

Graham-Lee Proposes Enlarged Legislature

Hearing Ends Study Of Student Government; EC Panel Report Soon

Formation of a new student legislative body was proposed by Graham-Lee Literary Society to the Executive Committee Constitutional Study Panel last night. The new body would assume all powers, except Honor Court cases, of the present Executive Committee.

The meeting last night completes the work of the Constitutional Study Panel which will now present its findings to the Executive Committee some time next week.

The proposed legislature would be composed of the president, vice-president and secretary of the Student Body plus one elected representative from each fraternity and one elected representative for each proportion of non-fraternity men equal to the average strength of fraternities. The number of non-fraternity men will be determined by the number voting in the election of their representatives.

Honor cases under the new proposed system would be handled by a new Honor Court composed of the president, vice-president and secretary of the Student Body plus the presidents of all classes of the University.

Walt Potter, president of Graham-Lee, presenting the proposal to the committee said, "It is felt that this plan will insure that every man on campus will have someone on the school governing body representing him. Since a representative will be elected for every group by that group, no one will be left out."

"It is not contended that this proposal will do away with politics. However, we do feel that this plan will insure that every group in school shall at least have a voice in student affairs," Potter stated.

The Graham-Lee plan provides that the present Executive Committee shall continue to exercise all of its functions until such time as the proposed legislature and Honor Court have been elected and are installed. At this time, the present Executive Committee will be dissolved.

Outlining duties of the legislature, Potter said, that it would have all the power and duties presently provided for in the Constitution for the Executive Committee except honor cases.

"The reason for removing honor cases from the jurisdiction of the Legislature is that we feel it is too large a body to exercise judicial functions," he said. "The new Honor Court will give additional duties to class presidents and will increase the prestige of these offices. Such a group will be small enough to carry on the high honor traditions of the school and of such composition as to have the prestige necessary to a judicial body."

Sessions of the legislature are to be open to the student body under the new plan while sessions of the Honor Court will be closed as has been customary.

The reason given for computing non-fraternity representation on the basis of those voting was to eliminate the possibility of a small group electing all non-fraternity representatives. Fraternity presidents would be required to certify that 90 percent of the fraternity was present at the time their representative was elected.

Summing up, Potter said, We feel that this plan will go a long way toward increasing student body interest in student affairs. Under this plan everyone will have a representative to whom they can give their views on controversial or other issues.

Historical Association Will Hear Dr. Turner

Dr. Charles Wilson Turner, of the history department, will address a joint meeting of the Lexington (Ky.) group of the American Historical Society and the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Columbus, Ohio, April 24 on Virginia railroad historical materials.

Dr. Turner, who is in his first year on the W. and L. faculty, has written several articles on railroad history after receiving his doctor's degree in economic history from the University of Minnesota in 1946.

Debate Council Wins First Contest Against Gettysburg

Washington and Lee's Debate Council won its first debate of the year over Gettysburg College of Pennsylvania last Monday night. The topic of the controversy was "Resolved: Labor should have a direct share in management of industry." W. and L.'s Larry Jarchow and Edward F. Turner, Jr., took the affirmative, opposing Gettysburg's Austin Hess and Paul Kramp, who upheld the negative.

The judges, who awarded the decision to the affirmative, were Colonel R. E. Dixon, head of the English department at V. M. I.; R. H. Shoemaker, chief librarian at W. and L.; and W. D. Todd of W. and L.'s English department. The debate was presided over by H. H. Hicks.

Leyburn Speaks At Assembly

Dean-Elect Stresses Leadership in Students

University men of today must supply competent, active and capable leadership to post-war civilization to prevent its probable disintegration, according to Dr. James G. Leyburn, Dean-elect of Washington and Lee University, who spoke to an assembly of more than 1200 students, faculty members and alumni here Saturday.

The address, which highlighted the annual Washington-Cincinnati Convocation on the campus, gave W&L students their first chance to meet formally the man who next year, according to President Francis P. Gaines, becomes "one of the most important University administrators."

In his speech Dr. Leyburn declared, "The essential requirement for national health and international peace is capable leadership. This must come from aristocrats, accepted as such by the people."

Maintaining that university men are the only ones qualified to cope with the complexities of world administration today, Dr. Leyburn said, "The whole world is watching us, for it seems literally true that we can give life and hope to millions of people outside our borders or blast their hopes and destroy even our own civilization."

Student Elections to Be Held May 2; Votes Will Be Cast At Student Union

Student body elections will be held on Friday, May 2. Voting will take place at the Student Union Building between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The nominating convention will be held on Tuesday, April 29 at 7 p.m. in the Lee Chapel. The convention will be conducted as set forth in Article IV of the Student Body Constitution.

Fraternities will elect delegates to the nominating convention as set forth in Article IV of the Student Body Constitution, which states that each social fraternity shall elect delegates according to a system of proportionate representation allowing one delegate for every seven members of the fraternity (including pledges) and two alternates.

Students who are not members of a fraternity will meet in Washington Chapel to elect their delegates on Wednesday, April 23 at 7 p.m. Their delegates shall be elected as set forth in Article IV of the Constitution, which states that the number of delegates to be elected shall be determined by the total number of non-fraternity men in school. One delegate shall be elected for every seven men, with five alternates.

Certified lists of all delegates and alternates must be in the hands of the Student Body Secretary by 6 p.m., Sat., April 26. These lists will make up the official roll of the convention.

The Sophomore, Junior, Intermediate Law, and Senior Law classes will hold class elections on Monday, May 5. The rising Sophomore Class will meet in Lee Chapel with the class Executive Committee presiding. The rising Junior Class will meet in Washington Chapel with the Class President presiding. The Intermediate Law and Senior Law Classes will meet in their respective classrooms with their respective Presidents presiding.

All applicants for Student Body offices must submit their names to the Dean for academic approval before being eligible to run for a Student Body office.

Regulations governing class standing are as follows:

1. The voting qualifications are based upon semesters completed as of June 6, 1947. Summer sessions will be classed as one semester. Half summer sessions are not counted.
2. A Sophomore is one who has completed no more than 2 semesters.
3. A Junior is one who has completed more than 2 semesters and no more than 4 semesters.
4. An Intermediate Lawyer is one who has completed 1 semester and no more than 2 in law school.
5. A Senior Lawyer is one who has completed 3 or more semesters and has not applied for a degree.
6. In cases of transfer students, service credits, half-summer sessions, correspondence credits, etc., 15 quantity hours shall count as one semester.

New Method Of Registration Announced

New Method Provides Complete Registration In Single Visit

A new method of registering students was disclosed by Dean L. J. Desha last Wednesday when he announced the completed plans for this year's Spring Registration. The new procedure has been adopted to simplify and speed up the process of registration. It is hoped to abolish the familiar student lines of past registration days by the system worked out for this spring.

The main feature of this year's registration process is merely an extension of the previous practice of having the student work out a tentative schedule with his faculty adviser or his major department head. This year the new method provides for the completion of the registering process in one visit to the proper faculty member's office, without any need of standing in line elsewhere to have his courses recorded.

The period set for these registration visits is from Monday, April 21, to Wednesday, April 30. Dean Desha pointed out the obvious advantage to the student in registering early in this period to avoid any last minute rush that might develop.

This year's plan is the simplest of all for the prospective sophomores. They will do their entire registering with their freshman adviser under the new system.

For prospective juniors and seniors, the procedure requires one preliminary step. This extra step will place many more men than in the past in direct contact with study plan blanks. Dean Desha emphasized the importance of filling out these blanks properly, and advised the students to avoid delay in completing them.

The junior and senior students will be required to secure the proper study blank from the Dean's Secretary. After these students have filled out a blank, they should prepare a scratch list of the courses they are planning to take this summer and in the session of 1947-48. With the study plan blank and a list of prospective courses, they then will be required to go to the heads of their major department to complete their registration.

Under the new plan, all students planning to enter the School of Law in June or October will be required to report to the Dean of the Law School, or his secretary, between April 21 and 30, also. Pre-law students will register according to the instructions for

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13 Club Ball Opens Dance Set In Doremus Gymnasium Tonight; Nearly 1000 Students Will Attend



MR. and MRS. JACK SCHUBER, who tomorrow night will become the first married couple in W. and L. history to lead a figure, when they lead the 100 couple procession of the Cotillion Club Formal

Spring Dances Attract 400 Dates To Frats Alone; More Expected

Once again Spring comes to Washington and Lee and once again the young Mink's fancy turns to Spring Dances and associated activities. And with dates coming from as far off as Panama and as nearby as Mary Baldwin, the weekend promises to be not only varied but exceedingly memorable. To give the interested beau or belle, as the case may be, more specific information as to just who will be here, The Ring-tum Phi is here recording just that information... in terms of what fraternity can take bows for the presence of any particular young lady or group of ladies.

- Phi Gamma Delta**
Carleen Lohmeyer, Kitty Barker, Mary Ruth Brown, Charlotte Pouncey, Harriet Carol Williams, Joan Gulick, Princy Burden, Mary Henderson, Betsy Sawyer, Marilyn Ackerson, Pat Brown, Rachel Hicks, Frances Carver, Nancy Lundquist, Joan Kirby, Jean Folsom, Edith Wyatt, Mary Elizabeth Ginistra, Ann McClure, Murielle Chaffer, Martha Abegg, Eleanor Hamrick, Jean Smith, Betty Merrill, Jean Gillespie, Sally Clayton and Callie Smith.
- Phi Kappa Sigma**
Harriet Hale, Mary Berkley, Marion Seay, Eloise Mason, Mary Wood, Mary O'Brien, Dorry Ritterbusch, Page Callis, Rose Harrison, Barbara Watkins, Barbara Byrne, Carter Van Devanter, Betty Horne, Patty Proxy, Janice Harlow, Angeline Mathews, Robbie Carter, Gloria Iden, Wendy Watters, Carol Barry, Shirley

For the first time since 1943 John G. Herndon of the class of 1911 and now of the faculty at Haverford College will present an award of \$30 to the senior who has collected the best library during his undergraduate course. It was announced by the librarian. The rules under which the contest for the prize is to be held are:

1. The prize will be given only to a senior in the undergraduate school.
 2. All books owned by the contestant since his junior year in high school will be eligible.
 3. Merit of the library will depend upon size, quality, and representation of the contestant's interests.
 4. Each contestant will be required to explain his method of selection to the library committee of the faculty.
 5. Each contestant will be required to hand into the committee by May 1, a typewritten list of his books alphabetically arranged by authors.
 6. Libraries of each contestant must be placed in the Washington and Lee library by May 5 at a place designated by the librarian.
 7. In any year when the judges feel that no senior has a worthy library, the award will not be made.
- The winner of this year's contest will be announced at Spring's Finals.
- NOTICE**
The Bible Study Group will meet at 4:45 p.m. on Monday, April 21, in the office of the Christian Council in the Student Union Building. Members and interested non-members as well are urged to attend.

Wiley, Patricia Paddison, Isabelle Peoples, Jean Brown, Anne Adams, Hartley Smith, Ada May Miller, Virginia Miller, Marion Ganong, Jean Moffat and Connie Bray.

Johnny Messner and Orchestra Will Play for Opening Dance

By Leigh Smith

Tonight at 10 p.m., marks the official beginning of Spring on the Washington and Lee campus as close to 1000 students, with dates from 36 of the 48 states, troop to Doremus Gymnasium for a 4-hour soiree to the "sweet-swing" music of Johnny Messner and his "Can't We Be Friends" Orchestra who will hold forth at the 13 Club formal—first event in the 1947 edition of the famous Spring Dance Sets.

'Angel Street' New Troub Play

Jane Judy, Sam White, Jim Brewster Featured

Jack Lanich, president of the Troubadours, has selected Jane Judy, wife of RTP columnist B. Judy, to play the feminine lead in the new Troub production "Angel Street." The exact play date has not been announced, but it will be given in early May, according to Lanich.

The male lead has been awarded to Jim Brewster, who played in the campus production "Arsenic and Old Lace" in 1943.

The three-act melodrama by Patrick Hamilton first played on the West Coast under the title, "Gaslight." It was brought to Broadway in 1941 and with its name changed to "Angel Street" became one of the season's top hits. The play was recently adapted for the screen and appeared as the movie "Gaslight," starring Ingrid Bergman and Charles Boyer. Brewster and Mrs. Judy, who now teaches at Natural Bridge High School, will portray Mr. and Mrs. Manningham.

Sam White has been cast as Detective Rough, done in the movie by Joseph Cotton. The part of the Manningham's maid, Nancy, will be taken by Peggy Boykin, who played the part before in a Little Theater production in eastern Virginia. Mrs. Boykin has received much Washington and Lee applause for her parts in the past Troub productions of "Petrified Forest" and "And So To Bed."

Mrs. James S. Moffatt will play the part of the housekeeper. Mrs. Moffatt's last appearance in a campus show was in "Ten Nights in a Barroom" in 1942.

W&L Crew Enthusiasts Await Final Word on Rollins Meet May 10

Crew enthusiasts at Washington and Lee University, so far unattached, and unclaimed by any campus organization, council, group, or body, are still waiting for final word on whether they will be permitted to meet Rollins College crew team at Winter Lake, Florida, on May 10. Following the decision of the Executive Council of the Faculty that the matter of four days cuts is too big a matter for that group to decide, President Gaines will review the case on Monday to determine whether the embryonic sport is eligible for the proposed trip.

Meanwhile, the members of the crew announce that they have received contributions to float them through the current season. During the spring vacations, crewman Bob Brown garnered subscriptions from two prominent business men in Chicago, Illinois.

According to crew members, one is a graduate of the seventh grade; the other finished the second year of high school. Both men, who wished to avoid publicity in the matter, pledged one hundred dollars. At the same time both men were interested in finding out where Washington and Lee University is located.

Previously the crew had financed the buying of the shells with a contributory assessment of the people in Lexington, who coughed up five dollars apiece. Now the watermen must wait to see if the athletic council and the University will finance the traditional Washington and Lee spring sport.

Dance "wheels" announced this week that they will take their cue from the season and have instructed decorators Moberly-Brian Co., who made Lexington look like Brazil at Fancy Dress, to use Spring as the motif. Colors will be green, yellow and white with liberal doses of spring flowers. At the dances white dinner jackets will be the uniform of the night for the first time this year, although it was stressed that a tux or tails are permissible.

In addition to Messner's music tonight which comes to Lexington after recent engagements at the Totem Pole in Boston, the Meadowbrook in New Jersey, the Essex House in New York, and the Hotel DeSoto in Savannah, tomorrow's two musical affairs—the ATO Concert and Tea Dance, and the main-billed Cotillion Club formal—will feature Tony Pastor and his orchestra currently billed as the "band of the year."

Tonight's festivities will be highlighted by the traditional 13 Club figure led by Club president Cliff Hood, SAE, of Memphis and his date, Miss Peggy Cunningham. According to Hood, the platinum blonde, green-eyed Miss Cunningham, who is a Pi Beta Phi at Randolph Macon, and halls from Sharon, Penna., will wear a white, off the shoulder evening dress. Twenty-five couples will walk in the figure, which starts at 11:30.

Messner's twelve piece-one vocalist band first gained national acclaim during its 7 year engagement at the Hotel McAlpin in New York. Many students will also remember the Messner aggregation for smooth, half swing-half sweet recordings on Decca, Victor and Columbia platters. Messner has also taken his clarinet and orchestra to such schools as Duke, Penn., Princeton, Yale and Colgate.

The Pastor entourage, which completes the two-for-the-price-of-one duet, will provide music for the Alpha Tau Omega Concert and Tea Dance tomorrow from 4 to 6, and for the top-billed Cotillion Club formal tomorrow night. Set President Jack Schubert pointed out that the first hour of the afternoon entertainment will be a sit-and-listen period while the five to six interval will be devoted to dancing.

Separate tickets for the Concert will cost \$2. Dance Publicity Director Shep Zinovoy explained, Duets for tonight's 13 Club dance will be priced at \$3.50, and at the Saturday night Cotillion Club affair admission charge will be \$4.50.

Climax of the long weekend will be the 100 couple Cotillion Club figure, scheduled to begin at 10:30 tomorrow night, half way through the three-hour musical which starts at 9. Leading the grand march will be Jack Schubert, Cotillion Club and Dance Set President, and Mrs. Schubert, the former Pat Hassler, who, before her marriage lived in Thomasville, N. C.

Holding claim to the title "Spring Dance Queen," Mrs. Schubert, who, like Miss Cunningham is green-eyed but brunette, attended Sweetbriar and St. Mary's School in Raleigh, N. C. The pair will be setting a W. and L. precedent tonight, they are the first married couple ever to lead a dance figure here.

Describing the forthcoming weekend, Publicist Zinovoy anticipated that it would be "the most enjoyable dance set of the year." He listed as reasons: the two-band-for-one attraction, the low price, and the Spring season, which he described as "ideal for partying."

He emphasized that Set officials (Continued on page four)

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On A Note of Spirit

Taking time at regular intervals over the last eight months to thumb through, read, and clip articles in the newspapers and magazines of other colleges, we have lately reached the conclusion that the rough-running year we are just winding up is nothing unique for 1947.

Sure! We have our legitimate gripes and sometimes cases of genuine injustice; but so has every other school. To place the matter on an even broader plain, just consider that everyone, in or out of school, is having a hard go of it too.

But why is the world sick? Why can't Russia and the United States get together? What is widening the channel everyday between management and labor? And what has made 1946-47 so chaotic at Washington and Lee?

It goes without saying what a narrow point of view this is. But strangely enough, even today and even in America, it is dangerously easy to walk willingly into such thought channels. It is something to be fought; and something we must fight if we are to correct our errors and cure our ills in the most effective way.

We aren't asking students to "get off of the back" of anyone. Not ours, nor the assembly speakers, nor the EC's, nor the Administration's! Far from it! Criticism of this kind is a healthy sign; but it's slightly anemic when volunteered thinking only of yourself.

Touche!

We spoke too soon! Revoking an earlier decision, the Executive Committee a little over a week back decided that there will be no reporters allowed at meetings on Tuesday nights.

There is no need to restate our argument in favor of such a reporter. Quite frankly we're tired—and as of now are formally withdrawing from the debate.

Better luck to next year's editor. And may this "victory" in every sense of the word turn to ashes in the mouth of the EC!

Why No Defense?

The most difficult thing to accept as an editorial writer is the tendency of readers invariably to conclude that the contents of this column represent either a vehement attack upon, or an all out backing of something. It is true that we have always attempted to stay off the fence in discussing any particular matter; but occasionally we keep our side of side of the fence and make what we regard simply as a suggestion. That is what this is.

The judicial system of the United States is probably the most efficient in the world. It is difficult, then, for us to see why our student judiciary has an equivalent procedure for everything from grand jury proceedings to indictment—but makes a single exception in not providing an adviser for the accused.

Why would it not be in order, then, for us to accept what is universally accepted and what has been proved best? Why should not the accused be allowed to select from the ranks of the Executive Committee an attorney to aid him in preparing and presenting his argument in the most effective way?

Our suggestion is that the EC's Committee on Constitutional Revision discuss the feasibility of such a change, and some time before the end of the year place it before the student body at large for either approval or rejection.

What Happened?

Some weeks ago, approximately seven now, the Board of Trustees of Washington and Lee met and as part of their business discussed the acceptance of certain athletic proposals made by the Athletic Committee and ODK.

About News Writing

Several people on several occasions have leveled very pointed criticism at The Ring-tum Phi this year for printing "slanted" or "colored" news stories. We do not doubt in the least the sincerity of these people; but we would like to say that no copy, in the opinion of the editorial staff, has ever appeared in these pages to which either of these words is applicable.

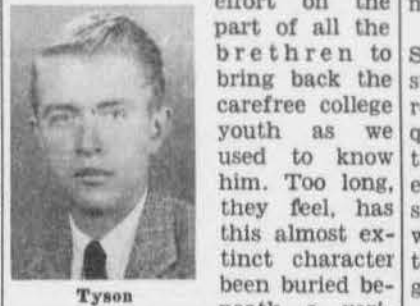
It is true that extreme objectivity has never been our goal... nor will it be throughout the remainder of the year. Statement of current and more obvious facts, even in a society such as ours, today constitute inadequate news coverage.

To get down to cases, last week's editorialist wanted one good reason for being required to memorize lengthy bibliographies, meaty footnotes and 20 lines of the third canto of "Don Juan."

First, in the classroom itself, one can quickly see the advantage of dealing strictly in Facts. Not only is it much easier for the student to take notes when they consist primarily of names, dates and miscellaneous figures, but it is also much simpler for the instructor.

Campus Comment

Quail and Ale Department... Things over at PIKA Plaza these days are characterized by a strong effort on the part of all the brethren to bring back the carefree college youth as we used to know him.



Needless to say, here was a situation that demanded immediate and decisive action. Committees were formed, freshmen were sent out in relays to loaf around in front of McCrum's.

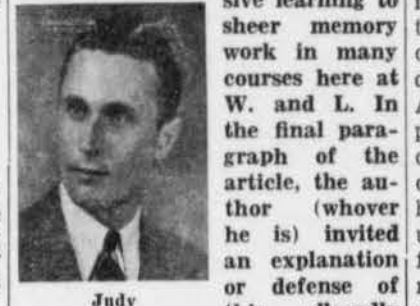
But, probably the most decisive step to be taken thus far has been the founding of the Laredo Ale and Quail Society. Yale has its Whiffen-poofs, Hollins has its Tinker Tea House, and various other colleges have their little organizations for the perpetuation of the college tradition.

Founded by three distinguished lodge members... Bud Howland, Jim Watson, and Jake Berry... the Ale and Quail has gotten off to a rather shaky start.

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On the Other Hand...

Last week there appeared on this page an editorial lamenting the subordination of comprehensive learning to sheer memory work in many courses here at W. and L. In the final paragraph of the article, the author (whoever he is) invited an explanation or defense of this allegedly "outmoded" practice, and it is this task which I have taken upon myself.



When we consider our later years—the Family Phase, as the sociologists would say—we discover that success in this world awaits only the man with the Facts. At latest reports, nearly 47 per cent of all American homes are either partially or completely furnished with articles won on radio shows.

And then in society itself, we have a peculiarly dangerous situation today. There are entirely too many people in the world who want "understanding." What we really need is more individuals who can quote, at the drop of a ball-point pen, every law and ordinance of the land, word for word, comma by comma.

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other, must be run on a socially sound basis. Thus far, it seems that there has been a little too much ale and not enough quail.

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In the golden era of Steve's history, students could even get occasional credit, along with a reasonably priced hamburger and dime beer that only cost a dime. Granted, Steve's never was anything to write home about, even in those days, but it was always a place where students could meet their friends, have a cup of coffee and a hamburger and relax.

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by 'Ty' Tyson

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This time it's "Thank you, Mr. Daves"; thanks for obtaining the showing of "It's A Wonderful Life at your entertainment emporium on Nelson Street."

It was the best movie to play Mattinglyville in many a moon, and I, for one, am glad that Jimmy Stewart was born.

Another branch of laurel is now added to the wreath that adorns the head of Frank Capra. Look back over the best motion pictures you've seen during your life; among them you'll find "It Happened One Night," "Mr. Deeds Goes To Town," "Mr. Smith Goes To Washington," "Meet John Doe," and now it has happened again. Mr. Capra never misses.

He has used the same unfailing method every time. Digging in under your crust of snobism, he finds your sentiment, even if you hate to admit you have any. He picks up your ideals and thoughts, and elevates same considerably, but reminds you that you're still on a lesser planet by having some character in the background call another a stupid jerk.

Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, get busy and engrave the names of James Stewart and Frank Capra on two of the "Oscars" you're saving for next February's distribution. And to Donna Reed, some special award for being very lovely, and very convincing.

Four bells? Let's ring many more and give wings to lots of angels. It made you realize just how bad most movies are.

Boomerang turned out to be much better than was anticipated. Adapted from a actual case that was cited in *The Reader's Digest*, it had a wholesome reality about it that smacked of the March of Time technique.

Dana Andrews gave a good performance as a state's attorney who, by endeavoring to be honest and see justice done, caused everyone to suspect him of political intrigue and foul play. Finding someone who was honest, President Roosevelt appointed him to the post of Attorney-General, and he became Homer Cummings.

A non-professional cast did well in minor roles, and Lee J. Cobb gets better every time he plays the part of a police inspector.

... Rex "King of Siam" Harrison carried the weight of being *The Notorious Gentleman* on his shoulders, and held the whole thing together long enough to cause it to be a fairly good picture.

It had the usual qualities found in British films: restraint in acting, quite reality, and no effort to make the hero anything other than a heel.

If J. Arthur Rank should ever bring together "The Notorious Gentleman" and "The Wicked Lady," all hell will break loose.

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Generals Face Two State Teams On Road After Inactive Week

By Don Murray

With the announcement from William and Mary that the Indians are just not having any this week, (too cold, or wet, or dangerous, or something) Cap'n Dick Smith's Generals finished out a week of inactivity on the Wilson Field diamond, with the exception of today's W. Va. Institute game.

It would seem that the Indians were delving desperately for an excuse not to play baseball when they called the W&L athletic office Wednesday afternoon. True, there had been a heavy rain early that morning, but chances were that the diamond would be in shape by game time Thursday. Tuesday's game with Roanoke succumbed to the weather, and incidentally forced Cap'n Dick to the sidelines with a recurrence of the severe cold that has kept him out of the Blue baseball scene several times thus far this season.

Next week will find the Generals engaging two Big Six foes away from home. Tuesday afternoon, April 22, Cap'n Dick's charges journey to Blacksburg for a game with VPI's Gobblers. The Techmen, undefeated so far this season, will field one of the hottest teams in the Big Six and Southern Conference. Saturday will see the Generals in Wahoo Land, facing another formidable ball club. At this writing, Virginia's record has paralleled that of VPI. Just who will do the pitching in either game has not been announced, but Liggon, Leslie, or Newcomb are possible starters.

With six games behind them, the Generals are beginning to shape up as the ball team they were expected to be. Cold weather and poor conditioning were enough to defeat them in the first three games, and now that the local weather seems to be favoring baseball they should improve in each succeeding game. The games with Penn State, Michigan and Quantico are evidence enough to show the Generals' potentialities. Johnny Liggon's job against the Wolverines proved he has not lost any of his pre-war snap, Don Hillock's hitting has improved, Dick Working is performing creditably around second base, and Fred Vinson ranks with the first ten hitters in the Big Six. Fred sports a batting average of .421.

But there are others on Cap'n Dick's ball club who have played consistently and well since the season opened... and there are some on the sidelines who have yet to perform for the home crowd. Willis Woods, centerfielder has played fine baseball. Against Michigan last week Woods made as fine a catch of a long fly as can be seen in any league, turning his back to the ball at the crack of the bat, digging out into deep. (Continued on Page Four)



Newly activated W. and L. lacrosse team in action on the upper field. The Generals beat Penn State 6-5 in this first postwar appearance. Photo by Bill Gregory.

Cinder Team Works To Beat Richmond Here On Saturday

With the Richmond track meet transferred to Lexington Saturday afternoon, Coach Harry Broadbent has been putting his charges through a series of overtime workouts in hopes of taking the dance-weekend event.

Washington and Lee faculty members, presumably reacting to spring weather, have "volunteered" to officiate. The judges for the afternoon will be:

Referee and chairman of games committee—Richard A. Smith. Head Inspector—Dr. Baxter. Head Judge—Frank J. Gilliam. Scorer—Lea Booth.

Clerk of Course—Norman Lord. Field Judge—Mr. A. R. Coleman. Field Judge of Jumps—Cy Twombly.

Starter—George Irwin. Timers—Drs. Dickey, Flick, Hinton. Assistants—Messrs. Read, Meadows.

Weather permitting, Broadbent is expecting his team to make an improved showing over the appearance last week at VPI. At Blacksburg the Generals demonstrated that they need practice by falling before the Techmen by a 108-18 count.

For the 100- and 220-yard dashes, Broadbent will probably depend on Sunderland, Holley, Lamb, and Lufburrow, while George Coyle and Dick Hurxthal will run the 440.

Following the VPI meet, Ray Prater has shifted to the two-mile event to protect a pulled muscle. He will be coupled with Hare.

Milner Hobson and Chandler should show up well among the best Richmond can offer. Dillon will run the 880 alone, since Prater's withdrawal from that trial.

Smith, Lukens, and Towne will handle the throwing events for

the Blue. Holley, Lufburrow, and Croyder are Washington and Lee entries in the broadjump class, while Metzel, Lukens, and Marler will operate on the high jump. Marler will also appear in the pole-vaulting trials.

Following the Richmond meet, the General trackmen will take to the road for the remainder of the season. The schedule:

April 26	West Virginia	away
May 3	Davidson	away
May 10	State Meet	away
May 17	Southern Conference Meet	away

NOTICE
There will be an intramural managers meeting on Monday at 4 p.m. in the gym. Managers should bring a list of labs of men entered in the intramural golf tournament. Intramural track will be the main topic under discussion.

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Tennis Team Receives Setback

Washington and Lee's hopes for a successful tennis season this Spring received two jolts this week when the courtmen fell before the powerful netmen from the University of Virginia Law School, 9-0, for their second straight loss and it was announced earlier this week by W. and L. athletic officials that tennis mentor Fred Perry had suddenly departed from Lexington on a tour with several other tennis luminaries to combat juvenile delinquency.

This tour was conceived only a few weeks ago and its objective is to attract the attention of thousands of the youngsters of America to tennis and other outdoor sports by means of exhibition matches by Perry and his companions. Perry's fellow travelers include Don Budge, Martin Buxby, and Jimmy Bell, a tennis-playing evangelist.

Lectures on sports with an especial emphasis on tennis will be given at the exhibitions by Bell and by this method the travelers hope to help combat juvenile delinquency in America by arousing the interest of American youth in outdoor sports.

Perry is not expected back in Lexington until late in May but he intends to get back before the season ends. This tour is being sponsored and financed by a foundation in Miami and the members of the troupe will receive a fixed salary for their services. All other proceeds from the exhibitions will be used for youth work.

Managers

In addition to the basketball managers named last week by the athletic board of Washington and Lee University, the second made appointments in two other varsity sports.

John Signiaco will head the managerial staff for the swimming team, assisted by F. T. Glasgow. Robert Warfield was selected as senior manager of the wrestling team while W. B. White will assist him as junior manager.

Caldwell (senior manager), Baldwin (junior manager), and Davenport (alternate) will manage the varsity basketball team.

Intramural Softball Starts

High scores—the result of numerous bobbles, erratic pitching, and some heavy clouting—were the fashion as softball made its spring debut on the intramural sports scene April 8.

Tuesday in the final games of the first round the Kappa Siggs edged the SAEs 10-9, the ATOS shakked the ZBT's 9-1, the Phi Kaps dumped the DUs 12-5 and the PIKAs downed the Phi Psis 7-3.

Last week the KAs opened the season by dropping the PEPs 18-15 and they were followed by the highly touted NFU team who barely squeezed by the spirited Sigma Chis 18-17. Both winners saw big early leads gradually whittled down by their opponents before the end of the game. Later in the week the Deltas defeated the Betas 16-13, the Pi Phis forfeited to the Phi Deltas and the Law School set back the Lambdas Chis 6-3.

Generalizing . . . by Don Moxham

Fred Perry has left on his tour for the correction of juvenile delinquency. He will also aid in the Bicentennial drive while on this tour. Many people are asking what good he does if he is always on tour. Well as far as the team itself is concerned, he has given several weeks of expert advice bringing each player's game to a point where practice is the main road to improvement. His name will attract good tennis players here to Lexington even though they cannot be offered any type of aid.



Moxham

As far as the student body is concerned he is responsible for the new surfacing on the top six courts. Those of you who tried to play on that mixture of cinders and concrete last year will really appreciate that achievement. Mr. Perry has also procured

new nets for all twelve courts. These are either up or on the way. He has as his own pet plan the resurfacing of the lower six courts with an all weather surface, the playing conditions of which are the equal of clay. This will probably take place this summer or fall. White Sulphur uses this same surface—if we need to prove its success. The lower courts have already been respaced so that players will not beat their brains out running into the foot brodge. As soon as we get some sustained sunshine—about three days work will put the lower courts into shape.

In a sport with as many honest-to-goodness bums as professional tennis, it is indeed a compliment that such a fine man should do service to Washington and Lee.

Jack Natcher, who gained all-state honors in center field for William and Mary last season is playing for a Washington farm club this Spring. Billy Noe the Virginia basketball speedster is also an outstanding second baseman.

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I-M Briefs

By Walter Frye

At long last, the intramural swimming meet has taken place. This year, there was much less confusion than in former years; events were run off promptly with few forfeits. The Deltas, with such capable performers as Lee Redmond, Dan Ball and John McKelway, qualified two relay teams and six individuals for the finals to stamp themselves as top heavy favorites for the team championship. Phi Deltas loomed as the chief threat to the Deltas, by qualifying both relay teams and four individual swimmers for the playoff races.

Bob Coolidge, PIKA's one-man team, swam an outstanding 220-yard freestyle race in fast time. Bob also did the 100 and the second fastest 50, all in one night.

Results of the first night show that the times in three events, bettered the marks set in 1943. In the 50-yard freestyle, Redmond stopped the clock at 24.8 to knock one second off the 1943 time. Phil O'Connell was five seconds faster than the pre-war breast stroke winner. No data were available on whether these times set new intramural records.

The meet was not without the usual odd happenings. Bob Cornell got off to a beautiful dive, swam like mad for 50 yards, congratulated himself on winning his heat, and suddenly realized that the other men were swimming a 220. Nothing like a brisk warm-up, says Bob.

Kit LeDuc had a great time chatting with the spectators as he laboriously finished his 100-yard "sprint."

The five Silverstein brothers presented W&L's counterpart to the five Duseks of professional wrestling fame.

Oh yes, there were the usual quick change artists—men who anxiously awaited the finish of a heat, so they could borrow a suit. One man calmly walked out clad only in that most essential item of athletic dress. He was quickly

removed from the scene. As Norm Lord would say, "Listen, buddy, ya gotta be in uniform." form."

The intramural department's pet project, a comic swimming and diving show, was cancelled, but some of the diving hopefuls helped to provide some laughs.

On the softball diamond, several thrilling contests have taken place. NFU, previously touted by Bill Chipley as a powerhouse, had a narrow squeak with Sigma Chi. A nine-run explosion in the fifth inning enabled NFU to triumph, 18-17. The Deltas outslugged the Betas, 16-13, in another first-round contest and Law School beat Lambda Chi 6-3 in one of the milder games.

In tennis, three men have already registered two victories apiece: Pete Muhlenberg, Bob Tyson and Arch Alexander. Tyson tore himself away from the literary field long enough to down John Gately, 6-3, 6-3, in what much have been a sensational match.

Many golf enthusiasts are wondering just what sort of tournament will take place on May 1. Norm Lord has enlightened us on this subject, stating that contestants will play in threesomes during the qualifying round. The 16 best golfers will then proceed to tour the links in twosomes, eliminating each other as in any other type of tournament. Harry Harner is reported to be taking special exercises to "strengthen" himself for the coming event.

Every other organization, including the Voice, puts out questionnaires, so the intramural department, not to be outdone, will follow suit. Anyone having criticisms or suggestions, likes or dislikes of the intramural program as it has been conducted this year, is invited to express his opinions. If you would like to see water polo and lacrosse on the intramural schedule next year, state your preferences, and stand back to watch the fun.

Date Lists

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Nancy Bristow, Trig Holiday, Sis Smith, Mrs. J. L. Dow, Flo Leachman, Mary Helen Shawhan, Betty Early, Margaret Shaw, Jinny Page, Ann Hill and Jean Cannon.

Delta Upsilon

Mrs. Allie Lane, Mrs. Jack Forker, Mrs. Jack Normington, Mrs. Mike Hill, Mrs. Jesse Benton, Jean Lamont, Mary Stephens, Wanda Church, Martha Nichols, Anne Fiere, Mary Hunter Johnson, Susan Parker and Anna Belle Caine.

Sigma Chi

Carrie Lee Martin, Mildred Parrish, Julia Holt, Jane Martin, Jane Figgatt, Peggy Harris, Mary Sue Groose, Jeanne Ashby, Barbara Moore, Jo Alice McIlhatten, Eleanor Clark, Mary Williamson, Freda Duncombe, Nancy Blue, Julia Richardson, Marty Curran, Harriet Wolfe, Margaret Mayne, Ann Lawrence, Janet McConnell, Betty Lou Bruton, Mariama Clark, Nancy Carto, Maru Mandeville, Martha Sanders and Kathy Baldwin.

Lambda Chi

Betty Beach, Maude Savage, Mary Lee Gardner, Mary Ann Summers, Pat Menhart, Jane Baggs, Nancy Ellis, Betty Johnston, Nancy Dick, Marjorie Yoder, Betty Hunter, Phyllis Agnor, Jane Kincaid, Tacy Finney, Nancy Dickey and Doris Ranck.

Sigma Nu

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land, Peggy Pennewell, Janet Roop, Helja Steinhouser, Margaret Willinghouse, Inez Putter, Jane Willin, Joan Bagby, Missie Worley, Donna Davis, Jeanie Showell, Dannie Hall, Katherine Kelley, Lester Cobb, Rowena Smith and Elaine Adams.

Phi Epsilon Pi

Gilda Yerman, Debby Waxner, Joan Biel, Roz Sachs, Betty Nachman, Norman Nalanbogen, Judy Kamen, Carol Hutzler, Biddy Fensterwald, Harriet Flax, Dossie Abertin, Margie Fischman and Betty Abrams.

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Anne Dehil, Betty Burroughs, Tay Samford, Donna Wunderlich, Ellen Warner, Jo Anne Splane, Jean Barrett, Steward Bolling, Nancy Magee, Martha Waun, Matilda Martin, Margaret Munnerlyn, and Anita McKnight, Sunny Sumstram, Barbara Harris, Becky James, Christy Armstrong, Eloise Dean, M. A. Ballantine, Nancy Sears, Martha Lee Reams, Phyllis Thorpe, Boots Conyers, Jean Orand, Cherry Perkins, Alice Steele, Sophia Barinowski, Manda Parsley, Barbara Bankhead, Harriet Shaw, Ella Dogsert, Mary Rawlings, Ernie Banker, Janet Johnston and Nell Boushell.

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Kappa Sigma

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Beta Theta Pi

Eleanor Bosworth, Carrie Beard, Ann Norman, Jean Mackay, Ellie Berna, Gloria Martin, Marie Schief, Carey Harris, Carmelita Brewster, Page Richardson, Patty Head, Shirley Carter, Jane Wade, Mary Johnston, Betty Banks, Barbara Martin, June Hillock, Caroline Miller, Sara Jo Saxeby, Betty Stevens, Jeanette Stephenson, Betty Wellford, Kitty Bruce, Nancy Wilson, Gwen Lawler, Ellen Renquist, Barbara Austin.

Alpha Tau Omega

Peggy Tolley, Jane Mossbacher, Bev Evans, Bruce Calloway and Pat Schuber.

Spring Dances

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had obtained two bands which play music "that students can dance to." Pastor's renditions of "Brother Bill," "Paradiddle Joe," and "Let's Do It Again" prove his ability to play fast numbers, but his long-period engagements in such sedate settings as the Lin-

coln Hotel in New York, the Frolch Club in Miami, and the Roosevelt Hotel in Washington prove he "pleases the sophisticates," said Zinovoy.

Besides the three main events on the weekend schedules, various campus groups have planned official, unofficial, formal and informal, and open and closed parties to fill in vacant hours between dance times.

Sideline partying got off to an early start this afternoon. Making its yearly effort, Pi Alpha Nu gave a cocktail party at the Dutch Inn from 24 to 6, and PiKA held open house from 4:30 until 6. Tonight's dance festivities will be preceded by the Cotillion Club cocktail party in the Mayflower's Pine Room from 8 to 10.

Tomorrow afternoon the Pine Room will again see service when ATO puts on an open house cocktail party from 2 until 4.

In estimating the attendance at the dances at close to 1000, Schuber said that although advance ticket sales "didn't quite measure up to what we expected," he is counting on door sales to carry the set over the top financially.

Schuber also pointed out that car traffic regulations will be the same as for Fancy Dress, but maintained that no rulings will be in effect inside the gym regarding what stairways couples have to use. "Either the north or south stairways can be used to go up or down," he declared.

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Baseball

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center, turning around at the end of his run, and making the catch. John Dillon, one of Art Lewis' quarterbacks, has been a mainstay in left field, and his hitting is constantly improving. John's single against Michigan set up the Generals' only earned run of the contest.

Still on the sidelines waiting to see action on Wilson Field, are Ed Tenney, smooth-fielding and hard-hitting infielder, pitchers Bill White, Walt Frye, Bill Kallam, and Turk Wheatler, outfielders Riker and Brower, catcher Eddie Thomas. Thomas did not hit too well in the early part of the season, but unless Brian Bell's stickwork improves, some observers believe Eddie may be back in at first soon. Possibly, all of these ball players will see action at home before too long.

At any rate, with good weather, the Big Blue should start to turn in a victory string that will make up for early season reverses, and boost the team into the top of the Big Six.

Intramural Standings

Here are the latest intramural standings, including all points gained and lost in the swimming meet.

1. Dels	277
2. NFU	248½
3. Beta	206
4. Phi Delt	193
5. SAE	129
6. Phi Psi	104
6. PiKa	104
9. Phi Gam	79
10. Sigma Chi	76
11. ZBT	70
12. Sigma Nu	55
13. PEP	46
14. Phi Kap Sig	43
15. Law	36
16. Pi Phi	25
17. Kap Sig	24
18. DU	19
19. Lam Chi	16½
20. ATO	12

Registration

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the prospective sophomores, juniors, or seniors in the academic or commerce schools.

Dean Desha stated that those who fail to register under the new plan because of illness or special problems will have to appear before the Registration Committee in early May in order to complete their registration. Dean Desha also warned that those students who fail to register this spring will be assumed to have withdrawn from the University at the end of the current semester.

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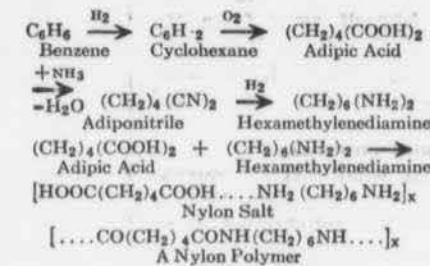
Last month in this space the development of nylon was traced from a fundamental research study on linear polymers to the first synthetic organic fibers, the superpolyamides. This installment deals with the complex manufacturing research problems that followed.

From the start there were obstacles to the production on a commercial scale of the "66" polymer—so named because the adipic acid and hexamethylenediamine from which it is made have six carbon atoms each.

Although adipic acid was being produced in Germany, it was necessary to develop a new process to meet conditions at Du Pont's Belle, W. Va., plant, where, because of the catalytic technique involved, it was decided to make this intermediate. Hexamethylenediamine was only a laboratory curiosity, and a process for its commercial production had likewise to be worked out. Fortunately it was found that the diamine could be made from adipic acid by new catalytic processes. The results of these investigations may be summarized as follows:



Studying the distillation of new intermediates for condensation polymers: T. J. Dickerson, B. S. Mechanical Engineering, Virginia '43 and E. E. Magot, Ph.D. Organic Chemistry, M.I.T. '45.



Carrying out experimental autoclave polymerizations of condensation polymers. J. H. Blomquist, Ph.D. Chemistry, Ohio State University '41; O. A. Bredeson, Ph.D. Chemistry, M. I. T. '41; J. E. Waltz, Ph.D. Chemistry, University of Indiana '41.

The synthesis of intermediates was only part of the problem. Nylon polymer was an entirely new material with properties different from any previous synthetic product. It provided the first example of spinning fiber from a molten polymer (m.p. 263°C) and required entirely different techniques from rayon spinning. Information was acquired only by painstaking experimentation at each step.

Manufacturing Process Outlined

The process as finally developed for the manufacture of nylon and its fabrication into yarn may be briefly outlined as follows:

Nylon salt is heated in an autoclave with addition of stabilizers to control

molecular weight and viscosity. A long-chain linear polymer is formed with a molecular weight of 10,000 or higher.

The melt is converted to solid chips that are later re-melted and extruded through a spinneret to form filaments at a speed of 2,500 feet a minute. The filaments are then drawn out to about four times their original length in order to develop the desired textile qualities characteristic of nylon.

These operations sound simple enough, but some of the problems encountered were extraordinarily difficult. For example, a specially designed grid for melting the polymer was necessary because of the poor thermal conductivity of the polymer; pumps had to operate at 285°C with only polymer as a lubricant; special abrasion-resistant steels that did not soften or warp at 285°C were necessary; the spinning assembling required radically new engineering developments to produce the necessary fiber qualities.

All of these chemical, physical and mechanical engineering problems had to be solved and dove-tailed into a unified process before manufacture of nylon could be undertaken. In all, about 230 technical men and eight manufacturing and staff departments share the credit for making nylon the important part of American life it is today.

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