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### ERRATA

Through error, the names of Phi Gams John Ginestra and Grant Mouser were omitted last week from the list of students who will walk in the Fancy Dress figure.

## W&M Interfraternity Association Reverses Policy, Calls Off Strike

After having called a strike against participation in extra-curricular activities by its more than four hundred members, the Interfraternity Association at the College of William and Mary reversed itself early this week and called off the projected strike, and announced that the "non-participation policy was impracticable and inadvisable."

Some believe this reversal possibly puts the Interfraternity Association in a worse position than before the action was called.

In calling the strike late last week, the association, in a letter to Dr. John Pomfret, president of William and Mary, demanded the re-establishment of the fraternity house system, a special meeting of the board of trustees to discuss the fraternity situation, suitable meeting places for fraternities other than classrooms, and a written statement that the college encourages rather than tolerates fraternities.

Dr. Pomfret, commenting on the letter, stated that the college would not discuss the proposals as long as they were accompanied by any "threats or ultimatums."

During the administration of Colgate W. Darden as governor of Virginia (1941-45), fraternity activities were strictly curtailed. Specifically, living and eating in fraternity houses was abolished, but fraternities were allowed to operate in a restricted manner.

## Insurance Will Aid Dependents

### New Law Covers Vets Who Die Within 3 Years

Thousands of survivors of World War II veterans not otherwise covered by the law, will be eligible for survivor insurance benefits under 1946 amendments to the Social Security Act, the Social Security Administration announced recently.

The revised law simply means insurance protection for certain dependents, widows, children, parents, who survive, in case of death of the serviceman within a three-year period after his discharge from military service.

In order that survivors of a deceased veteran may receive payments of Old-Age and Survivor Insurance under this new legislation his record must show that:

- (1) He was in the military service on or after September 16, 1940, and before the official end of the war.
- (2) The veteran had at least 90 days of service, or, if his service was less than 90 days it was terminated by reason of a service-connected or service-aggravated disability.
- (3) The veteran was not dishonorably discharged from military service.
- (4) The veteran's death did not occur while he was still in military service nor more than three years after the date of his discharge.

Survivors of a deceased veteran will not receive these benefits if they are receiving compensation or a pension from the Veterans Administration.

If the qualified veteran leaves a widow with young children in her care, she will be eligible to receive a monthly benefit. Each child under 18 may also receive a monthly benefit. As each child reaches the age of 18, his benefits will stop. When all of the children have reached their 18th birthday, the widow's benefit will stop if she is under 65 years of age. But when she reaches the age of 65, she can again file a claim for benefits, which will continue for the rest of her life.

If the veteran leaves neither widow nor child under 18, his parents may be eligible for benefits if they are 65 years old or more and were dependent upon him for support at the time of his death.

If the veteran leaves no survivors immediately eligible for monthly benefits, a lump sum may be payable to certain specified relatives or to any other relative or person who paid burial expenses.

This law applies to all honorably discharged servicemen whether they have held a social security account number or worked on jobs covered by the Social Security Program.

### NOTICE

There will be a compulsory assembly of the Student Body in Doremus Gymnasium on Thursday, December 19, 1946.

The assembly will be addressed by Colgate Darden, former governor of Virginia, and ODK tapping will take place.

## W-L Journalists To Be Hosts At D.C. Convention

### SDX's Elect F. Loeffler Treasurer, as Holley Becomes Assistant Sec'y

Washington and Lee will be the undergraduate host chapter at next year's convention of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, in Washington, D. C. Stan Carmichael told members of the local group at a meeting Wednesday afternoon in Payne Hall which elected Fred Loeffler treasurer and Fred Holley, assistant secretary.

Carmichael, who won a delegate to the Sigma Delta Chi national convention held recently in Chicago, reported on the proceeding of the gathering. Many leaders in the newspaper field such as publisher John S. Knight and AP head Kent Cooper addressed the convention. Panel discussions, Carmichael reported, were held on the current problems of journalism. Fraternity chapters from all over the nation sent representatives to the meeting.

President Ed Jackson appointed Stan Carmichael to serve as the president of the Varsity Show which is sponsored by the journalism fraternity. Plans for the forthcoming variety review were discussed. Wally Clayton is in charge of the actual writing of the show while Stan Carmichael and Harrison Kinney are heads of the music department.

## Coal Shortage Not Yet Over

The R. E. Lee Hotel's neon sign flickered again this week and the public clock at the corner of Main and Nelson Streets once more provided Lexingtonians with the time as John L. Lewis called off the soft coal strike, ending student hopes for an extended Christmas vacation.

However, the back to work order effective Monday will not put coal in Lexington immediately, according to department heads. Town officials say that some conservation should be continued in using power and coal for heating purposes until a definite statement emanates from the Solid Fuels Administration.

School officials said a shipment of coal from "regular sources" is on the way and is expected to arrive in plenty of time to alleviate any possible shortage when school resumes next year.

Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds E. C. Lynch stated that he still advocated a careful use of the remaining supply here until new shipments arrive.

All emergency town and state committees have been inactivated, according to statements by Emergency Committee Director, J. M. Dunlap and Geology Professor Marcellus Stow. The Committees have not been disbanded, however. They will function if and when another crisis occurs.

### Candlelight Service To Be Held Friday Night

Dr. Francis P. Gaines, W. and L. president, will lead the traditional Christmas Candlelight Services which will be held at 11 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20 in the Robert E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church.

The Washington and Lee Glee Club, making its first appearance of the year, will furnish the music, which includes both anthems and carols. The group is under the direction of Paul E. Meadows.

The service is under the auspices of the W. and L. Christian Council, and is being sponsored this year by resident students.

The Christmas lesson will be read by Linwood Holton, Matt Paxton is in charge of planning the program. Tom Wright has been named chairman of the decorations committee.

The Candlelight Service, for many years has been held on the night before Christmas holidays begin.

## Constitution Remains Unaltered As All Changes Are Rejected

### Moger Names 2 Phi Bete Men

#### Harman, Lyons Named To Honorary Fraternity

Phi Beta Kappa nomination of two commerce majors, Jim Harman, of Tazewell, Virginia, and Ed Lyons, of Memphis, was announced this week by local chapter Secretary Dr. A. W. Moger, history professor here.

Explaining the reason for the low number of men chosen, Dr. Moger said that appointments are now being made three times a year due to three yearly graduations. Tradition here held that men are nominated in their last semester.

Harman, who is president of PIKA, and a member of the Executive Committee, came to Washington and Lee in 1941 as a transfer from Lynchburg College. He left here in early 1943 to join the Army, serving over three years in Infantry and Medical Divisions, before returning in February.

Lyons, who is past president of Sigma Chi and a former member of the Interfraternity Council, reported to Washington and Lee as a freshman in 1941, and left here early in 1943 for Army duty. He returned in October of 1945. He is a member of Tau Kappa Iota, and Pi Alpha Nu, societies on the campus.

Plans for initiation of the two have not been decided upon according to Dr. Moger. Since both men will enter Law School in February and still be on the campus, hopes were that they could be initiated in late March or early February when Phi Beta Kappa regularly holds its general meeting and banquet at the Dutch Inn.

"In selecting men for this honor," Professor Moger stated, "records of the best students are reviewed. Election to Phi Beta Kappa is the reward of superior academic accomplishment," he asserted.

According to Dr. Moger the faculty makes up the majority of members of the Washington and Lee chapter of this honorary society, with a sprinkling of men in Law School, and one in academic school. Men are chosen through careful scrutiny of records from sophomore to senior years, by a committee of local members, although procedure has been altered somewhat during the war years, and freshman and service marks are sometimes given consideration.

Dr. Moger would not say whether the small number of appointees was due solely to the fact that selections were for only one third of a year. He, further, did not divulge the maximum percentage of students that could be

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### Notice

Attention of all students is called to the following provisions of the Absence Regulations:

"Any student, who, without valid excuse, absents himself from his classes or laboratory periods on the last day of his classes preceding or the first day of his classes following the Christmas vacation or the spring vacation thereby severs his connection with the University. Reinstatement may be made only on conditions to be determined by the Executive Committee of the Faculty, under penalties. These penalties may include probation, the loss of quality credits, and the payment of a fee of two dollars for each of all classes missed on the days immediately before or the days immediately after the holiday period.

"This regulation does not apply to students in the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Commerce who are on the Dean's List or on the mid-semester or semester Honor Roll, nor to applicants for the Master of Arts or Bachelor of Laws degree during the current or following semester or term."

## Party Planned By White Friars

Laying plans for next semester, President Harry Orgain of the White Friars has announced that there will be a cocktail party for the members of the honorary sophomore society on February 21 as part of the social activities of Fancy Dress weekend.

The Pine Room of the Mayflower Hotel has been reserved for the party which will be in the afternoon from four to six. Arrangements were made with the Mayflower Hotel by Bill Allen and Andy McFall. Serving on the refreshment committee will be Dave Jones, Courtney King, Frank Murray, Allan McAllister and Roger Bear.

The membership of the White Friars now includes at least two men from each active fraternity on the campus except Pi Phi and Phi Psi. The Phi Phis had not reorganized at the time of the White Friar's initiation this fall. As soon as these fraternities have chosen their representatives, they will be initiated by the society.

Chad Smith, secretary-treasurer of the White Friars, has ordered keys which will be presented when they arrived to this year's initiates. The cost of these keys is included in the \$6 initiation fee.

President R. C. (Judge) Rhea of Pi Alpha Nu, the rival sophomore society of the White Friars, says that though there are as yet no definite plans for activities

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## Reviewer Praises Troub's 'Forest' As Near-Professional Production

### By Charley McDowell

A few nights ago in the little theatre just off Main Street we saw the Troubadours cuss and shoot their way through Robert Sherwood's Petrified Forest. Trait to the fraternity of critics that we are, we thought it was wonderful.

And we didn't mean to be a pushover. We took our seat in the true Wolcott Gibbs tradition with a chip on our shoulder and a carefully rehearsed sneer on our casually bored countenance. We sat waiting for the curtain thinking of clever, cynical remarks to spread through the Lexington press.

Then the curtain went up and we began to roar and clap like a trained seal—our first sortie as a critic had failed. We liked everything about the damn play. In short (and this is marquee quotable), it was a polished, near-professional interpretation of a great play by a whole stage-full of talent.

This particular play has always been a favorite with college players because it simply can't miss with a college audience. It boasts the roughest talking characters we ever saw, it has as much gun-play in its last ten minutes as the Lyric has in a normal month, and it has what has come to be called sex. Petrified Forest

never had to be well acted to be well received. But the Troubs don't settle for a popular performance—they give a good one besides. We were also happy to notice that they seemed to be having as good a time as we were.

The play opens in the Black Mesa Bar-B-Que, a desert gas station-lunch room containing regularly Gramp Maple (Russ Thomes), Gabby (Peggy Boykin), her father and a pillar of the American Legion (Leonard Wilde), an ex-football star now guiding his talents in other directions (Jack Schiefly), and a Mexican cook (Mae Roediger). In the course of the next couple of hours it is visited by an amazing collection of characters including one Duke Mantee (Vic Dalmas) and as tough a collection of trigger men as we ever saw anywhere (Messrs. Canceledo, Greenwood, and Stanfield). Up until the arrival of Mantee and Co. things are comparatively quiet around the place. Gramp tells everyone in sight about the time Billy the Kid didn't shoot him, Mr. Maple explains how the American Legion can do anything (even back in 1934). Boze, the halfback, tries to lure Gabby out into the moonlight, and Gabby contemplates the consequences of being lured.

This routine is interrupted by the arrival of Alan Squire (Frank

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## EC Disappointed By 'Uninformed' Votes; 367 Say No To All

### By Bob Baker

The University student body emphatically denounced Monday the proposed amendments to the student body constitution suggested by the Executive Committee. Not one of the proposals was passed, and most were defeated by a 2 to 1 majority. Out of 453 block votes cast, only 86 were affirmative.

Ryland Dodson, EC secretary, as spokesman for the committee, said the members of the EC were deeply disappointed concerning the outcome of the balloting.

"It is a shame that an honest effort to improve the student body constitution was defeated because the students were uninformed or misinformed," he said. "The majority of the students believed that the EC was attempting to assume more power. Such an assumption was false."

Dodson added that the EC has the same power that it would have had if the amendments had passed.

### Cites Inconsistency

"As a matter of fact," he said, "to show the inconsistency on the part of the student body, the one section that would make he EC less powerful was defeated the worse." He referred to proposed Article XV which stated that By-Laws may be enacted or amended by a two-thirds vote of the EC passed at two consecutive meetings. Negative votes on this issue were 745, affirmative 189. At present, there is no provision in the constitution for enacting or amending By-Laws. The precedent followed is that merely a majority of the EC may make a change By-Laws.

H. H. Hicks, Chairman of NFU's Political Affairs Committee, in reply to the question what he thought of the results, said "Though most students voted without clearly understanding what they were voting for or against, I think the number of dissenters want some kind of changes in student government."

### Burke's 3rd Ed. Defeated

Several other inconsistencies on the part of the student voters were noted by Dodson. Proposed Article XIII, concerning procedure in Honor System cases, was defeated by a 459 to 434 vote. At present, procedure in Honor System cases is listed as By-Law VII. This same By-Law was to be inserted in the constitution proper as Article XIII, with a reference to Burke's 2d Edition changed to the modernized 3d Edition. Thus by defeating this proposal, Dodson pointed out, the students have only shown a preference for the older, out-of-date edition of Burke. Procedure in Honor System cases remains the same.

Gene Marable, President of the Dance Board thought that "some" of the amendments should have passed although he expressed satisfaction that certain amendments were defeated, said Marable: "I think there should be some sort of convention called for to revise the entire constitution."

### Art VI, Sec. 17 Almost Passes

The only proposal to receive a majority of affirmative votes was the first on the ballot, proposed Article VI, Section 17, which is now By-Law XI. This article concerned the appointment by the EC of a chairman and Cold Check Committee. Affirmative votes for this change numbered 485, negative 436. However, a majority of the entire student body, 565, was necessary for its passage, and not merely a majority of the votes cast.

Roy D. Witte, President of the Publications Board, asserted that the rejection "shows definitely that the student body prefers to be completely informed on both sides of all controversial issues and they don't appreciate having their political opinions formed by their leaders."

Many students voted against the measure which proposed that the EC be allowed to set the amount of the campus tax because, they said, admission to athletic events was not included. Dodson said that here again is shown the fact that students were either uninformed or misinformed. The campus tax does not cover

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... on the Wall

Last Monday noon the Student Body of Washington and Lee met and rejected every one of a group of proposed amendments to the Student Body Constitution. As he left the gymnasium, the question foremost in the average student's mind was, "What now?" A good question indeed! Before we can hope to answer that brainteaser, however, we must first ask ourselves, and answer, the question, "Just exactly what did we do Monday morning?" Obviously, the issue dealt with things more deep-rooted than the simple acceptance or rejection of the amendments.

However unpleasant the task may be, we cannot overlook the fact that the principle thing being asked for, although it was not written upon the ballots, was a vote of confidence in the Executive Committee. This was not to be granted.

Breaking this down, we see first that it was protest against the methods used in trying to put the amendments through. Students had been told that all issues were entirely without controversy; but many could not agree with this. Further, the Executive Committee said the issues were all "unimportant"—but the moment opposition appeared their actions did not indicate that they thoroughly believed this themselves. In short, whether it was the actual case or not, students were given the impression that something was being "put over" on them.

It was representative of opposition by the Dance and Publications Boards and other activities to the high-handed Star Chamber proceedings employed lately by the Executive Committee in calling them to a reckoning.

It indicated student resentment of further centralization of activities and finances under the Executive Committee. Whatever the case has been in the past, regardless of how well it has functioned, the students of Washington and Lee today look on an all powerful, three-man, finance committee as being totally inconsistent with a representative school government.

Even as the voice of strong opposition roared, however, that of constructive criticism was heard even more clearly.

First there was the plea, nay demand, of every student to participate more actively in his student government. He no longer feels inconvenienced when called upon to vote for or against a \$.85 change in the Campus Tax. On the contrary, he feels offended if he is not asked.

There was a vote for representation of more activities on the Executive Committee; and one for complete freedom of publications.

Popular opinion favored more open publicity regarding Executive Committee proceedings and actions; with the hope that it might lead eventually to open legislative sessions and publication of all financial statements of the Executive Committee, the Dance Board, and the Publications Board. It is understood, of course, that Honor System cases would be an exception to the open session idea since the Executive Committee is then functioning in the capacity of a judicial body.

One of the strongest suggestions was that for direct control of the Campus Tax by the student body.

The entire meeting constituted a note of warning to the Executive Committee to act more cautiously, tread more lightly, in the exercise of their current powers.

The Ring-tum Phi will follow up with further specific recommendations, speaking always as an organ of the student body. We will observe not only the Executive Committee but all campus activities. Student interest, long so apathetic, has at last awakened and mounted to a new high. The handwriting is now on the wall, written by all for all to see; and no consequences are too severe for those who refuse to regard it.

What is ODK?

Each year a pitched, but never-mentioned battle is carried on twenty-four hours every day as fraternities compete with one another in grooming promising pledges and members for an honor on ODK Tap Day. The big day is now less than a week off and the time seems opportune to make clear just exactly how ODK chooses its men.

It is true that the honorary fraternity has a point system; but it should not be understood from this that a man must acquire twenty or forty, or a thousand points before he becomes eligible; or even that a certain number of points are given for excellence in some particular activity. The criterion used as a basis for selection is a thing difficult to define.

The points given a potential initiate may vary both with the activity engaged in and the extent of his work in that activity. "Key collectors," for instance, are not necessarily eligible on the grounds that they belong to many organizations. Unless they definitely contribute to the group they may receive no consideration whatsoever. On the other hand, if a man is the very backbone of some organization and does nothing else whatsoever, he may be tapped. By "backbone" it is not meant simply that he holds the key position in name only. He must be, in practice, the motivating force, the person who keeps the group alive and active.

But it is not necessary to run, or even participate in some campus activity. If a student makes a worthwhile and substantial contribution to the interests of the University or the Stu-

Campus Comment

By Wally Clayton

The Pied Typers: Now that those two part-time human beings, Holley and Romaine, have paid off all their social obligations by camping in this space a couple of weeks, we'd like to re-hitch our wagon to The Ring-tum Phi rising star.

Party Time: Ray English, Phi Psi impresario, is in charge of this year's annual W. and L. party at Frank Dailey's rejuvenated roadhouse, the Meadowbrook. Each year a flock of Yankees from the school descend on the unsuspecting dance palace just outside Newark for a couple of Swingsings.

This year, Saturday, Dec. 28 has been tapped, and Ray says a huge crowd has already asked for reservations. English added that although reservations are not absolutely required for the party, we'll have a better chance to get a whole section if we give him some idea of how many will be there. It'll be fun, we guarantee.

Chatter'n stuff: The Troup play is being reviewed elsewhere in this issue, but if you haven't checked it already you have (1) Missed a swell night's entertainment and (2) Failed to show support for one of the school's most struggling, and mst deserving, organizations. Since the Troup players have to spend a lot of time in rehearsals the last few weeks before each play, wouldn't the gift of a quality credit for faithful members be a good idea?

Note to Bobby Mish: We'll use that story about Clancy Ballenger's Rush Week tactics as soon as you tell our undercover man just which of the Seal boys wanted to get that cheese sandwich.

Complaint Dept. Rodney Fitzpatrick, who was very smoothly in evidence at the swell house-party the boys of Kappa Alpha tossed last week, has agreed that we do our fumbling best to cover the campus and its characters. But now Fran Russell, who has been here longer than the statue on top of Washington Hall, complains that the loyal lads of Delta Upsilon are getting the shaft from the Campus Commenter.

Fran's the boy who used to maintain an apartment called the Fox Paw, and every Saturday

night, Fran held open house. All the boys had to drop in. Yes sir, Fran wasn't happy unless everybody came. So for as genial a host as the old Fran Russell, we can spare a few column inches. Watch for the Russell department next week.

Speaking of DU's, Harry Kincaid, '46, law graduate and pre-war wheel, passed his Florida law exams and become the father of a baby daughter, all within the past couple of weeks.

The Power of the Press: In a world filled with atomic bombs, and on a campus filled with minor explosions, a student recently was seen in the post office, hastily skimming through the RTP. After a brief examination, he tossed our carefully-prepared sheet into the ash can, with the cryptic remark, "Shucks, nothin' in this week about the Camera Club."

No news, or what killed the dog. More Chatter: Earl Brown and Bill Romaine spent Saturday night glaring at each other over a mutually shared date, according to Moon (DU) Mullins and George (DU) Zack... Buddy Morris just isn't doing anything anymore... Lou Shroyer, Beta bum and one-time exploiter of shrinking souls through the medium of this column, has declared his intention of coming back to school.

Probable Result: Bob (And, so does) Tyson and William Davidson will establish headquarters in a cave near House Mountain. Move over, fellas, we're coming too.

Alumni Notes: Dick Houska, former Lambda Chi ace and presently on the staff of the Roanoke World-News, was seen lurking around the gym at Monday night's basketball game. Dick said that Bill Bagby, another W. and L. boy now holding down the News Editorship at station WDBJ, tried his hand at publicity picking the winners in the fall football race. One of the news hounds on the competing station who, according to Houska, "didn't know a football from a ping-pong paddle" did some public picking, too. Final score: Babe-in-Woods over Bagby by one percentage point.

Also back on the campus this week was Joe Ellis, RTP editor in 1942, and brother of our present chief.

String on the Finger: Don't forget the Troup show tonight and the Meadowbrook Mix on the 28th.

On the Other Hand...

By B. Judy

Being one of seven students in the University who is not planning on going to Law School, I can think of nothing more stimulating than to curl up on a cold, windy night with a stack of the latest scientific journals and periodicals, and to contemplate the incredible strides which Science has made towards the embellishment of this peaceful, post-war world. In such ecstatic sessions, I can't help but recall a statement by George Bernard Shaw which I came across once, while I was supposed to be hacking my way laboriously through a magnum opus called Ode on a Grecian Churn—or Fern, or Stern or something that sounded a lot like that.

"Science is always wrong," wrote the eminent G.B.S. "It never solves a problem without creating ten more." No red-blooded American can accept such a wild statement seriously once he has paused to consider some of the new achievements of Science in this country. There is every reason to believe that, thanks to Science, we shall win the next war hands down—or at least, with no more effort than it takes to smash a few atoms.

We have developed, for example, a new peacetime poison which is so devastating, according to Dr. Gerald Wendt, an editor of Science Illustrated, that one ounce of it could kill 180,000,000 people. What a glorious boon to progress! Why, just a couple of drops of the stuff sprinkled over Russia from one of our new jet

planes would be enough to wipe that entire troublesome nation off the map. One gram of the poison, surreptitiously slipped into the headwaters of the Sava River could dispose of 7,000,000 stubborn Yugoslavs. Or just by waving the cork over the union headquarters, we could eradicate every labor leader in the country. Think of that!

Military officials, never ones to overlook a chance to cement peace, are equally as enthusiastic over the recent discoveries in the world of physics. A group of nuclear physicists looking into the matter of cosmic rays which have been found in a belt some 100,000 feet thick 30 miles above the earth, have reported that the rays, fortunately, contain several million times more power than the energy derived through the obsolescent atom-smashing method. This is all the more reassuring to us, the parents of the world of tomorrow, since we enjoy such a comfortable headstart in this field.

If the nuclear physicists are correct, and who are we to doubt them, one cosmic ray bomb, only one million times more powerful than the puny atom bomb, will be capable of wiping out 60 billion people at one fell blast. The fact that there are only two billion people in the world at present has tended to dampen the scientific zeal of some of the more moody scientists, and they have refused to go into the matter any further. They have turned their attention instead to the development of a perfumed stationery on which one can write under water.

And from New Mexico comes the good word that, with the help of kindly German engineers, we are well on the way to perfection of

dent Body he is considered far more eligible than the man who carries an over-loaded key chain.

Students should understand that ODK is not an end in itself. It is not a reward for past activities nor does it necessarily imply a culmination of participation in student affairs. To the contrary, it is an opportunity for student leaders to do further service for their school and fellow students. Although seldom publicized, ODK is continually providing backing for worthwhile interests.

It should be restated that men are selected solely on the basis of actual merit and value to Washington and Lee; not because they are being pushed into high posts by some particular faction.

giant rockets capable of traveling as far as 4500 miles. (Moscow is only 4000 miles, give or take a few feet.) We have not actually completed any such marvels of projectile, but our best brains are mulling over the problem. Such rockets, sporting our new improved fire bombs as warheads, are potentially as cheap, as sudden and quite as efficient as the cosmic ray bomb or the super-poisons.

These optimistic reports, as I said before, are among the most stimulating items in current literature. They prove once and for all that just because Science has failed so far to develop a Pullman car window that will work, there is no justification for the oft-heard assertion that the only way we shall ever have peace is to put all the scientists in the world in a barge—a scow would do just as well—toss it to the middle of the ocean, then knock the bottom out of the thing.

Even if such action were practical, I, for one, would place a moral hesitancy in front of the move, inasmuch as horticulturists and dactylographists, quite harmless fellows as a rule, should be excused from the voyage. There are probably a few others in the same category, but I can't think of any at the moment.

BOOKSHELF

By H. H. Hicks

Since the day George Gray accused this columnist of referring to the New York Times for

book reviews and information, BOOKSHELF has continually jumped the gun by outwitting the Times on book release dates. In the instance of Frances Perkins' The

Roosevelt I Knew, BOOKSHELF scooped the Times by three weeks, leaving the Times' editors rather perplexed as to how to combat this menace, this sheet called The Ring-tum Phi from the hills of Virginia.

Well the Times, still staggering from the blows of humiliation, struck back. She gave a rather nice review of Eve's Second Apple, published by the E. P. Dutton Co. It seems as if the Times scooped the competing papers on reviewing this book. The New York sheet had outfoxed The Ring-tum Phi and BOOKSHELF, because Eve's Second Apple has been on our bookshelf since July 19. We received a reviewer's copy well in advance because we were good boys and gave The Case against the Admirals what publisher Dutton called "one of the most lucid reviews the book received."

Not satisfied with this little conquest, the Times featured Stefan Zweig's biography of Balzac on its page one book section and described the book as "a work of art... sure to entertain, instruct, and charm many a reader." As a whole the review bounced superlatives around like monkeys do coconuts. The Times' editors had another chance to chuckle, BOOKSHELF had returned its review copy to Viking because "the book would not appeal to a widespread general public."

Dr. Carlton J. H. Hayes, author of A Political and Cultural History of Modern Europe (used here as a text for Freshman History) has just been presented the Laetare Medal by the University of Notre Dame. The award is made annually to "the most outstanding American Catholic layman."

Random House will publish shortly Dr. Sigmund Freud's most famous single analysis—Leonardo da Vinci: A study in Psychosexuality. This book has been unavailable in English for fifteen years.

The 1947 season will be flooded with books about sports and sporting figures, if the supply of paper permits. Dan Parker, sports editor of the New York Mirror, will turn out the ABC of Horse Racing for Random House. It will be available in time for the opening of New York state's racing season... a biography of Joe Louis is on the way.

Houston Bourke-White plans to complete a book of data concerning the nation's gridiron bowls—all of them: the Rose, Sugar, Orange, Cotton, Cigar, Alamo, Will Rogers, Sun, Gator, Toy, Raisin, Optimist, Tobacco, Glass, and Little Rose. He also hopes to work out something about baseball's stars of yesterday. If he does this, some information will be furnished him by W. and L.'s Frank Brower, Jr., son of the one-time great "Turkey" Brower of the Washington Senators and Cleveland Indians.

BULLETIN

Harry Harner, Washington and Lee's standout basket ace and former all Southern performer, will be in uniform for tonight's contest. Coach Wise said early today that Harner has recovered.

New History Book by Dr. Crenshaw Studies South in Election of 1860

By Ozzie Osborne

The Slave States In The Presidential Election Of 1860, by Dr. Ollinger Crenshaw, associate professor of history at Washington and Lee University, has just been published by the Johns Hopkins University Press.

Dr. Crenshaw's book is one of the Johns Hopkins University studies in historical and political science published under direction of the departments of history, political science and political economy.

In the preface of his book, Dr. Crenshaw says his main objective is to set forth the shades of political opinion held by individuals and groups in the far-from-solid South of 1860. He feels that a better understanding of this complex and critical presidential contest may be gained by a consideration of the ideas, plans, and actions of Southern leaders and, as far as possible, of the Southern rank and file.

Dr. Crenshaw adds that he believes recent years have seen the pendulum of historical interpretation swing too far towards "revisionism," overlooking the existence of desperate extremists in the South.

In his book, Dr. Crenshaw relates how the break-up of the Democratic Party was accomplished by divergent forces—forces with the destruction of the party

as their ultimate objective. Radical elements, with this in view, favored separate nominations of Stephen A. Douglas, John Bell and John C. Breckenridge.

These three separate nominations split the South as nothing else could. Some Southerners refused to follow Douglas because of his stand on slavery; others, especially those wanting to protect the slavery interests, nominated Breckenridge; and still others gave their votes to John Bell, who refused to commit himself for or against slavery, following a middle-of-the-road policy. (Virginia was one of the Southern states that gave most of her votes to John Bell.)

In this historical volume, Dr. Crenshaw has gone to direct sources for his material and has consulted hundreds of manuscripts and letters and more than 125 Southern papers of that period. His book will probably derive a great deal of its interest from the fact that it is a careful analytical study of the trend of Southern thought during the pre-Civil war period.

Dr. Crenshaw was graduated from Washington and Lee in 1925, at which time he joined the history department here.

He is currently writing a history of Washington and Lee to be published in the latter part of 1948 or early 1949.

Town's Hostels Rely on Local Colleges — Poll

Innkeepers Find That Only Eight Per Cent Welch on Reservations

By Ford Stephens

The results of a poll conducted by the RTP among the operators of local hotels, and tourist homes brought forth an often-stated grievance by the innkeepers as a whole.

With a few exceptions, the hostlers admitted that the bulk of their winter trade was dependent upon the schools and colleges in this vicinity, and they were therefore anxious to satisfy the students' requests.

Most of the innkeepers were in general agreement that their dealings with the students were, on the whole, satisfactory. However, all of the operators polled stated that, of all students with whom they deal (especially during dance sets), about eight percent of the agreements terminate unsatisfactorily. They emphasized that this is particularly true in the case of reservations.

Over the past weekend, that of the VMI Ring Dances, one inn had twenty seven vacancies, all of which had been reserved in advance. This particular innkeeper stated that henceforth he would require full payment in advance for the reservations by the student engaging the room. The student would then be reimbursed when his date had paid for the room herself. He hastened to add that he was not doing this because of any ulterior motives, but solely to protect himself, as when reservations are not claimed he is left with empty rooms which otherwise could have been rented.

Only one manager dissented when asked by the RTP reporter if he would support an "Accommodations Committee," composed of students, which would be in complete control of all housing for dance weekends. This proposed committee would determine the number of accommodations to be available at each hostelry, reserve them in toto, and then have students apply directly to the accommodations committee for their date's room.

In this way, the hostlers would have a guaranteed reservation of all available accommodations; in turn, the committee would accept

Barnard Will Speak To Journalism Students

Thurman L. Barnard, a leading New York advertising agency executive, will speak on current problems of advertising at Washington Chapel Monday Night at 8 p.m., under the auspices of The Roanoke Times Fund of the Lee Journalism Foundation.

Mr. Barnard is vice-president and director of Compton Advertising, Inc., with offices in New York, Chicago, Kansas City and Milwaukee. He will be the second speaker in a series of Journalism Assemblies sponsored by the Lee Foundation for professional students of journalism and the general public. The series was inaugurated last month with a talk on current publishing problems by David Tennant Bryan, Richmond publisher.

Mr. Barnard was for 23 years with N. W. Ayer & Son, one of the three largest advertising agencies in the country, eventually becoming vice-president and director in charge of the Detroit office. He served for two and a half years with the Office of War Information, first as chief of the Outpost Service Bureau and then as executive director of the Overseas Branch. During the war he traveled extensively in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East.

He joined the Compton agency on Jan. 1 of this year, continuing to serve the State Department as a consultant on the organization of the International Information Service and UNESCO. His home is in Scarsdale, N. Y.

Barnard will be introduced by O. W. Riegel, director of the Lee Foundation. The public is invited. The Journalism Assembly series will be continued in February with a talk by one of the leading managing editors of the south.

Notice

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# Generals Take Cage Opener; Face Favored Marines Tonight

### Pierson, Hillock, Vinson Pace Five To First Victory

Paced by the uncanny shooting of forward George Pierson and center Don Hillock, both freshmen, Coach Carl Wise's Washington and Lee Generals opened the 1946-47 basketball season Monday night at Doremus gymnasium by defeating a towering soldier quintet from Fort Belvoir, 58-56, in a thrilling contest that had most of the large crowd on the edge of its seats throughout the second half.

Pierson, playing his first collegiate basketball game, racked up 25 points for the Blue, setting a new record at the local gym for an individual participating in his first varsity contest.

The big, blond Pierson, who hails from Charleston, W. Va., where he was an All-State star for the Stonewall Jackson High School five, sent shot after shot through the basket with unfailing accuracy. A set shot specialist, Pierson didn't miss from a single spot near the right side-line, as the ball swished through without touching the rim.

But it was Hillock, also playing his first college game, who tallied the vital points. With slightly more than a minute to go, the lanky center from Washington, D. C., stretched the Generals' narrow lead to 54-50 with a pivot shot.

Then Earl Dean, who led the Belvoir attack by netting 18 markers, cut the W. and L. margin with a lay-up. Again Hillock came through, only to have Joe Regensburger, Engineer forward with 124 points in seven games to his credit, sink two more snowbirds.

Less than 30 seconds remained when Hillock hit with a hook shot which ended the scoring and gave W. and L. a two-point victory margin. Hillock chalked up 15 points during the evening.

W. and L. scored first but the soldiers quickly retaliated and made it anybody's game. The lead changed six times in the first half.

At one point in the first part, the Generals had an 18-10 margin, but the Engineers, winners of five straight before coming here, took advantage of W. and L.'s loss of Fred Vinson, Jr., a defensive standout, by the foul-out route, and moved ahead, 28-27, at half-time.

The score was tied four different times in the second half as the lead shifted back and forth. A free shot by Hillock and two field goals by Pierson sent the Generals to the fore in the final minutes but Regensburger knotted the score in the last seconds.

Veteran Clancy Ballenger scored 11 points and exhibited excellent ball-handling and defensive play, in the early stages.

Steve Ulaki and Bill Bryan, hampered by pre-season injuries, came through in impressive style. Ulaki bucketed five points and Bryan was all over the court, a constant source of worry to the Engineers.

Youthful freshman substitute Chris Compton tallied W. and L.'s other point—a free throw in the last ten seconds of the first half.

### Broadbent Announces Mat Contest with Loyola

Harry Broadbent, coach of the Washington and Lee University wrestling team, announced that tentative plans are being made for an early meet with Loyola College on Dec. 19, scheduled for the home mats.

Loyola will have met the Wahos at Charlottesville previously, according to Broadbent, and the rival coaches are trying to arrange the match to coincide with the Loyola homeward swing.



Fred Perry

### Fred Perry Closes Tour; Racquet Coach Rests

Publicity director Lea Booth announced yesterday that Washington and Lee's tennis coach, Fred Perry, has finished his fall South American exhibition tour and is currently resting in Beverly Hills, California. Perry toured with another of the internationally known tennis hierarchs, Frank Kovacs, and finished far ahead in the win column.

Perry said in a letter to Lea Booth that when he returns to Washington, and Lee in the spring he intends to make Lexington his permanent "anchor point." Before he settles here, however, he contemplates making another South American tour with Kovacs, which will include matches in Argentina and Chile.

### NFU Tops DTD In Volley Win; Finals Tonight

The intramural volleyball tournament moved into the final rounds this week, as the strong NFU team earned the right to meet the Deltas for the championship by downing the law school, 7-15, 15-9, 15-11. This game featured the individual contest between Bill Chipley of the NFU and Bob Spessard of the law school.

Last night, NFU met the undefeated Deltas and won out by scores of 15-5, 8-15, 15-6. Since the Deltas had not been beaten previously, NFU must win again tonight to cop the championship of this double elimination tournament.

Bill Chipley put on a great show by slamming anything and everything that came his way. Lee Redmond carried the attack for the Deltas but his teammates were unable to return Chipley's sizzling spikes.

### Cage Coach Denies Rumors of Offers

Carl Wise, Washington and Lee's hardwood mentor and back field coach of the 1946 General football squad, announced today that he has no knowledge of offers from either Maryland or Pennsylvania. For several weeks, rumors have been circulating naming Wise as a possible successor to Clark Shaughnessy at Maryland, or as selected for next year's coaching staff at Pennsylvania.

The varsity cage coach said that, besides, he is satisfied at Washington and Lee. He is hoping to make the Washington and Lee cage name known throughout the South in the current season, despite losses by injury and Administration in eligibility rulings. Before the war Wise coached at Pennsylvania as assistant basketball coach and freshman athletic instructor.

### Mat Tourney Sets Starters

By Luther Wannamaker

Coach Harry Broadbent's grooming grapplers gave top-notch performances in the All-University Championships staged by the Grapplers' Club before a meager crowd in the Doremus Gymnasium on Thursday night. Co-captain Charley Stieff and former letterman Jim Evans were the only old-timers among the newly crowned champions.

The winners of the tournament are slated to be starters against Loyola College of Baltimore here at four o'clock on December 19 in the first scheduled match of the season.

The colorful matches varied from a rousing family feud by the McCausland brothers to a feature bout between George Losey weighing 260 and Dick Chiari at 105, with Chiari winning.

Winning with a double fall over Howard Wilkins in the 121 pound class, Bill Townsend used his superior conditioning to offset the weight advantage of his opponent. The champion weighs only 113 pounds.

In the 128 division Jim Connelly triumphed over Mike Barrett with a "quickie" by pinning his foe in 59 seconds of the first period.

Frank Childress fought gamely to stave off being pinned by Charley Stieff and managed to survive the first period only to succumb to Stieff's mastery in the latter ones. They were in the 136 pound bracket.

The finalists of the 148 pound division, Jim Evans and Ed Sheldermine, wrestled a close match but the experienced Evans gained the decision by the expedient of staying on top most of the time.

Ken Lindell held a whip hand over Roger Kimball for the majority of their match in the 168 pound class but he could only emerge with a decision over the stubborn pre-war grappler.

Bill and Jack McCausland tangled in the most thrilling match of the evening. After wrestling fast but evenly in the first period the younger Bill suddenly pinned Jack in 37 seconds of the second period. Having only 36 seconds to pin his brother, Jack did it in 15 to take the title of the 178 pound class.

Bill "Red" Cadle avenged an earlier loss to George Losey by pinning him in 142 seconds but Losey remained champion by virtue of his earlier victory.

In consolation contests for runner-up honors in the 148 class Sheldermine racked up a win over Bill Clements after Clements had pinned McCoy in an earlier contest.

### Meet Veterans Who Cut Wahoo Wings In Recent Upset

Their ears still smarting from tongue lashings issued by Coach Carl Wise in three practice sessions since the ragged opening tilt Monday, Washington and Lee's Blue Comets should unleash a more polished attack when they face the favored Quantico Marines in Doremus gym tonight at 7:30.

Disappointed by the squad's performance against Fort Belvoir, Coach Wise stressed fundamentals in preparatory drills for tonight's encounter with the potent Marines.

Wise announced that Steve Ulaki will replace Tom Stobbs at forward in the only change in the starting line-up. The first five is rounded out by high scoring George Pierson, at the other forward; Don Hillock, under-the-hoop star at center; and veteran Clancy Ballenger and scrappy Fred Vinson, Jr., at the guard slots.

Others who will dress for tonight's engagement include Stobbs, Bill Bryan, Chris Compton, Bruce King, Bob Early, Bruce Parkinson, Charlie McDowell, Jr., Hal Lauck, Jr., and possibly several newcomers.

The favored Marines will start five men who boast basketball experience galore. Forward Ray Spuhler, who doubles as assistant coach and who performed for Duke before the war, and Center Steve Trehwella, high scorer of the University of South Carolina quintet for the past two years, will lead the Leatherneck attack.

Ira Norfolk, hardwood artist at North Carolina for three seasons, will start at the other forward post. Guards Bob Scott, pre-war Oklahoma A. and M. letterman for three campaigns and Frank Sebring All-State high schooler from Pennsylvania, will complete the first string.

The visitors' known record to date shows four setbacks which include a pair of defeats at the hand of the Camp Lee Travelers and single setbacks dealt by American University and George Washington. However, Monday, when W. and L. was eking out a 58-56 triumph over Fort Belvoir, the Quantico quintet ended its losing streak by handing the Virginia Cavaliers their initial loss of the year. Spuhler, Trehwella and Scott paced the victorious Leathernecks on both offense and defense against the Wahos.

The Generals will continue pre-holiday competition with state service fives next Tuesday night when they square off with an impotent Langley Field aggregation on the local floor at 7:30 p.m.

The Flyers now have the weakest service cage combine in the state and have been mauled by their opponents in every contest.

### Generals Made High Ratings In 'Comet' Era

By Don Moxham

With college basketball accompanying college football into the field of big business, Washington and Lee may wait a long time before she can match the teams which represented her during the middle thirties. The heritage is great to those who followed them. The mighty Blue Comets played a brand of ball unequalled before or since in the state of Virginia. Roanoke's "Five Smart Boys" being the only comparable quintet.

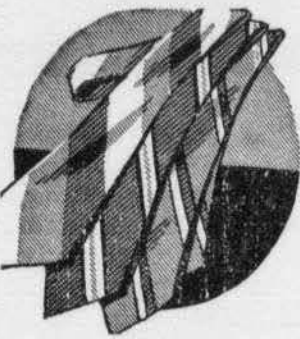
One year after the Southern Conference set its tournament up in Raleigh in 1933, the Generals brought back to Lexington the Conference title. Boasting only a mediocre record, the Comets, led by Bobby Smith and Joe Sawyer, amazed the sports world with a series of upsets which finally ended in the championship.

The following year W. and L. rolled to the finals, but then faltered and relinquished their crown.

When the old timers talk basketball, they always get around in short order to the Big Blue Comets of 1936. Hailed by Cy Young as his greatest team, the Comets won all but one of their regular season games, and they entered the tournament with a 14-game winning streak as top-heavy favorites.

As fate would have it, this greatest of all Comet teams was upset in the finals by North Carolina. During this year the Generals were paced by Norman Her, Joe Pette, and 6'7" sophomore, Bob Spessard, who was to be one of the nation's finest centers.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch gives us a vivid description of these Blue Comets: "When they



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### Generalizing . . . by Don Moxham

With the reserves holding the front line until Harner, Chipley and Crockett are ready, it will take plenty of hustle for the Generals to post a creditable record in the pre-Christmas games with service quintets. Only Don Hillock possesses the height necessary for consistent rebounding, and W&L's five will have to throw up a tight defense to stop the Quantico Marines tonight.

The Belvoir game made up in spectator appeal what it lacked in court finesse. George Pierson, the Charleston sharpshooter, will be a wonderful spot player this year. Anticipating much dissent, we don't see how Pierson can break into the regular, full-strength lineup this year. But with four seasons ahead of him, he'll throw many buckets for the Blue before he's done.

Without Don Hillock, the Engineers would have swamped us with height. Hillock recovered the ball off our backboard just about every time. The slender lefthander seemed to call on a second wind late in the game to stave off the ever-threatening visitors.

The war apparently hasn't de-

creased the efficiency of Clancy Ballenger. A hot and cold shooter, Clancy was always the guiding influence with his floor play, and he would rate his starting position even if he didn't score a point. The team lacked that intangible something when Ballenger was on the bench.

We warned you about the refereeing, but just wait—the worst is yet to come. At least Monday they were blind without prejudice. The most horrible sight we ever saw in the Doremus gym was when Carolina came up to Lexington in 1943 with a very fast and tricky forward named Fritz Nagy.

During the war Nagy played for Akron University, averaged 22 points per game and was selected second team All-American. It was his Akron team which was supposed to meet Brooklyn College in the Garden when the famous gambling plot was exposed.

To get back to the subject—Nagy operated under the basket and did lots of faking, usually forcing the Generals to fall all over him and grab his arms, but for forty minutes he never was awarded one foul shot.

We knocked them off by seven or eight points, so it probably didn't make any difference, but poor Nagy's wrists looked like chopped meat.

Where that miserable Wahoo (Continued on page 4)



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**Comets**

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were clicking, there were no smoother ball handlers in tournament history than the little four revolving around the towering target that was Spessard."

In 1937 such an array of talent could not be denied, and the Blue Comets swept through the tournament. Their sensational play had by now attracted great national interest and the Big Blue was invited to Madison Square Garden to match baskets with Long Island University. With its chance for a high national ranking on hand, W&L suffered the catastrophic loss of Spessard before the LIU game, and the crippled Comets fell before the Blackbirds.

The next year, after winning four consecutive state titles, the Blue Comets were knocked out of the sky by the "Five Smart Boys" from Roanoke. It was indeed a coincidence that two such magnificent quintets should come from nearby localities.

The Comets, led by Spessard and Carson, were nipped by Banks MacFadden and his Clemson Tigers down in Raleigh, but it marked the fifth consecutive year in which the Generals had reached the final round. During the scheduled season the Comets returned to New York for another shot at the LIU Blackbirds, but once again they fell short, Long Island winning 35-32 with a late rally.

With the graduation of Spessard and Carson, the era of the Blue Comets appeared to be closing, but along came Dick Pinck and Howard Dobbins to help maintain Washington and Lee's fine teams. Although they never won the conference crown, they were perennial contenders. In 1940 the Pinck-Dobbins crew took back

the state title from Roanoke with a record of 13 and four.

According to Cy Young, who coached the Comets until 1940, the 1936 team was the greatest of them all. Throughout the Blue Comet era an array of basketball players matched by very few schools performed for W. and L.

Bob Spessard, three years All-Conference and All-State, elected to many All-American fives, scored 1120 points for Washington and Lee; Norman Her, only player in Conference history to be named to the first all-star team for three years by unanimous vote of coaches and sports writers; fiery Joe Sawyer, Bobby Smith, Joe Pette and Kit Carson—each an All-Conference selection.

Add to this list the names of Bill Borries, Wes Heath, Frank Frazier, Howard Dobbins and little Dick Pinck. For several seasons, Pinck's 34 points against Richmond was the conference's individual scoring record.

**Choir To Carol Sunday**

The choir of the Trinity Methodist Church of Lexington will present the Christmas cantata, "Carols of Christmas," on Sunday, December 15, at the hour of the regular morning service, 11:00 o'clock. The cantata is a carol-fantasia by E. J. Lorenz, blending many of the traditional carols and hymns to tell the Christmas story. Solo parts will be sung by Misses Iva Candler, soprano, and Albertina Ravenhorst, alto, and by Messrs. Wallace Clark and William F. Noll, Jr., tenors, and Clovis Baker and Marshall Brittain, baritones.

Sunday afternoon at 5:00 the Presbyterian Choir will present a program of selections from the Messiah by Handel, in the Presbyterian church, under the direction of Miss Mary Monroe Penick.

**ODK Tapping**

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cute plans for new organizations and beneficial activities are admitted regardless of their point status. As an example Spindle explained that the originator and organizer of the campus varsity show was tapped although he did not possess a single point according to ODK leadership standards and the student who produced the first Washington and Lee LaCrosse team and promoted a Dixie LaCrosse league was admitted under similar conditions.

**Phi Beta**

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nominated and still keep within bounds of national regulations, but stated that hardly ever is the maximum number nominated.

He also declined to comment on whether the selections were made "on the curve" or on a straight marks basis, but added that while academic achievement was the primary factor in making the nominations, moral character was also considered.

**White Friars**

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for next semester, PAN will undoubtedly take an active part in campus social life.

The 13 Club, honorary junior society, will initiate its new members this year at a banquet, probably shortly after first semester exams according to President Cliff Wood. Ken Coghill, treasurer of the 13 Club, has ordered the keys for the new members.

**Amendments**

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athletic contests at present. The impression that it does probably derives from the fact that the athletic admission card is issued at the same time the campus tax is paid. Dodson said that the EC already has the power to allocate money to the different student body activities and the defeat of proposed Article XI does not alter his power.

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**Generalizing**

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got the crust to criticize the conduct of Washington and Lee students at the VPI game, we'd like to know. We are not particularly proud of our cheering section as a cheering section, but compared to our little pals over the mountains, we have nothing to be ashamed of. The supplementary features of a game in Charlottesville, not included in the price of admission, should never be missed though—most amazing sights this side of the tower of Pisa.

**Added dig:** Did you know that after being shut out two years in a row by the Washington and Lee matmen, the UNIVERSITY decided to drop wrestling as an intercollegiate sport?

**Petrified Forest**

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Markoe) a melancholy philosopher of a sort who is on his way to see the Pacific Ocean "and drown in it possibly." Sometime early in the first act he asks Gabby what her real name is, and she answers, "Gabrielle, but you might know these dumb bastards out here would make it Gabby." At this the audience realizes that it is not all a plot against them and from here on its every man for himself with the Mantee boys joining the fun for the second act.

There is no reason really, to give a running account of the action so we'll just go on the theory that anyone who doesn't remember may be interested enough to go find out. As we understand

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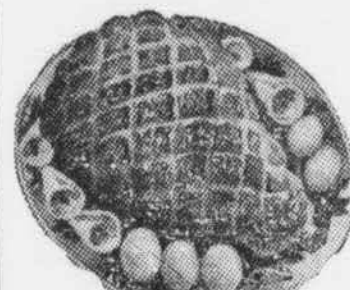
there are a few tickets left for tonight.

For our money the outstanding piece of sheer acting is Russ Thomes' portrayal of Gramp, the old frontiersman who escaped the bullets of Billy the Kid to grow old as the miserly owner of the Black Mesa. Thomes gives such a natural and masterful performance that we almost immediately begin to take him for granted, much as we are likely to accept the omni-present Claude Rains of Hollywood as a part of the set. It has been a long time since we visited Broadway but we saw few parts handled more competently there than Russ Thomes currently doing across the street from the Rockbridge Laundry.

Peggy Boykin romps confidently through the role of Gabby with an ease and skill which indicates considerable stage experience. (As a matter of fact we read in the paper that she has had previous experience.) Mrs. Boykin seems to know exactly what she is trying to do and she makes Gabby believable in a good-soul-under-that-shell sort of way. Also, unlike some other Gabbys we have seen

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in past years, this one was able to utter an oath that would peel the paint off the wall without recoiling into an oh-what-I-said pose.

Frank Markoe, in a role which can be hammed up easier than not, doesn't. He is a very effective frustrated author, speaking Mr. Sherwood's "message" in a quiet, restrained manner which, to use the word again, is believable. Mr. Markoe's admirable job at times had us thinking, which must have been intended.

Vio Dalmas, as Humphrey Bogart, is about the coolest, most businesslike gangster we ever saw. Mr. Dalmas is a very tough customer to say the least. He barked "sheddup" at a fellow player and the person sitting next to us, who must have been trying to ask us what time it was, almost bit his tongue off in his haste to obey. Assistant killers Cancelmo, Greenwood, and Stanfield are as good as many movie killers we have seen

and probably as good as the real thing.

Jack Schiefly, as the football hero, is very like a football hero, and Leonard Wild wrings all there is out of a small part as the manager of the Black Mesa. Sheridan Hamilton and Benn Riddle as the ritzy Chisolms are smooth indeed and the night we were there showed the true spirit in joining with the rest of the cast to ad lib there way out of a forgotten property situation. Mae Roediger, Perry Pedrick, Everett Easter, Charles Robertson, Bill Leedy, John Stump, Paul Murphy, DeWitte Beckner, and a ringer

handled their assignments in admirable style.

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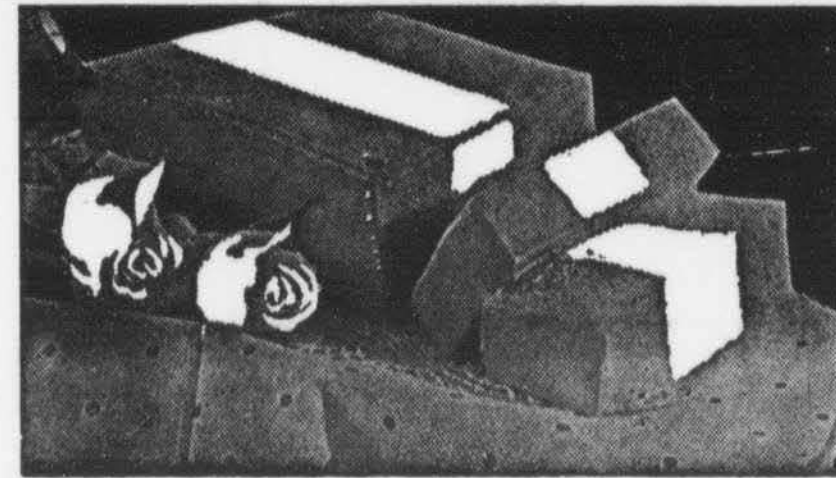
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