

Final Plans Are Made for 1949 Fancy Dress Ball

Costumes May Still Be Obtained From Miller and Rhodes

Roger Bear, President of '49 Fancy Dress, announced today that committees for the ball are swinging back into high gear this week to make final preparations for the February 18-19 affair.

A new advance sale starts today which will include tickets for the Saturday afternoon Concert and Saturday night Formal. They will be offered at \$5.50—a saving of \$1.00 from the regular door sale prices. Pres. Mead, Sigma Chi, is vice-president in charge of tickets.

Costume Chairman Sam Hollis closed measurements for costumes from Van Horne—official Fancy Dress '49 costumers—but he says that individuals may still order outfits from various stores and agencies around the state. Miller and Rhodes Department Store is one of the possible sources.

Decorations vice-president Jack Marsh has been working with Mrs. Pusey on figure plans and reports the intricate maneuvers are almost completed. Fred Lynch, who is handling the professional phase of decorations, visited the campus last week. Marsh said, and has forecast a colonial setting which will please everyone.

Bill Bien, vice-president in charge of publicity, reports that pictures of figure members' dates are being mailed today to hometown newspapers. He also reports that one of the largest Richmond Department stores is this week featuring a W. and L. Fancy Dress Ball window.

Costumes will be given out Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, according to Bear, in the Student Union basement between 2 and 5 p.m. both afternoons. Students are urged to get their costumes as soon as possible in order to check them for correct fit.

22 Lawyers, 34 Others Graduate

"Bicentennial" Class To Be School's Largest

Twenty-two Washington and Lee University law school students are candidates for the Bachelor of Laws degree in graduation exercises next Monday. The lawyers will hear a commencement address by Justice Archibald C. Buchanan of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals in Washington Chapel at 10:15 a.m.

Justice Buchanan received his own law degree at Washington and Lee in 1914.

Informal exercises in Washington Chapel last Friday marked the graduation of the first segment of "49'ers," Bicentennial class of the University.

Before delivering a short commencement address, President Francis P. Gaines handed out diplomas representing the Bachelor of Arts and Science degrees to only 34 men but, when joined by June graduates, the "49'ers" will comprise the largest class of the school's first 200 sessions—about 275 members.

Men receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree were: J. P. Adams, Fort Mitchell, Ky.; W. S. Allen, Pitman, N. J.; F. Barton, Woodboro, Md.; F. C. Brooks, Baltimore, Md.; W. B. Brown, Evanston, Ill.; W. H. Byrnes, Hackensack, N. J.; P. L. Coover, Newport News, Va.; W. E. Graybeal, Buena Vista, Va.; P. W. Hickman, Lexington, Va.; F. M. Johnston, Washington, D.C.; J. P. Leigh, Meridian, Miss.; W. G. Merrin, Atlanta, Ga.; J. E. Normington, West Englewood, N. J.; D. C. Pinck, Bethesda, Md.; P. J. Silverstein, Charleston, W. Va.; E. W. Thomas, Groose Point, Michigan.

The Bachelor of Science in Commerce was awarded to: D. M. Bertram, St. Louis, Mo.; R. E. Burriss, Anderson, S. C.; H. P. Claytor, Glasgow, Va.; J. W. Cook, Evanston, Ill.; G. E. Dashiell.

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FRANK CUNNINGHAM

F. Cunningham Heads LA Club

Frank Cunningham, W. and L. '32, has been elected president of The Manuscripters Club of Los Angeles, the famous literary group which is the largest writers organization in the west.

While at W. and L., Cunningham was night editor of *The Ring-tum Phi*, associate business manager of *The Calyx*, contributor to *The Southern Collegian*, manager of the University band, and a member of Sigma Delta Chi, Pi Delta Epsilon, and Delta Upsilon. He was president of the latter fraternity.

After graduation, Cunningham worked for the United Press and the Washington Herald and was sports-news commentator and dramatic continuity editor of WRBX in Roanoke. During this time, from 1933-1936 he was often in Lexington covering assignments at W. and L. and VMI and wrote several features on Washington and Lee for the Sunday magazine of the Richmond, Va., *Times-Dispatch*. He also placed publicity on the schools in *College Humor* and other national magazines.

Recently he was judge of the Essay Contest held in connection with the Student Bicentennial publication and was a visitor on the campus in the summer of 1947 when he was in the South.

Our Harassed Alumni . . .

They Make News in Budapest and Kingsport

Two W. and L. graduates, who got their first journalistic training here, are apparently leading lives somewhat similar to those of the old "Front Page" characters. Both of the graduates—Mike Evans and Edward Korry—once worked as reporters for *The Ring-tum Phi*.

Budapest—Edward M. Korry, '32, is covering the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty in Hungary. His UP dispatches from Budapest are currently being carried in the *Times-Dispatch*.

Korry has covered the United Nations and has also worked in Paris and London. In 1943, he joined the United Press, and was assigned to Belgrade last year.

He is telephoning his dispatches on the Mindszenty trial to Prague for relay throughout the world. There has been no indication that Korry's dispatches are being censored.

Kingsport, Tenn.—Mike Evans, Police Reporter for the *Kingsport (Tenn.) News* and graduate of Washington and Lee's Journalism School in June, 1948, was recently involved in a shooting scrape while on routine assignment for his paper.

Evans and a fellow reporter were investigating shots heard when two .38 slugs crashed through the car in which they were sitting. The first smashed into the sunshade a few inches from Evans' head while the second lodged in the spare wheel in the trunk compartment. The shots were reported to come from a group of burglars who mistook Evans and his companion for plainclothesmen.

Philatelists to Meet

The Washington and Lee Philatelic Society will hold an organizational meeting in the Student Union at 5 on Friday, Feb. 11.

Guess Henry, who is organizing the group, urges all interested stamp collectors to attend this initial meeting or, if unable to attend, to call him at 6114.

W & L Boat Club is Sponsoring Fund Drive To Send Crew Team to Dad Vail Regatta

The newly formed Washington and Lee Boat Club, based along the lines of the Grapplers' Club already in effect here, is sponsoring a drive to raise funds for the purpose of sending the crew team to the Dad Vail Regatta next May at Poughkeepsie, New York, second only to the top notch Poughkeepsie Regatta, the crew is desperately in need of funds to finance the trip, which should bring the national spotlight to bear on the newly formed sport at W. and L.

During the next two weeks an extensive campaign will be conducted among students and alumni alike, to raise the necessary \$1,000 by the sale of "W. and L." key tags.

It is hoped by crew sponsors at this school to present a representative schedule of teams in the W. and L. class. Under the capable hands of Coach Jim Anderson, the rowing team should turn in a fairly good "won-lost" record against squads such as Amherst, Boston College, Marietta and the University of Tampa. Also in the making are tentative dates with two powerhouses of the Yale, Navy and Penn class.

The Boat Club was formed at a recent meeting for the express purpose of pushing the shell sport to a prominent place among W. and L. athletic teams. Among its many plans, the Boat Club hopes to renew the Harry Lee and Albert Sydney Crew races at finals this year. Along with the backing of both alumni and student fans, the officers of the Boat Club, namely Bob Mauck, president; Joe Berry, vice-president; Fred Moffatt, secretary and Dick Hynson, treasurer, are making an earnest endeavor to make crew a major sport at W. and L.

Supplement Planned

The Roanoke Times will publish a tabloid-size Sunday supplement on April 10 featuring Washington and Lee University. The supplement will be written by W. and L. journalism students.

The section will contain articles on every phase of campus life at the University and will also have features on the various departments of the school. Publication date of the section has been set for April 10 to coincide with W. and L.'s Academic Day.

Fall Term Will Be Shortened

Faculty Ignores Student Opinion

(Editorial on Page 2)

Despite student sentiment of an opposite nature, the faculty of the University voted Monday, January 31, to start school one week later in September, effective next year.

The action comes as a result of the discovery before Christmas of this year that school at W. and L. has been in the past one week longer than necessary for complete scholastic recognition.

Following Christmas, *The Ring-tum Phi* conducted a poll among the Student Body to determine whether they favored having the week knocked off in September, or used up by adding extra holidays onto the Christmas and Spring holidays.

By a resounding vote of approximately six to one, the students showed they favored adding the time on to the holiday seasons.

With these results before them, the faculty voted for subtracting the week in September.

As a result, school will take up officially next year on September 23, one week later than it would have originally. Christmas and Spring holidays will remain two and one weeks long, respectively.

An unidentified member of the faculty is reported to have said that some professors do part-time work at other schools during the summer and preferred the later start for that reason.

The vote on the holidays is reported to have been very close. One member said that "the vote had to go to a show of hands. It wasn't decided by just one or two votes."

BRIDGE NOTICE

All men interested in participating in the Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament on the W. and L. bridge team are urged to be present at a meeting in the Student Union at 7:30 Wednesday.

Club organizers Lubs and Bell will be present to lead the meeting.

Local Artists Go Berserk on Cyrus

Old Cyrus McCormick got a brand new winter suit just in time for Lexington's first snow of the year a few week-ends ago. But the costume just wasn't the right thing for the occasion according to a close connection with the administration.

The aged statute that adorns the Washington and Lee front campus appeared one Sunday in a splattered suit of green with matching white duck pants. Old Cyrus looked as if he had a new lease on life as the rest of the old timers were preparing for a session of final exams.

But happiness was short lived for the old fellow for just two days later the "top brass" saw to it that he shed the "glad rags" and presented himself to all in the same ensemble that he has been wearing for nigh onto fifty years.

The taking-off process wasn't as simple as it seems. Enamel doesn't just peel off.

As the man that drew the job went about his work he was heard muttering a nasty word or two. Finally he looked up and asked the gent towering above if he wouldn't give him the low-down on who the blankety-blank culprit that did the job was. Said he wanted to get his hands on him for just five minutes. The workman looked up and saw a line of gentlemanly "minks" walking with a gentlemanly pace to their gentlemanly classes—this time he muttered more than one or two nasty words.

Despite the profanity of the "undresser" Old Cyrus refused to squeal on the young fellows that had been so nice to break the monotony of his old weather-beaten apparel.

And the secret remains with Cyrus. Nobody knows enough about the incident to suspect anybody. Could have been some Key-dets (for they did have a dance that week-end) or it could have been the "town boys." Nobody, just nobody at all, would ever think of such a feat around W. and L.

That is, nobody except the old campus workman who remembers the old days.



HORACE HOOD, III

Patchin & Hood Added to Staff

Horace Hood, III city editor of the Roanoke Times and Herbert Patchin, free lance photographer and member of the Virginia Military Institute faculty, have been engaged as visiting instructors in the Lee Memorial Journalism Foundation at Washington and Lee University.

O. W. Riegel, head of the journalism foundation, said that both men would begin their teaching duties at W. and L. at the beginning of the spring semester next week.

Hood will direct a course in advanced reporting on a regular classroom schedule and Patchin will serve as laboratory instructor in news photography.

The journalism curriculum at Washington and Lee has for the past two years included work under the direction of practicing newspapermen, who commute to Lexington from nearby communities to conduct classes. Hood replaces Louis Spillman, editor and publisher of the *Waynesboro News-Virginian*, who directed courses in advanced reporting at W. and L. during the two preceding spring sessions.

William Atkinson, managing editor of the Roanoke Times, will rejoin the journalism staff next week to take charge of courses in news copy editing and make-up. With leased wire facilities of the Associated Press in their classroom, Prof. Atkinson's students are organized to simulate actual newspaper copy desk procedure.

A native of Montgomery, Ala., Hood was graduated from Roanoke College in 1937 and joined the staff of the Roanoke Times where he has served successively as reporter, state editor and city editor. From 1942 until 1945 he served as a Naval officer.

BULLETIN

The Ring-tum Phi learned this afternoon that Fancy Dress President Cub Bear has come under the automatic rule and will not be allowed to continue his duties as director of the February 18 and 19 Dance Set. A University ruling states that men coming under the Automatic Rule after having been elected to a campus office, are presumed to have resigned that office and will not be allowed to serve further in that capacity.

According to Executive Committee spokesmen, the ruling will be appealed to the faculty in hopes that Bear will be allowed to continue direction of the Set. The faculty will be asked to meet today to pass on the appeal. If the appeal is unsuccessful, the case goes back to the Executive Committee. A constitutional provision states that all appointments to vacancies must wait until notice of the vacancy has been posted for a minimum of ten days. Since there is not enough time before the dance for this ruling to be adhered to, the Executive Committee will, according to members of group, act on the recommendation of the Dance Board.

IOU's Payable Now

Charity Chest IOU's are now payable at the Student Body treasurer's office in the Student Union. The office is open from 2:00 to 5:00, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

SIPA Delegates Will Meet Here April 8 and 9

Social Side Features Natural Bridge Trip, Tour of Lexington

The Southern Interscholastic Press Association will hold its 20th Annual Convention in Lexington April 8 and 9, according to C. O. Voigt, convention chairman. Information bulletins and registration blanks have already been sent to all Southern schools that are members of the Association.

Gen. Opie To Speak

Heading a list of distinguished speakers will be Fred Lasswell, creator of "Barney Google & Snuffy Smith," John Mason Brown, drama critic, and Major-General E. W. Opie, Staunton newspaper publisher. Yearbook expert William T. Cooke and Howard N. King, typographical expert, are also scheduled to address the high school delegates. This partial list will be enlarged before the Association convenes here in April.

This year, contests will be held for high school newspapers in five classes, yearbooks will be judged in six groups, and magazines will be judged in two groups. The publications are classified according to the enrollment of the school which they represent.

Program Features

In addition to the contests, other program activities will include: producing a newspaper and radio news broadcast demonstrations; round tables and group discussions of practical problems in publishing scholastic newspapers, yearbooks, and magazines; technical instruction for staff members and advisers; instruction in mimeographing techniques; a motion picture program on journalistic themes; and several meetings of individuals with critics.

Social Activities

Besides the various speeches, criticism clinics and forum-type discussions, the delegates will be guests at several social functions on and off the University campus. The Roscoe B. Ellard Quill and Scroll Chapter of George Washington High School, Danville, will sponsor a Q. and S. banquet Friday evening, April 8. Delegates will also visit Natural Bridge, where they will be guests of the manager, James Hunter. Other activities will include a convention dance in Doremus Gym, a tour of Lexington, and free admittance to a varsity baseball game between W. and L. and Michigan University Saturday afternoon.

Over 400 delegates from 15 states are expected for the convention.

201st Session Calendar Announced By Drake; Classes Begin Sept. 23

The University calendar for 1949-1950, the 201st session, was announced yesterday by Registrar Magruder Drake. Classes will begin on September 23, a Friday, after registration, which begins on Monday for some groups, has been completed.

All upperclassmen who registered in the Spring and have no changes to make in their schedule will register on Thursday, September 22. Those who have changes or who did not register in the Spring will make the necessary arrangements on Monday the 19.

Thanksgiving holiday will be one day as usual and Christmas holidays will continue from noon on Tuesday, December 20 to January 3 (Tuesday), 1950.

Second semester class work will begin on February 6. Spring holidays are from April 3 (Monday) to April 8 (Saturday), 1950.

Final examinations end on June 7, but June 9 is listed as the final day. The calendar does not show whether students will be required to remain in Lexington until then, but it is supposed that they will be permitted to leave after their last exam as is customary, with the exception of the graduating seniors.

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Another Poll Hits the Dust

Several weeks ago *The Ring-tum Phi* conducted a poll—a poll of the Student Body. The poll was taken to determine student sentiment concerning the now well-known extra week of school we have had in the past, and what we should do with it. More than six hundred students evidenced their opinions in writing and signed their names to them—yet now we have discovered that this student opinion is apparently unimportant.

Two proposals had been suggested as to what might be done with the extra week—either that it be added onto Christmas and Spring holidays in the form of added vacation, or that school begin one week later in September to offset it. The students voted approximately six-to-one in favor of the former.

The final decision had been left up to the faculty by the Board of Trustees when they met early in January. When they met, they were presented with the results of this poll—the decision of the Student Body—naturally only as a recommendation, since they, the faculty, were to have the final say. And they did. The faculty voted to take the week off in September—the thing which only 110 of the students had said they favored.

What makes the situation especially appalling, however, is the reasons given for making this unusual move. The main one which we have heard was that since many students and teachers alike attended summer schools at

other places, they needed this extra week in September in order to get back to school.

To the person who only heard this is might sound logical, but actually it is in direct contradiction to arguments which had been offered earlier in the year concerning the same question. Several letters to the paper from students pointed out that many students would wish to attend summer schools this summer, and with school ending on June 10, this would make attendance impossible in most cases. Summer schools start early, and also with few exceptions end early—certainly well before September 23. We see then, that this argument is completely alien to the question—and likewise with all others which might be offered. The students showed that they didn't want the extra week in September in preference to having it spread out over holidays, and see no reason for it; yet, apparently, for some unknown reason, the faculty does want it then.

Another faction very much in disagreement with the move is the school's football players, who, regardless of what time school opens, will have to be back for practice at the same time in the fall since the first football game still falls at the same time. Why shouldn't a little consideration be given to this group—as well as to the mass of the students?

Despite what has been said here, however, the faculty has exerted its authority. It seems that the faculty, in ignoring student opinion, has acted in a somewhat CAVALIER fashion.

Who's Fooling?

By JOE MOFFATT

At a recent meeting of the bigwigs of the NCAA in San Francisco, an amazing discovery was made. Perhaps this discovery will go down in athletic history as one of the most astounding revelations of all time. But even if this does not prove to be the case, there will certainly be quite a bit of discussion on the subject for days to come.

It seems that from reports from the 300-odd colleges, universities, and other academic fortresses belonging to the NCAA in this country, that only twelve schools are not complying with the "sanity code," which has been set up for the various schools. This code, which really means that member schools are not supposed to use "tramp athletes," and are not to pay boys to demonstrate their athletic prowess for dear old Batsam U. was devised as a means of taking some of the professionalism out of college sports.

If one is to use the reports as a basis of judgment, then it may be deduced that the code is doing wonders for college sports, as far as keeping them on an amateur basis is concerned. But here is the most gasping surprise of all. Of the twelve schools who admitted that they had not lived up to every rule of the code, six of the schools were Virginia institutions—and yes, you guessed it, Washington and Lee headed the list. Isn't that one for the books, though? Yes, indeed. But here—and hold your breath—is an even more startling disclosure. Furman and Davidson blushing admitted that they, too, had been oh, so very bad. They had helped athletes some.

That accounts for eight of the twelve schools which admitted being naughty. However, one could search the list very closely, but such schools as Duke, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Alabama, and other notorious "football factories," say, "Oh, heavens, no, not us, we are indeed chaste. We would not think of doing anything like paying our football, basketball and tennis players. They are all nice, demure, self-effacing young men, who came to our schools because they were just dying to come."

Now isn't that miraculous? Charlie "Choo-Choo" Justice, North Carolina Adonis, is just another college boy. He and all the other youths are playing because they love football. Yessir, there's nothing like good ol' college football, no sir, nothing.

That brings us to a very perplexing point. How are all these "pure" schools able to turn out such devastating football and basketball teams? Is it because of superior enrollment? The answer to that is fairly simple. Superior enrollment helps, there can be doubt of that, but then how many big-time teams today are made up of boys who are playing just for the sheer hell of it? We think that there are none.

Going deeper into the subject, isn't it a wonder that the Virginia schools and Davidson and Furman don't just clobber everyone in the Southern Conference? Washington and Lee says they subsidize. Furman says they subsidize. Then when Furman and W. and L. met on the football field last fall, it should have been a good show. It was a lousy game. If anyone participating in that game was paid outright for his talent, then it must have been money wasted.

But how about the Sugar Bowl Classic? Two amateur teams, Oklahoma and North Carolina put on a ding-dong battle before 83,000 people. Just kids playing for

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the Big Blue, be turned over to a fund for "creating a homogeneous host of Rockbridge-spirited alumni."

That's all, I guess, except that we are a little worried about Mr. King's statement that the Northerners at W. and L. "share no common purpose with the Southerners." We include that, verbatim, in an outline of our own plan. We showed it to a Northern friend of ours—not a close friend understand—and he was positively Yankee-like in his reaction.

The pompous Yankee made some trite statement about the greatest common purpose of all being the learning of a desire for understanding. He kept saying our plan defeated the whole purpose of education and replaced it with a system designed to foster intolerance, smugness, decadence and a woe-filled inferiority complex.

That's a Yankee for you.

Yours sincerely,

CHARLEY McDOWELL, Jr.

Letters to the Editor

Gentlemen:

Perhaps the most distressing thing effected by Mr. Courtney King's column in a recent issue of *The Ring-tum Phi* is the realization that it is actually possible for a student to spend five years on the campus of Washington and Lee, and to arrive at, or never depart from, so bigoted and intolerant a stand as his. It would hardly be worthwhile to refute the arguments Mr. King offers since the case he represents can only sink with the weight of its own stupidity. Were there not a general recognition that such a point of view is in no way representative of most Washington and Lee men from the southern states, Mr. King's piece would surely embarrass my W. and L. colleagues from his section of the country whose friendships I now enjoy here in New York City.

One naturally wonders exactly what personal grievances or psychological insecurities have forced Mr. King, even temporarily, into such a narrow and rather nasty position. He seems, all in all, to be having a rather miserable time down there, and as an alumnus who spent four very pleasant years at Washington and Lee I somehow can't help but feel rather sorry for him.

Inasmuch as my room-mate, a quite remarkable lad from Lexington, Virginia, has been outdistancing me in academic, social and professional pursuits ever since his arrival here, Mr. King's suggestion of "superiority" feelings is necessarily alien to my personal views as a northerner. It seems to me, for that matter, that for any Washington and Lee man with any degree of awareness, and regardless of his home address, the temptation would never be greater to feel "superior" to Mr. King in this unhappy instance. And since being felt "superior" too appears to be the major burden of Mr. King's irritation, it is doubly unfortunate that he was unable to resist so irresponsible a piece of journalism.

Sincerely,

HARRISON KINNEY, '46
 New York City

Dear Sir:

I write at the request of several W. and L. alumni and friends to answer an article in the January 11 issue of *The Ring-tum Phi* by Courtney King, Jr., guest col-

umnist of the "Per Se" column.

All of us appreciate that opinions expressed by columnists do not always represent those of the editor or the student body. In this case, we hope that Mr. King's views represent a very small minority of the student body.

We trust that Washington and Lee is as we found and left it, with the usual changes due to passing years but with no change in the heart and soul of the school—the honor system, "speaking," wearing coats to classes, pride in a cosmopolitan student body, and true scholarship. These things must never change.

Most of us gave to the Bicentennial Fund, solicited others to do so, give regularly to the Alumni Fund, attend Homecoming and try to be at one or two other events yearly. We love our Alma Mater and we support her in all ways. Mr. King would make us ashamed of being Yankees, but rather we are proud of being Washington and Lee men, no matter from what part of the globe we hail.

Most of the traditions of which we speak were started by General Robert E. Lee. He accepted the presidency of Washington College determined to make it a cosmopolitan school where open-minded, alert young men could meet, study and learn each other's secret hopes and aspirations. These traditions, especially the honor system, have built young men of stronger character, no matter what their origin.

The strength of Washington and Lee lies also in its cosmopolitan student body. All W. and L. men have one goal, a better America. We learn to study, play and work together and in the spirit of fair play and mutual understanding that results lies the hope of all the land; for, wherever W. and L. men are, there is teamwork.

It hasn't been that long that I can't remember the happy hours of peace, quiet and study at W. and L. from which I carry the memory of many fine friendships with people of all differences of opinion—students, professors and townspeople. You who now have that opportunity can well make best use of it by striving to make Washington and Lee work rather than by giving up while the going might be a little rough.

Yours very truly,

K. L. SHIRK, Jr., '43
 Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Another Plan To Eliminate 'Discontented' Yankees

(Ed. Note—This column was received from Mr. McDowell as a letter to the editor.)

Dear Sir:

In a not-too-recent issue of your fine newspaper which just turned up here there is a singularly interesting column which, according to an editor's note, presents the "personal views of a guest writer, Courtney King, Jr."



McDowell

Since the student publication of a state-supported institution across the mountain from Lexington called Washington and Lee is a haven for "Yankee wasters and bitter persons who could not get into The University," I can't remember when a single treatise on the W. and L. student body has interested me more. This most recent article can be taken more seriously, no doubt, than the irresponsible mumbblings that, in my day, emanated all to often from the picturesque land of the Wahoo.

Mr. King was a little more specific in his fault-finding—and I don't mean to imply there are no faults to find—than the University gentlemen ever were. Mr. King feels, apparently, that the nasty old North is again rearing its objectionable head in a sacred Southern balliwick.

Students from the North, he writes, "are out of their element in the South... share no common purpose with the Southerners... cannot understand the South just as an Asiatic or Slav finds it difficult to comprehend the spirit of Anglo-Saxon government." And that's not all. Mr. King says the "Northern students are convinced of the superiority of themselves," and he advocates a "thorough process of elimination of these generally dissatisfied Northerners."

"The sole reason for this sick-

ness on the campus," says the article, "is the cosmopolitan nature of the student body."

The University, it continues, "should choose the almost exclusive majority of its students from the South, and especially from the mid-South."

The first thing that distresses me is the "sickness on the campus." I was around there for almost twenty years and I never noticed any real illness I could put my finger on, much less the epidemic that seems to have swept down like Sherman from the North. I hastened to inform two friends of mine, also alumni, of the plague, and their reaction was naive at best. Said one: "Has Dr. White been informed?" And the other, a fellow always quite close to his grandmother: "In the old days we simply buttoned up our coats and wore our overshoes, and we never had any trouble except on quiz days."

After I explained that no doctors, no overshoes, no coats could even pretend to deal with a Yankee, once he has got his foot in the door, my friends appreciated the foul situation as well as I.

Another thing that disturbed me particularly, and my friends, who may as well be identified as one Robbins Gates, an artist, and one Harrison Kinney, the author, was the clear implication that the deep South was giving trouble. Obviously, the advocacy of concentration on the mid-South indicates that Mr. King believes all is not well with the students from South of, say, Columbia, South Carolina. The three of us, frankly, sense trichinosis or some such dread disease has been borne into fair Lexington from the shoeless areas of the Southland where the natives often have as much difficulty as an Asiatic or Slav in comprehending the spirit of Anglo-Saxon government.

Anyway, we have conceived a plan for selection of students that, I'm afraid, goes even further than Mr. King's. Radical though it is, one cannot go too far when one's

alma mater is endangered.

We would choose the almost exclusive majority of the students from Rockbridge County, and especially from mid-Rockbridge County. Frankly, we don't trust students from Lynchburg or Clifton Forge. They have always seemed out of their element in Lexington, and if you ask them, they will admit it. We also feel happy that our plan excludes Roanokers. Somehow these students, reared in the home of the mighty Norfolk and Western and the mighty Virginian railroads, have never been able to quite resign themselves to our paltry Virginia Creeper that backs apologetically into Lexington three times a week.

The concentration upon mid-Rockbridge County is aimed directly at reducing the number of students from Natural Bridge. These students clearly feel themselves superior, despite that fact that noted authorities have repeatedly challenged the claim that their silly-big rock with a hole in it is actually one of the seven natural wonders of the world.

We advocate Rockbridge County teachers and Rockbridge County text books. We want a Rockbridge County football coach—and that is not meant as a plug for the very capable Stuart Brewbaker of Lexington High School. That gentleman hails from a neighboring county, a fact he cannot deny. And we think it is time for W. and L. to try to get some good Rockbridge County football players, and to quit piddling around with boys from as far north as New Market. Let VMI have New Market.

We believe, like Mr. King, that W. and L. exists only to create alumni. So as to do that better we suggest that a degree be awarded after one semester and that the students be rushed into the Alumni Association immediately thereafter. We suggest that any money they might earn, while not attending football games in Lexington or following and boosting



Charles Blake, W. and L. '32, receives the Manuscripts Club of Los Angeles Award for his original "Around the Town." The award was given for having produced "the most outstanding contribution to the American community theatre in 1949."

Head of Charles H. Blake Productions, which stages community theatre projects similar to "Town" all over the nation. Blake was active in dramatics at W. and L. He was also in the Glee Club, on the staff of *The Southern Collegian*, and a member of Lambda Chi.

After graduation here, Blake became director of the Louisville, Ky., Civic Theatre and produced radio shows for WHAS. Later he

co-authored several New York musicals including "Crazy With The Heat" and "The Understudy Revue" and appeared in a number of shows including "Lilliom" and "Dead End." He was with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo on its European tour.

Mr. Blake is now handling the Harvard Hasty Pudding Club show.

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George Barclay, New Head Coach

Former All-American Chosen In W. and L. Coaching Shakeup

After several weeks in the dark, the student body of Washington and Lee and the inquisitive John Q. Public were finally informed as to the identity of the General's new football mentor. George Barclay, former line coach at the University of Maryland, was named to succeed Art Lewis who accepted the position as line coach at Mississippi State. Barclay was signed on a two year contract at an undisclosed sum according to the Athletic Committee.

Barclay won his fame as an All-American guard at the University of North Carolina in 1934. During his playing career he called offensive signals at his guard slot and was also named as one of the South's greatest defensive players. An injury incurred during Barclay's senior year prevented him from playing any pro football and after graduation he accepted a position with a manufacturing firm.

In 1936, Barclay made his debut in the coaching profession by taking a position as assistant coach at V.M.I. After the Kadets, he was on the coaching staff at North Carolina, Dartmouth, and during the war he served on Don Faurot's staff at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station.

From Farrot, now head coach at the University of Missouri, Barclay picked up his version of the split "T" which he plans to use at W. and L. This formation, which is comparatively new in football circles, should prove to be very successful with the Generals. Besides retaining the speed and quick opening plays of the straight "T," it adds some of the power which was neglected by Lewis's offense.

Barclay "Overjoyed"

After receiving news of his appointment, Barclay exclaimed he was "overjoyed" to hear that he had been accepted for the position as head coach. Jim Tatum, head coach at the University of Maryland, said he was sorry to hear Barclay was leaving, but that he was sure Barclay would be a success in his new position. It is his first job as head coach and after several years experience in the coaching field Barclay announced that he would like to try it on his own for awhile.

The final selection was made from a group of three candidates which remained after the list had been cut down from over one hundred. The other two possibilities were Crowell Little, freshman coach at the University of North Carolina, and Ben Martin, who had a very impressive record as mentor of the Plebes at Annapolis. Up until the end sentiment was equally divided between Barclay and Little with Martin running as a dark horse in the job hunt. The committee in their final meeting at the beginning of last week made their choice and the results were first announced between semesters at W. and L.

Barclay made no definite statement as to his assistants, but he did say he wanted men who were well versed in the Virginia football situation. Assistants will probably be named sometime in the near future.

The new coach arrived in town on Monday and took over his duties as mentor immediately. No announcement was made as to the dates of spring practice and the coach will probably spend most of his time lining up promising scholastic stars for the '49 edition of the gridiron Generals. Because

of his late appointment, Barclay may find most of the sought after talent has already been spoken for, but between the reputation of the new coach and the school, a wealth of new material can probably be directed this way. Along with last year's varsity squad members, Barclay said he planned to depend heavily on freshman stars Gil Bocetti and Talbott Trammell.

The new coach is a native of Natrona Heights, Pennsylvania, and is married and the father of two children both of whom are girls.

I-M Roundup

By ART HOLLINS

Preliminaries for the foul-shooting tournament will be held this Wednesday and Thursday nights. Each entrant will have twenty-five shots and the top thirty-two men will go into an elimination tournament. Both Blakely James, Pi Phi and John Bell, Phi Psi, last year's champion and runner-up will be on hand.

Entrants in the wrestling tournament must take physicals between now and March 1 to be eligible to enter the tournament which begins on March 7. Besides the eight college weights there will be a 191 pound group and a 115 pound division.

Terps Hand Defeat to Blue

By TED LONERGAN

Coming from behind a six point deficit which was held against them at the intermission, the Maryland Terps edged the Washington and Lee cage men by a 66-60 score on the Doremus floor Saturday night. The loss put an end to the four game winning streak of the Generals, and also dimmed their hopes of obtaining a tournament berth, although the chances are still good.

Forward Spence Wright and center Lee Brawley combined some very accurate shooting efforts in the second half to derail the Blue and White team. Jay Handlan, the Washington and Lee scoring ace, led both teams on total points for the evening with 17. Wright had 16, and Brawley had 15, for the visiting Old Liners.

For the first twelve minutes, the lead see-sawed back and forth, but the Generals finally were able to pull ahead with two pointers

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Jewelers

Generalizing . . . by Bell

Washington and Lee's new football coach, George Barclay, took over the reins yesterday and spent a busy first day. His first big worry was the usual scholastic headache following exams. As usual some of the boys placed themselves in danger of severing their connection with the University, and Barclay's immediate concern was with them. Though only a few of the players were dealt a telling blow by the books, they were some of the better boys so the new coach was a little anxious to see what could be done. How successful he was with the reinstatement committee will have to be seen.

Barclay met Johnny Jaffurs and saw Carl Wise, who was at North Carolina the same time the new coach was there. No announcement has been made about his choice of assistants yet, and Barclay has been quoted as saying he wanted men who knew the Virginia football set-up. We hope Carl and Johnny will be retained. They not only know the Virginia gridiron situation but they know their jobs.

After a busy day talking to the football players who beat a steady stream to his door to meet the new coach, he was entertained at a banquet given by Tex Tilson at the Mayflower. There he met all the players he hadn't seen already, heard a few welcoming words from the athletic committee, and ate a hearty dinner. It was a well-filled first day.

Coach Barclay had better extend all possible energy to have one Ray Leister back in uniform next fall. Leister had a few scholastic difficulties this semester and is one of the doubtful eligibles. He happens to be one of the key men if Barclay expects to go through with his plan to put in the "Split T" here.

Above all else the "Split T" demands a quarterback that can run besides being able to pass and handle the ball. The new formation puts great emphasis on the quarterback being a threat as a runner outside after he has faked to a halfback driving inside. It's the key to the Faurot system.

Ray fits the bill. He was a single wing tailback in high school and those who have seen some of his running in scrimmage when he was playing safetyman, or passing and couldn't find a receiver, know he hasn't lost any of his broken

field running ability. With a year of straight T work under his belt after service lay-off Leister ought to be ready for a great year under the new formation. Let's hope he can get a chance to have it.

Leister's case brings to point a gripe we have with the present freshman set-up. He had trouble with his work mainly because of a recess from all scholastic work for three years in the Navy and then given a terrible first semester schedule. He was especially bothered by Math and Physics.

We want to know why a freshman, right out of high school, with the abrupt change in scholastic work facing him, has to have Math, Physics (or Chemistry or Biology), English, History, and a Language thrust upon him.

It's not against the rules to split this required work up and take Math, English and Language the first year and Science and History the second. However, the freshman aren't told this and are merrily lead to slaughter with a rubber-stamped first year from an advisor who is told to tell them that's the prescribed first-year course.

Short Shots

A group of W. and L. Students lost no time getting acquainted with the new coach. They were spending the week-end in Washington so they called Barclay up and invited him down to their hotel for a drink. The new coach came over and they had a good get-together. Dick Working, third-baseman on last year's team, will be in a coaching capacity this year. He's been appointed as Cap'n Dick's assistant. . . Heard a good one about Bill Cosgove, pitcher with the General nine in 1948. It

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Comets Lead All the Way in 75-66 Triumph Over Furman Hurricanes

By JIM O'KEEFFE

Scoring their third Southern Conference victory Washington and Lee's Blue Comets racked up a 75 to 66 win over Furman Friday night. The Comets led from the first two minutes of play and even though Furman outscored W. and L. in the second half it was never in doubt who would win. Washington and Lee held a commanding 39-25 lead at halftime and coasted in from there. Furman's improved floor game in the second half was just not good enough.

Bell and Drake scored field goals for Furman to open the first half but Joe Auer and Bob Goldsmith matched the visitors goals with lay-ups. After Bell connected on a free throw, Compton, Handlan, and Goldsmith tossed in consecutive baskets followed by a free throw by Auer. Hughes of Furman sank a set shot but Compton put the Comets way ahead with seven straight points to give the home team an 18-7 advantage. From here on in the Generals were never seriously threatened except for when Furman pulled up to within seven points in the final half. For the rest of the first half the scoring was fairly even with the Comets still holding a decisive 39-25 edge at intermission. All

but nine of these points were scored by Goldsmith, Handlan, and Compton.

From the whistle opening the second period it was evident that Furman had settled down to play basketball in place of its horrible first half showing. But even this wasn't enough to upset the deadly shooting of the Comets. Furman

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Who's Fooling?

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the zest and enjoyment that a day in the open air brings. My, but those two teams must have some pretty wonderful coaches. We could have sworn that they played just like professionals. Too bad, too, when you think of how much money those boys could be making by playing for this school, Virginia or Furman.

Yes, the whole thing is a deep dark, mystery. Year in and year out, our "professionals" go to class, cram for exams, starve in the beanery, and for what? Just so that those nice boys from the larger schools can jump hell out of them Saturday after Saturday.

For schools that are not complying with the "Purity Code," the above-mentioned institutions certainly do not boast envious athletic records. Virginia collegiate athletics are notoriously unsuccessful when stacked up against other out-of-state institutions. Our school very rarely beats any-out further away than Fairfield. But here is the point. At least the smaller institutions in the South are honest. The schools that confessed their short-comings are to be congratulated.

As for the others, the "Big-Time Boys," we have no words which will adequately express the contempt that we feel for them. Schools that claim to be great institutions of learning, also claim to have a good football or basketball team just by sheer coincidence. However, this is not surprising, when one reflects about it.

Take the recent and abortive banning of the wrestling team here by such schools as N.C. State and Duke. Both of these schools have gone out and bought teams in basketball and football. That really took guts to make such a move against a school that had gotten too good for them in a sport. Such demonstrations go to prove that they are not only liars but poor sports as well. Our wrestling team is made up of non-scholarship men who have legitimate jobs—unlike the "janitorial" positions given to athletes at these "pure" colleges, who must break their backs sweeping out a phone

booth every morning. We think that the schools who were honest enough to tell the truth cannot be praised too highly. This should give people who want to see college sports cleaned up, an insight as to what is before them. It will take a lot more than a mere code to do so, if the behavior of the larger schools is to improve. Until some affirmative action can be taken to put an end to deception by these supposedly innocent schools, then no code, however ethical it may be, will stop professionalism in collegiate athletics.

'Old Line' Holds

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by Handlan, Bob Goldsmith, and Joe Auer. The home club was able to hold those six points until the intermission leaving the floor with a 40-36 advantage.

The Blue team continued in the lead until there were only twelve minutes remaining in the game. Successive baskets by Wright, Brawley, Frank Armstrong, and another by Wright put the Terps ahead with a 54-48 count and they were never headed after that.

The Maryland team won the game with a brilliant defensive game and very accurate shooting at the free throw line. The Generals were charged with 22 fouls, and the Old Liner club cashed in on 18 of them.

The loss slowed down the tournament hopes of the Generals, who had won their last four games. They beat Clemson on Friday night, who had previously taken the toll of the Maryland team in a pre-Christmas match. Washington and Lee's Conference record now stands at three wins and four losses.

Generalizing

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seems Cos was not on the books too much one term and at mid-term Dean Gilliam called him on the carpet. "What is your explanation for these marks, Mr. Cosgrove? Four F's and an E" Cos glibly replied, "I guess I've been spending too much time on one subject, Dean."

Furman Falls

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scored first on a tip-in by Drake but two baskets by Handlan and one by Auer put the Generals far out in front. After a matching of baskets by both teams Kerr of Furman put a brake on the fast moving W. and L. quintet, putting three nice set shots through the net for six points. Bell scored two more after Goldsmith's hook shot from the side to cut the Comets lead to eight points. From here on in the scoring was even and Auer took over most of the scoring as he collected twelve points in the final ten minutes.

Considering the fact that this was the General's first game since they laid off for exams almost two weeks ago they did surprisingly well. Four men for W. and L. garnered all but six of their seventy-five points, with Jay Handlan taking top honors with twenty-two points, followed by Auer and Goldsmith with eighteen and seventeen respectively. Compton had twelve. Drake, Furman's high scoring center was held to seven points for the night. Bell was high with fourteen followed by Kerr and Evington with thirteen and twelve

Graduates

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Guyahoga Falls, Ohio; R. J. Davis, Farmville, Va.; J. C. Green, Norfolk, Va.; R. D. Huffman, Charlottesville, Va.; C. D. Johnson, Newark, N. J.; M. D. McKee, Buena Vista, Va.; T. H. Mansel, Williamsport, Pa.; J. E. Miller, Ridgewood, N. J.; R. M. Peek, Missoula, Mont.; K. G. Puller, Port Washington, N. Y.; J. D. Rouse, Newport News, Va.; H. L. Smith, Richmond, Va.; C. J. Williamson, Augusta, Ga.; J. I. Wood, Petersburg, Va.

W&L Boat Club Organized

At an impromptu meeting held Monday night, January 17, the members of the Washington and Lee Crew organized the W. and L. Boat Club. Functions of the club and plans for the future were discussed at the meeting. The officers

electd were as follows: Bob Mauch, President; Joel Berry, Vice-President; Fred Moffatt, Secretary; and Dick Hynson, Treasurer.

A committee of Rules and By-laws will be appointed in the near future to draw up a constitution, and at a later meeting the captains for the Albert Sidney and Harry Lee crews will be elected.

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