

## Bowie Will Lead Oarsmen In Crew Race on March 18

Ted Bowie will captain the Washington and Lee Crew squad when the local team makes its first appearance on the Balcony Falls James River Course March 18 against Boston University, last year's Dad Vail regatta winners. Bowie's position will be permanent but a co-captain will be appointed by Coach Anderson for each race on the schedule with Al Walter gaining the honors for the first contest.

### Over \$400 Obtained

W. and L.'s newly formed Boat Club neared the halfway mark when it hit over \$400 in its drive to gain \$1,000 to carry the team through its coming season. Contributions were coming in at a steady rate according to latest reports.

Plans are also being made in conjunction with the Bicentennial Committee for the annual Albert Sydney-Harry Lee Crew Races which will be held in June. Actual details about the forthcoming race have not yet been formulated, but the contest will definitely be under the auspices of the Boat Club.

### Admission Charged

The Boat Club has also deemed it necessary to rope off an area at the finish line for the home races, though they had hoped to avoid this necessity. A small admission fee of approximately 50 cents will be charged for the choice views of the course finish at Balcony Falls.

Five home contests have been tentatively planned for the Blue oarsmen. The official schedule will be released within the next week or so.

### Assignments Made

Assignments to various duties in connection with the advancement of the infant organization were made earlier in the week. Joe Berry, club president, will have charge of visiting crews this year when on campus. Fred Moffatt, club secretary, will direct the "News-Letter" which will be sent to all old rowing alumni every month or six weeks. John Chapman and Al Walter will take charge of all publicity while Wink Glasgow and Fred Rowe will be responsible for the course seating arrangements and general condition of the Balcony Falls Course. Andy Gallagher will be in charge of general race publicity such as signs, posters, etc., and Dick Hynson, Club Treasurer, is to check carefully the total cost of the crew for this current season.

**Crew Notes**—In a recent time trial, candidates for the varsity crew beat a freshman combination by five lengths over a mile and five-sixteenths course. . . . There is still keen competition going on between the various candidates for starting seats in both crews.

## Sigma Chi Initiates 11 As Deltas Take Sixteen

### Sigma Chi

Sigma Chi fraternity announced the formal initiation of 11 new members, after a formal banquet at the Dutch Inn, Sunday night, Feb. 13.

Doctor George Denny, a Sigma Chi and former president of Washington and Lee, was guest speaker at the occasion. Also in attendance were Dr. Kenneth Stevens, faculty adviser, and Dean James Leyburn.

New fraternity officers were also announced to fill positions for the new semester. They are: T. C. Frost, president; A. H. Hamel, vice-president; A. B. Dillard, secretary; W. T. Capers, historian; Kim Clark, associate editor, and J. W. Kay, parliamentarian.

The new initiates are: A. W. Cantwell, Jr., R. W. Crocker, Otis Howe, Jr., W. H. Lyon, R. B. O'Keefe, T. R. Shepherd, C. W. Starcher, J. P. Stark, W. A. Swarts, D. W. Taylor, and D. A. White, Jr.

### Delta Tau Delta

Delta Tau Delta announced yesterday the initiation of sixteen pledges last Sunday afternoon.

The sixteen Delt initiates are: John Allen, Frank Barron, Dick Brown, Dick Denny, Bob Erwin, Jack Gallagher, Jim Gray, Ralph Jean, Ned McClellan, Mick, McDonald, Dick Owen, Hill Robertson, Bill Rowe, Don Shuck, Frank White, and Bill Wirth.

## Interviews for June Graduates

Fred Rowe, of the Washington and Lee Counseling and Placement service in Newcomb 22, strongly recommends that all students graduating in June who are interested in job placement following graduation, and who have not registered with the service, should do so immediately.

The majority of the companies sending representatives to the campus will do so during the months of March and April. However, the service has on file the names of many excellent companies that may have job opportunities but will be unable to send representatives.

Information may be received about these companies by a visit to the Newcomb Hall agency.

### Interview Dates

Listed below are several dates when company representatives will be here to interview job applicants:

- March 7—National Cash Register Co.
- March 10 and 11—Berkshire Life Insurance Co.
- March 22—Tremco Mfg. Co.
- Aetna Casualty Insurance Co. and Proctor and Gamble will send representatives during the month of March, but the dates have not yet been determined.

### Future Interviews

During the months of April and May, Connecticut General Life, Firestone, Socony Vacuum, Burroughs, International Business Machine, and Burlington Mills will present occupational opportunities to interested students.

The Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Class for the summer months of 1949 will recruit personnel from the student body during April.

Any interested persons should contact Fred Rowe.

## Medium Price Band For Spring Dances

"A good, medium-priced band" will play for the Spring Dance Set on April 22 and 23, according to Paul Murphy, business manager of the Dance Board.

### Plans Being Made

Plans for the dance, including a suitable theme, the vice-presidents and the signing of a band are in progress, Bob Mauck, president of the Set, said today. Mauck added that the Spring Set will probably follow the general schedule of other dances—two dances, a concert and a Phi Kappa Sigma Open House.

"We hope to make the price of tickets reasonable," Mauck said, "and thus keep them within the budget of the average student."

## Collegian Panned and Praised by Faculty, Students

The Fancy Dress edition of *The Southern Collegian*, the most controversial issue of the magazine in recent years, drew various pro and con comments from a group of students and faculty members who were polled today by a *Ring-tum Phi* reporter. Several people admitted that they "wouldn't take it home;" others called it "interesting" and "the best *Collegian* yet."

Tom Harris, PEP, said: "... I liked 'Pick-up'... average of articles was up to *The Southern Collegian* standards."

A Phi Delt, Bill Kinnaird, didn't agree with Mr. Harris, though, saying: "... not much to it."

A faculty member, O. W. Riegel, humorously dubbed by *The Collegian* as "Black Tom," was somewhat cagey in expressing his opinion on the magazine. Said he: "... an interesting issue... ok."

Graham Finney, Lambda Chi,



James T. Cleland

## Cleland To Speak at School Church Service

Professor James T. Cleland, Professor of Preaching in the Divinity School of Duke University and Preacher to the University, will lead the University Church Service at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 6. The Hollins choir will furnish the music for the service.

Mr. Cleland was born in Glasgow, Scotland. He was graduated from Glasgow University with an M.A. degree and served in three parishes of the Church of Scotland while a student for a B.D. degree at the University. After getting his degree he came to America. He studied at Union Theological Seminary and then returned to Scotland.

In 1931 he was offered a professorship at Amherst and came back to the United States. He was ordained in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 1939. After service at various colleges, he accepted a post at Duke University in 1945 and has served there since that date.

The Hollins Choir will consist of some 35-40 voices and will sing five selections. They include: Chorale: Blessed Are They Who in Jesus Live, Bach; Kyrie Eleison, Lotti; Show Me Thy Ways, O Lord, McConnell; Santus, Andre Caplet; and Laudate Dominum, Mozart. The girls are to be here at various fraternity houses for dinner Sunday.

## IRC Will Hear Address By Sweet Briar Student

Miss Evelyn Lee Kagey, a senior at Sweet Briar, will speak to the International Relations Club at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3, in the lounge of the Student Union.

### Studied in Switzerland

Miss Kagey will discuss the attitude of the people of Switzerland towards politics and democracy and the way in which studying abroad changes one's prospective.

Miss Kagey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Lee Kagey of Lexington, studied in Switzerland last year with a University of Delaware group of students.

All members of the I.R.C. are urged to attend this meeting, Bill Lature, president, said. Any interested students, particularly those who plan to study abroad, as well as faculty members, are also invited to attend.

## Mary Martin, Moffatt & Thomes Star in Troubs' 'Amphitryon 38'

## PDP, PAD in Annual Rushing EC Admits Press For One Meeting

The honorary law fraternities of Phi Delta Phi and Phi Alpha Delta have just finished giving their annual rush parties. Each law fraternity gives only one rush party in contrast to the hectic rush week of the social fraternities.

Unofficial rushing for the law fraternities started when the second semester grades were given out, and reached its peak last week with the two rush parties. On February 24, Phi Delta Phi gave its party in the Pine Room of the Mayflower Hotel. Phi Alpha Delta gave its party at Natural Bridge on the night of February 25.

## Stamp Ceremony Set for Apr. 12

### Students Must Sign To Receive Covers

#### By FRANK CALLAHAN

The "First Day" ceremony, celebrating the issuing of the Washington and Lee Bicentennial Stamp, will begin at nine o'clock in the morning, April 12, in front of McCormick Library. At that time President Francis Pendleton Gaines will be presented with an album containing a sheet of the stamps by a representative of the Post Office Department. This announcement was made yesterday by Mr. George Irwin, chairman of the Faculty Stamp Committee.

### Covers Already Ordered

The official "First Day Covers" have been designed and ordered, and one will be sent to each alumnus, friends of the University, and parents of the students. The envelopes, with a five color coat of arms of the University engraved on them, will contain a stuffer card with a message from the University.

### Students Must Sign Up

Mr. Irwin also stated that a notice would be placed on the bulletin board in the near future, and that any student wishing to get the stamp and cover must sign his name and address to the notice.

Additional covers serviced with the single stamp will be available for 25 cents each. The profits from these sales will be turned over to the War Memorial Scholarship Fund now being raised by students in memory of the Washington and Lee men who died in World War II. These orders are to be addressed to the Stamp Committee, Washington and Lee University, with the cash enclosed.

### GRAHAM-LEE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Graham-Lee Literary Society in the Student Union Thursday evening at 7:30.

## Committee Action First Of Its Kind Here—Rowe

Student Body President Charlie Rowe announced last night that the Executive Committee would allow a *Ring-tum Phi* reporter to attend the Committee meeting tonight.

By the Committee's action, *The Ring-tum Phi* will be allowed to send one reporter to tonight's meeting. He will take no part in the proceedings, Rowe indicated, and will serve only as an observer and recorder for the paper.

Rowe stated that this decision was the first of its kind in recent history. "As far as I know it's the first time it has ever been done," he said. The committee decided that its decision covered only tonight's meeting of the EC. Future 'on the spot' reporting of EC meetings will be decided later.

Rowe said the purpose of having a reporter present at the meeting would be to give students a more complete idea of how the Executive Committee functions. "Students will be able to have a first hand account of how their campus government operates," he said. "I personally hope the plan can be extended to cover future meetings of the EC."

## Forensic U. Debaters Uphold Hell Week

Resolved: That the institution of Hell Week should be abolished, was the controversial subject of debate at the February 28th Forensic Union meeting in which a unanimous vote saw abolition defeated.

The affirmative side of the argument was led by Howard Hill of the Whig party who pointed out that Hell Week was harmful to local and national publicity. He also stated that Hell Week hurts scholastic activity and that accidents due to sickness double and triple during the week. Hell Week, he affirmed, was not a safe bridge to brotherhood.

### Welding Job

The negative side of the argument was conducted by Allen Horowitz of the Federalist party. He said that the job of welding diverse types together and integrating individuals into a unit was the function of Hell Week. A common problem unites diverse types and Hell Week, with its scavenger hunts, was the common problem. Paddling, he added, was merely a test of pride.

### Abolitionists Defeated

The Union voted 7-6 in favor of the Federalist party's speaker, and decided unanimously that Hell Week should be maintained in a separate vote.

Subject for debate next Monday night is, Resolved: That the heads of dance boards and publications should not be paid. All debates are open to the public and all interested students are urged to come.

## NFU Meets Thursday

NFU President Buck Bouldin has announced a special meeting of all members which will be held in the Student Union at 7:30 Thursday night to discuss important business.

Campus politics will come up for discussion in the gathering. A highly informed source stated that the NFU plans full participation in politics this year.

### Uses of Lounge, etc.

Uses of the lounge and the time for use, will be another topic for consideration, as well as discussion of the four club NFU set-up, planned at the last meeting some time ago.

This four group plan was introduced by Crew Coach Anderson and called for the formation of four clubs from the approximately 300 members of the NFU.

## Greek's Comedy Centuries Old

#### By SAM MILES

"Amphitryon 38," a Greek comedy to be presented during the week of March 21-25 by the Troubadours, has been cast and rehearsals are under way according to Director Lanich.

Those taking the four leading parts are Mary Martin as Alkmena, Joe Moffatt playing Amphitryon, Austin Hunt portraying Jupiter, and Russ Thomes taking the part of Mercury. The supporting roles are taken by Chuck Baird acting the part of Sosie, Elliott Eaves as a Warrior, Margaret Wilson playing Queen Leda, and the Maids, Muriel Chaffer, Frances Ramsey, and Margaret Davis. Jim Fenhagen will be the Stage Manager for this production.

### Pink Tights

This play has been a constant success for the last twenty centuries, and Lanich contends that this century will set no precedent. One interesting bit of information did leak out during the interview. Those attending this production will be treated with the sight of the lovely female lead cavorting in pink tights. It was reported by a member of the cast that he was to show up in his shorts for rehearsal in order that his legs might be checked for the role he is to play in this Greek farce.

### Veteran Troupers

This cast includes many with Troubadour experience. Mary Martin has played in "Shadow and Substance," "Drink Deep," and "Dark of the Moon." Joe Moffatt has taken part in "Front Page," "Drink Deep," and "Dark of the Moon." Russ Thomes has acted in "And So To Bed," "Drink Deep," "Front Page," "Pettrified Forest." Austin Hunt, a newcomer, is notable for his work in "Dark of the Moon."

## ODK to Construct Bench near Library

#### By RUSS APPLIGATE

The Alpha chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, founded here in 1914, will dedicate on or about April 12 an Oglesby granite bench to Washington and Lee University.

### In Front of the Co-op

The white granite from which this bench is to be made comes from Elberton, Ga. It is to be constructed in front of the Co-op about halfway between the walk by Dr. Desha's house and the Co-op. The bench will be circular with an outside diameter of fifteen feet. The bench itself will be two feet wide, with four openings into it, dividing it into four separate sections. Each section will accommodate three or four persons. Inside these four sections laid in the ground will be a floor of brick. In the center of the brick will be a granite square. In the granite will be the ODK key.

Bill Todd, President of ODK, working with Jack Crowder, John Fox, Dean Gilliam, and Mr. Lature stated that they wanted this bench to be for the use of everyone.

Bill Todd said: "We want this bench to be a tangible token to perpetuate the memory of ODK on this campus."

## 10 o'clock Closing Hour Reestablished by Library

The Library Committee has replaced the 11 o'clock night closing with the old schedule, now closing at 10. The reason stated was that student support did not warrant the added expenditure for electricity, one librarian and one watchman's round.

The 11 o'clock schedule was an experiment, and, unless some student interest is shown in its continuance, the 10 o'clock schedule, now in effect, will be permanent, said Mr. Coleman.

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## Thieves and the Honor System

The picture of a mailbox with a pile of books beside it has been popularized in the school's literature as representing something very sacred at Washington and Lee—The Honor System. The connotation of the picture is quite clear, of course. But the idea that it represents—that private property at W. and L. is as safe beside a campus mailbox as it would be under lock and key—seems to be well on its way to extinction. In fact, the idea may soon be every bit as dead as Old Traveler.

For the Honor System covers thievery as well as cheating in the class room. And thievery, most of it of the petty sort, has taken a definite upswing at W. and L. this year.

A few examples will suffice to prove the point:

(1) Many students have "lost" overcoats on the campus, some of which may have been taken by mistake, but were never returned.

(2) Many students have left fountain pens, Cigarette cases, etc. in class rooms, but these items were never turned over to the registrar by the finders.

(3) One type of dishonesty that can't exactly be classified as thievery is the prevalent use of University telephones to make unauthorized long distance calls.

(4) Another flagrant violation of the Honor System—thievery of a sort—is the opening of other people's mail which has occurred with a good deal of frequency this year, especially in The Ring-tum Phi basement office.

If any one characteristic would mark a "gentleman" it seems that the trait would be respect for the rights and property of others. If students at W. and L. cannot do this, then the future of the Honor System here indeed looks about as bleak as an old maid's past.

## The Last Echo of Fancy Dress

"The World's Worst Magazine," The Southern Collegian, was finally published and the week's wait was almost worth it.

Only slightly pornographic as so fittingly becomes the modern college magazine, The Collegian's Fancy Dress issue seemed to have pleased about half of W. and L.'s cosmopolitan student body.

Incidentally, the article on student-faculty opinions was one of the best The Collegian has yet carried. More of that sort of thing—and perhaps just a little less dirt—should further elevate the position of the magazine on the campus.

## Segregation and Discrimination

A stalwart Alabama Dixiecrat during a hotel room discussion figures that the North just 'doesn't understand the fundamental problem.

"They can't understand the difference between segregation and discrimination," he drawled with a grin. "They keep getting the

two mixed up."  
"Every filling station, hotel and public place everywhere has two doors. Over one door it says 'Men' and over the other door it says 'Women.'"

"Now that's segregation, all right, but by no means is it discrimination."

### Brian Bell's Brain Food

## W&L Fans Aren't Bad Sports As 7-Up Boys Say

After reading a letter to the editor emanating from the horse set of the SAE lounge, we thought perhaps a few things should be pointed out by this "unspeakably crass" columnist. We haven't written anything satirical about this year's crop of basketball officials, but looking back over the season, we're sorry we haven't. They'd be a sorry lot.

No, we aren't All-American basketball players. No, we are not successful coaches. No, we haven't had wide experience officiating basketball games. We are just enthusiastic fans that like to see a basketball game officiated well—the way they haven't been at Washington and Lee.

We have seen many big-time college basketball games on the Pacific Coast, in Madison Square Garden, in Washington, and we've seen the best pro basketball teams in the country play. We've seen well-officiated games.

Of course, we have to assume our critical writer is a student of the game and knows what makes a game well-officiated; but for those that are not well educated in the world of sports, here are some of the criteria. We ask you if by these standards the games have been well-officiated.

A good official blows his whistle quickly and loudly, immediately after a foul has been committed—not after looking questioningly at the other official when several seconds have past.

A good official knows who knocked the ball out of bounds and calls it quickly, regardless of the crowd or the players beseeching for the ball with outstretched arms. Good officials never have to call for a jump because they don't know who hit the ball out. How many jumps have been called in Doremus gym when a ball was knocked out of bounds and the officials looked at each other in baffled amazement as if they were trying to discern the mysteries of each others souls, finally shrugging and tossing the ball up for a jump?

In basketball either it's charging or blocking and only once in a blue moon is it a double foul. Good officials working as a team quickly call the play and that's it. In Doremus gym often one official calls it one way and the other another and we have a game-slowing ridiculous double foul.

Good officials as well as calling the plays accurately and keeping the game going at a fast pace, also supply a little color in their officiating. At W. and L. the officials trot slowly around like wooden soldiers mechanically indicating fouls.

There are well-officiated games in the state. The Richmond-W. and L. game called by two Washington officials. Heft and Fox, was an example. Though fouls were called on both teams, they were called accurately and quickly. There were no jumps on balls

knocked out of bounds, no double-fouls, and few gripes from the fans or players. Heft is a W. and L. alumnus, and is nationally known as a fine official. He has requested Cap'n Dick to let him officiate at W. and L. Why he hasn't been called, we don't know. We do know that he and Fox worked as a team and besides being accurate were colorful. Yes, they have good officials in the state but, letter-to-the-editor writer, we don't get them here.

Of course, there is an enthusiastic element that will shout at any call made against the home team regardless of the correctness of the decision. But, brother, you should hear VPI, William and Mary, and Richmond.

At William and Mary we couldn't ever hear ourselves think when a bad call was made; the officials ears were red all night. The fans were loud too in what the land-finger and 7-up crowd, led by the prize-winning letter-writer, would call "unsportsmanlike." They roared, "How was fancy dress?" To Fred Vinson: "Give us a decision on that Chief;" "Oh, Jay boy. Throw it to Chris." "Where are those twenty points tonight, Jay?"

At VPI an official called one badly and a text book narrowly missed him as it was thrown on the floor. Another time, five cadets rushed on the floor shaking their fists and shouting at the

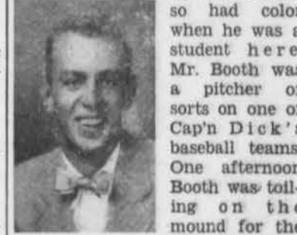
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## 'Everybody Got Into the Act...'

Part II

By JOE MOFFATT

However, some of our most colorful characters are still with us. Mr. Lea Booth, W. and L. publicity director, also had color when he was a student here.



Mr. Booth was a pitcher of sorts on one of Cap'n Dick's baseball teams. One afternoon Booth was toiling on the mound for the Generals and was surprisingly successful up until the final frame. The Blue and White were playing away from home, and held a two-run lead going into the last of the ninth. When the home team came to bat, Lea weakened slightly, and let two men reach base. Things looked dark, and Cap'n Dick came out for a quick conference with the Booth.

"How about it Lea," asked the Cap'n, "we got a mighty little lead, and its getting late."

The unruffled Booth replied, "Don't worry none, coach, after this next pitch we can all go home."

Cap'n Dick returned to the bench, and Lea was as good as his word. After the next pitch everybody went home, for the enemy batter hit a towering home run which broke up the ball game.

Many old-timers will remember Johnny Faulkner. Mr. Faulkner never made the Dean's List, but he did try. Besides, he had more than a passing knowledge of football, and in some circles was considered rather good.

On one particularly warm day Johnny and his classmates were sweating out a rather tedious class period. The room grew warmer and warmer and finally, the professor, being a square guy, decided to give the students a fighting chance for their freedom.

"I'll dismiss the class immediately," said he, "if Mr. Faulkner will answer a question for me."

Immediately loud groans resounded throughout the room, and voices pleaded with Johnny to try hard as hell.

"Mr. Faulkner," said the professor, "What do the mystic letters P.T.A. stand for?"

A ghastly hush fell over the assemblage. Johnny's brow knitted—his forehead became a furrow. He squirmed and squinted at the ceiling, then finally came the world-shaking answer.

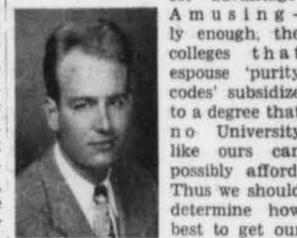
"Could they mean Parent-Teacher Association?"

As a man, the class carried Johnny on their shoulders from the room.

### Ben Haden

## Bugaboo Subsidization: Old Gal 'Drug' Out for A-cute Inspection

The question is not whether we should subsidize our athletics, but how we can subsidize to the greatest advantage.



A musingly enough, the colleges that espouse 'purity codes' subsidize to a degree that no University like ours can possibly afford.

Thus we should determine how best to get our money's worth from the small outlay that our resources permit.

With the appointment of a new football coach and the anticipated selection of a new basketball coach, we owe it to ourselves to make a candid self-appraisal of exactly what we have to offer to FIRST RATE athletes, not how we can attract second, third, or even fourth rate athletes.

In the first place as practical men, we should resolve henceforth to stay in our own league, regardless of any program settled on. There are simply too many very real limitations to preclude our ever getting very far in the league competition of larger and richer schools. I believe that most of our alumni would be more than satisfied to see us play a good but reasonable schedule with schools of comparable size and finance. If we were to WIN more than half of our games, it is not difficult to appreciate the chagrin of the more faithful alumni who have

### 'B. F. Bodoni'

## Gobbledy-Gook Commerce Texts Clobbering Up the Leyburn Plan

Best thing seen around Lexington in a long time is the Leyburn Plan. Its main purpose is to throw a little common sense into educational procedure, a unique twist, to say the least.

The plan tries to remove the stereotyped "cafeteria" method of education (masses of loose and unrelated facts learned only because of catalogue requirements). It will attempt to replace this with a better rounded education by means of: 1) granting more freedom to the student in his pursuits; and 2) offering courses designed to tie together the knowledge obtained in the four-year curriculum.

The ultimate objective of this plan is educated men, of which we have too few at present. The means to this end, although untried at Washington and Lee, seems sound. It appears to be as much as could be done within a school.

But from the overall view, it is like trying to cure a cold by blowing the nose. The point is this: Not only is the distribution of facts faulty, but also the assembly and presentation of the facts. I refer particularly to education in the field of Commerce.

Many Commerce textbooks are prepared in the same spirit from which the Leyburn plan is trying to rescue us. The facts are there, but in many cases are illogically expressed, repetitious, exhaustive to a ridiculous degree, and hidden under mountains of gobbledy-gook.

Following are two sentences chosen at random from "Organized Labor" by Mills and Montgomery:

"The paternalistic and authoritarian character of Robert Owen's plans had never appealed greatly to the skeptical and restive ones of America's middle class intelli-

gents—which rejected the notion of natural rights' philosophers that the troubles of the wage earners and other real producers were due to control by monopolists of natural rights—but the Fourier notion that society was suffering from the pernicious effects of free competition did. Possibly the wage earners were not aware of the extent to which political action and the thesis of class antagonism had been with implications repudiated by the espousal of Fourierism; in any event, they harkened to the voice of the intellectual, and for a time the appeal of the Association program to a group economically submerged but psychologically opposed to accepting the tenets of proletarianism was powerful."

Although these two sentences are grammatically correct, and contain relatively few abstract words, they do not constitute good writing. Also, they are not isolated examples.

No college student could have the nerve to say seriously that the authors don't know what they are talking about. The knowledge is there, because there are people who apparently have obtained it. But these people are the Phi Betes, whose natural (and admirable) desire for knowledge surmounts any obstacle. What about the remaining 95 per cent (of college students) who have just as much intelligence, but did not happen to come equipped with a voracious intellectual appetite?

It boils down to the opinion that although the Commerce textbook writers know their stuff, many are completely unable to write intelligibly. This is certainly a skill that a wise man should know, but also one that is to be had from straight thinking and a sophomore course in Logic.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Bell, Moffatt Defended As Qualified Critics

Editor of The Ring-tum Phi:

In replying to Mr. Taylor's letter in the February 22 issue of The Ring-tum Phi denouncing Moffatt's criticism of officiating at the home basketball games, I would like to say that I believe Mr. Taylor to be absolutely and completely in the wrong. The students are not poor sports, the refereeing has on occasions been nothing short of atrocious, and Brian Bell and Joe Moffatt are well qualified to be critical of the referees.

Just because there is a great deal of booing at a basketball

game does not necessarily mean that all of the students are bad sports. It just so happens that the only way for the spectators to show their approval or disapproval of what is happening on the court is by either applauding or booing. Mr. Taylor, are you going to applaud if you think that you or your team is being unjustly penalized? And if we are such rotten sports, surely we wouldn't stoop so low as to applaud an opposing player. Yet in the recent Richmond game, Sutenfield of the visitors got several rounds of applause after making good shots.

One does not have to be a successful coach, all-time basketball player, or have had wide officiating experience to be a qualified critic of refereeing. If one has a good knowledge of the rules of basketball, such as Moffatt and Bell have, then it is obvious that the officiating has been very poor this season. There have been many instances of very obvious fouls, which were committed within six or eight feet of an official, going uncalled. In the Davidson game, for example, a Davidson player landed on the back of Joe Auer, who was partially bent over, and no foul was called. Where was the official on that one? Not over three feet away and looking directly at these two players. Excellent refereeing! In the Clemson game one of our players knocked the ball out of bounds along the sidelines where I was sitting. It was obvious to all, who were sitting in that area who had touched the ball before it went out. Yet the official, who was right on top of the play, gave Washington and Lee possession of the ball....

When referees repeatedly fail to call violations which are obvious throughout the gymnasium, as was the case this season, then I say that the officiating is poor and that the students are not displaying bad sportsmanship by booing.

LEE F. ROBERTS

### Stamp Committee Chief Gives 'Credit Where Due'

Dear Sir:  
I have noted with interest the publicity given to the Washington and Lee University commemorative postage stamp in your good paper. This stamp which is to be issued for First Day sale at Lexington, Virginia, on April 12, 1949, will be the first ever issued by the United States Post Office

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# Generals Bow to Wolfpack, 81-46; Top Maroons 63-57

## State's Height Downs Generals; Comets Win in Season's Finale

By JOHN BOARDMAN

Winding up their season with a victory over Roanoke College, Washington and Lee's courtmen ran over the Maroons 63 to 57 in Roanoke last night. After a close first half in which the score was tied four times, the Comets pulled away after the intermission to be threatened only by a short rally of the losers in the closing minutes of the game.

Tony Proletti, stellar Roanoke forward, kept the Maroons in the game with his uncanny shooting, but his push-shot in the first quarter which gave Roanoke a 15-13 lead was the last time they were on the top end of the score.

Jay Handlan then tied the score for the Generals and George Pierson drove in for a beautiful layup shot to put the visitors ahead for good. After once taking the lead, W. and L. managed to stay a few points out in front and they walked off the court with a 35 to 30 margin at intermission.

At the beginning of the third quarter, the Generals caught fire and poured 12 points through the nets while the Maroons could salvage only 3.

Then, as if they passed their shooting eyes back and forth, Roanoke got hot and began hitting with such consistency that they came within three points of the Comets with five minutes to go. With the score 53 to 50, Handlan saved the day for the Generals by the virtue of two field goals to stop the threatened rally and after that Washington and Lee went ahead to win pulling away.

Handlan and Goldsmith led the Generals with 24 and 21 respectively. Both Jay and Bob have led the Generals consistently all year and last night's performance was no exception.

Last night's game closed the current season for the Comets and when the count of graduating seniors was taken it was found that Fred Vinson, fast-moving guard and captain of this year's ball club, is the only member of the squad to be ineligible to play next year. Fred proved to be a great leader of the team all year and his ball handling and play-making efforts will be greatly missed next year.

W. and L. also scored heavily in the post-season honors by placing three men on the AP All-State Quintet. Jay Handlan,

Freshman star from Wheeling, W. Va., was picked as a forward on the first squad while Bob Goldsmith, high scoring center from Beckley, W. Va., made the second team and Fred Vinson was given honorable mention as a guard.

W. and L.	G	F	T
Handlan	9	6	24
Compton	2	3	7
Pierson	1	0	2
Goldsmith	7	7	21
Vinson	0	2	2
Auer	3	0	6
	22	19	63

Roanoke	G	F	T
Proletti	7	5	19
Cap	2	0	4
O'Brien	3	2	8
Becker	1	1	3
Harless	1	2	4
Sebo	1	0	2
Kumer	1	2	4
Redmond	3	0	6
Candelletti	2	0	4
Fergusson	1	1	3
	22	13	57

By TED LONERGAN

Despite a close first quarter, Dick Dickey, Sam Ranzino, and their cohorts from North Carolina State proved too much for the outmanned Washington and Lee Generals Friday night, and they took the game with ease by the score of 81-46. The court fracas was the second half of an unusual twin-bill which saw the General mat crew come out on top, 24-6.

Height and accurate shooting told the tale. The 'Pack' towered over even the tallest of the Comets, and when they shot it was necessary to make good on the first try. The State boys could take their own time. Dickey proved to be the big gun in the State attack, hitting for 24 points from any spot on the floor. Ranzino took second place scoring honors with 17 points, although he only played a little over one quarter of the game. Jay Handlan stood high for the Blumens with 16 markers.

The Generals seemed on the ball for the first quarter, and it looked like they might come up and provide a close affair. The score stood at 16-14 after ten minutes of play. Then the added height of the Wolfpack began to tell, and they pulled ahead to 38-24 at the half time.

Bob Garrison took the opening tip-off of the second half, and went the entire distance of the floor to start the parade that netted the State boys 43 points in 20 minutes of play. The backboards were full of red shirts, and the Generals had to be content to make the few points they did from the outside. Chris Compton connected on a couple of one-handers, and Bob Goldsmith hit for six straight from under the basket, his usual spot. Joe Auer and Capt. Fred Vinson hit for 13 between them, mostly on sets from back of the free throw line.

The Generals did out the State lead in the second half to 49-39 as Handlan and Goldsmith matched their scoring sprees with those of the Casemen. But the pace was too hot and the Wolfpack galloped away in the stretch.

The victory closed the Southern Conference season for State with a 14-1 record in the League, and puts them in front as contenders for recapturing the Southern Conference crown. They topped the season off with a win over La Salle in Philly Saturday night. The Comets suffered their ninth league loss, as against five wins. They ended their campaign against the Maroons of Roanoke in Roanoke last night.

and Richmond, and we believe, whether the players realize it or not, the riding of the home court fans has helped greatly to our downfall. Individual stars are often annoyed by remarks tossed their way and it sometimes makes a difference in their score. Richmond's star Elmo Stephenson played a great game at Richmond, but at W. and L. under the glare of some effective hazing, he scored only a few points.

Maybe our letter-writing friend is in favor of serving tea and crumpets at our home games and crying "bravo" and "excellent call ref old boy," while we sit through the game in peace and quiet in

## I-M Roundup

By ART HOLLINS

The first round of the playoffs in basketball found the Sigma Nus beating the Law School and the Phi Psis over the Phi Kaps. Radulovic collected 19 of the Sigma Nu's 45 points as the winners held the Lawyers to only 24. Ahead only 14-11, the Sigma Nus then caught on fire. Mike Barrett was high for the Law School with nine points. Pete White and Dave Merrill, who dropped in twenty and seventeen points respectively, led the Phi Psiers to a 51-40 win. The Phi Kaps led at the half, 18-17, then the Phi Psis moved ahead 30-26 at the end of the third quarter and poured in twenty-one points in the last quarter for the clincher. For the losers Jim McDonald with 10 and Hank Mastraw with 9 were high.

The Deltas and the ZBT's won their first matches in the table tennis playoffs last week. The Deltas took the Law School 4-1, while the Zebs eeked out a 3-2 victory over the KA's.

The Phi Kaps are dominating the free throw tournament with two of the three men to reach the semi-finals so far. Representing the Phi Kaps are Riotta and Darling while Kinnaird, Phi Delt, is the third man.

In the quarter-finals of the handball doubles tournament to date are Bean and Henderson, KA's; Spearman and Lanier, Betas; Gaines and Jones, Deltas; Barrett and Bouldin, Law Schoolers; and Swinarton and Farrar, more Deltas.

The final results of the present tournaments could bring quite a shake-up in the intramural standings with less than fifteen points separating the leaders now. The current top four are the Phi Psis, 85, the Phi Kaps, 77, the Betas with 73, and the Phi Deltas with 71. The Deltas with teams in the finals of both bowling and table tennis are a strong threat for the leadership.

## Letter

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Department honoring an American University.

Your story in the January 7 issue gave considerable personal publicity to me. While I was chairman of the committee which secured this postage stamp, I could have gotten nowhere without the help and wholehearted support of the committee which I selected. This committee, made up of Washington and Lee professors and alumni, is as follows:

- Dr. James L. Howe;
- John W. Davis, '92;
- Harry St. George Tucker Carmichael, '99;
- Lucius J. Desha, '07;
- John W. Flannagan, Jr., '07;
- Clayton E. Williams, '12;
- Carter Glass, Jr., '13;
- Clarence J. Brown, '14;
- Edmund D. Campbell, '23;
- John C. Morrison, '25;
- Lloyd A. Myers, '31;
- Chappin Boyd, '49.

If I were to name any particular member of this Committee who did more than anyone else to effect the issuance of our stamp I might mention John W. Flannagan, Jr., '07, but then I couldn't forget Harry St. George Tucker Carmichael, '99 or the several philatelists on the committee. So it can be readily seen that all on the committee had their part and no one should be particularly mentioned.

Since the securing of this stamp I am indebted to my fellow philatelists on this committee, namely: Dr. James L. Howe, Carter Glass, Jr., '13, Edmund D. Campbell, '23 and Lloyd A. Myers, Jr., '31, and to other alumni, namely, Emmett W. Poindexter, '20, W. J. L. Patton, '22, and Ethan Al-

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respect to our opponents and the officials.

We don't want W. and L. to stoop to the level of other schools in dirty, unsportsmanlike tactics but as far as riding the other players and the officials when they deserve it (and they have so often at W. and L.), we are all for it. Let's keep the basketball games out of the gutter, but let's get them out of the lady-finger and cocktail class and into the he-man American sport class so that the team can make it with the help of the fans.

## Blue Grapplers Take NCS, 'Cats By Big Scores

Winning six out of eight matches Washington and Lee's Grapplers, defending Southern Conference Champions, easily won over North Carolina State in Norfolk Friday night. The W. and L. matmen won the first five matches to roll up a 24-6 victory and two of these matches were won by falls.

Ted Lonnergan and Ken Finley were the two General grapplers who won by falls. Lonnergan pinned Rickert in the second round after one minute and fifty-nine seconds had elapsed. Finley pinned his man, Beal, in the third round.

Doug Smith started the ball rolling when he decisioned Steed 6-4 in the 121 pound class. After Lonnergan had pinned his opponent in the 128 pound class, Joe Sconce made it three in a row by decisioning Lewis in the 136 pound class 5-3. Irv Wicknick cinched the meet by decisioning Poplin 5-3 after Finley had won his match. The Generals also won in the 175 pound class by forfeit.

North Carolina won two matches, both by decisions. Bill Metzel lost to Don Troxler 9-3 in the 165 pound class and Jerry Jack lost to Charlie Musser in the Heavyweight class 5-0. Despite the fact that he had a 112 pound weight advantage, Jerry Jack was unable to cope with Musser's agility, and Musser used it to great advantage. Musser is the only undefeated heavyweight left in the conference.

On Saturday night, the Generals defeated the Davidson Wildcats by the score of 25-7. The visitors counted on three forfeit matches and gave them fifteen points. Jim Connelly and Bill Metzel won on decisions, and Ken Lindell, and Jerry Jack fought to draws. Davidson scored in the 128 pound class on Jim Kelton's victory over Barry Newberry. The score was tied at the end of the final period, but Kelton had acquired one point time advantage.

Ken Finley, by pinning his man, remained unbeaten in two years of college competition. He is expected to retain his 145 pound title in the coming Southern Conference meet to be held in Doremus Gymnasium March 4 and 5.

As a result of their victories, Lonnergan and Finley took a rest and did not compete in the following meets with Davidson and The Citadel. They returned to Lexington to prepare for the conference meet this week-end.

## Dual Meet Award Winners

By virtue of their winning the final two meets on the Southern Conference schedule, the Washington and Lee grapplers have virtually won the Southern Conference Dual Meet award. This is the first year that the pre-tourney cup has been awarded.

The final vote must come from the Southern Conference coaches, who meet immediately following the weighing-in on Friday. However, the Generals are the only undefeated team in the Conference, and the prospects of the trophy coming to W. and L. are assured.

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## GENERALIZING

By BILL CLEMENTS

Today is the last of February and to many on the campus, it is the first day of spring. For the football players of the 1949 season it means the opening of the spring practice sessions, a long hard turn for any man. To Cap'n Dick's baseballers it will provide the beginning of some more intensive workouts, trackmen will be running the tracks in full force from here on in, and the lacrosse team will hold their first scrimmage of the season.

This year, the gridiron will greet a new mentor, and a man who we feel will undoubtedly prove to be a more understanding leader of the college football player. We are sure that the coach of yesteryears will have new successes at his post, but are firmly convinced that he would be more at home in the professional brackets. We were overjoyed to see Coach Barclay's statement in the Richmond Times Dispatch of a few weeks ago that he would lay great stress during the spring grind on fundamentals. It will be a great relief to move up to the field during the next few months and find the General gridders moving through blocking and tackling workouts. We don't claim to be experts in the field of coaching nor do we claim to know more than our deceased coach. However, it was evident to all last fall that scrimmage on the second day of spring practice proved to be a costly move. By the third day of such workouts, there were not enough whole men in existence to carry on a scrimmage. It was also evident that the Generals knew their plays to perfection but failed to have the blocking and hitting prowess to carry them through for successive gains. It will be nice to see the Generals of '49 with a firm foundation for the superstructure of plays that will be heaped on their shoulders by the fall.

We, the staff, would like to express our deepest regrets to line coach John Jaffurs. His resignation came as a blow to all and I am sure that every man on the team will back us up when we say that he was one of the finest men that ever graced the campus of Washington and Lee—Sports Ed.

We would like to bring to the attention of all just what can be accomplished when a group of determined men get together and work for a goal. We are speaking of the W. and L. swimming team. In the winter of 1947, Cy Twombly had without a doubt the most inexperienced team in the school's history, but since that season, the tankmen have been setting the pace with the wrestling team as one of the most winning teams in the University. In the past two years the Generals have won 11 out of 13 dual meets and seem to

be able to maintain this rapid pace for seasons to come. Men that had never seen a pool or diving board before they entered W. and L. have, under the tutelage of Cy, become the leaders of the squad. So here's a tip of the hat to Twombly and his tankmen... could every minor (and major, for that matter) sport follow their example!

## Swimmers Capture Fourth; Close With 5 Wins, 1 Loss

By BOB KRAMER

Cy Twombly's swimmers climaxed their natorial activities of the year in the two day State Swimming Tournament at V.M.I. last Friday and Saturday. The squad annexed fourth place rounding out a successful season of five wins against one loss, in spite of the lack of reserve strength.

Ed Rushton, Sam Hollis, and Tom Frost earned a third in the 300 yd. relay and later Hollis scored again individually by placing fourth in the 200 yd. breast stroke. The Generals 400 yd. relay team, composed of Frank Carter, Don Steenburg, Lee Redmond, and Bill Rose, garnered another fourth in this event.

V.M.I., the winners, were in championship form as they splashed their way to four firsts to take the tourney by a considerable margin. Virginia pulled an upset by nosing out potent V.P.I. for second honors.

Following the W. and L. Tankmen were Roanoke, Randolph-Macon, and William and Mary.

This tourney ended the season for the Generals, and in finishing the season with five wins they swamped Roanoke twice, George Washington, William and Mary, and Randolph-Macon while losing ton V.P.I.

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## Brain Food

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officials. It was deadly quiet when VPI was shooting fouls. When W. and L. was shooting, it sounded like intermission at the theater.

At Richmond, we had more shouts: "Why aren't you boys playing in Tuxedos tonight?" "Where's George Washington? He could do better than you Goldsmith?" They have a different technique in foul shooting etiquette. Just as the W. and L. player gets set a Richmond boy will cross over to the other side of the lane, and the W. and L. shooter will have to get set again. Meanwhile, the fans have gotten deadly quiet. Just as he shoots, one lonely voice will bellow or whistle. It's very effective!

We don't think W. and L. can be considered unsportsmanlike in comparison. However, before our equestrian letter writer can say, "that doesn't justify W. and L.'s student body," we will say W. and L. isn't enthusiastic or loud enough. We don't believe in creating a uproar while the opponents are shooting fouls and other such common tricks, but we do believe in riding the opponents, making plenty of noise, and giving the officials a bad time when they deserve it.

Doesn't it seem slightly indicative of something that W. and L. has lost every basketball in Richmond and Williamsburg in the last three years. Don't tell me the officials at Williamsburg didn't cringe when Cloud, Thompson, Creekmur, Lex, and the William and Mary football players let him have the full blast of their lung power. We don't say the officials were consciously prejudiced, but they certainly were attentively aware of the background of beef and blood pressure roaring at them.

We have played consistently bad basketball at W. and M., VPI

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len, '29, for their help and assistance in preparing a comprehensive plan to handle the issuance of this stamp on April 12th. This plan was submitted by us to the University in two parts the first on December 22, 1948, and the second on January 15, last.

Over the past month a special committee ably headed and directed by Professor George J. Irwin has been working on these plans looking toward an adequate celebration on the first day of issue.

The honor conferred on Washington and Lee University by the United States Post Office Department is great. If credit is due to anyone, then it is my desire that all concerned with the procurement and issuance of this Washington and Lee commemorative stamp should share this credit equally.

Sincerely,  
Roy J. Grimley, Chairman  
Washington and Lee  
Bicentennial Stamp Committee

**NFU Committee Chairman Thanks Lounge Helpers**

Editor Ring-tum Phi

Dear Sir:

The NFU has entered a new era in its participation of campus activities. Our lounge in the Student Union, which opened during Fancy Dress weekend, is now being utilized. It is the hope of the NFU that the new lounge will be an effective aid to a well rounded student body.

The success of the venture could not have been realized without the assistance and devotion of the lounge committee and others: Buck Bouldin, Red Iler, Brooks Parkinson, Jim Short, Jim Trundle, Roy Melton, Emmett Epley, Bruce Huntwork, Davis Wyatt, Bob Salisbury, Jack Nichols, Miles Johnson, Marshall West, Joyce Agnor, Mr. Brady, Mr. Agnor, Mr. Mattingly, Agnes McMurrin, Elizabeth Frondt, Tom Damewood, Fred Swinton, Byron Sasser, Walt Conn, Norman Lemke, Bob Lapsley, Gene Foster, and Jeff Hill.

Bill Kyle, campus Phillip Morris representative, was kind enough to furnish cigarettes for the opening of the Lounge.

If I have left out any person or persons I hope that my negligence will be excused.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD McMURRAN

The ABC representative on the campus will give a carton of Chesterfields to the best letter to the editor published in each edition of *The Ring-tum Phi*.

**Gobbledy-Gook**

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Some insist that the field of Commerce on a college level is highly technical, and just anybody cannot be expected to understand it...if you can't readily grasp the double talk, you aren't college material and shouldn't be here. All of which is an easy way out and not true. Few subjects are so technical that they cannot be expressed in "plain talk." Any such Commerce subject, if there is any, should be reserved for graduate study.

The reading of some Commerce textbooks for under graduates would make one believe the author's purpose was solely:

- 1) Simply to gain the academic prestige accompanying a major work.
- 2) To convince readers that he knows more about his subject than anyone else in the whole world. This is done by milking every phrase dry...which also makes many pages and a major work.
- 3) To prove that the author spent the entire war in the Pentagon Building—and probably is still there.

(An attempt has been made to outlaw "Pentagonese" in Randolph Flesch's *The Art of Plain Talk*, a textbook in the Journalism Department. He advances the revolutionary concept that the first purpose of all writing is that it be read. (Harper, \$2.50, 194 pp).)

So, in the light of this situation, the Leyburn plan tells the animal trainer to put on his red shirt, go into the jungle, gather a pack of wild monkeys, and come out in an hour with a finished animal act. True, the monkeys are there, but that's about all.

Before the Leyburn plan can have its full effect, the sages must be educated in the ABC's. It is truly a sinful waste to have their knowledge, experience, and efforts minimized simply through the inability to write.

Dr. L. K. Johnson apologetically told his class last semester that he couldn't be considered an authority because he had not written a textbook. Some of his students glanced up from their 718 pages of gobbledy-gook surprised, unable to follow this line of reasoning.

**Christian Council Meets**

There will be a general meeting of the Christian Council Thursday at 7:30 in the Student Union.

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menting our present physical and cultural plant rather than supplementing it with the needed addition of a top-flight physical educational course and an academic graduate school. Such an addition would seem to be in line with our cosmopolitan student body and the liberal curricula professed to be here offered.

But again it is apparently difficult to convince various members of the administration of the advisability of adding such a school. In the best of faith, it is contended that such departments offer 'crip' courses and might seriously diminish the quality of our men.

As a matter of fact, athletes are pretty much like the rest of us; and the type who would consider Washington and Lee would more than likely measure up to the type of man we want. As noted before, money alone will not bring football or basketball players flocking to our doors, because subsidization will do no more than place us on a comparatively equal basis with other competing bidders.

**No Vacation Date Change**

Registrar Magruder Drake announced today that the rumor that Spring Holidays had been changed is absolutely false. They will remain as listed in the catalogue—March 28 through April 2.

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**Pre Med Group Bids Seventeen**

Alpha Epsilon Delta, the honorary pre-medical fraternity at Washington and Lee, has issued bids to 17 freshmen whose averages are sufficiently high to warrant their membership in the organization.

Those men accepting bids will be eligible to attend the meetings but will not be initiated until Thursday, April 7.

**Leyburn To Speak**

The first meeting, on Friday night, which prospective members may attend, will include a talk by Dean Leyburn on "The Racial Problem in South Africa." On March 11, Dr. J. J. Murray, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will hold a discussion on some phase of bird life.

Dr. Stevens, the fraternity adviser, will speak at the formal initiation on April 7. All meetings will be held in the Student Union.

Orders for extra copies of *The Calyx* must be given to Gerry Stephens by Friday night.



Russ Thomes, who will take one of the leading parts in "Amphyron 38."

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**Railroad Club Hears Talk By English Railroader**

John D. Rogers, a railroad authority from London, England, spoke to Washington and Lee's Railroad Club last night on his experiences in Asia and Europe.

Rogers is now head of the Locomotive Engineers Company in London. For several years he was overseas representative of the Baldwin Locomotive Works.

The noted railroad authority's speech took the form of a short informal discussion.

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