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16 Men Pledged Last Night by Sigma Delta Chi

Fraternity To Hear CBS Washington Head At Initial Meeting

Sigma Delta Chi met last night to pledge 16 juniors and seniors prominent in the Washington and Lee School of Journalism and campus publications.

In addition, W. and L.'s chapter of the national honorary professional journalism fraternity named two football players as pledges. Brian Bell, Jr., and Andy McCutcheon were traveling to Atlanta for the Generals' battle with Georgia Tech Saturday and were unable to attend. Both were selected for continuous outstanding work on **The Ring-tum Phi**.

First fraternity function for the new SDX pledge-members will be a meeting with Ted Koop, of Washington, D.C., Director of News and Public Affairs for Columbia Broadcasting System. Mr. Koop is scheduled to visit the W. and L. chapter soon, Bill Bien, president of Sigma Delta Chi, announced.

New Pledges include:

Bill Clements—Sports Editor, **Ring-tum Phi**; **Southern Collegian**, Pi Alpha Nu, Grappler's Club, and Sigma Nu. Has won all-Southern honors and all-American honorable mention as goalie of W. and L. lacrosse team.

Art Wood—Member Washington Literary Society, **Southern Collegian**, Interfraternity Council, and Phi Gamma Delta. Was editor of Student Bicentennial Magazine.

Glenn Chaffer—Member Washington Literary Society, and Phi Gamma Delta. Was advertising manager and business manager of **Ring-tum Phi**, and is now president of Publications Board. Handled publicity for 1948 Fancy Dress.

Tom Glass—Member of **Ring-tum Phi** and Calyx staffs, Debate Club, The Student War Memorial Committee, and Phi Delta Theta.

Dan Pinck—Member of **Southern Collegian** staff and Feature Editor of **Ring-tum Phi**. Senior Class Executive Committeeman, and member of Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity.

Al Walter—Member **Ring-tum Phi** staff, glee club, varsity crew as letterman, Phi Eta Sigma, and Beta Theta Pi.

Zeke Scher—Managing Editor of **VMI Cadet**. Holds a Bachelor of Science degree from VMI, and membership in American Society of Civil Engineers.

F. M. Johnston—Member of **Southern Collegian** and Calyx staffs, Glee Club, Pi Alpha Nu, and Sigma Chi.

Houston Harte—Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity

Ed Berlin—Member of **Ring-tum Phi** sports staff, and has had professional newspaper experience.

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GBHC Sponsors 'Wahoo' Award

The annual "Anti-Wahoo" award will again be presented this year by the Gauley Bridge Hunt Club, according to Sandy Richardson, spokesman for the group.

Richardson stated that the award will be in the form of a trophy. The prize is to be given to the fraternity which makes the most spirited showing in the general line of enthusiasm at the football game with the University of Virginia. Special notice will be given to unusual displays of signs and unique ideas for flags at the Homecoming game.

The idea for the trophy was originated by the club last year. The first group to take the honor was Delta Tau Delta.

Several members of the club will be picked to attend the game as a judging committee. They will be scattered among the crowd at various points for the observation of all novelties and stunts exhibited by the many competing fraternities.

Richardson has promised that the rotation of the trophy to the new winner will take place within a week after the big game.

Notice

Members of the Freshman class will be given free chest X-Ray examinations Monday, October 18, at the Children's Clinic Building, which will be open from 9 to 4:30.

Upperclassmen have also been urged by the Lexington Board of Health and the Rockbridge-Buena Vista Tuberculosis Association, sponsors of the program to have a free X-Ray examination at the clinic between October 12 and 15.

\$5000 Spent By McCrum's

Health Office Rates Its Facilities Class A

By JOE MARTIN

Lexington's oldest student meeting place, McCrum's Drug Store, has been completely redecorated.

In addition, the bus waiting room, kitchen, and colored waiting rooms have been remodeled. Total expenses for the work came to \$5000.

Located in the basement, the kitchen was partitioned from the storage room, and an ultra-modern dish washer has been installed.

Would Rate an "A"

Dr. R. B. Blackwell, county health officer, found the kitchen and fountain to be in first-class condition. Commenting on their cleanliness, Blackwell said, "If a grading system were in effect it could qualify as a class A restaurant."

Walls of the store are now painted ivory, while the woodwork is stained maple. The three upstairs offices were done over with pastel red and blue. After scraping and sanding, the booths were covered with five coats of base paint and varnish.

Green tile was placed around the body of the fountain. New stools have been ordered.

The colored waiting rooms have been enlarged and renovated.

To provide a larger space for the main floor waiting room, the ticket office has been moved up front.

Colored Waitresses Now

Tex Tilson, general manager, in explaining why colored girls now service the fountain, declared "This was done principally at the suggestion of a student in one of Mr. Riegel's classes. This boy made an extensive study of what the students preferred in McCrum's. His report was very definite in suggesting a change in the soda fountain personnel so that the service would not be impaired by long conversations."

Tilson stated that the store has received hundreds of compliments on its fine service since the change of personnel.

Lee, Jackson Ate There

McCrum's drug store has been operating since before 1850. Both Jackson and Lee were customers during the Civil War. Since the original owner died, no McCrum has had any share in the store.

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Five Convicted Of Pilfering 4 Fraternities

Beta House Hardest Hit; Also DU and Kappa Sig; All Get Long Sentences

By JOEL COOPER

As a result of a thorough investigation by County and State police officials, the five men connected with the housebreaking and pilfering of several Washington and Lee fraternity houses last June have been taken into custody and convicted of their crimes, according to Deputy Sheriff Harris of the Rockbridge County police force.

Among the fraternity houses that were the victims of this plundering was the Beta house, which was looted several times. The Kappa Sig's, D.U.'s, and Lambda Chi's had run-ins with the burglars.

The apprehended men are said to have entered the fraternity houses through the windows so silently and well concealed that after their capture and the subsequent repossession of the stolen goods had taken place, the police were still unable to find the proper owners of many of the articles. Their owners had not even missed the rifled possessions, and were reported quite surprised and shocked to find the articles missing. The Deputy Sheriff added that all the articles have finally been claimed.

Sentences Vary

Paul Clark, one of the housebreakers, has been indicted on seven charges of felony and was sentenced to serve five years in the Richmond State Penitentiary. The terms of conviction are to be served concurrently.

Deputy Harris also stated that Luther Bain, another one of the gang, has been found guilty on two charges and will serve concurrently, two years for each count of the indictment.

Reese Clark and Curtis Dale, both held on charges of accepting and holding the stolen goods, were sentenced to two years apiece, subject to the Probation Laws of Virginia.

A fifth member of the gang, Billy Floyd, who has previously been confined to mental institutions, such as the Lynchburg Colony for Epileptics and the Feeble-minded, is being held for examination by a psychiatrist. If he is found insane, he will be put into the State Institution for the Criminal Insane. Otherwise, he will be sentenced to the State Penitentiary.

Glasgow PAN President

"Wink" Glasgow, Delta Tau Delta of Lexington, was elected president of Pi Alpha Nu at a meeting in the Student Union Wednesday afternoon.

Other officers elected at the meeting were: Walt Jackson, PIKA, vice-president; and Pete Muhlenberg, Phi Delta, secretary.

PAN Will Sponsor Dance At Homecoming on Oct. 16

Thurmond Speaks to 400

Speaking before an audience of approximately 400 students and townspeople, Gov. J. Strom Thurmond, candidate for the Presidency of the States' Rights ticket, told the audience in Doremus Gymnasium yesterday that his hope in election lay in other candidates failing to gain a majority of electoral votes, thus forcing the final decision to the House of Representatives.

Governor Thurmond was introduced by Dr. George H. Denny, now Chancellor of the University of Alabama and president of Washington and Lee University from 1901 to 1911.

The presidential candidate arrived in Lexington yesterday after making a campaign speech in Roanoke Wednesday. Yesterday afternoon he traveled to Charlottesville to address an audience there. The governor was accompanied by his wife and a group of aides.

Singers Practice Carols

Practice on Christmas music for its part in the annual Candlelight Service has been started by the Glee Club, according to club president Walt Williams.

Three new officers, Williams said, have been created to handle the enlarged program of activities. The officers are Emmett Epley, treasurer; Jim Magruder, business manager; and Bob Ingram, publicity manager.

The next Glee Club meeting will be held Monday night.

Republicans To Rally

At its second regular meeting of the year last Tuesday night, the Young Republicans made tentative arrangements for a parade and rally to be held in Lexington October 25th.

The rally is to be held in behalf of Steve Timberlake of Staunton who is a candidate for Congress from this District on the Republican ticket. It is to feature as a special speaker, Senator Cain of Washington as well as Mr. Timberlake himself.

It was also mentioned at the meeting that Presidential candidate Tom Dewey of New York will appear in Roanoke sometime in the near future for a campaign speech, and the Young Republicans are making plans to go over to Roanoke en masse for this appearance.

Dick Turrell, vice-president of the club, pointed out following the meeting that the group wishes it to be understood that this organization is not a school group, but is set up for the town of Lexington for work in this general vicinity. He further urged that anyone interested come out and join the club.

NOTICE

All students who are going by bus to the dance at Randolph-Macon on tomorrow (Oct. 9) please meet in front of the dormitory at 3:30 p.m. The bus leaves promptly at 4:00.

School Sets Up New Job Agency

Wilson Helps Students, Wives Find Employment

As a service to those students and student wives who need either part or full-time employment, the University is setting up a Job Agency (apart from the present Counseling and Placement Office) which will be located in Washington Hall No. 1, and will be under the direction of Tom Wilson.

This office is familiarizing itself with the various types of employment available both in the University and in local business concerns.

On Monday, October 11, the agency will be prepared to accept applications for employment. The applications will be asked to fill in a questionnaire outlining their qualifications, which will be coordinated with the requirements of the various jobs available. The applicant will then be interviewed by the job agency and, if possessing the necessary qualifications and desiring the particular employment suggested, will be recommended to the prospective employer.

The University is extremely anxious that this office render valuable service to its students and their wives. However, it should be emphasized that the agency is interested only in those individuals who are sincere in applying, and who can be depended upon for a conscientious approach to the job they accept. An employer must receive from a student employee a performance at least comparable in quality to that of any other employee. He will be neither willing nor able to extend special privileges or immunities.

Chapel Chimes Tell a Story

The chimes in Lee Chapel were the gift of Dr. Leslie Lyle Campbell, of Lexington, in memory of a classmate Livingston Waddell, who drowned in the North River in 1886.

Standard London Westminster chimes, the set is made up of four bronze bells. Largest of the bells weighs 1250 pounds, while the others weigh 600, 400, and 300 pounds. The tones represented are A-flat, D-flat, E-flat, and F. Meneely and Co., Watervliet, N. Y., cast the bells.

Three centrally-controlled clocks are set in the walls of the chapel tower.

Controlled by a complicated timing mechanism, the bells automatically ring on Sunday only. They may be rung separately by means of four buttons located on the second floor of the chapel.

Dr. Campbell received an M.A. and Ph.D. from Washington and Lee over 50 years ago. His home is across from the telephone office.

In Lee Chapel is a tablet inscribed:

"The Westminster Chimes and Clock in the Lee Chapel Are in memory of Livingston Waddell Houston Born February 26, 1867 At Washington and Lee Univ. 1879-1884 Drowned in North River, Va., August 1886 The memorial chimes and clock were placed in this chapel in 1948 By his Friend and Classmate Leslie Lyle Campbell."

VMI Band To Play 8:30-12

Sponsored by Pi Alpha Nu, the Homecomings Dance next Saturday night will feature the VMI Commanders from 8:30 to 12 in Doremus Gymnasium, according to Wink Glasgow, president of the honorary sophomore fraternity.

Tickets will go on sale next week in fraternity houses at \$2.00 a couple and \$1.50, stag. PAN pledges will begin sale of tickets Tuesday. Glasgow added that tickets may also be purchased at the door of the gymnasium on the night of the dance. No reduction in price will be effective with the advance sale, he stated.

The distribution of dance proceeds will be decided at a meeting of the Dance Board Monday. PAN had planned to give the profits to the Student War Memorial Fund but, due to a mix-up with the Monogram Club over sponsorship of the dance, proceeds of the dance may be split between PAN and the Monogram Club.

R-4 P Unveils Mix-Up

This mix-up was uncovered late this afternoon by **The Ring-tum Phi** which discovered that both the **Monogram Club** and **PAN** had signed contracts with two different bands to play for the dance. Intermittence has been scheduled from 10:30 to 11:00. No figure has been planned, since the affair will be informal, Glasgow said.

The floor committee for the dance will be composed of PAN and Cotillion Club members. Walt Jackson is ticket chairman, and Ed Gaines is publicity director. Pete Muhlenberg will be in charge of the concessions.

Chaperones Named

Chaperones for the affair were announced by Glasgow as the following:

Dr. and Mrs. Gaines, Dr. and Mrs. Desha, Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam, Dean and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Hinton, Mr. and Mrs. Lature, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Dr. and Mrs. Moger, Mr. and Mrs. Drake, and Dr. and Mrs. Pusey.

During the half-time period of the football game Saturday afternoon, PAN and White Friars will hold their annual tug-of-war. Last year the White Friars won.

Both PAN and White Friars sponsored the first cabaret dance in Lynchburg last spring to raise funds for the scholarship fund. The White Friars are sponsoring the second such dance in Lynchburg November 6.

In elections Wednesday night, PAN named Glasgow president, succeeding Dick Yankee. Other officers elected are Jackson, vice-president, and Muhlenberg, secretary. PAN pledging will start Monday, Glasgow added.

FU Turns Back Court Decision

Reversing a Supreme Court Decision the Forensic Union decided last Monday night that the Illinois board of education was acting constitutionally when they decided that it was permissible to teach religion in the public school if the parents so consented.

The debate—Resolved: That the Illinois Board of Education Was Acting Unconstitutionally—was conducted by Alex Andrews for the affirmative and Ed Turner for the negative. After both debaters had delivered their talks, the Union took over what turned out to be "a very lively debate" on the subject. Somehow the Union open forum entered on the topic of Thomas Jefferson; one student in defending his position stated that "We should agree that Jefferson had other faults besides the founding of the University of Virginia."

Next week's meeting which will start at 7:15 will feature a debate between Jack Wilcox and John Young who will speak on "Resolved: That President Truman's Civil Rights Program be adopted."

Survey Compares Co-Op Prices with Town Stores'

By PHIL FRIEDLANDER

During the past two weeks a survey has been made of the relative prices and services of several local stores, including the University Co-Op, McCrum's, Boleys Book Store, Wayland Drug Store, Newberry's 5 and 10 Cent Store, and Hamrick and Smith, Jewelers.

Concerning the purchase of sandwiches, a comparison found that the Co-Op had several sandwiches (such as a bacon, lettuce and tomato and barbecue) which were five cents lower than a local drug store's price. Soft drinks had a standard price. The Co-Op was also found to be lower on many of its sundae prices.

On two occasions attendants in the Co-Op were asked the price of a gallon can of tomato juice. It was necessary for them to seek information elsewhere to find out the price. The price was finally established at 75 cents. A gallon of tomato juice is sold by a local grocery store for 65 cents. But the Co-Op does not make a prac-

tice of selling such large products. Concerning the prices of goods such as tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo, soap, and lighters, the surveyor was told by several concerns that the minimum and maximum price levels are set by the Fair Trade Board.

The survey also included the prices on combs. In the 10-cent store, combs sold for 5 cents, 10 cents, 25 cents, 29 cents and 59 cents; in a local drug store, combs sold for 15 cents, 25 cents, and 50 cents; in the Co-Op combs sold for 19 cents, 23 cents, and 29 cents. No attempt has been made

Spessard Replaces Withers

Bob Spessard W. and L.'s new basketball coach, has replaced Everett Withers as the faculty advisor of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Mr. Withers, formerly with the journalism department here, is now working in the advertisement department of the Toledo, Ohio, Blade.

to distinguish between the various combs and their relative quality.

An inexpensive item, picture postal cards, were found to sell for five for 5 cents in the 5-and-10 cent store, while the Co-Op and a local drug store sold them for 2 for 5 cents.

The Co-Op was found to sell a particular oval shape desk lighter for \$.70 less than a local drug store. A jewelry store sells the same lighter for the same price as the Co-Op.

The items such as clocks and desk lamps are difficult to compare since the Co-Op deals in a higher price range than the 5-and-10 cent store. Electric clocks at the Co-Op were priced at \$8.95 and \$6.50, while the 5-and-10 cent store carries alarm clocks at \$2.39 and \$2.49. Desk lamps at the Co-Op sell for \$7 and \$12.95; the 5-and-10 sells desk lamps for \$2.98, \$2.49, and \$2.70.

Concerning an item like a desk pen and holder, the Co-Op sells some for \$17.50, \$20, and \$22.50.

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PAN AND WHITE FRIARS ARE HONORARY

The Ring-tum Phi is indeed happy to retract an accusation that it has made almost annually for the past several years: that is, that Pi Alpha Nu and the White Friars were honorary fraternities without much honor.

The charge is being repudiated this year in such a completely worthy and energetic manner that it seems safe to say that the two fraternities will, this year and in the future, again gain the reputations as two of the University's most honored organizations.

Every year, each of the fraternities chooses two outstanding sophomores from each Greek letter fraternity on the campus. This naturally affords each of the organizations an unusually fine group with which to work. It is to their credit that they have undertaken two commendable projects this year.

Pi Alpha Nu will sponsor the Homecoming dance on the 16th, the proceeds of which will go to the Student War Memorial Fund. Could any organization have undertaken a bigger or a finer project?

The White Friars will sponsor the Cabaret Dance in Lynchburg on November 6, proceeds also going to the SWMF. Last year

this dance was co-sponsored by PAN and the White Friars and, incidentally, was quite a roaring success. The White Friars plan to have a dance this year that will give the students one of the really Big Weekends of the year and help fill the SWMF till as well.

To the sophomores who will be initiated next week, congratulations. It is an honor to become members of Pi Alpha Nu and the White Friars.

DON'T FORGET TO BE SHOT

If you haven't made an appointment with The Calyx photographer yet, why not do it today?

Frankly, it's hard to understand why anyone would need to be coaxed into having his picture made. The old saying that a person hates to have his picture made because it might look like him is perhaps still true. But time mellow judgment, and, within a few years, you can probably glance back through your yearbook and even stare at your picture without a feeling that the photographer tried to make you look like a somewhat beat-up native of Pago Pago.

It'll take only fifteen minutes. Make that appointment and keep it.

Back in '98 . By Tony Woodson 'Better Homes' Offering \$1,435

By TONY WOODSON

(The following is the first in a series of columns which will be printed weekly in The Ring-tum Phi beginning this week. The stories are all reprinted from the issue of The Ring-tum Phi 50 years previous to the present date of publication. This week's articles are reprinted from the issue of October 8, 1898, and the additions in bold type are the words of the author.)

Gymnasium

"On last Monday afternoon a class was organized for light drills and the military "sitting up" exercises. This class will continue until other classes are formed later on in the fall. These are beneficial to everyone and, especially, to those students who are inclined to be stoop-shouldered. The classes have been fairly well attended so far, but ought to be attended regularly by every man in the university who is not playing football. Come once and you will be so pleased with the results that you will come again."

(How about that, Norm? Are they good for hangovers, too?)

Slight Change of Plans

The hop which was to have been given last night by the University Cotillion Club was postponed one week.

(Remember, that makes all those pledges for tickets null and void.)

Overcrowded

Leland Stanford University has 327 matriculates this year. (Gee, what a crowd!)

The Circus

This is the day for which the small boy has looked and now that the circus has come joy is to be full. It is not at all improbable that some of the show-loving students will "cut" classes for if all that is said about the great shows which are to be here today is true it will be a veritable feast for the eye. Forepaugh and Sells Brothers always have a good show and today will be no failure.

It is impossible for a game of football to compete with the great show.

(How dull can a sport be? Let's charter a circus for Homecomings so that we won't be bored by a measly football game!)

Graham and Company

Shoes, Hats, and Furnishings. See our \$3:50 MEN'S SHOES in Yellow and Box CALF.—Adv.

(Inflation, inflation, inflation.)

NOTICE

There is still an urgent need for women to take roles in the Troubadour play, "Dark of the Moon," Director Jack Lanich announced this morning. Any woman interested, as well as any accordionists or violinists, are requested to contact Lanich as soon as possible.

Better Homes & Gardens magazine is offering \$1,435 in prizes to students in 33 colleges and universities from coast-to-coast for editorial ideas and completed articles.

The contest is open to all students in schools listed as members of the American Association of Schools and Departments of Journalism, including Washington and Lee. Entry blanks and complete contest rules may be obtained through C. O. Voigt, Payne 5.

The contest dates are October 15 through December 15. All entries must be postmarked not later than midnight, December 15.

Twenty-three prizes are being offered for the best completed articles and 13 awards will be made for the best ideas for articles.

The top award is \$500 for the best completed article. Prizes of \$250 and \$100 will be given to second and third place winners in this category.

Ten entries will receive \$20 prizes and \$10 awards will be given to the next best ten entries.

Second and third prizes for editorial ideas are \$50 and \$35. There will also be 10 awards of \$10.

Found at Last: A Real Absent-Minded Professor

There are all sorts and grades of absent-minded professors and dozens of jokes about same. But W. and L. has at least a different twist to the absent-minded professor tale; the Law School has one that forgot about a test!

Prof. C. V. Laughlin was scheduled to give a "Civil Procedure" exam Friday morning. The class showed, but Prof. Laughlin didn't. After about 15 minutes, Prof. Smedley was asked to find the errant professor. He finally did locate Prof. Laughlin who admitted—turning slightly less scarlet than the law school building—that he had forgotten all about the exam.

NOTICE

Students are reminded that there are boxes placed in the Colonades for donations to the "Bring Back the Beckley Band" fund. \$50 is needed from each student on the campus to make this drive successful.

Campus Comment

By "CUB" BEAR and DON HARRISON

Since Wild took up most of his "column" (truly a loose use of the word) with his date at Sweetbriar, we will try to let you in on the activities of the non-"Prodigal" socialites on campus.

Those who got swept up to the seventh and eighth floors of the Patrick Henry Hotel last weekend realize now what it takes to have a real brawl. All the elements, good and bad, were there: everyone seemed to hate Wahoos, pity VPI, and love their dates.

The Roanoke Hotel panned out a little better in that the Wahoos were forbidden to shuffle through the swinging doors, but enough of them came in through the bigger holes in the screens to make everything seem normal. Add a touch of Bob Biedenharn and "Linwoodie" King, and any fool can plainly see that a party has been made. The only room the Wahoos did not get into was "Pappy" Lewis', and judging from the traffic pattern around his door, Wahoos were the only ones who didn't get in. Two doors from Art's room found a party in swing under the guidance of Charlie and Jo Belcher. The room between these two jamborees was occupied occasionally by two elderly ladies who were in Roanoke for a DAR meeting. They came to their room once, but they had barely opened their door when they were swept inside by a mob glad to find another room to party in, so they daintily retreated to the safety and sanity of a switchyard beer parlor.

After two shifts of squirming fannies worked over the seats of the Roanoke Stadium last week, we should be able to guarantee no more purple hearts will be issued for splinters. Those who did not register howling and moaning complaints were either wearing a girdle or a cocain whizz.

Monday night separated the men from the boys and the boys from their illusions about the timidity of the female sex. The Baldwin dance was, as rumored, a girls' tag roundup and meant no rest for the prey, with panting girls keeping all ten boys in a shag the entire evening. The Phi Psi taxi dance crew, reminiscent of George's debutants on Saturday nights, waved, winked, and tried to look sexy, but finally ended up peeling themselves off the wall and doing their own cutting.

Driving their wedge in the social calendar the W. and L. pocketbooks are Macon and Hollins this Saturday. With freshman girls as decoys, low lights as blinds, and low cut dresses, perfume, and female wiles as ammunition, the upper class girls plan to make dead ducks out of the W. and L. flock. With two schools declaring open season on the same night, their chances of bagging the limit may call for one-shot kills, so watch the lock on your fraternity pin.

As any bleary-eyed book totter can easily see, it was really hitting the fan around here this week, and the quiz proffering professors have racked the festivities of last week-end to a screeching, vibrating halt with some of their beautiful joy-killers. Caution, take only as directed. There are no antidotes for an overdose, but why worry? Into each life some F's must fall.

The week-end in Lexington may get a jab in the arm with only freshman dances going on, so hang onto your chapeaux. Invariably the Corner Store pin ball team starts its fall scrimmage right after Saturday classes, and, by noon, the winners, heady with victory and suddenly lonely for a date, get to pondering the Seminary possibilities. That's the reason so many of the suave operators appear for supper with a date. Her knuckles drag the floor and she often has a bone through the hair on one of her heads, but it's a date, blind type, of the called-Saturday - afternoon - for - Saturday-night variety. One boy did end up once with a date like this. He's had a phobia about apes and orangutans ever since, and likes to throw bananas at his keeper.

Then there's the champion, the guy who falls in and comes out smelling like a rose. Calls at supper, gets a blind date, and drags in the type of girl that causes all of the good brothers to eat the paper off the wall, do back flips, and break out in a rash. Here's the weekend and roses when you fall.

A Student Says:

Classes Would Have Been Excused for Dewey, Truman

Editor, The Ring-tum Phi

On entering Washington and Lee one is vividly impressed by the fact that there is no political or religious association which directly or indirectly influences the Student Body. However, since our matriculation into this university, we have seen many actions to the opposite: one such action occurred very recently, Thursday, October 7. It was on that day that a very prominent gentleman from South Carolina, a presidential nominee, was to honor us with his presence and a speech. It was the opinion of the Administration, however, that it would necessitate the taking of "cuts" to hear this gentleman and learn of the ideals and practices that his political party was to represent.

It seems to me that a man so important as to obtain the politi-

cal support of many of our prominent states should at least command the attention of the entire Student Body in a general assembly. I dare say that if President Truman or Presidential-nominee Dewey were to honor us with their presence, the entire Student Body would be required to attend whatever exercises were announced.

To me, the action of the Administration is in violent conflict with the ideals and principles for which Washington and Lee stands. Not only was the student representative poor, but also the faculty; two faculty members represented the students on the rostrum.

I hope that something will happen that will prevent such action from recurring.

Sincerely,
DELANEY WAY

A Student Asks:

Why Not Fair Treatment For SR Party in the R-t P?

The Ring-tum Phi Sir:

It is an irritating fact that the most hostile opposition to the recent attempts to organize States Rights Democrats on this campus is from the offices of The Ring-tum Phi. This fact is no less disturbing when one considers that this opposition has not been expressed openly and argumentatively on the editorial page in an entirely ethical manner; rather, a front page coverage of news has been used as a subtle and dissuasive tool for dubbing and mockery.

I am in no position to gauge the Editor's sympathy for States' Rights; but I do appeal to the Editor to study the case history, if he will, not of States' Rights democracy, but of the criticism which has been directed against it. After all, it is the same pattern and line of verbal volley which was being directed against the geographical target SOUTH many years before the convening date of the recent so-called Democratic Convention. Target SOUTH, New York's Democratic Wagner once concluded, "should have a

fence built around it and then should be completely forgotten about." Sen. Wagner and a host of others sometimes forget that the Republicans beat the Democrats by about 80 years at building that fence. Now some of our disciplining politicians want to go a bit further and give the old fence a Civil Rights whitewashing. That fence should be torn down, not whitewashed, and our states' yoke lifted. In a broader sense, we need a union of unfettered states whose social, economic, and cultural progress evolves within a consonant framework of statehood. But the target is and always has been geographical rather than political, and in this respect alone it was unfortunate that the States' Rights movement began in the South.

I'm not trying to persuade the Editor in his appraisal of States' Rights, but I do suggest that he be more tolerant than prejudicial. There may be more States' Righters among the campus tax boys than appeared at the meeting last week.

Yours truly,
ANDREW B. DILLARD

(Editor's Note: Letters to the Editor do not necessarily represent the editorial views of The Ring-tum Phi. Opinions expressed are those of the writers. The Ring-tum Phi believes, however, that by publishing student's letters it does serve to express opinions of interest to the Student Body.)

Movie Review . By Zeke Scher

Undoubtedly the feeblest foul ball ever connected with the name of Babe Ruth was caught by this writer just inside Daves Dugout 'other day. Advertised as a "Story," it seemed like a two hour lecture on "How to try and make people cry and Not succeed."

Stopped by Steve's for two

franks, grabbed a coke at the State, and got a reserved seat in the mezzanine—I was ready for some baseball. The smell of leather and hickory was in my nose. Before long it was in the entire theater.

"The Babe Ruth Story" was not (Continued on page four)

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Art Lewis, Cy Young and Cap'n Dick Smith plan Homecoming

Generalizing . . .

By RODNEY FITZPATRICK

A few weeks back we helped circulate orally a story that presumably originated in one of Atlanta's leading sports pages. The story went something like this. The sports editor predicted that Georgia Tech would lose one of its first three games, the editor thought it would be the Washington and Lee game.

We found out later from a regular subscriber to said newspaper that the editor was making funnies—he had written that he thought Georgia Tech would lose two games all season, to W. and L. and The Citadel, a perennial cellar dweller in the conference. You see folks down Atlanta way have a lot of faith in the abilities of the Rambling Wreck and its coach Bobby Dodd.

The Generals play on Grant Field tomorrow, a place where Georgia Tech loses about as often as it snows in July. Most of the objective folks figure that the Engineers will win the game by about four or five touchdowns, its hard for a supposedly objective columnist to disagree.

Georgia Tech doesn't have a large team, the Generals will outweigh them several pounds in the line, more than that in the backfield. They aren't as deep in reserves as many of the big time football teams, but nevertheless they rank sixth in the country on the strength of two victories in as many starts over respectable opponents.

One point that cheers Blue fans is that the lone touchdown scored against the mighty Engineers came as a result of passes. Those small fast backs are not as adept at pass defense as one might expect, so we figure that a team which went for two TD's against Army and knocked hard at the goal line on two other occasions as a result of passes will be posting a couple TD's on the Grant Field scoreboard tomorrow.

W. and L. will not be humiliated tomorrow for several reasons. This Blue team which was nervous and somewhat awed by the greatness of Army last year is seasoned enough to recognize that eleven men are still eleven men, that while a good team may block cleaner, it doesn't necessarily block harder. They know that a mediocre VMI team held Georgia Tech to a 20-0 victory last season, and wasn't hurt at all. This Blue team thinks it can win, a few would bet on it. That's why you can rest assured there will be no humiliation in Atlanta tomorrow.

Credit - Where - Credit - Is - Due - Department: Jim Stark played one of his best games against Ohio. Always a good defensive man, Stark carried well on offense last week, and it was his blocking that set Harrington loose to set-up the first Blue touchdown. Johnny Tulloh, relieving Tom Fergusson at tackle, showed an aggressive spirit that may earn him a starting job this week. Making up in speed and fight what he lacks in weight, Tulloh has come a long way since last year to rank with the most improved players on the squad.

Hank Mastrian and Walt Michaels were termed this week by one of the coaches as a pair of the best line-backers you'll find anywhere." The fact that total rushing gains against the Blue in two games total less than a hundred yards is in itself a tribute to these two men.

The Generals come home next week to face the hated Wahoos. Roanoke fans who saw both the Wahoos and Generals face different

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Victorious Blue Seeks To Upset Tech Applectart

Possibility Is Remote As Georgia Rated Best In Southeastern Loop

Washington and Lee's "Big Blue," victorious over Ohio University on their last outing in Roanoke Saturday night, moves further south this weekend to Grant Field in Atlanta, Georgia, to engage Coach Bobby Dodd's "Ramblin' Wrecks" from Georgia Tech.

This tilt will put the Generals up against one of the top teams in the South and the sixth ranked in the nation.

The Yellow Jackets this year have been favored to annex the Southern Conference crown and so far have backed up this reputation by licking two of the top contenders in the league. In their opening fray they conquered Vanderbilt University to the tune of 13-0 and last week turned back a powerful Tulane squad, 13-7.

Depending on amazing speed and power for the comparatively small size of their roster, the Jackets have fielded a backfield of some of the fastest ball-carriers in the country. Composed of Jim Southard, beautiful passing quarterback, Bob McCoy and Red Patton, lightning fast halfbacks, and Frank Ziegler, hard hitting fullback, this foursome is one of the trickiest backfields in the Southland.

In the line the Yellow Jackets are consistent as to speed with a crew of touch forwards that really move. At the flank positions is the best group of ends that W. and L. will meet this year in the persons of All-American material George Broadnax and Jim Castleberry, Jim Nolan, and Jack Griffin.

The guards are led by another Engineer of All-American calibre, Bill Healy, along with Tommy Pope, Hayes McKinney and Buck Doyal. These positions are the strongest two in the forewall for the Techsters.

Probably starting at the other positions will be letterman Alex Hook at center, and Braddock and Coleman at the tackles.

To try to combat this power-

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To the Students

When the University of Virginia invades Wilson Field on Homecomings Day, they will bring with them a band that is tops; one that will be parading around the field at the half-time and undoubtedly putting on a fine show. The fact is that we have no such organization at the present. It seems only natural that we should have some band on hand for that momentous afternoon and we can have one...but the students will have to get it.

The point is that the Athletic Department cannot afford to pay for the presence of a band at the game. The Beckley band which made such a fine showing at the Furman game was financed by no one else than Beckley. However, we could furnish the money for the band and have the same organization which made such a terrific impression at the season opener. It would add up to about \$500 since the group would need at least three buses for the 122 piece outfit.

A representative for the "Bring the Beckley Band Back Drive" has explained the set up to each fraternity on the campus. If you are for it, back the drive, and let this be a reminder to you to put something in that box in front of Payne Hall. Don't let the Wahoos outdo us in any way on the 16th.

The Sports Editor

Cross Country Squad Meets Roanoke There

This Saturday, Washington and Lee's fleet-footed overland cindersmen will face the toughest opponents in the state as they will take off against the cross-countrymen of Roanoke College.

Roanoke won the mythical state championship last year and appears to have the same team in hand for the 1948 season.

The General cross-countrymen don't look for any let-up in their schedule on the following week as they will face VPI and UVA in a triangle affair for the Homecoming event. The first race will begin at 11:30 a.m.

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Wrestling Slate May Be Toughest Ever Attempted In History of Generals

In an exclusive interview with wrestling coach, Harry Broadbent, the massive mentor gave an unauthentic preview of the 1948 season which will probably be the toughest slate ever attempted by any W. and L. mat aggregation.

If the schedule remains as it stands, the Generals may face two of the toughest, if not the toughest wrestling corners in the country, Hofstra and Lehigh. These two towers of strength have been at the top of the list of wrestling teams since time in memorium and will be just as hard to face this winter as before.

May Face Hopkins

There is also a very good chance that the Blue matmen will travel to Baltimore, Maryland, to oppose the Mason-Dixon Champions of last year, Johns Hopkins. The Mason-Dixon League isn't supposed to be the best in the country today, but Hopkins dropped a close match to Lehigh last year by the score of 18-16 and evidently have plenty of power on the mats.

The Blue team will of course face its old Southern Conference rivals, if they will allow the matmen to enter their unsubsidizing halls, and then of course the Southern Conference.

There is also a big chance that the Generals will enter into the NCAA Tournament at Greeley in March.

So there you have it. The Blue grapplers will face the most difficult task of their history and without Mahoney. Just who will fill his shoes has not been decided. However it will probably be either Bill Metzler, Ken Lindell who will move up one weight class, or Irv Wicknick who will have to move up two.

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Generals Grid Future Favorable; Brigadiers Tops of State Squads

By TEKAY WOLFE

The happiest people in this first year of postwar resumption of freshman ball are the football folk of Washington and Lee. Coach Art Lewis and entourage, who have what is probably the cream of the state's first year clubs.

Towering Bob Spessard, who put Washington and Lee on the nation's basketball slate by gaining All-America honors for himself and who was an All-State end in football his senior year, is back in General sports, this time as varsity basketball tutor and coach of freshman football. Spessard is in charge of a freshman club that is vital in Washington and Lee's football future, a club whose players' success or lack of it in the next three years will determine the success or lack of it of this university's gridiron existence.

In their first two encounters the Baby Generals have cascaded 52 points against their opponents' 7, the opponents being Staunton Military Academy (perennially one of the top military prep football teams in the South), blasted 33-7 by the Generals (j.g.), and Richmond's Baby Spiders, brushed aside 19-0.

Vince Pisano, stocky 180-pound Pennsylvanian, paced a furious ground assault against S. M. A., scoring a brace of touchdowns. Skippy Sideris got away for a 56-yard touchdown gallop against the Cadets, and Gil Bocetti un-

wrapped of a stellar aerial offensive which was to count so heavily against Richmond a week later. In the line, Spessard singled out the sterling defensive value of Left End Dave Hedge, Right Guard Frank Kush, and Rollo Thompson, the big much-sought-after tackle from Washington and Lee High School of Arlington, Va.

In a tilt played under the lights in Portsmouth, because of the crowd appeal of four Tidewater scholastic all-stars in the Richmond lineup, the Baby Generals unleashed the storms of both their ground and air attacks, picking up 164 yards via the former and 158 via the latter. Bocetti's pitching made him the game's star, with Right End George Trammel turning in a crowdpleasing performance as Bocetti's No. 1 pass receiver.

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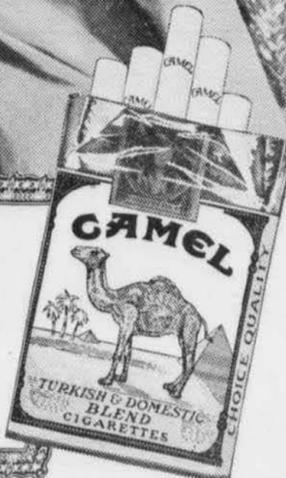
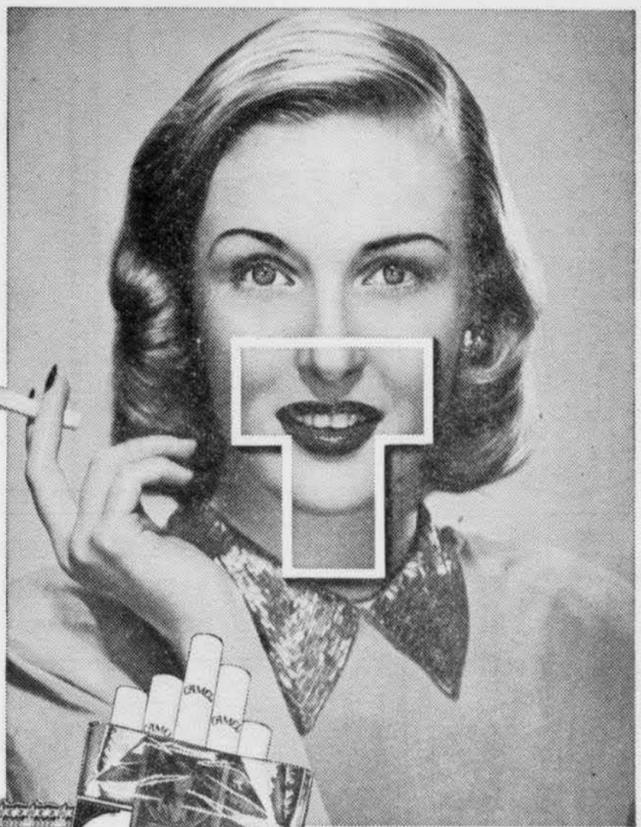
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Movie Review

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only devoid of baseball, but also of authenticity. One scene slayed me. It's around the sixth inning, score something like 8-7, the year 1927—the Babe comes up and slugs (Bendix swings like BG) his 60th homer. As he circles the bases the huge scoreboard at Yankee Stadium comes in view—there ain't even a single goose egg or any other score up.

I found somebody who didn't like "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House." He claims that he got lost up there among the linctels and lolly counters, or some such.

The plot itself was fairly simple. Take a "typical" family—Cary Grant and Myrna Loy natch!—how typical can you get? Make him a typical hard working man thinking up advertising jingles—"...he smiled in his tracks, as they gave him the ax, for he knew that he would be Wham!"

Now we take these ingredients living in a typical Fibber McGee-closeted apartment, with a couple of Briar bait running around, and what would you naturally expect to happen? RKO wheels in the dream house idea.

From here on out the film is strictly drip, drip.

A movie like "A Foreign Affair" is what motivates such women's clubs, as were formed a few years back, like "I refuse to date a man who served in Tokyo (or Berlin, etc.)."

But of course girls you realize how irresistible we men are. And in a foreign country it's pretty hard to beat off all the women that flock around you, especially if you don't know the language. Hence accidentally many friendships are made when an average soldier is forced to give away his cigarettes and candy to keep the girls away.

This ever continuing fight of our soldiers to keep away from foreign women sometimes is not understood by American women. As a result the most likely female reply upon meeting a veteran of occupied country service is a very frosty "Oh!" After "A Foreign Affair," that reply may become "Oh?"

Generalizing

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ent opposition last week say the game is a toss-up or that the Cavaliers rank one or two TD's better than the Generals. It all adds up that the Wahos will not be favored as much as they were last year. Nevertheless the team needs a lot of help from the students to win this one. The cheerleaders should have their plans announced well in advance. If your football playing buddy or frat brother has a tendency to stay up late at night, talk him into getting plenty of sleep next week. Professors who schedule quizzes on either Friday or Saturday are nothing less than Wahos themselves. This game is the biggest of the season in everybody's book so do your part to help the team get ready.

We know our predictions have an awful smell but it seems to be tradition for the Generalizer to make a few each week during the football season. Heavens knows we follow traditions, so here goes. Georgia Tech to win after being scored on, W. and M. to trip VMI as the corps finds it takes more than spirit, Richmond over Furman but how it hurts to make this one, Virginia over GW but close as the Colonials make a comeback, and Maryland hands VPI number three. Even with Justice alling the Tarheels can take Wake Forest, while Duke trips the Navy. Notre Dame, SMU, Northwestern and Georgia will register wins with little serious trouble, while Purdue gives Michigan a battle they won't forget before falling. Columbia will topple Yale's Seven Dwarfs, while Rice upsets Southern California. Pennsylvania should take Princeton, while West Virginia takes it on the chin from Temple.

Notice

The Athletic Department wishes to remind the students that for Homecoming, half of sections C and G and all of section D, E, and F are reserved for the students and their guests. The remainder of the seats will be reserved for other visitors, please do not sit in those sections.

Georgia Tech

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house, Coach Art Lewis of the Generals, no doubt, will have to resort to almost every trick in the book. Georgia's usually sunny skies will probably be darkened with passes toward the Tech goal as the "Big Blue" tries to uncover another General Sherman to wreck the Atlantans.

Washington and Lee came through the Ohio game without further injuries and should be ready to give the Engineers maybe a bit more than anyone expects. Anyway it will be a fighting W. and L. eleven up against this Georgia Tech squad, a squad sixth ranked in the country and the fastest and smartest in these parts.

Freshman Football

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Once again Pisano's ground work brought praise from all spectators, as the Pennsylvania Powerhouse cleavered his way to huge chunks of yardage. Spesard was pleased with the work of Paul Giordanni in backing up the line against Coach Jackie Null's Baby Spiders and with the work on offense and defense of Guard Bob York.

The only major casualty so far has been the loss of halfback Ray Arnold, who was injured early in the S.M.A. fracas. George Casnik has moved impressively into the vacated slot.

The Baby Generals' next engagement is with the University of Virginia Freshman at Wilson Field on the Friday afternoon, October 15, before the W. and L.-U. Va. Homecoming bout.

Sigma Delta Chi

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ence on Waynesboro News-Virginian.

John French—Managing Editor of Ring-tum Phi, and member of Graham-Lee Literary Society, Sigma Nu, and Troubadours.

Tait Trussell—Member of Pi Alpha Nu and Beta Theta Pi. Played on W. and L. varsity lacrosse team.

John McKelway—Member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Joe Martin—Member of Washington Literary Society, Ring-tum Phi staff and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Jack Driggs—Member of Calyx yearbook staff and of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Jim Ottignon—Member of Ring-tum Phi business staff and of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Sigma Nu Elects

Sigma Nu elected officers last Wednesday night for the coming semester as follows: Tom Pressly, Commander, Ran Cosby, Lieutenant Commander, and Tony Woodson, Recorder.

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Price Survey

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Time and circumstances did not permit a thorough investigation and comparison of the charge on school supplies; it was found that items like fountain pens were sold (in the lower price range) for equal prices.

According to one authority in the Co-Op, novelties, such as Washington and Pennants and banners, to take to athletic contests and sold at a higher price than they ordinarily sell for in the Co-Op.

The Co-op had one particularly interesting book, "Hold on to Your College Purse Strings," which was a paper-bound booklet and priced at \$4.00.

McCrum's

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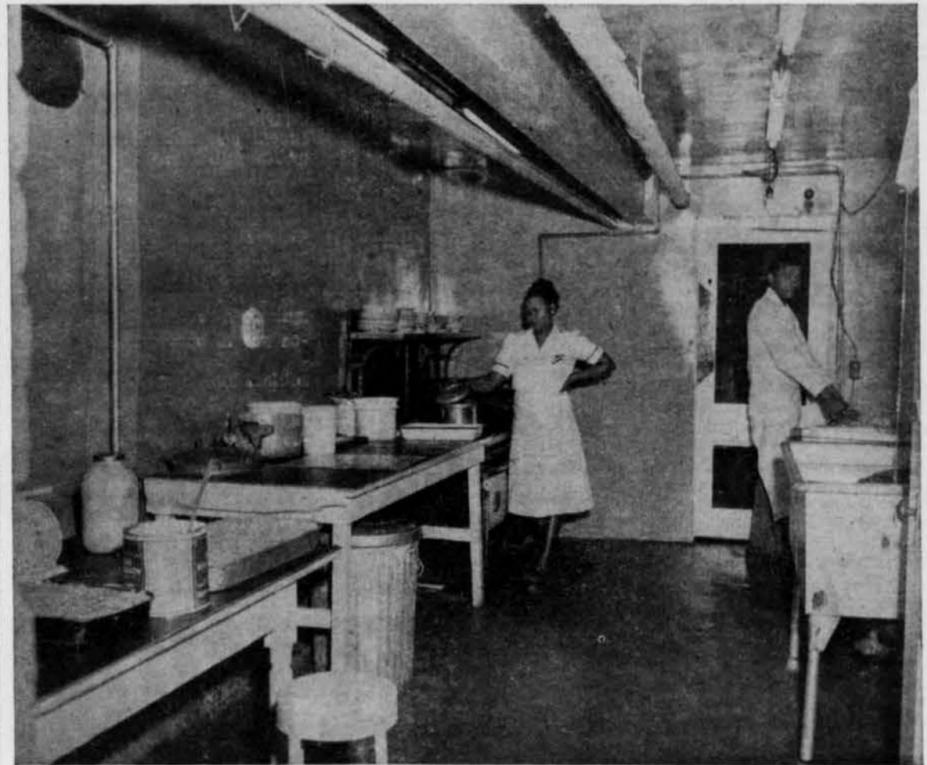
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