

## American League Team Takes First I-M All-Star Game; Nats Lose 11-6

### Miller, Tenney and Haley Pitch Win

By DON MURRAY

The first All Star Softball game in Washington and Lee's intramural history is a matter of record. When National League second baseman Walt Frye slid into the last out at the keystone sack in the seventh inning of Monday's contest another chapter in the annals of W. and L. intramural athletics closed.

Two teams composed of the best ball players in the Summer American and National Leagues had put on an enjoyable show for a little over an hour, and the American League representatives had won, 11 to 6.

The breaks, it would seem, were with the Americans. The most disastrous event of the afternoon came when National League outfielder Bruce King, slipped and fell while chasing Reid's long fly, an ordinarily easy out. The ball sped on into left field, giving Reid a tainted home run. Equally unfortunate for the Nationals was

Dick Working's hurried throw which hit Paul Cavaliere in the back, after the latter had bunted in an attempted sacrifice in the fourth. Cavaliere continued all the way to third on the play, and another questionable run scored.

Oddly enough, Ed Tenney, Phi Delt twirler, and the second AL pitcher of the afternoon, gave up six hits, more than any other moundman in the game, and three runs, but received credit for the win. Ray Prater, Kappa Sigma, was the losing pitcher.

#### First Inning

National Booker walked. Working walked. Rush popped out to Reid. Coulter popped to Rhea. Booker and Working advanced on Miller's wild pitch. Brown took a third strike. No runs, no hits, no errors.

American Rhea was hit by a pitched ball. Cavaliere popped to Working. Rhea took second on a wild pitch by McRee. Holley singled to center, scoring Rhea. Holley went to second as McKel-

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## 17 W&L Law Students Pass Virginia State Bar Exam; 110 Others

Seventeen Washington and Lee Law students became full-fledged members of the Virginia bar this week when the state Board of Bar Examiners announced their successful completion of required tests.

The new lawyers are: Joseph Earl Blackburn, South Charleston, W. V.; Thomas Ryland Dodson, Ringgold, Va.; E. Waller Dudley, Alexandria; Thomas Olin Fleming, Yorktown; Allie Lane, Lakeland, Fla.; Carroll Thomas Lay, Charleston, W. Va.; Joseph Aubrey Matthews, Brodnax, Va.; Robert O. McDonald, Lexington; William Francis Moffett, Washington, Va.; Thomas William Sommer, Mason County, W. Va.; Richard Buckner Spindle, III, Norfolk; Roscoe Bolar Stephenson, Jr., Covington; Julius Boyd Stombeck, Waynesboro; Clark Walter Toole, Jr., Jacksonville, Fla.; and McRae Werth, Lexington.

Part of a group of 188 hopefuls who took the exams in June, the local contingent had been sweating out the results until notified last weekend. A complete list of men passing the exams was published in the Sunday Times-Dispatch.

# Final Examination Schedule Is Changed by University; Effective This Semester

## Tuesday, Sept. 2, Is Set for 'B' Hour Examination Period

Adoption of a new summer examination schedule calling for "B" block finals to be held on Tuesday afternoon and "A" and "C" blocks on Wednesday, September 2 and 3, was announced jointly Wednesday afternoon by University Dean L. J. Desha and Acting Student Body President Hanes Lancaster.

The new ruling was adopted after a Faculty Executive Committee recommendation was sent to the student EC for approval. The system will move the "B" hour examinations up one day from 9:30 Wednesday morning, as originally called for, to Tuesday afternoon. The "A" and "C" block examination periods will remain the same. The first will come at 8 a. m. and the second at 11.

This will give students an hour and a half break between final examinations even if they have a split "A" and "C" schedule.

At the same time Dean Desha announced that all laboratories listed for September 2 afternoon have been cancelled.

Acting on the suggestion voiced by many student body leaders, the Faculty Executive Committee voted Tuesday morning to change the existing ruling, but since the change necessitated cancelling Tuesday afternoon labs, the administration group sent the suggestion to the student EC for final approval, and analysis of student opinion before officially making the change.

The new schedule was approved at a special EC meeting at 5 p. m. Tuesday afternoon. At the same meeting Lancaster announced the appointment of Sam Craddock, NFU Law student, to the post of head cheerleader to fill the post left vacant when Bob Bertini sent word he will not return to W. and L. this fall.

Lancaster also announced that Oliver Ried, another NFU, has been named to the Floor Committee for dances here.

In explaining the exam change, Dean Desha stated, "the Committee considered but decided not to suggest that the examination for B block be given Wednesday afternoon, since it was believed that some students who would be affected had probably arranged already to leave Lexington immediately after 12:30 on September 3."

In a notice posted on campus bulletin board Dean Desha added, "the change was made following a suggestion for an interval between examinations expressed in an editorial in *The Ring-tum Phi*." The Tuesday afternoon classes will start at 3:30 p. m. and last until 5, the announcement read.

## Phi Alpha Delta Meeting Features Talk by Murphy

James Murphy, intermediate lawyer and a member of the Washington and Lee Law Review, told fellow members of Phi Alpha Delta that "all defamation over the radio should be classified as libel" at the legal fraternity's regular meeting last Monday night.

Murphy discussed in detail the case of Hartman v. Water Winchell, which was finally decided by the United States Supreme Court. In the case in point it was pointed out that if the defamation was libelous, it was actionable per se whereas if slander only had been committed, then damages must be shown for action.

The present majority view is that if defamation is broadcast from a script it is libelous, if extemporaneous it is slanderous. Murphy took issue with this holding, saying that listeners made no such distinction.

## SDX To Hold Summer Meet This Month

A meeting of Sigma Delta Chi, honorary journalism fraternity, will be called in the immediate future, Fred Holley, vice-president of the organization, announced late yesterday.

Sigma Delta Chi, inactive during the summer session, will meet soon, Holley said, in order to formulate tentative plans for the execution of their fall program.

The honorary journalism fraternity, which last spring assisted Mr. Riegel and the journalism department during the 18th annual conference of the Southern Inter-scholastic Press Association, will be host for the Sigma Delta Chi national convention in Washington on Nov. 12 to 16.

Holley said that the forthcoming meeting was suggested by George Stott, secretary of the fraternity, who has received several letters from other college chapters of SDX pertaining to the annual convention in Washington.

"I'd like an opinion from the group on the topics to be discussed at the convention this fall," Stott told reporters.

"I have several suggestions from other non-professional chapters, and I would like to know how the members of the Washington and Lee Chapter feel about presenting these topics for discussion," he added.

In the absence of chapter president Bernie Kaplan, who will assume office in September, Holley said that the agreements made at the meeting would be confederal.

The arrangements made by the group this summer will be presented to the fraternity at its first meeting this fall for acceptance at that time.

Notice as to the exact date, time and place of the meeting will be posted on the university bulletin boards, Holley said. Since there are a few members of SDX here this summer, post cards may also be sent to them.

Sigma Delta Chi's theatrical attempt, "The Varsity Show of 1947," was abandoned late last spring because of insufficient support and co-operation of the cast.

When asked whether or not SDX would try another show this year, Holley said he did not know. "There has been some talk of it, but I don't know how far it will get."

## VA Conducts Campus-Wide Gripe Confab

Taking its cue from long-established Army procedure the United States Veterans Administration has launched a series of "gripe sessions" in order to thrash out the vast array of complaints voiced by veterans throughout the nation.

The first of such sessions to be held here at W. and L. took place last week when Col. Chrisman, Chief of Education and Training in Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and the District of Columbia and several helpers were on hand last Thursday afternoon to hear gripes of W. and L. students.

Accompanying Col. Chrisman were Colonel Trolan, Assistant Manager of the VA Roanoke regional office and three assistants.

Whiting said this week that the 50-60 students who came to see the officials could be assured that their complaints had reached the real "higher-ups" in the organization.

The VA administrators interviewed all students individually and took notes on cases. In some instances replies were given on the spot, but others were permitted to be in the mail by last Saturday. Whiting said all inquirers should have received answers before the end of this week.

He reiterated that the delay in subsistence checks is due to restyling of the finance department in Roanoke. In the future checks will be sent out by C numbers instead of by serial numbers or alphabetically as has been the case in the past.

## Ticket Sales For 2nd Dance Get Good Start

Ticket sales for the August Dance—second summer W. and L. hop—are going better than sales for the first one Ralph Davis, Dance Board member said this morning.

The tickets, which went on sale Wednesday morning through IFC agents in each house, cost \$1.75 during the advance drive which will last until August 13. Gate price will be \$2.25.

The second summer dance, expected to be a bigger success socially as well as financially, is to be a more elaborate affair than the first soiree.

Bev Fitzpatrick, summer dance director for this year's affair as well as past head of summer dances last year, explained that the advance in ticket price over the July informal is due to the higher cost of the better Vagabond orchestra.

Last year's summer students will remember the resounding approval with which the Vagabond's met during their only previous engagement here.

Fitzpatrick said the Board had decided upon a more costly affair to wind up the summer season because of the marked rise in ticket sales which last summer's second dance evoked. He asserted that the Lynchburg aggregation was chosen for next week's affair after a debate as to whether there should be a new combination brought in. The board felt that the past success of the Vagabond's will insure a profitable dance to mark the close of summer festivities.

A quick check of local hotels showed no room shortage, and

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## Bicentennial Drive Shifts into High As '49 Approaches

The Bicentennial office of the University is distributing new pamphlets and is greatly expanding its organization, according to Colonel Milton B. Rogers, executive director of the campaign.

This week the Bicentennial Office distributed a new pamphlet on the Memorial Scholarship Plan. This booklet bears the title, "We Shall Honor Them." It was sent to all alumni, parents of veteran-alumni, parents of students enrolled as of March 1, 1947, and a group of friends who have shown interest in the University. The amount mailed was approximately 15,000.

The Bicentennial Office is constantly seeking to enlarge its mailing list and will welcome the names of any persons who might be interested in the Scholarship Plan or any other phase of the Bicentennial Campaign.

#### Bicentennial Booklet

In September, the Bicentennial Office will distribute a booklet which is designated as the "Major Pamphlet." The booklet will present Washington and Lee, its history, and its plans for the future, both by the printed word and by pictures. It is thought that this pamphlet will be a very fine work and will be of great interest to every person who has the slightest connection with W. and L.

Also, for the past six months the Bicentennial Office has been enrolling alumni to serve as chairmen of Bicentennial Fund-Raising Committees all over the United States. It has been the aim of this enrollment to enlist a chairman in every locality where there is a concentration of ten or more alumni.

Great progress has been made in this drive and as of this date there are 103 areas being organized by 126 chairmen and co-chairmen. These men will direct the workers who will personally carry the campaign to the alumni, parents, and friends of the University.

## Lauck Named as Judge Of Newspaper Contest By Oklahoma Group

C. Harold Lauck, director of the Journalism Laboratory Press of Washington and Lee University, has been named by the Oklahoma Press Association as one of the judges in their annual newspaper contests.

Lauck will criticize the presswork, typography and makeup of entries in the daily newspaper field, published during the past year, ending June 15, in cities of less than 7,000 population.

Prizes and awards are to be given on Press Day at the Oklahoma State Fair and Exposition on September 26, 1947.

## New IOU System for Dance Sets Provides Controversy on Campus

By STAN KAMEN

Sharp disagreement exists regarding the possible success or failure of the recently announced "Dance Set Budget Plan," a Ring-tum Phi campus poll indicated this week.

The somewhat revolutionary idea, made public by the Dance Board last week, provides that approximately six weeks prior to dance sets all students will be asked to say definitely whether or not they will buy tickets during the advance sale.

Forms provided for this purpose will, when signed, constitute a pledge which must be honored. All I.O.U.'s will be irrevocable.

After the collection of the signed pledges the dance board will add up the total amount pledged and set the dance budget in accordance with this amount. The size, quality and name of the band contracted will be determined by student response to the advance drive.

Dance Board spokesmen feel certain that it will thus be impossible to incur a deficit because the budget limits will be defined to the last cent.

Students in favor of the plan all felt that the budget would prevent losses and would assure the dance board of covering all expenses.

"The dances are student body affairs and the expenses incurred, the size, and quality of each dance set should be predetermined by the students so as to avoid deficits," said a supporter

who wholeheartedly favored the plan announced by Ralph Davis, dance board chairman, last week.

The pet grievance of opponents of the plan was the irrevocable pledge which it was felt was too harsh and would result in less pledges being signed.

"Many students do not know six weeks in advance whether or not they will be able to attend a dance".... "Suppose a man becomes ill".... "Will six weeks be enough time in which to arrange for a name band if the drive is a success?".... "It will be more difficult to obtain pledges when students do not know who the band is that will provide the music." These were the main sentiments of the students who believe that irrevocability will cause hesitancy.

A suggestion was offered that the dance board set up a "reviewing committee" to hear students' reasons for wishing to break the pledge; this would make the pledge less stringent. If a man had a good, legitimate reason he could be allowed a refund or a waiver.

All men who were approached agreed that something should and must be done to avoid future deficits, but no one could offer any concrete suggestions as to just how this might be done.

Many of the married students queried thought that there should be more informal dances. They pointed out that the expenses of large scale formals often were prohibited to married couples especially those with children.

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### Lynch Family

The wife and children of Carlyle Lynch, Jr., former assistant professor of Engineering here, narrowly escaped serious injury when their home in Harrisonburg was rocked by last Tuesday's tragic beauty shop explosion. Ten persons were killed by the blast.

Mrs. Lynch had just entered the house, which was next door to the shop, with a two-month-old baby in her arms when the terrific explosion occurred. Neither she nor the child were injured.

Her two sons, Carlyle, III, and Houston, were in the kitchen and both were slightly injured. Carlyle suffered minor cuts from flying glass and Houston a broken arm. According to the Rockbridge County News neither boys were injured seriously.

Mr. Lynch was at work when the explosion took place. There were considerable losses of china-ware and wood work and damage to the house was so extensive that the family had to vacate it temporarily.

The Lynch's had only been living in Harrisonburg a short time.

Mr. Lynch resigned here in June to go into private business.

### Troubs Postpone

Another cancellation of the planned Troubadour summer play, this one "Whistling In The Dark," was announced Tuesday morning by Troub President James F. Brewster.

In cancelling the play Brewster explained that tryouts held last Friday night and again Monday at the Troub theatre had produced no candidates for the role of "Toby" female lead in the scheduled play.

Brewster asserted that "Whistling In The Dark" will probably be produced as the first effort next fall.

### Fall Graduation

No formal commencement ceremonies will be held for the 37 seniors graduating from Academic and Commerce Schools, September 4, Acting Dean of Students R. N. Latture announced Tuesday afternoon.

The decision was made after

all but two members of the graduating class expressed a desire for no formal ceremonies.

Latture said, however, that informal exercises will be held in President Gaines' office at 9:30 Thursday morning, Sept. 4 for those graduates who wish to receive their diplomas at that time.

He added that since there is a possibility that Herbert Fitzpatrick, Board of Trustees Rector, will not have signed the diplomas by that time, the informal presentation may be postponed.

### Faculty Changes

Eight faculty members have left the campus for vacations after having completed the first summer semester of the summer session, University Registrar Magruder Drake announced this week.

All holidays were granted as requested by the faculty and agreements, Drake said, and only one teacher, Bev Read, of the English Department, will not return.

Mr. Read's resignation, tendered to the administration some

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## Pledged Dances?

Last week The Ring-tum Phi carried a story about a "revolutionary" new dance plan that is designed to make financial losses at Washington and Lee's four main dance sets well nigh an impossibility. The plan was devised by the Dance Board after it became apparent to them that, in view of the way their bank account stood, another loss could not be afforded.

The plan evolved by the Board requires students to pledge six weeks in advance, without knowing the name of the band, whether they are going to attend the particular Dance Set in question. The pledges, in the form of IOU's will be irrevocable, as the plan now stands, and will compel students signing to pay the price of admission to the Dance whether they go or not.

It seems to us there is just one little fault in this otherwise fool-proof scheme. That is, it will cut the quality of future W. and L. dances by about 50 per cent.

It is very true that there will be no loss incurred under the new plan; in fact it would not be very surprising if no dance took place at all. Not many students will be over-anxious to sign their names to a pledge requiring them to attend a dance when they don't know the name of the band, or more probably don't even know the name of the date they'll get.

It's fine for the Dance Board to sit back and make little rulings and foolproof schemes, but it seems to us a question of whether Washington and Lee Dance Sets are going to be mediocre or whether they will be continued on the same scale as in the past. If the proposed system of putting on Dances is adhered to we can look forward to very mediocre dances.

For what it is worth, Gentlemen of the Dance Board, here are a few suggestions that might help put on a better and a more financially successful dance set.

- (1) Take an informal poll eight weeks in advance asking the student body whether they plan to come to the Dance if such-and-such a type or class of band is obtained.
- (2) Multiply the affirmative answers by 10 per cent.
- (3) Using this figure obtained from the above two steps contract immediately for a band that will fit the amount of money tentatively shown to be available.
- (4) Announce immediately upon completion of negotiations the name of the band. Further, make arrangements with fraternities for the various parties that will take place. An-

nounce these to the Student Body as soon as possible.

(5) Draft members of the Dance Board and Cotillion Club and hire students at nominal fees to decorate the gymnasium.

(6) Get all publicity data for the band chosen into print as soon as possible. Don't wait for the right psychological moment to make announcements.

Maybe these suggestions are far-fetched. Maybe they've been tried and found unsatisfactory. But if they haven't, we think they should be tried before anything so drastic as Pledged Dances at Washington and Lee are resorted to.

In closing, Gentlemen, please remember, it takes a lot of arranging to get a date to come several hundred miles for one of our dances. The sooner the details of the dance are published the easier it is to make the arrangements.

But please, let's keep the calibre of our dances as high as possible.—L.S.

## Co-operative Buying

By now Ring-tum Phi editorial readers are probably good and fed up at seeing articles written about the old-new co-operative buying plan that Student Services Director Tom Wilson has turned over to the Inter-fraternity Council for study. However, it seems to us that enough stress just can't be put on a subject as worthy of consideration as this.

Roughly, here is the background of the scheme:

A centralized order-placing system for buying all fraternity grocery needs would be set up; fraternities would order en masse through a central office. As it now stands there will be no need for a warehouse—simply order through the group instead of individually.

On the surface, the IFC, through its members, has given the plan almost unqualified support, and on the basis of this, the proposed system has been brought to the attention of the administration.

But, due to Washington Hall lobbying, mainly by a few housemothers, the school has received the idea that the plan doesn't have the unqualified backing necessary to make the plan work. As far as we can ascertain, this is not the case at all.

Every fraternity house manager, and other fraternity representatives that we have talked to has voiced his complete approval of such a plan, but the housemothers, for various reasons, are hesitant to see the plan go through.

Why are they hesitant? There are several reasons. Some housemothers fear it will mean a standardization of diet for their boys. Others fear it will prevent them from serving the best quality of food in their houses. These two objections are based on sheer misinformation. Food can be bought in any quantity and in any quality and by whatever brand the individual housemother chooses. Furthermore, there will be just as wide, if not a wider, choice of articles.

These facts, then, should quell the fears of any housemother who is legitimately concerned with the welfare of the boys she is buying for.

We think this is all that need be said. If the parties concerned in the Administration wish further facts on this situation, these facts are available for their private use.

There is no attempt at underhandedness in this editorial, but we feel that a very meritorious plan stands in jeopardy merely because of a few individuals.

Let's adopt the Co-operative Buying Plan.—L.S.

## Campus Comment . . . . . By Leigh Smith

**Sounds in the Night:** Open—one Phi Kap house basement door. Exit one young female, running. Time lapse forty five seconds. Open—one Phi Kap house basement door. Exit—Warren Merrin, running and shouting.

Andy McCulloch playing chauffer for the Glenn and Muriel Chaffer 2nd anniversary tour Saturday night. The tour started in the Corner Store and ended at said couple's apartment six hours later. Picked up along the way—one Beta (would be) postgraduate, two Phi Gam wanderers, one SDX Secretary, one automobile, one (would-be) columnist, one date.

**Social Notes from All Over:** One of the faculty members tells us there are two lovely girls with cars now quartered at the Dutch Inn. From somewhere in Kentucky, we understand. If Lin King and Gene Marable haven't already got the situation sewed up, some hearty soul might try calling and asking for Betty. It doesn't always work, but then, this isn't supposed to be a date bureau.

**Sounds in the Daytime:** (Or why they shouldn't stop selling beer on Sundays.) Coming from that great mecca of student activity, Doc's. Bill Barton playing the "Swing" on six or seven bottles of aforementioned stuff in various stages of consumption. He did right well, too. Gay, carefree college days. Also seen from some vantage point. Eloise Knox leaving for the Delta Shelta with Nate Adams (Mary Blanche was "feeling ill") and returning fifty five minutes (or three and one quarter refreshers) later, on the arm of Roy Fahl. But evidently it was only a temporary falling out 'cause Eloise is wearing Nate's pin.

Gene Burcham out at the DU house Saturday night telling Mary Sue Grosso what a swell fellow her date was, and leaving his own to her own (or Dave Douglas's) devices. Smooth.

Lou Shroyer entering the Beta lounge last Thursday night, shaking his head sadly at the sounds being produced and remarking, "I must be cracking up. Lost two whole days somewhere. Thought sure it was Saturday night." He was directing the remarks at sounds made by Bullet Bower, Al Spearman, Bill Stobbs, and Mike "The Iselin Tornado" Boyda accompanied by four girls from Paterson, N. J., who were driving through the south and liked it here so well they stayed for a week.

That Thursday afternoon downpour didn't only produce a lot of wet hides. An awful lot of boys found out they could only study in the library that night. Seems something happened to the electricies up there and they didn't get fixed until morning. One farmer was heard to comment (as they always do when it rains) "We shore needed that. Get a mighty big corn crop now, might squeeze out 25 gallons."

**Falstaff Openshaw Department.** Speaking of corn, Wilde (That's not spots on your sugar grandme, you dropped your dice in the tea) and Frye, the guy who fills space in this sheet a couple of columns to the right, were feeling very happy at the Phi Psilo Sat. p.m. and Sun. a.m. Also acting the perfect housemamma and and house pappy parts were Les and Jo Dow. Both of whom were very hospitable last time we had the opportunity to use it up at that College called Un. of Maryland (or the Voice of the Terrapin.)

**Incidental Intelligence:** Seems we've been overlooking the activities of one self appointed life guard at the famous Doremus Gym swimming pool. The man in reference, who claims to be the

Bobby Soxer's hero is Julian Frank, of bridgeplaying with Iris, and talking back to Hinton fame. Ask any girl under fifteen, who her secret hero is.

It also seems that poker is here to stay. According to our pipeline big games were going on in the (1) SAE house where Kent Truslow was looking over the shoulder of Lexington's only big-city three times a week sports-column writer, trying to pick up a few pointers; (2) the Phi Delt house where Charlie Ale and Fielder Cook, (correct) were vying for highest starights, and (3) the Stigma Chi house, where it turned into something bigger and better later.

With Markoe and Gonzales in Raleigh and points east for the weekend, we neglected to cover the party at Toto Sages, but reports reaching here affirm the fact that the two illustrious characters weren't even missed. That budget item, recreation, must really taking a beating. Speaking of Markoe and Gonzales, of Nickle Plated Beer Cap Award Fame, it is said the two hired a bus complete with change maker and driver's cap and six cases of beer, to make the long trek from

here to N.C.

The KA house was temporarily out of circulation last weekend. Jim Gardner's activities were confined to looking around the rest of the campus to see how the other half thrives since the lounge was being remodelled.

**Spinterville Division:** (more dope on the Sage Party Department.) It seems that the famous Bridge-Ber-and Poker team of Cancelmo, Harter and Judge Allen lent a little action to the goings on out there. They were ably assisted by Lou Hahn and Coach Cavalier. Cancelmo, Harter and Allen had a triple return match with three women wrestlers. Didn't get a full report but we understand the trio is trying to get back down into the unlimited class. All went to Buffalo Creek, but Cosmo fainted.

Were quite surprised to see Frank (Joe) Barton and Fred (Senator) Hollyday reading back copies of The Congressional Record in the Beta Lounge. Understand that Davidson collects them all after the intellectuals finish and bombards parties that argue about the Russian situation under his porch at two in the morning.

## OUT ON A LIMB

By JEROME GREENBERG

The scene is Room 1497 of the Student Union Building, where a special sub-committee of the Executive Committee's Special Investigating Committee is conducting hearings in regard to devious expenditures connected with recent dance week-ends.

It is charged that the Publicity Agent of the well-known dance band leader, Lawrence Elliot, gave fabulous parties to various well-known wheels on campus, plying them with endless quantities of a beverage known as "beano," and importing ravishing beauties from as far as Randolph-Macon and Sweet Briar, in order to influence the said wheels into signing contracts for engagements here at Washington and Lee.

The members of the committee are now grilling one B. T. Owens, who is said to have changed the plans of the Board of Dance Directors at the last moment, because of his high position on campus—and because of "beano" and pulchritude.

**Q.** What is your name, please?  
**A. B. T. Owens, but most people just call me BTO.**

**Q.** What is your status on the Washington and Lee campus, and more specifically, what relationship do you have to the Board of Dance Directors?

**A. I hold no position—I'm merely a "behind-the-scenes" man who wields great influence on the members of the Board.**

**Q.** Is it not true that on the night of January 13, 1947 you were entertained royally at the "La Varsityque" night club in Lexington, Virginia? And is it not further true that the entire bill at this plushy club was paid for by the agent of the Lawrence Elliot orchestra?

**A. Sir, if I may enlighten you a little... I am BTO, and I never have to pay any checks when I go out.**

**Q.** Mr. Chairman, you will please ask the witness to confine his answers to the questions asked him. Answer the question, please.

**A. Yes, sir. To both questions.**

**Q.** Ah, now tell me BTO, who else was present that evening at the "La Varsityque"?

**A. BTO, Jr., and BTO III, two of my proteges, as well as three girls who were friends of Lawrence Elliot's agent.**

**Q.** What were they doing there—were you not discussing the possibility of a contract for Lawrence Elliot's orchestra to play for the 15th Annual Gabardine Ball?

**A. The girls were friends of the agent from Peoria, and were going to school at some of the neighboring colleges. Yes, we did discuss the possibility of hiring his band.**

**Q.** What did you expect to get out of the signing of such a contract.

**A. Nothing.**  
**Q.** Not even some little minor promises, BTO?

**A. Well, sir, the agent did say that I would be privileged to make various announcements that had to be made at the dance—and I was also to be second in the Heart or Pansies Figure, as well as a member of the Keeping the Floor in Order Committee.**

**Q.** And yet you say that you were not influenced by any of the agent's tricks?

**Sir, I feel this is a slam to all my friends on campus. It is an attempt by vicious, progressive and honest groups to undermine everything people like myself are trying to do for the school. I resent highly any intimation at fraud or high pressure salesmanship, and I intend to see that none of those connected with this investigation are in office again next year.**

(The committee then adjourns, in an air of excitement and distress. Reporters from various campus publications rush to the nearest phones to make the last editions. BTO, BTO Jr. and BTO III stalk out of the committee room followed by hoards of faithful friends, and photographers from certain near-by women's colleges.)

## Campus Activities Roundup

(Continued from page one) months ago, became effective at the close of the semester. He resigned to reenlist in the United States Army.

The seven other faculty members who will take the rest of the summer off are:

A. R. Coleman, Accounting; B. S. Ford, English; E. C. Griffith, Economics; T. E. Lothery, Mathematics; J. S. Moffett, English; C. W. Turner, History; and J. H. Williams, Political Science.

Replacing the vacationing group are:

E. H. Howard, Accounting; B. B. Holder, Economics; Ashley Brown, English; A. W. Moger, History; W. W. Morton, Philosophy; Fitzgerald Flournoy, English; and W. D. Hunter, Mathematics.

### Alumni Meeting

Meetings of Washington and Lee alumni were held in Cumberland and Hagerstown, Md., on July 30 and 31, respectively, ac-

cording to alumni secretary Cy Young.

Dr. Gaines was the principal speaker at both meetings and outlined to the alumni groups the important features of the Bicentennial program, designed to raise a three million dollar fund by 1949.

### Fire Prevention

The study of fire hazards in the pre-fabs and methods for prevention of future fires is being continued. Henry Ravenhorst, W. and L. housing administrator said late this week.

Brought sharply into the fore by the near-catastrophe at Hillside Terrace several weeks ago, the inadequacies of the fire protection being provided the married occupants has been under investigation ever since.

Ravenhorst said there was nothing definite to be announced regarding the progress of the survey this week but he hoped to have some definite information in the near future.

## Corn Keg Capsized Campus Cornerstone Ceremony When Robinson Hall Became Part of School in 1824

By DALE JOHNSON

In the late afternoon of a spring day one hundred and twenty-three year ago, the campus in front of what is now Washington Hall was very, very quiet and strewn with many human bodies, all in a peaceful state of undisturbed repose. The sod, on which the tired bodies were laying, was damp with Rye whiskey, fifteen years old.

The story begins in County Armagh, Northern Ireland, in 1754, where one John Robinson was born. Robinson came to the American colonies as a boy, without money or relations, finding his way to Lexington in 1770 when he was sixteen years old. Befriended by a local landowner of some wealth, Robinson settled in this community, and after working diligently, he finally accumulated enough cash to purchase a broken down horse. Beginning his busi-

ness career with this humble piece of property, he ultimately became one of the richest of the landed gentry in this community. In his will he left his entire fortune to Washington College.

Robinson had made many contributions to the College during his life, and in 1821 it was decided to add another hall to the college group. John Robinson agreed to pay for a big portion of this new center building, and for this reason, the Board of Trustees granted him permission to plan and conduct the ceremony of laying the cornerstone, which was to take place in the Spring of 1824.

Word was spread over the surrounding countryside telling of the ceremony which was to be held, and when the day arrived, Lexington was buzzing with droves of curious countrymen who had driven their wagons, buggies, and

carts into the village to witness the laying of the cornerstone. The hoarde congregated before the building site.

Soon John Robinson appeared on the scene, closely followed by a horse pulling a cart, upon which was a barrel. All was silent as the faculty and trustees watched Robinson direct the barrel to be removed from the cart. When the barrel was on the ground, Robinson ordered it opened. The countrymen stretched their necks to see. The faculty cleared its collective throat, and the trustees waited.

When the barrel top slid off, the air was laden with the essence of forty gallons of the finest Rye whiskey ever before heard of in Rockbridge County, for, in his leisure time, John Robinson had acquired the art of distilling fine liquors. (Continued on page 4)

# Generalizing . . . American Stars Stop Nationals

By Walt Frye

Generally speaking, it looks as though the Boston Red Sox were right on the beam when they offered that \$35,000 bonus to Chuck Stobbs, brother of W. and L.'s Bill Stobbs. The young pitcher affixed his name to a contract, was sent up to Lynn, Mass., to twirl for that club in the New England League.

At the present time, Stobbs is standing the batsmen on their collective heads. Recently he blanked the opposition for 20 consecutive innings and has racked up five straight wins for his league—leading team.

Down in cotton pickin' land, there is quite a controversy raging over the recent intention of the Alabama senate to "force" Alabama and Auburn to play a football game each year in order to receive state funds annually granted these two schools.

It seems that the two schools used to meet each other on the gridiron, but in 1907, the students had a big fight after the game; one which probably paralleled the melees following W. and L.-VMI tussels. Anyway, athletic relations were promptly and abruptly severed and have never been resumed. The state, in an army-like dictum, now says, you will play football if you want to receive the donations we give you every year.

It appears that nowadays, the best and quickest way to make money is to be an outstanding athlete, Charlie Trippi got plenty of publicity a few months ago when he signed that magnificent contract to play football and baseball. Incidentally Trippi is banging the ball at a .345 clip for Atlanta at the present writing.

The latest would-be retired to consider joining the play for pay ranks is Bounding Bill Dudley, erstwhile Wahoo star. We Minks used to be very reluctant to admit that Dudley was all that he was cracked up to be. He just caused us so much grief with his broken field running and accurate passing that we became very bitter to say the least.

Times have changed, however, and now even the most loyal General athletic supporter is willing to concede to William's greatness. The Detroit Lions of the National League have attempted to lure Dudley off the Virginia campus with a tempting offer of 20 grand, which is something to think about, even in these days of inflated values.

We'd like to see Bill accept this offer, simply because he is the type of player who can do any team a lot of good, and will really help push the fans through the turnstiles.

**Notes on the All Star Game**  
Those softball fans who didn't see the big fracas, missed out on a real slug-fest, replete with thrills and spills. The highlight of the afternoon was when Dave (I'm a lawyer) Cofer talked long and loud and finally persuaded John (Magerkurth) Bell to reverse the decision of base ump Judge Sutherland.

Lugger Ligon practically got on hands and knees to pray for a scorching sun, so spectators would buy his cokes.

National League outfielders pro-

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way grounded out, Hovermale to Booker. Hardman went out, McRee to Booker. **One run, one hit, no errors.**

**Second Inning**

National King beat out a hit to Miller. Hovermale hit a Texas League single to left field, sending King to third. Hovermale took second on the throw. Hahn walked, filling the bases. McRee hit back to the pitcher's mound, and King was forced out at home. Booker flied to Adams. Hovermale scoring after the catch. Rhea bobbled Working's grounder for an error, Hahn scoring. Working went to second on a passed ball. Rush flied to McNeer. **Two runs, two hits, one error.**

American King slipped and fell trying to catch Reid's long fly to left, and Reid circled the bases for a home run. McNeer went out, Working to Booker. Adams walked and stole second. Miller grounded out, McRee to Booker. Adams taking third. Rhea lined a single to left, scoring Adams. Rhea went to second on a wild pitch. Holley drove a single to center, scoring Rhea, and advanced to second on the throw. McKelway went out, Working to Booker. **Three runs, three hits, no errors.**

**Third Inning**

National Coulter grounded out, Rhea to McKelway. Brown beat out a hit to Rhea, who fell down after fielding the ball. Brown went to second as King bounced out, Miller to McKelway. Cavaliere threw Hovermale out. **No runs, one hit, no errors.**

American Hardman went out, Rush to Booker. Reid took a wild pitch for ball four, and went all the way to second, where a throw from home went on into center field. Reid went on to third. After a severe argument between Cofer of the American League, and Umpire Sutherland, Reid was allowed to remain at third. McNeer struck out. Adams walked. Miller was out, Working to Booker. **No runs, no hits, one error.**

**Fourth Inning**

National Miller was replaced on the hill for the American League by Tenney. Hahn dropped a Texas League single into right, and went to second when the throw-in was wide. Faison batted for McRee. Hahn went to third on a wild pitch to Tenney. Faison flied to left, Hahn scoring after the catch. Booker doubled to deep right. Working singled to left, scoring Booker. Working went to second on the throw in. Rush grounded out, Reid to McKelway. Working going to third. Coulter singled, scoring Working. Brown popped to Cavaliere. **Three runs, four hits, no errors.**

American Prater took the hill for the Nationals. Rhea singled off Prater's glove. Cavaliere bunted on an attempted sacrifice, and

Working's throw to first hit Cavaliere in the back. The ball bounded off into foul territory, and Rhea scored all the way from first. Holley popped to Prater. McKelway lined a single to center, scoring Cavaliere from second. McKelway stole second. Hardman walked. Rush, King, and Hahn pulled an Alphonse and Gaston on Reid's short fly to left, letting the ball drop between them for a double, scoring McKelway. Blackburn batted for McNeer, and singled, scoring Hardman and Reid. Adams walked. Tenney hit into a double play, Rush to Hovermale, to Booker. **Five runs, four hits, one error.**

**Fifth Inning**

National Blackburn replaced McNeer in center field for the AL. King beat out a hit to short. Frye batting for Hovermale, hit a Texas Leaguer to left. Both men advanced on a wild pitch. Grindy batted for Hahn, and grounded to Cavaliere, King scoring. Cavaliere ran deep into right field to grab Prater's bid for a hit. Booker popped to Cavaliere. **One run, two hits, no errors.**

American Rhea struck out. Cavaliere struck out. Haley batted for Tenney and walked. Haley stole second. McKelway walked. Hardman popped to catcher Coulter. **No runs, no hits, no errors.**

**Sixth Inning**

National Haley pitched for the Americans. Fox replaced Rhea at third. Dalmas replaced Adams in right field. Joyce, batting for Working, walked. Kirk batted for Rush. Kirk's attempted bunt was popped to Haley, who nalled Joyce trying to get back to first for a double play. Coulter popped to Holley. **No runs, no hits, no errors.**

American Pierce pitched for the Nationals. Reid flied to King. Blackburn singled past short. Dalmas doubled to right center, scoring Blackburn, and when the throw to home went wild Dalmas scored. Haley popped to Joyce. Fox flied to Grindy to end the inning. **Two runs, two hits, one error.**

**Seventh Inning**

National Mgr. Cofer replaced Reid at short for the American League team. Yankee took over first base. Kennedy was out, Haley to Yankee. King flied to Holley. Frye singled to left, but was out trying to stretch it into a double. Holley to Cavaliere. **No runs, one hit, no errors.**

**Final Score**

American League, 11  
National League, 6

## Law School and PiKAs Roll on; SAE, KS Win

By JOHNSON McREE, Jr.

**Kap Sig, 14-Sig Chi-PEP, 6**  
Steadily building up their lead as they went along, the Kappa Sigs routed the Sigma Chi-PEP nine last Wednesday by a score of 14-6. Ray Prater scattered ten hits to hold the Sigs in check, while Bruce King twirled in the losing cause for the Dutch Inn neighbors.

Leading the Kappa Sigma hit brigade were Ken Hovermale with four and Ralph Davis with three bingles. Pitcher King led his team at the plate with a homer and a triple and was aided by Hank Oder, who also collected two base knocks.

**SAE, 12-Phi Delt, 4**

The SAE's suddenly found heretofore unknown hitting power last Thursday to break into the win column with a rousing 12-4 win over the Phi Delt in the first half of an American League doubleheader which was shortened to six innings to make way for the second contest.

Kent Truslow, Judge Miller, Mike Malmo, and Judge Rhea each gathered two safeties to lead the SAE attack on Phi Delt moundsman Bates Bryan. Rhea toiled on the hill for the winners, allowing only six blows, two each of these being banded out by Kyle Holley and Jug Lanier for the Auto clubmen.

The rains came at the end of the first game to wash out the second game between the Delt and the Betas on Thursday and the Phi Pals couldn't muster enough players and were forced to forfeit to the Phi Kaps in the only game scheduled for Friday.

**PIKA, 9-Sig Chi-PEP, 2**

Playing the early contest of a doubleheader Tuesday afternoon, the PiKAs coasted to their fifth straight win of the summer at

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## General Backs To Have More Speed, Power

With the prospect of a strong, well-balanced line established, Head Mentor Art Lewis is looking is looking to Coach Carl Wise and his "47" backfield for a display of fast, smooth and "Wise" football. Facing such opponents as tricky Delaware, powerful William and Mary, and Army, the Big Blue will be facing tests that haven't been asked of a General backfield in a decade.

Charlie Harrington, who was one of the top ten pass receivers in the nation last year, greatly bolsters the Generals potent passing attack that was so successful against W. and M. last year. Besides being a fine pass receiver, Harrington is one of the best open field halfbacks in the state.

Wise further stated that Gene Bennett is a most improved halfback and that he expects great things of Frank Davidson, who is up to 185 now, in the future. A newcomer to the W. and L. backfield is 165 pounder Jimmy Gallivan who hails from Greenville, S. C. Gallivan played in the 1946 All-Star game between North and South Carolina high schools.

In the quarterback position Dick Working, who was high on the list of the nation's passers and whose brilliant passing made the game with William and Mary one of the finest games seen in this state for many a year, will be back. Also Mike Boyda who Coach Wise says, may be one of the best

backs in the state this year will be on hand. Mike incidentally has a score to settle with William and Mary.

At the fullback post Hank Mastrian will report. Hank is one of the best line backers in the business as well as being a hard driving plunger. If Frank Davidson continues to gain weight there is a possibility of his being shifted to this spot.

### Softball Standings

American League	Won	Lost
Law School	5	0
Delts	2	1
Betas	1	2
KAs	1	2
SAEs	1	3
Phi Delt	1	3
National League	Won	Lost
PIKAs†	5	0
Phi Kaps†	3*	1
Kap Sigs	2	1
Phi Gam-ATOs	1	2
Sigma Chi-PEPs	1	4
Phi Psi-ZBTs	0	2*

†One win of each of these teams gained from NFU in games actually played before NFU games forfeiting their games.

\*Includes one second half forfeit.

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Generalizing

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vided a comedy touch in the fourth when they held a hurried conference in left field to decide the weighty question of which of 'em should catch Reid's blooper in that sector. As the pellet descended rapidly towards terra firma, the conference broke up with the problem still undecided... apparently it wasn't on the agenda... and the redoubtable Reid wound up at second as the ball fell between the three combatants in left field.

Softball

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the expense of the hapless Sigma Chi-PEPs by a 9-2 count. The big sticks in the PIKA attack were welded by Fred Rush, John Faison, and Bud Howland with two hits apiece, while Woody McClintock and Bruce King garnered two each of the five base hits the Sigs collected off PIKA Johnny McRee's offerings. King went most of the way on the hill for the White Cross lads, being relieved in the final frame by Hank Oder. The clash featured home run drives by McClintock, Rush, and PIKA Frank Love. Playing heads-up ball and taking advantage of some shaky fielding coupled with their hard hitting, the American League leading Lawyers had little trouble dis-

posing of the Betas in the night-cap of Tuesday's twin bill by 10-4. Charlie Ale twirled for the legal eagles until the seventh when Kuhn took over his duties, and "Unc" Mowris went the route for the Red Squaremen. Ale, Dave Cofer, and Jim Lukens led the Law School batsmen with two safeties apiece, as Al Spearman also got two for the Betas.

Watkin Writes Disney Story In Ireland

Via Louella Parsons' column of July 16, via the Rockbridge County News, the Ring-tum Phi learned this week that Lawrence E. (Larry) Watkins, former associate professor of English here has been signed to write the screen play for Walt Disney's latest movie pageant, "The Little People." Based on ancient Irish legend, "The Little People" must necessarily meet the approval of the natives, both actual and self-styled, of the Emerald Isle. Watkins sailed July 31 for Eire where, with the cooperation of President Eamon de Valera and the Irish Folklore Commission, he will make a detailed study of the material from which the screenplay will be taken. A member of the W. and L. faculty from 1926 to 1942, Watkins was appointed an associate professor in 1938.

While here he wrote his best known book, "On Borrowed Time," and also the locally famous "Geese In The Forum," a satire on Washington and Lee and its faculty. In April, 1942, he was commissioned as a lieutenant-commander in the Naval Reserve and held this rank until his discharge in October, 1945. Since then he has been writing movie plays in Hollywood.

"Who's Who In America," in which he rates three inches, lists his present address as Samuel Goldwyn Studios, Los Angeles.

More Reporters On Ring-tum Phi Are Requested

More reporters and columnists are needed to write for the summer Ring-tum Phi, Editor Fred Holley told a special meeting of the paper's editorial staff last night. A special conference of the editorial board, called last night to recommend measures for expanding coverage of news on the campus, heard Holley say that the few reporters now on the staff are doing the job of two writers during the winter semester.

"I have nothing but praise for the men now working on the paper," Holley said, "but new men are needed to lighten the burden on the present reporters and to cover news events that are not now covered." Expressing complete confidence and satisfaction in his editorial board, Holley also said that opportunities are now available for students who want to write columns.

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Dick Haydon, former copy editor who is now serving in dual capacity as copy editor and news editor since ex-news editor Bill Bien left school at the end of the first summer term, has close contact with the reporters.

"The boys now writing for the paper have been quick to turn in their stories or to notify me when there is no story on a particular assignment, but there are one or two stories every week that are not written up because of a lack of reporters," Haydon said.

He told the board that two or more assignments are given to reporters every week and that frequently a reporter is unable to cover more than one of these stories.

Stressing the fact that newspaper experience is not necessary, although it is desirable, Haydon told the board that names of new students who wanted to write for the Ring-tum Phi should be given to him and he would list them for an assignment immediately.

George Stott and Dale Johnson, Associate Editors, concurred in the belief that a new column should be added to the feature page. The board suggested that Stott and Johnson investigate the possibilities of securing another columnist who would write a light, witty column on campus activities or personalities.

Sports Editor Don Murray said that he would be willing to have any students interested in writing sports for the remainder of the summer contact him. However, he told the members of the editorial board that he needed at best only three more writers because of the inactivity at the gym.

Before adjournment, managing editor, Leigh Smith, said that he had no comment and could not add to what had already been said.

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Professor Coleman Will Address Va. Bank Group

Professor A. R. Coleman, Commerce school teacher here, has been asked to speak to the Virginia Bankers Association conference on September 8 and 9, on the subject of Bank operations.

Coleman will give two lectures, the first entitled "A Customer Looks at Bank Operation," and the other "Internal Bank Operating Figures as an Aid to Bank Operations."

Coleman said the local banks are helping him by furnishing information about operational problems in medium sized banks.

Summer Dance

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it is expected that at least two hundred dates will attend the function. Dance Board members predicted that hotel accommodations will be more than adequate. They added that if a last minute influx swells the total number of dates beyond expectations, rooms are available in private homes throughout the town.

As usual tickets will be available during the 10-day advance period at the table in front of Payne Hall and through fraternity representatives.

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Robinson Brawl

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Robinson led the college president and another dignitary to the barrel where the three sipped of the sparkling liquid. The Board of Trustees then fled by the barrel and, in their turn, each tasted the fifteen-year-old beverage. The farmers closed their eyes in admiration as the glorious scent filled their twitching nostrils. They strained at the ropes which held them back.

When the trustees had all moved to the other side of the barrel, each member of the faculty walked forward and took a dignified nip. Every eye in the crowd was by this time glued to the wooden barrel and the ropes groaned under the pressure.

Then all hell broke loose. The thirsty multitude converged upon the barrel, armed with "tin cups, pitchers, basins, buckets, and a variety of dippers," says the historical records. The hills resounded

ed with yells of unrestrained joy, and all afternoon there was universal happiness marked by much reeling and loss of consciousness. Two of the revelers, in approaching the barrel for what would have been their last draught, overturned the barrel, and the remainder of the contents splashed to the ground.

Some say that every man within miles embalmed himself that day. Some deny it. But nobody denies that later on that Spring afternoon, one hundred and twenty-three years ago, the campus in front of what is now Washington Hall was very, very quiet and strewn with many human bodies, all in a peaceful position of undisturbed repose.

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