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'Mystery Quartets' Are Dance Feature

E C Asks Students For Suggestions To Stop Campus Political Strife

Committee Solicits Ideas To Be Put In Constitution Change

With the object of getting individual students or organizations on campus to figure out a solution to the fraternity-political set-up, the Executive Committee is soliciting proposals from W&L students with the idea of incorporating top suggestions into Constitutional amendments, this fall, Sandy Richardson, acting president of the Student Body announced this week.

In a statement following the Tuesday night meeting of the six-man summer committee, Richardson said,

"The only way to solve the difficulties which campus politics has gotten into, is to solicit remedies for this situation from the students themselves."

Richardson requested individuals to submit brief ideas, not necessarily detailed plans, which would eliminate the bitter rivalry now existing among the two campus factions.

"We will hold hearings for the rest of the summer on this vital matter," Richardson declared, "and by the time fall sessions begin we hope to have selected two or three of the best plans submitted to the full Executive Committee for discussion."

This fall the E. C. will gather together loose ends of student plans and codify them into amendments to be voted on in a student body election in the early weeks of the fall term.

In order to encourage students to submit corrective ideas, the E. C. announced it will make an award or awards to the students or groups which submit the best proposals.

"The award will probably take the form of an honorary membership on the Dance Board Floor Committee," (which carries with it free admission to all dance sets) he asserted, "but we are open to suggestions for other awards."

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Lexington Still Safe From Polio Epidemic

Lexington has evaded the polio epidemic so far this summer, according to the local Health Department, who this week reported that not a case has been reported in Rockbridge County since early spring.

While cases have been reported in Roanoke and Lynchburg and cases in Virginia are twice the normal expectancy, the dreaded disease has passed over Rockbridge County, at least for now.

North Carolina, Texas, and California lead in the number of polio cases so far.

Virginia last year had 120 cases of polio with three of them in Rockbridge County.

The only advice offered by the Health Department at this time is to avoid, as much as possible, diseased areas.

BAR EXAMS

Twenty of the 32 Washington and Lee law students passed the 1948 Virginia State Bar Examination according to word received at the Law School this week. This gives W&L a .621 average on the exams.

Students passing this year's test include:

Carter Allen, Alvin T. Beale, Jesse W. Benton, Henry Clark, Hugh Cline, Ken Coghill, Henry Crockett, Ray Freed, Jack Ganong, Joseph Geyer, Tom Jackson, George Kerns, Bernie Levin, E. R. Pleasants, David Repass, Stan Sacks, Claude Taylor, B. C. Tolley, Jr., J. R. Tucker, Jr., and Dan Wells.

Bi-Cent. Alumni Group Is Formed

Bolen To Head Advisory Committee

Pushing forward recommendations made at the June meeting of W&L Alumni, Incorporated, Amos Bolen, '34, president of the group, is forming an Alumni Advisory Committee to co-ordinate plans for participation by W&L grads in the Bicentennial reunion next year.

According to Dr. L. J. Desha, executive director of the Bicentennial program, Bolen notified him of the decision to form the committee this week.

The group, to be selected from representative classes and sections throughout the country, will draw up proposals for alumni activities at the June 17-18 re-union—a re-union—which Dr. Desha this week termed "the significant event" of the 200th anniversary celebration.

Acting under a resolution adopted by Alumni, Incorporated, at the June gathering, Bolen, who was named top man in the group

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Dixiecrats Change Name To States' Rights Club Here

Merrin Says Group Doubled In Size During Past Week

Because of the "increasing national scope" of the rebel Democratic fourth party, the old name "Dixiecrats" has been changed to "States' Rights Party," according to Warren G. Merrin, W&L student who is president of the Lexington group.

"Since more and more support for our worthy cause is coming from enlightened factions above the Mason-Dixon line, and since our platform is founded on substantially more than a sectional prejudice, we feel that the term 'States' Rights Party' more accurately portrays the basis of the group," Merrin expounded.

Merrin, who with James Gilman and John Hogeland launched the Dixiecrat club here more than a week ago, claims that membership has more than "doubled" during the past week.

Explaining the cause for this increase in numbers, Merrin stated,

"The statewide and national publicity accorded our group as the first club in Virginia has brought our existence to the knowledge of many far-thinking persons in this area."

The club has received newspaper and radio coverage throughout the east since the Ring-tum Phi first announced the formation of the group last week. Similar groups are springing up throughout the country and a second Virginia States' Rights Club has been founded by a former W&L student in Patrick County (erroneously reported as the first by the Richmond Times-Dispatch. In a

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Little Black Sheep - - - An Editorial

Hold on to your hats, boys, this is going to be a long one.

Just before summer school began, Washington and Lee got word that the Lee Memorial Journalism Foundation was one of the 35 schools or departments of journalism, out of more than 400 in the country, to be placed on the accredited list.

This is quite an honor, and we imagine the collective W&L administration rocked back on its newly-redone heels and beamed with self-satisfaction.

Take the needle out of your arm, boys, you only played a minor role. It was primarily the respect which the communications field holds for O. W. Riegel, head of the Journalism Foundation, not the facilities offered by the University that brought this high rating.

We realize that the Bicentennial improvement program is very general, and that many other departments need help, but since we are most closely connected with the journalism foundation, we can see its shortcomings more vividly than we can see others. And we hope that this editorial will lead W&L to re-examine not only the deficiencies in the journalism department, but in other departments as well.

When Bicentennial allotments were drawn up several years ago stating how much of the visionary 3 million was going where, no mention was made of giving anything to the journalism department. After Professor

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Triple-Bonus Men of the Pinball teams (L. to R.) Chappellear and DeRoza of VMI, Todd, Phillips, and Scott of W&L.

FLIPPER-MEN

W&L-VMI Varsity Contests Resumed As Pinball Teams Play In Corner Store

For the first time since Virginia passed the law banning W&L-VMI athletic contests the two schools engaged in inter-collegiate activities this week, as a five man General Pin-ball team nosed out a fighting Cadet quintet 5,470,000 to 5,440,000 in a hard fought contest at the Corner Store.

Captained by Law Student Wm. S. Todd, of Kingsport, Tenn., the General first stringers—Garret Scott, Bob Phillips, Bob Spencer and Dick Boykin—overcame an initial handicap when VMI lead-off man, Captain Lee DaRoza, chalked up a top-possible score of 2,590,000, and by steady shooting, uncanny reaction on the "flippers" and piling up triple bonuses, bested the Keydets, hampered with two inexperienced men, by

a 30,000 score.

Besides DaRoza, Louis Chappellear starred for VMI, while anchor-man Todd was high scorer for W&L with 1,800,000 mark and Scott rolled up a total of 1,600,000 before tilting on the fourth ball.

Outlining the rules governing intercollegiate pinball play, Todd declared this week in an exclusive RTP interview that many qualifying rounds were run off on the machine before the W&L varsity five was chosen. A ten-game average of a million or over was necessary to make the top-team.

"Right now I'm trying to line up games with other Big Six teams in Virginia," Todd asserted. "Because of the polio epidemic we had to cancel a game this week with N. C. State, and on a trip to U. T. last week-end I found the Tennessee team has disbanded for the summer."

Todd is negotiating with Ivy League teams for fall engagements, since pinball is a year-round sport.

"I understand their machines don't have flippers," the W&L captain said, "but I informed them we will play on any machine they chose."

Asked about procurement of players and eligibility rules, Todd replied, "Most of our boys are long-time Corner Store shooters. However, we've picked up a couple from the Jefferson Pool Hall in Roanoke."

I've scouted veteran men at Santa Anita, Reno and New Orleans, but most of them are professionals, since they play on

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Walter To Manage New Radio Station

Appointment of Robert G. Walter as General Manager of Lexington's new radio station WREL was announced this week by directors of the planned broadcasting outlet.

Walter comes to Lexington from Johnston, Pa. where he served as General Manager of station WARD. He will arrive in Lexington September 1.

WREL officials also announced that the local station will be affiliated with a national network, although the specific chain has not been announced.

Starlight Terrace Will Resemble N. Y. Night Club

3-Hour Affair Begins At 9; Board Predicts Financial Success

While Dance Board members crossed their fingers and prayed to the weather man, indications are that opening night for W&L's first "Starlight Terrace" will go over the top financially, according to Glenn Chaffer, who will act as master of ceremonies for the full card of "mystery entertainment" planned by the Board.

Reversing the trend of the first Seersucker Ball last month, ticket sales are "going along satisfactorily," Chaffer said. Advance ducats can still be had for a 50 cent saving by contacting Dance Board members before tomorrow night.

With Gordon Chapel's 11-man Clifton Forge aggregation providing the background music for a full three-hour of carefully-planned entertainment, the Saturday night soiree, scheduled to begin at nine, will offer students and dates all the atmosphere of an expensive nightclub.

Tables and chairs have been placed around the large concrete dance floor next to the Student Union, where the affair will be held. Refreshments have been ordered and are on tap in the basement of the building. White-jacketed servants, and possibly student wives as cigarette girls, will add to the illusion of a night spent in a New York (or Virginia Beach) cabaret.

Predicting a larger attendance than in July, Chaffer yesterday said,

"I think the main reason why more people have signed up is because this is a short weekend, with less opportunity for students to go home or to nearby towns."

Another reason for the boost in advance sales, according to Chaffer, is the success of the July affair. More people, he says, had a good

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Rating Committee Draws Up Plans

Credit Allotted For Outside Activities

Three of the four students comprising the Fraternity Rating Commission met Tuesday night and drew up detailed plans for allotting credit for extra-curricular activities to the Washington and Lee fraternities and N.F.U.

In the absence of Bill Leedy, editor of the 1949 Galyx, who will not return until this fall, Glenn Chaffer, Bill Hamilton and Leigh Smith outlined tentative listings of the campus activities which will get credit under the new system. These were then set up in the order of how many points will be allotted for each.

At next week's meeting of the group a tentative point point system will be set up on the basis of how important the commission thinks each post is.

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Little Black Sheep

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Riegel came back from his wartime leave-of-absence and a full course in journalism was revived, this omission was noted and provision for journalism improvements was inserted as a correction before the disbursement-of-the-funds statement was printed.

The correction did not specify any amount to be allotted to the journalism foundation, nor did it make any specific recommendations for improvements, although looking at the architect's dreamings of the post-Bicentennial campus we note that the journalism lab is being torn down and a new science building erected.

Where will the journalism lab go? Nobody knows. There's no provision for a new one. Mere technicality, we suppose.

In view of this situation, a committee of publishers and radio men recently launched a separate campaign for money for journalistic improvements here—to be raised primarily from editors, publishers and others in the communications field who do not necessarily have any connection with the University, but who might contribute for the advancement of the Foundation and what it stands for.

Now Mr. Riegel would probably be the last person in the world to holler that the journalism department is being treated like a wayward daughter or an illegitimate son, or even just a black sheep. But that's what it looks like to us back here in the 15 cent seats.

So much for background.

Washington and Lee takes great pride in its Law School. It's a very good Law School, we understand. Likewise, the Alma Mater boasts of its Commerce School—and rightly so. But ahhh, sirs, if you think most of Washington and Lee's small claim to national fame lies solely in the excellence of those schools, may we humbly suggest that you are grossly deluding yourselves. In many circles, W&L is noted nationally for its journalism school, and for that alone.

In education fields, we are told, a school is judged on the facilities it offers—their quantity, quality and variety; also, on the faculty members it hires and the calibre of the products it produces. We have no doubt that W&L ranks where it does with educators because it lists so many courses in economics, so many teachers of English and so many presidential candidates graduated. But for the man on the street who sends his kid to college, the school is judged by its surface merits. That man depends on what his friend's son who goes here says, and upon publications like the school paper

which find their way to him, and upon what practical training the school gives its students—not how many courses of a foreign language it takes to get an A. B.

Well, a school that lists professors that don't teach, and courses that aren't given can get by with the educators maybe, but sooner or later the above-mentioned man on the street is going to find out what that school really offers.

And in journalism, except for staff (albeit small) excellence and staff effort, there isn't much. There's a dilapidated printing laboratory with outmoded presses and insufficient help. Luckily, it's manned by a printer who could be getting ten times his present salary elsewhere. There are two journalism classrooms, one of which doubles for a library. There is an Associated Press teletype that's running four months out of the year. There are two full-time professors. The catalog lists four; but, ahhh, that catalog is a nice novel. It just ain't so. There is Mr. Riegel and an assistant professor. And sirs, if you didn't have Mr. Riegel, you wouldn't have a journalism foundation, let alone a highly rated one.

Well, that's what's wrong... Here's what should be done.

1.) The journalism department should have a modern printing plant. It should be so up-to-date that it could be used experimentally for new newspaper production processes and manufacturers would put in their most advanced equipment for trial and display.

2.) It should have adequate classroom space where seminars could be held, and special rooms set aside for advanced classes. Maybe there could be forums and roundtables. Maybe experts in various subjects could lecture to working newsmen—giving these newsmen the latest word from the economic, scientific or political worlds. These might be in the form of refresher courses. At any rate, it would bring top newsmen to the campus.

3.) The department should have decent photographic and darkroom facilities. The present one is just a hole in the wall in the chemistry building, worth next to nothing.

4.) It should have radio facilities, including a studio room with recording and playback apparatus. Maybe this could be tied in with the new radio station.

5.) The Foundation should be given a bigger journalism reference library and a separate teletype room with at least two or three different machines operating fulltime.

6.) The Journalism Foundation should be given enough money so it can hire at least four fulltime professors (with the typography expert and public relations man given more time to teach if they are listed as faculty).

7.) With these additions, there ought to be more courses offered in radio and television fields, newspaper management and public relations courses, and economics of journalism courses. Of the 19 courses listed, probably only 16 will be taught this year. There ought to be at least 30 courses offered and taught.

8.) And last, and most important, there should be a separate building which would house all these activities. In addition, this building should be big enough to house the extra-curricular journalistic activities—although these should have separate facilities.

It will take at least \$500,000 to effect these improvements. We think any money raised by Mr. Riegel's committee should be matched by the university.

There is the situation, gentlemen. And this is not a spur-of-the-moment set of recommendations. It has evolved from a whole year of planning on the part of students and recent alumni. It should be given immediate and serious attention, not the "yes, it's a good idea" treatment.

It Sez Here

I noticed in last week's paper that a Dixiecrat Club has been formed in Lexington. I don't know whether or not this move is just a publicity stunt, or a hoax, but in case it was done in all seriousness, a few remarks are in order.

I don't know any of the hierarchy of this organization, and from their avowed purposes and statements I don't wish to know them. Warren Merrin, a Georgian, is chairman of the local club. His initial statement ran like this: "Our campaign is waged on behalf of state sovereignty and constitutional government. Prejudices have no part in our program."

What do you, Mr. Merrin, define as a constitutional government? That brand pursued by your own Talmadges, Georges, and the like? Or maybe the "unit" system by which the candidate with the majority vote does not necessarily get his due office? I speak of the last gubernatorial race wherein the liberal candidate, Carmichael, got the majority vote, yet the late (and not great) Gene Talmadge won the election.

And what has state sovereignty done for Georgia? The per capita income of your state is \$745. per year. The value of school property, per pupil, was \$141. in 1942. The rural homes without either toilet or privy were 41,924 at last count. Only 36 percent of the population have access to library service. Between 1884 and 1944 there were 521 lynchings down in the Peach Tree State. The state where one out of every three persons is a Negro hasn't got much of a record.

State sovereignty is a good academic argument, but not much more. It's on the way out, it seems, and perhaps that's a good thing for the economic life of the South as a whole.

Merrin says that prejudice has

no part in the program of his club. How can a man so deceive himself? The disgusting bolt of the Dixiecrats from the Democratic Convention was because of one issue—white supremacy: there's no getting around that fact, try as Merrin may. It all started, as you know, by Truman's statements of last Fall to the effect that the Constitution was still in effect and applied to all of the forty-eight states, the South, and Georgia, included. Truman's statements were not hastily conceived, but the result of the President's Civil Rights Investigating Committee.

Of course, the Southern white supremacy advocates drew back in horror! Have Negroes been declared first-class citizens? Have Negroes voted in a Democratic Primary? Have Negroes sat on busses and trains right beside women? Have Negroes stayed in heretofore white hotels? WHY NOT? They have every Constitutional right to do so, but it seems that there is need for Federal legislation to state their rights explicitly.

A month or so ago, Federal Judge Waring, of South Carolina District Court, ordered that Negroes must be allowed to participate in the South Carolina primaries, the act of the S. C. legislature of 1946 to the contrary notwithstanding. (That law withdrew all state regulations of political parties so that they could be declared private organizations, and thus bar Negro membership.) I have it on excellent authority that the thinking people, the better people, the law-abiding people of S. C., think that the Negro should be allowed to vote in the primary, and have backed Judge Waring's decision. But South Carolina is the home state of Presidential Hopeful Vermin Thurmond, and his white supremacy advocates, and

By Ford Stephens

therefore Judge Waring has come in for some heavy abuse, particularly from the candidates in the November elections, who are swearing that their opponents were responsible for Waring's appointment. This is politics in the raw: the candidates, in order to see their aspirations realized, must play on the prejudices of those citizens who are in such an economic strait as to fear the Negroes' rise, and who will vote for the candidate who will protect them from the "black menace."

The sooner the South realizes that it must get the Negro off its back, the quicker will the South rise out of its colonial status and become economically independent. The taxpayers of the South pay taxes for themselves AND for the Negro, although indirectly. The taxes received from the Negro are all but nil, but there must be schools for the Negro population, however dilapidated. These schools are paid for by the white taxpayer, solely because he will not allow the Negro to gain such an economic status as will permit him to assume his fair share of the tax burden.

The lower-class white man fears giving the Negro the ballot because he envisions a Negro representing him in Congress, or at least on his town council. At the close of the war, the city of Newport News, Va., had no less than a 46 percent population. In the councilmanic elections of that year a Negro (horrors) was a candidate. He did not get elected, not because the colored population was restrained from voting, but because it voted—against him. He did not carry even the Negro districts.

To these white supremacy advocates who call themselves Dixiecrats, "pledge your fighting hearts to the protection of states rights," while I pledge my pump to the cause of Constitutional government, with a big "C."

The Prodigals

NORTH BENNINGTON, VT. July 24—The tall, dark-haired youth in the hospital bed roused himself groggily from the semi-conscious coma he had been in for the last few days and feebly reached out, bleary-eyed, for the nearest thing to him. It was the voluptuous nurse.

"Yeep!" cried the startled nurse, and moved swiftly away, out of reach of the pale, sensitive intellectual in the bed.

Mr. William T. Romaine was his old self once again.

"He looks weak," muttered the nurse at the door to the other nurse who was relieving her, "but every time he gets up enough energy, watch out."

Outside the door a mob of bobby-soxers, clutching their autograph books for the famous bop drummer (alias, the poor man's Dave Tough), was moaning and sobbing: "Poor Billy . . . Oooooo, Billy, get well quick . . . Ooooo, Billy, we're crazy about you . . ."

Inside the room, Mr. Leonard L. Wild, leered hideously at a blonde nurse, lit a soggy reefer, and continued to gorge himself on Mr. Romaine's basket of fruit. "Tough luck, and all that sort of stuff, Romaine," said Wild, stuffing down another banana, "do give me the address of all your girl friends, and I'll . . . uh . . . be sure to . . . uh . . . ah . . . let them know you're ill. Yes, that's it! I'll let them know you're ill. And I'll try to pinch hit for you in every way possible."

The whole thing happened on the fateful day of July 19th, 1948, while working on the construction gang on the so-called road that we mentioned in this column a few weeks ago. Romaine claims that he was injured in action while in the duty of his country, creating an empire-out-of-the-wilderness. What actually happened, if the truth must be made known, is that Romaine while dozing on the road with his finely-chiseled head nestled on the shovel handle, was run over by a truck while in his sleep.

Now Romaine, living a plush

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life off of his compensation pay and blushing demurely as the nurses fondle his curly black locks while munching on a fresh supply of chocolate B-B's, says: "If youse punks think that I'm going to get well quick and quit this soft deal, youse should get rid of the hole in your head. A little more to the left, sugar."

The world-at-large heaved a sigh of relief when word reached them that the literary world would not be robbed of the most

Wild And Romaine

promising genius of the era, while fathers with daughters living or going to school in the vicinity of Washington and Lee, have been heard to cry, "No! No! Not Romaine! Not that rake back in Virginia next semester! That nemesis of young womanhood coming back after all! I'm transferring my daughter to Managua, Nicaragua, U.I."

Meanwhile the Andy Crewson of Washington and Lee, continuing

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Movie Review

By ZEKE SCHER

Dottie Lamour, June Haver, Janet Blair—these and a few others have made the successful jump from popular band vocalist to movie star; but none has made such a smash entry into filmland as blonde, bountiful Doris Day, ex-Les Brown chirper for three years. "Wonderful" Day was lucky enough to get into one of the best musicals of the year, "Romance on the High Seas." Crammed with 4 good songs for Doris, a riotous calypso novelty for Jack Carson, the Page Cavanaugh Trio, and another specialty, the film also was packed with extras who were gems, Eric Blore—the "We'll have to start looking around" doctor; Franklin Pangborn—the "Rio is getting more like Paris every day" hotel clerk; Johnny Berkes—the funniest of all as a drunk; Leslie Brooks—THE secretary.

Taking these actors, a story of a marital mixup to end marital mixups, technicolor, and paced to avoid a single lull and there we had something that shouldn't happen to a dog, much less Ralph Daves—a good picture with an empty Lexington.

Returning to delusious Doris—(five minutes allowed here for THINKING—the girl parlayed a voice, a face, a personality into what this writer predicts to become another Betty Hutton or Grable. You can have the night with its romance—I'll take the Day with IT.

A less upstanding newspaper than the R-T-P would avoid reviewing the picture of the "Black Bart" grade out of respect to its advertiser. However continuing our summer's crusading policy, we must state that the worst picture of the year has been surpassed. Last spring an orgy titled "Pirates of Monterey" came to town, (Maria Montez looked purple in that one.) In "Black Bart," Yvonne DeCarlo looks and acts her all-time worst. This plus no story, no action, and no excuse, marks our nomination for Wahoo picture of the year—Why and Who was dumb enough to make it?

A feeble but fairly interesting appeal for international unity was broached in the "transplanted whodunit" "Berlin Express." Supposedly approved by the French, British, U.S., and Soviet MG's of Germany, one is forced to wonder "How come?"

The characterization of the Britisher is cruel; that of the Frenchman, very unflattering (he turns out to be the murderer); that of the Russian, ridiculous; and that of the American, typical wolfish, heroic wonderful guy. The Germans are shown in lights such as to antagonize the audience. Note: That fickle U* S. public.)

As a plea for peace it backfires in many respects. But as a photoplay describing some of the faults and narrow mindedness of various nationalities, it is bluntly clear,

Generalizing...

By ANDY McCUTCHEON

The football magazines previewing the coming gridiron season have hit the newstands and Washington and Lee got its usual 5 lines of type and a printed schedule. (One of the mags even left out the schedule.)

Jim Lukens' portrait graced the pages of the Illustrated Football Annual, and Art Lewis was quoted in his usual crying style. (Pappy memorized this speech when he first entered the coaching game and repeats it flawlessly whenever the press is present.)

One preview listed W&L as the top team in the lower bracket of the Southern Conference. As they say, it's better to be a big fish in a small pool than a small fish in a big pool. The only hitch is that our Generals are journeying into the big pond this year where no mercy is shown no matter what size fish you are.

Too little has been said about the summer intramural softball leagues that have been going on unhampered by the six inch pool of water that has stood on the baseball diamond most of the summer. We have considered picking an all-star softball outfit but gave it up when we realized we hadn't seen every team play.

We would like to discuss a few stars in the summer league however, who would come in for much balloting should such a mythical outfit be chosen.

The Law School seemed to have a monopoly on hurling and their first semester championship team bears this out. Three top Law School hurlers are right up among the best. Bob Healey, John Miller, and Lody Kuhn should see to it that the lawyers never experience pitching trouble. Old reliable Johnson McRee of the Phi Kap-PiKA combine could hardly be left off an all-star combine.

Catchers Jack Coulter of the Law School and Buddy Cromelin, Phi Kap-PiKA, make it very hard to decide on a possible all-star catcher. Both these boys hold runners on bases with a fearful peg and both can hit the pellet around.

In the infield we have John McKelway of the Deltas, Marsh Clark, Sigma Chi, Harry Brown, Phi Kap, Paul Cavaliere and Howard Fender of the Law School, all equally adept at handling a hard hit grounder or wielding the big stick.

Outfielders are hard to pick since it's hard for one to stand out except at bat. However, we have settled on three outfielders who can be counted on either in the field or at the plate. Jim Farrar of the Deltas, Dana Grindy, Sigma Chi and Jack Callieott, SAE, would give about as great an outfield as one could desire in the local league.

With red tape at Washington and Lee second only to that in the United States Government, it's about as hard to get a new basketball coach appointed as it is to fight in Madison Square Garden without the consent of Uncle Mike Jacobs. To appoint a basketball coach at W&L it seems that everyone must approve, even down to Ed, the janitor.

With the summer half gone the basketball situation stands in exactly the same place it stood when Carl Wise resigned as head basketball mentor last spring.

The difficulty lies, as we see it, in that after the Athletic Director and coaches agree on a possible nominee he must then be approved by Dr. Gaines and by the Board of Trustees. The Board meetings do not convene too frequently and if one candidate is turned down, then there can be no decision until the next meeting.

The Board must approve all major decisions of the Athletic Department and this policy slows down any possible action in this

Phi Kap-PiKA Combo Takes National League Crown; Rain Once Again Hinders American League Schedule

This week wound up the league play of the summer softball schedule and the way is being cleared for the playoff between the league champions.

So far the hardest opponent of any team has been the weather man as in the American League, which was hit the hardest, the championship Law School nine has only played one game while the Sigma Nu-Phi Psi group has yet to take the field.

However, in the National League, all scheduled games were run off and with a victory over last semester's league champs, the Deltas, the Phi Kap-PiKA combo gathered in their league crown.

It was a runaway ball game for the powerful Phi Kap-PiKA nine who seemed to hit at will to run up 16 markers before the final inning.

Three Pitchers Blasted

The Deltas had three pitchers blasted from the box by the Phi Kap-PiKA hitters as Gordon Sibley, John McKellaway, and Jim Farrar tried to stem the tide but in vain.

Johnson McRee fared better for the victors as he allowed only six hits but costly errors allowed the Deltas to drive home seven runs.

However, the game was never in doubt as Jim Fain, during the early part of the game, stepped up to the plate, grinned a few times and blasted out a double to start the Phi Kaps-PiKA's rolling.

Buddy Cromelin was the big gun for the victors as he garnered four hits out of five times at bat for the league champs.

The only other sizeable hit for the Phi Kap-PiKA group was made by Jim McDonald who drove a fluke ball off the Delt pitcher's leg for a double.

The Delt hitting didn't seem to catch fire throughout the entire department.

We are highly pleased that the Board has approved the improvements to be made on the stadium and track, but we cannot but wonder why this decision was not made last spring in order for the work to be completed when school starts this fall. With the bicentennial year coming up it is unlikely that the board was unaware of the improvements to be made.

Major colleges with top-flight athletic programs like Alabama and Tennessee, have placed great power in the hands of the athletic director. He can make decisions quickly and keep the athletic department running smoothly.

Maybe W&L should install this system. At least, some method should be installed to prevent the situation which now exists in regard to a new basketball coach. While we have never doubted that the members of the Board of Trustees are a learned and trustworthy group, we sometimes wonder why their opinion is needed in the appointment of a basketball coach.

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ball game and a good deal of errors allowed the Phi Kap-PiKA nine many tallies. The final score placed the Deltas on the short end of a 16-7 count.

The only other game of the week that has been played as we go to press was between the Law School and the Redskins in the American League.

This game has been the only one played by the Law School and one which they won, 4-0 to place them at the top of the league.

The Lawyers have one more tilt to win before claiming the championship which is against the Phi Psi-Sigma Nu Combo. In the event of a Lawyer loss in this tilt, the league will be tied up between the two teams as the Phi Psi Group is undefeated... namely because they haven't played a game to date.

In the game between the Redskins and the Lawyers, it proved to be a tight tilt all the way.

Vierbuchen of the Redskins and Loyd Kuhn who replaced Bob Haley for the Lawyers that afternoon, both pitched outstanding ball and very few hits marred the fray.

It wasn't until the final innings of the ball game that Lawyer hurler, Loyd Kuhn, stepped up to the batter's box and blasted out the one homer of the day with one man on. That put the game in the bag for the Legal men and the game closed with a 4-0 victory for the Lawyers.

As soon as the postponed games have been played, and that includes quite a number, the slate will be open for the playoffs.

After the series, Cy Twombly plans to pick an All-Star team which will probably face the championship softball nine of the town league.

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Lee, Coleman Gain Weekly Golf Award

The golf tournament of the week between the Blue and White teams wound up last Monday and once again it was the Sperry Lee, Mr. Coleman duo that walked off with all the honors.

The unbeatable combo took the awards for the second week in a row as Lee shot the eighteen hole trial in 73 while Mr. Coleman garnered a net score of 68. Mr. Coleman's net card was the lowest of the afternoon, which awarded him another ball.

Coming close behind the winning pair were Little and Kisor who netted scores of 74 and 71 respectively.

Third place honors on the winning team were taken by Wood and Merrin who shot 90 and 81.

This coming Monday, Twombly plans a Blind Bogey match. The set up in this match will be that each golfer will shoot his eighteen holes and then return to the clubhouse to draw his handicap. The victor will win by pure luck in this type of play so anyone who can swing a club is invited to sign up.

Twombly stated that this will be the last two weeks in which there will be any golf tourneys this summer as exams will take the majority of time toward the end of the month.

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Norman, Working, Praised By Coaches; Norman Garners First String Position

Dick Working and Dyke Norman have steadily climbed the ladder of recognition since they first entered the camp of the Baltimore Colts professional football squad, and just recently they both hit the headlines as each received individual recognition in the Baltimore Sun.

Working at the present is reportedly pushing for a first string berth with the Colts for next fall. The General passer's picture appeared in the Sun last Saturday night with the statement by Coach Isbell that Working's passing had shown up in almost flawless form throughout the early practices.

Working saw a good deal of action in the season opener last Sunday in a game in which the Colts went down by a score of 27-21.

All through the '47 season the Colts were noted as the team that used the aerial lanes more than any and so far this year their tactics haven't changed to any degree. Isbell has always been a great promoter of the forward pass and Working's accuracy will undoubtedly be needed throughout the season.

O'Rourke is the hurler ahead of Working and a veteran of last year's one win, ten loss season.

Dyke Norman seems to have hit even greater heights as his de-

fensive and offensive play throughout the practice sessions awarded him a starting berth on the Colt eleven last Sunday.

In a statement in the Sun, Norman's tackling was praised to the top and it appears as if the giant General center hasn't lost one bit of his form since his play at W&L.

In one write up, Norman was said to have hit a man from his backer-up position, which was heard clear across the Valley.

So it seems that the key men of Art Lewis' tricky "T" fitted right into Isbell's similar formation and will be undoubtedly recognized ball players by the season's close.

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at that time, is contacting well-known and influential alumni to seek their aid in forming the advisory committee. It is Bolen's plan to have the 30 members act with him in seeing that the reunion is the high spot of the 1949 year.

Among plans already agreed upon by the group is naming a man from each of the law and academic classes to take charge of that class's attendance at the June get-together. The 30-man advisory group will formulate plans for actual alumni celebration of the event, while class representatives will be assigned the duty of making sure as many alumni attend as possible.

Explaining alumni functions during 1948-49 session, Dr. Desha said,

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later story they corrected their mistake).

"However," Merrin continued, "support of our organization is by no means confined to Lexington and its surroundings, nor is it limited to college students. We have had many prominent townspeople from Lexington and influential businessmen from Charleston, W. Va., show interest in our cause."

Merrin asserted that the "higher echelon" of the Lexington Club is in contact with other similar groups in Virginia and elsewhere. Mutual exchange of advice between the Patrick County club and Merrin's group takes place regularly.

Pinball

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machines that award free games. We're very strict about pros in this league, you know," he explained.

In regard to prospects for the Fall todd was non-committal.

"I've got two boys from Arkansas lined up that look pretty hot," he confided, "but I can't release their names for fear the Wahos will grab them up. We're working on a very limited budget, but, I'm going on a scouting trip the end of this month and expect to pick up a few freshmen from Sportsman Academy and one boy who holds the endurance record at Virginia Beach."

Todd revealed that a Virginia state law forbids W&L-VMI con-

tests during the regular season and that the two teams are taking advantage of relaxation of the rules during the summer to gain practice.

Prodigals

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ues to get disgustingly healthier everyday in spite of all efforts to cut off his benzedrene supply, and states for his eager public, while reclining with a cutie on either knee, a glass of Beano in one hand and a Carter's Coffin Nail in the other, and the latest copy of Pornographic Comics spread out in front of him: "Thank you for your letters, friends. Things are pretty rough here. I'm saving myself for Lana Turner." Look out, Bob Topping!

Dance

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time at the first Seersucker dance, even though it came out in the red.

"This idea has never been tried here before," Chaffer declared, "and I think, students will like the set-up. We've gone to a lot of trouble to take the stuffiness out of the affair. With tables and chairs and an informal atmosphere combined with the informal dress, I think the thing will be a big hit."

E. C.

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Stressing the urgency of the

matter, Richardson requested students to submit brief outlines of their plans before Wednesday night. He said these suggestions should be addressed to him at the Phi Kappa Sigma House, or to the E. C.

"We'll consider these written suggestions at our meeting next week," according to Richardson, who is full-time Student Body Secretary next year. "And during subsequent meetings we will call upon students who have submitted ideas to appear before the Committee to elaborate on their schemes."

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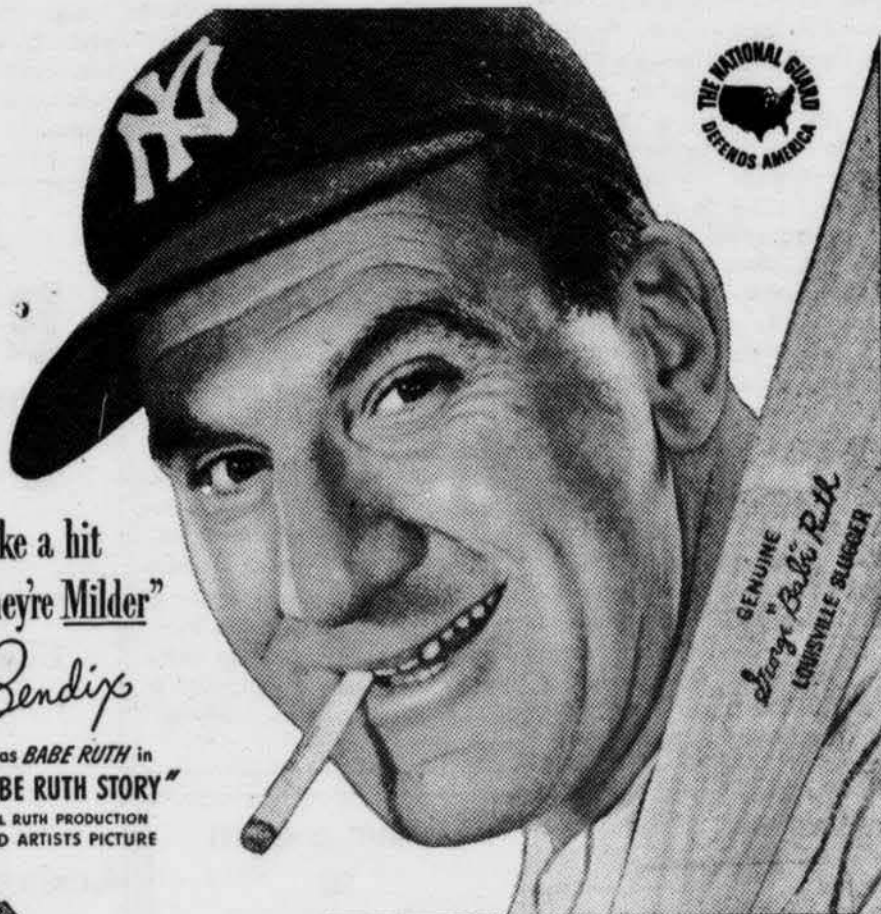
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