

## EC To Hold Poll To Get Student View Of Classes

### Features Dropping Of Courses In Curriculum

The Executive Committee of the Student Body decided at its Tuesday night meeting to use a poll of the campus to determine student sentiment concerning certain classes in various University departments.

All ten members and a Ring-tum Phi reporter were present at the meeting held in the Executive Committee office. The group voted last week to allow a reporter to be present at the meeting this week as a test.

The poll will be conducted under the direction of Mr. Coleman's advanced Accounting classes around April 10. Questions to be used on it will be suggested by members of the EC. Its purpose is to determine the feeling of students on the elimination of certain classes in conjunction with the Leyburn Plan.

#### To Meet With VMI

The group also discussed plans to meet with the VMI Executive Committee once monthly. The gatherings would be luncheons.

It was decided that the VMI group will be further approached on the subject, and definite plans made. All members of the EC approved of the idea.

#### Sport Petition

It was decided by a unanimous vote of the EC that the proper authorities will be petitioned to change the time of home base ball games this spring.

President Charlie Rowe pointed out that at present games start between 3:45 and 4:00 p. m. Recommendation was made that they begin this year and in the future at 3:15.

Bell, a baseball player himself, approved of the plan. He said that all the other players would probably agree. The reason given was "the late hour which the game ends when it begins so late."

#### Get Amendments Up

Vice-president Frank Carter announced that the amendments which the EC has proposed for the Student Body Constitution are completed, and have been sent to be mimeographed.

Rowe appointed a committee to make arrangements for student voting on them. The members of the committee are: Joe Vicars, chairman, Ben Brown, and Jack Hudgens.

It was also decided by a unanimous vote that the group will meet in the future at seven Tuesday evenings, instead of 7:30.



The Hollins Choir, which will sing five selections during the University Service at 11 a. m. Sunday in Lee Chapel. Prof. James T. Cleland, of Duke University, will lead the service.

## University To Handle Covers Phi Alpha Delta Bids 20 Lawyers; Initiation To Be Held Monday Eve

### Students And Alumni To Get One Free

An "Official First Day Cover" of the W&L Bicentenary Stamp will be issued by the University Stamp Committee free of charge to all alumni and friends on April 12th.

All students may also obtain a free first day cover with the compliments of the Student War Memorial Scholarship Fund by signing their name and address to the list posted on the bulletin board in front of Payne Hall.

Additional copies may be obtained by order from the University Stamp Committee for 25 cents per copy. Proceeds from this sale will go to the Student War Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Over 450,000 first day covers are expected to be issued. The Lexington Post Office has already received more than 5,000 requests for these first issues.

Several stamp concerns are also printing special envelopes with engravings of the university on them to be used for first day covers.

### Must Keep Paying

The Veterans Administration announced this week that all veterans who have kept their National Service Life Insurance policies should continue sending their premiums to the Richmond VA District Office.

The VA said that while the Richmond office has been stripped of its supervisory functions as of February 1, that is still the place for the premiums to be sent.

The Richmond office was changed from a branch to a district office on February 1.

Twenty men have been formally bid and accepted for membership in Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity, Sam White announced today.

The new members are: Frank E. Beverley, Marvin Bowling, Earle Brown, Thomas Condon, Robert Fields, Edward Feinman, John E. Ford, William Haynes, Mack Holdway.

Robert Kime, Albert Knight, George Kostel, William McLaugh-

### 4 W & L Students In Ball Figure

Four Washington and Lee students will be escorts in the Colonial Ball Figure, the highlight of the social functions at Southern Seminary, to take place this weekend.

William Kyle, Junior of Scarsdale, N. Y., will escort Miss Nancy Poole, who will be dressed as Martha Washington.

Other men in the figure will be: Alfred Powell, Jr. of Salem

whose date, Miss Emily Lucille Sperry of Paris, Texas will be costumed to represent Dolly Madison; Rollo Thompson of Arlington who will escort Miss Beverly Maxine Meade of Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, president of the Junior Middle Class; and Reid Baker of Sharon, Penn. whose date Dion Dana of Bradford, Penn. is president of the Southern Seminary Junior Class.

Election to take a place in the Colonial Ball figure is the highest honor that can be given to Southern Seminary girls.

The ball scheduled for Saturday evening from 8 to 12 o'clock will be held in the College Ball Room.

lin, Don Mason, Bernard Natkin, Don Shannon, William Terry, Ashley Wall, Rush Webb, and Willis Woods.

Initiation will be held in the Student Union at 8:00 P. M. next Monday night, March 7.

In order to be eligible for rushing by Phi Alpha Delta, a man must have been in law school for at least one semester and must have maintained at least a 75 average.

A rush party was held last Friday night at Natural Bridge Hotel for prospective new members.

White also said that a committee headed by Jim Funk has been appointed for the purpose of obtaining speakers for the regular meetings and special occasions of the group this year.

The organization is also sponsoring a legal writing contest and offering a \$50 prize for the best work.

### Sigma Nu Cops I-M Basketball Trophy

With a roaring comeback in the last ten minutes of the final quarter, the Sigma Nu's defeated the Phi Psi's in the intra-mural basketball finals yesterday afternoon, 38 to 33.

The Phi Psi quintet led the field all the way up through the first three quarters. Then, about five minutes into the last quarter, with the score 24-22 in favor of the Phi Psi's, the Sigma Nu's began their final drive.

A scoring spurge led by Gannon and Connelly left them with a comfortable 35 to 26 lead within a few minutes.

The half-time score was 18 to 17 in favor of the Phi Psi's.

### IRC Members Hear Switzerland Speech

Approximately twenty-five members of the International Relations Club and several members of the faculty heard Miss Evelyn Kagey, Sweet Briar senior, discuss her experiences as an exchange student in Europe at the IRC meeting Thursday night.

The charming Miss Kagey told of her impressions as an American student in Switzerland last year and also of her travels throughout both eastern and western Europe. "We American Students were immature compared to European students of our age," she said.

"The average European," said the Lexington-born student, "does not believe that we Americans are really interested in our love of the so-called 'human dignities.'"

#### NOTICE

The W&L Horse Show Association will hold its organizational meeting on Tuesday night at 7:15 in the Student Union.

#### CORRECTION

In Tuesday's Ring-tum Phi, Graham Finney was mis-quoted in a story concerning The Southern Collegian. Mr. Finney was quoted as saying: "If Joe Moffatt ever wrote anything, it must have sounded like The Southern Collegian." The quote should have read: "If Joe Miller, etc." Apologizes to both Mr. Finney and Mr. Moffatt.

## Martin And Bike Deceived By Fire

By JOE MARTIN

Much excitement up in the chemistry building yesterday afternoon. Seems they had a little fire.

Osborne, French and I were just leaving Harlow's print shop when we heard the fire whistle. Down Jefferson street three red demons roared past us. I hopped my fire chaser and took out after them.

The engines chugged up towards school. My heart beat faster. "Maybe the whole school's on fire. What a story!"

Arriving at the scene of the so-called blaze, I followed the firemen up to the organic chemistry lab. There in one corner I saw the cause of all the excitement. A flame about as big as three matches was flickering at the end of a condenser.

Several vigilant chemistry students and professors had already put out the fire with two extinguishers.

"What caused this inferno?" I asked one of the chemistry students.

"Well, some free phosphorous got in the reaction," he said.

Not being acquainted with the characteristics of free phosphorous, I asked Dr. Baxter what the score was. I won't repeat what he said—I can't. I took biology.

Anyway, there was no damage, not even any smoke-blackened walls.

## War Memorial Notes Total Funds To Date

Following the regular weekly meeting of the War Memorial Scholarship Committee last night, Chairman Gerry Stephens announced that the money collected to date by the group is \$1,414.93.

Early this week, the Committee deposited \$1,000 of this sum with the University. The school will now begin paying four percent interest on the deposit. Others will be made at regular intervals.

The Committee is now planning a basketball game between the all-star intramural teams of W&L and the University of Virginia.

## Fancy Dress Date Appears For Trial; Then Doesn't Get A Chance To Testify

By BILL GLADSTONE

Miss Mary Beverly Wilson, 21, a senior at William and Mary College in Williamsburg made a trip to Lexington last Wednesday to appear at court in connection with the robbery of the Beta House on February 19.

Today Brain Bell, her Fancy Dress date, said she made the trip only to find that her testimony wasn't even needed.

Miss Wilson, who was with Bell at the time of his encounter with the burglar Saturday night after Fancy Dress, was served a subpoena by the Williamsburg authorities late last week.

The order of calling witnesses placed Miss Wilson fifth on the list after the testimony of others such as Bell and Mrs. Davis Martin, Beta Housemother. But when it came time for Miss Wilson to testify, there was already enough

## Glee Club Plans To Sell Records At End Of March

### Only At Co-op Can New Records Be Purchased

Washington and Lee records by the Glee Club will go on sale at the Co-op the end of March, Club president Walt Williams announced yesterday.

The set of records will be put out in album form and will consist of three ten-inch discs, all a capella. Price will be \$5.00. Covers of the album will be decorated with campus scenes.

Songs contained in the album are: Washington and Lee Swing; College Friendship; W&L Hymn, by the late John Graham, former Washington and Lee professor; Hail Thou Star Resplendent; two Bach chorals; Dixie; and a novelty number, The Scissors Grinder.

#### Only At Co-op

All these tunes are good glee club numbers and have been shown to be popular with students generally.

Albums will be sold exclusively by the Co-op. No individual records may be purchased.

Mail orders from alumni will be accepted. Requests should be sent directly to the University Supply Store.

Five hundred records sets have been pressed.

#### First Time by Club

This is the first time that Washington and Lee records have been made by the Glee Club. It is also the first time several W&L records have been made a capella.

The full Glee Club of 40 voices participated in the recordings. All records were made in the library's music room by the Nelson Cornell Custom Recording Company.

#### President Pleased

Williams said that the records were made at the request of a number of students and alumni.

"We were glad we could make these records this year—the Bicentennial year," Williams stated. "We were also glad that we could fit the recordings into our schedule."

### Troubs Appoint

Troubadour director Jack Lanich has announced that Bill Mills will handle the lighting and Lucia Gleason will be in charge of women's costumes for the forthcoming Troubadour production, "Amphitryon 38."

The play, a Greek Comedy to be presented the week of March 21-25, will include a cast of ten.

## Over 100 Pipes, A Love For England, And 53 Year Past Of Interesting Life Equal County's Most Eligible Bachelor

By JOCK MORRISON

If you looked all this week and half the next you probably couldn't find more than three people who ever saw Mr. Higgins Williams without a pipe in his hand or on the way to his mouth. One of those three notables would be Dr. Ollinger Crenshaw, a man eminently qualified to write a three volume history of the "Life and Times of John H. Williams." Should he ever bring himself to the effort, Hig would more than likely appear to posterity something like this:

If he died tomorrow, an event not likely and certainly not to be desired, Hig Williams would be 53 years old. He would leave behind him a record of service in World War I's AEF, four years of service as American Vice-consul in Colombo, Ceylon, a long history as teacher of Political Science

(both national and otherwise), something like one hundred assorted pipes, membership in almost anything you care to name from Kappa Alpha to ODK, and a resounding career as Rockbridge



John (Hig) Williams

County's most uncatchable bachelor.

Mr. Wiggins (as certain of his intimates have been wont to call him) is an Anglo-phil. His love of Limey and anything British approaches devotion. Perhaps this is due to his being strictly a Blue Grass aristocrat from Mt. Vernon, Ky., and perhaps it is due partly to his tour of duty almost in the lap of John Bull's minister in Ceylon. He worked with the British so closely that it is said they wondered at times who was paying his salary.

Whoever did pay it neglected to supply funds in sufficient amounts, and coupled with a proposal to transfer him to the Black Republic of Haiti, the expense of his elegant bungalow and entertaining American dignitaries proved to be the straw that broke

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## Political Science - - W & L Style

The Executive Committee took an important step this week. It admitted a representative of the press to its meeting. Until this week, all EC meetings had been held under the cloak of secrecy. If someone had asked a student what his student government did he would have received an evasive answer. Who knew what went on except the EC members themselves?

President of the Student Body, Charlie Rowe, stated that he hoped this week's step would set a precedent for letting the press cover all meetings of the Student Government. Certainly **The Ring-tum Phi** can think of no good reason why this should not be so. A more informed student opinion can result in cleaner and more constructive politics on the campus. At present, a man disappears from the

public eye after he is elected to the EC. Only the President and a few other top officials are widely known. We doubt if any student could name all of the members of the EC, or even his own representative on that body.

While we are getting politics off our chest we will also enter a beef about the Student Government Constitution. As far as this newspaper has been able to ascertain, there is only one copy extant. It is a long involved set of laws, not an article of government. It is overridden at times by the EC as witness the appointment of a new Fancy Dress president before the required length of time elapsed. The move was defended on grounds of necessity. Probably it was necessary, but it shows that we have an outmoded constitution.

## Back In '99

By TONY WOODSON

### "INTERESTING FEATURE"

"The presentation of a Greek play will be an interesting feature of the Yale Bi-centennial celebration in 1901."

(Lanich's been in my files.)

### NO SISSIES

"A number of students of Cambridge, England, have sworn not to take their degrees if women are permitted to do so."

(Something in common with Cambridge after all.)

### THE DICTATOR

"Forty-one men have been expelled from Leland Stanford for idleness and the president has his eye on several more."

(No spring fever this year.)

### WORD TO THE WISE

"Out of our male population only about two in every hundred go to colleges or advance schools. Andrew Carnegie, the largest manufacturer of steel in the world, says 'That a young man fresh from college has acquired in a relatively short time what, in the world, it takes years and years to get.'"

(A fast student.)

### WILLIAMS

### THE STUDENT'S BARBER

"A clean towel with every shave—adv."

(In Lexington?)

### BASE BALL AMONG THE ANCIENTS

"The devil was the first coach—he coached Eve when she stole first. Adam stole second. When Isaac's servant met Rebecca at the well, she was walking with a pitcher. Abraham made a sacrifice. Moses shut out the Egyptians at the Red Sea."

..(And during F. D., Bell tagged a man who was off base.)

### THE MIRAGE

"If the work on Tucker Hall continues to progress as rapidly as it is now doing there need be little doubt that the building will be ready for use by early fall."

(50 year job.)

### AND IN PASSING . . .

From all reports (and data gathered from Sam White's "office") house parties will soon be very plentiful. Most of the weekends up through April 15 have full schedules, so maybe this post-Fancy Dress lull will come to a screeching halt soon.

JOHN SCHOENFELD

## Many Of The Wahoos Were Hanging From Rafters, Some By Their Hands

Charlottesville was really jumping last weekend what with Tommy Dorsey and myriads of female characters of the opposite sex in town. The occasion was U. Va.'s annual Midwinter Dance Set.

Many Minks decided that they wouldn't mind hearing ole TD, so over the hill they went to "The University". The W&L invasion was spearheaded by a powerful force of SAE's numbering some 15 or 20 men and their dates. Behind them were supporting elements from most of the other frats.

On Saturday afternoon TD and his orchestra gave a terrific concert in the U. Va. gym. The place was jammed; in fact we were not at all surprised to see many of the Wahoos hanging from the rafters, some by their hands. The concert lasted from four to six during which Dorsey played many of his all-time favorites as well as a goodly number of today's tops.

With the concert over, the masses of Wahoos filed out of the gym and into their respective convertibles and on to fraternity houses for cocktails and dinner. At 9 p. m. everyone began to head back to the gym for the Saturday night informal dance.

On the dance floor, we ran into George Washington, alias Matt Paxton. He was in a foul mood, and after talking to him a short while, we found out why. It seems that Matt wanted to wear his Washington costume to the U. Va. dance, the dance board at "The University" didn't think much of the idea. They compromised however, and so Matt had the privilege of being the only person dressed in a tuxedo on the whole floor.

Several interesting items were noticed by us over weekend. One was that there were almost no decorations in the U. Va. gym. Except for a few lonely-looking pieces of crepe paper, the gym looked exactly as it does normally. (Ed. Not: How'd it smell, huh?) It was a far cry from the gay bedecking that goes in Doremus Gymnasium everytime we have a dance.

Another thing that struck us was as a whole, the girls the Wahoos had were a pretty sorry

lot. True a lot of the edte girls from RMWC, Sweet Briar, and Hollins that attended Fancy Dress were there, but the rest of the crew weren't too sharp. We decided that W&L is able to attract a better-looking group of girls, generally speaking.

But the biggest surprise of all was that the Wahoo frat parties are relatively quiet! It seems that they prefer to sit around calm and talk while emptying their gallon jugs, until such time as they are no longer able to keep conscious. It took Sam Hollis and some of the other boys to liven up the party, a job which they did thoroughly. By 2 a. m. Sunday, things were really hoppin'.

One of the advantages of going to a school as big as Virginia is that they can get a band like TD, pay him \$10,000 for two nights, and still keep the price of tickets for the set at \$10. But we feel that even though W&L can't afford a TD, a W&L dance weekend has it all over a Wahoo weekend in that we have lots more fun. Still TD was terrific . . . !

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### FORD STEPHENS' Once Over Lightly

## From Williamsburg To Charlottesville To Lexington?

The powers that be in this state saw to it that the ex-governor, Colgate Darden was made chancellor of William and Mary college in 1945, while he waited for the presidency of the U. of Va. to retire.

To kill time, Darden instituted a new system in Williamsburg which created many enemies in that town and many jitters in Charlottesville. He so rigidly regulated fraternities that for all on the order of Rotary clubs. He forced the fraternities to give up their houses, which were promptly taken over by the school or sold, and the fraternity-house lodgers and boarders moved, with the rest of the students, into the dorms.

Darden did permit the building of fraternity lodges, which are four room bungalows used for partying,

## Murray Comment

By THE SHORT (Y) ONE

Spring is here (or was) and so a young man's fancy turns lightly to spring sports (weekends excluded.) And of course that depends on how comprehensive the word "sport" is. Baseball has had its curtain lifted with the call for pitchers and catchers, and the golf squad has been summoned for full operations in preparation for a twenty match schedule—the largest since I have been here. The baseball team has a new field for play in the offing, but what has Cy's golf squad to look forward to in the way of facilities? A not-too glorified cow pasture in the hills that is an insult to both the home team and the opponents who have agreed to play here. Why?

The Lexington Country Club (and what a stretch of the imagination that title is) is a profit-making organization which makes no bones about "hosing" the students who are desirous of relaxing on a golf course in the spring and fall. If you are kind of golfer who only plays once in a while, then the fees don't seem to serve. Or you can take out a membership for the school year that isn't too steep, but what of the facilities offered for your dough? Nine holes of cleared hillside with two sets of trees; the "pro's" house that serves as a combination locker room and refreshment stand; and the only course in the country (as far as I know) that claims cows on the greens. It's a golf course all right but it has just about the minimum to meet the requirements of being called such a place.

The golf budget of the University doesn't provide for the green fees of its squad, nor does it make any provision for allowances to players who come out for the golfers are socked a buck a day to play or practice (buck and a half on weekends) and like any other sport, golf requires as much practice as possible. And yet our golf team competes against North Carolina, Duke, Richmond and other SC teams who either have their own or readily available Championship courses at their disposal. One consolation is that VMI must use the same layout, but we don't even have to play them. Golf is acclaimed the sport of businessmen and gentlemen of leisure and yet almost every effort is made to hinder W&L gentlemen to play the game!

The baseball team has a new field under construction. Why can't W&L, in cooperation with VMI, build a joint golf course for students and towns people (out of Bicentennial funds) or take over the present "course" adding another nine and improving the present one? If we plan to cut down on football (and that looks like the idea) then can't the old funds be reallocated to boosting lesser sports, like golf, up to a high caliber? Sure it's expensive but if a sport is to be representative for a school then let the school finance the facilities—not the team members. This seems to me a very pertinent point of discussion and worthy of quite a bit of comment.

## GLAMOR GIRLS . . . By Don Flowers



"They were W&L students! How was I to know they MEANT skiing when they invited us to go skiing?"

JOE MARTIN

## Now You're Gonna Think We Are Kidding, But This Item Is Absurd

We raise other things besides children up here in the prefabs—rats and skunks. I met one of each today.

I disturbed friend rat as he was having lunch in our garbage can. When I picked up the lid, the beastie scampered over the side as if he were startled as I was. Sensing that the jig was up, the rat made a dash for freedom. Evidently a rat has to run in a hole just like a mouse. But this rat couldn't find a hole. Frantic now, he ran up and down the side of the prefab looking for a way out.

"Well," I thought, "If he keeps that up a little longer I'll have time to get a gun and blow off his ugly little head."

I ran from one apartment to another asking for some kind of firearm, (note to buglars: few people in the prefabs have guns.) Finally I located a rifle at John Clegg's place.

When I got back to the scene of battle, my enemy had found a small hole. Only his tail and tail were exposed. My rifle had no sights, so I got close to the shivering coward and let him have it.

After the fourth shot, he flopped around and disappeared under the prefab. "Got him," I thought, "The dirty rat!"

Being a chivalrous soldier, I felt that I ought to give my fallen enemy a decent burial—rather than let the bum smell up the whole of Davidson Park.

As I had to go to class, I postponed my unpleasant duty to Davidson Park until I got back.

When I returned I dug up a shovel (odd twist, isn't it) and went back to work. While I was digging; Ed Tenney's cat stood by

in vulture-like fashion. After all, this wasn't just an ordinary mouse meal—this was a BIG OLD RAT—banquet material.

I had been digging a few minutes when the rat came tearing out, alive as ever. This I wasn't counting on. He was supposed to be dead. The way he shot out of that hole, though, he evidently hadn't been informed. Immediately, all the stories I had heard about the viciousness of wounded rats came to mind. The snarling brute ran past my feet

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## Althea Sleights Our Troubadours

By JOE MOFFATT

Mr. O. W. Riegel handed us a copy of the News Letter, published by the University of Virginia, that dealt with the dramatic set-up in the various colleges throughout the state. It was a most interesting issue, except for one fact. There was no mention of the Troubs at all, and absolutely no reference to any W&L group.

Earlier in the year, we wrote an article in which the trials and tribulations of the Troubs were delved into thoroughly. We do not intend to give another stirring saga of their misfortunes. However, we do feel that somewhere along the line, there has been dealt a great injustice.

The author of this article in the Wahoo publication is one Althea Hunt. Now we have not been informed as to whether Althea is a married lady or not. However, Althea by her own admission is "Associate Professor of Fine Arts and Director of the William and Mary Theatre . . ." Nonetheless we shall refer to the lady as Miss Hunt, and go on the assumption that she hasn't experienced the sublimeness of the holy bonds of wedlock. Miss Hunt certainly lives up to her title, and her surname, Althea. She wings right into her little essay with such lines as these: "It is hard to be practical about the theatre because its magic, its enchantment and its ecstasy carry one away . . ." Yes, ma'am. We would judge that Miss Hunt herself is somewhat carried away with her own prose, if not with the entire program.

Our lady Althea, and believe us, that name should belong in a theatre, conjures up beautiful visions of just what is occurring in all the schools in Virginia, starting with Hollins and working frantically all the way to Hampton Institute. This cozy little piece of writing certainly shows a great deal of research. However, we fail to quite understand just how Miss Hunt managed to bypass W&L. Now,

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ed the whip, as everyone there tried to kid themselves into believing he wouldn't. He just doesn't like fraternities; he likes clubs.

If Darden's actions at William and Mary are any criterion, you won't recognize the place called "The University" in five years. He'll change things so they'll more nearly conform to the "American Way," a glittering generality which means equality, a rather nebulous thing.

Today it is the custom to hang Confederate flags across Rugby Road on a party weekend: later the custom will be to hang a white flag, embossed with "Darden, What Have You Done?"

However, lest we laugh too soon, there may come a day, if we don't look out, when the "Darden Plan" will look like heaven to us.



# Generals Open Defense Of Wrestling Crown

## Generals' Hopes Rest On Shoulders Of Ted Lonergan, Joe Sconce And Ken Finley - - Defending Champions; Wake Forest's Bill George Returns To Defend Title

By JIM PARADIES

At 3:30 p. m. today, once again the cream of the Southern Conference wrestling crop will converge on Doremus Gymnasium for their annual tournament that this year will likely prove to be as thrill-packed as any in the history of the event. With Duke, V. M. I., and Maryland looming as very potent threats to dethrone our own Washington and Lee defending champions, not only the individual matches but also the team displays should be really something to see.

Action getting underway this afternoon will begin in the 121-pound class as the lightweights start the battle royal for the top awards of their division. Supposedly the seeded men will come up as Kasturius of Duke the man to beat followed

closely by Framm, Maryland, Doug Smith of Washington and Lee, and Steed who will represent North Carolina State. Neither Matt Moyer, last year's champ from V. M. I. nor Cal Guest, runnerup, will be on hand leaving this weight a fairly wide-open affair.

In the next class at 128-pounds the General's Ted Lonergan is favored to successfully defend his crown. He will be sorely pressed, however, by Gallagher of Duke along with Scarborough of The Citadel. A kind of dark horse is Lysakowski, Maryland entree who in the 1948 campaign wrestled at 145-pound.

Joe Sconce of W&L has also been seeded by the experts to hold his 136-pound title for another year. Sconce who gained a decision in the finals of the 1948 tournament will have to face such outstanding grapplers as the Duke Blue's Organo, Gurney of Maryland, and Lewis from North Carolina State, a trio who will give the former Oklahoma prep champ no end of trouble.

In the 145-pound division, it shapes up to be a battle by such men as Scott from Maryland, Fisher of North Carolina, and V. M. I.'s Dashiell to try to dethrone powerful Ken Finley from his championship. Finley gained laurels with ease last tourney-time and has been improving steadily this entire year. However, watch Dashiell; he's a man who has also been tough to beat all season.

Going up one weight class we find Kemp of North Carolina the man to take at 155-pounds. He has beaten the better men in the conference at his weight and will, if predictions are true, be first seeded. Irv Winick, W&L's middle-weight will provide Kemp his stiffest competition. VMI's Meredith rounds out the pick of this class which is considered to be pretty much of a wide open thing.

The 165-pound class also offers an interesting race with 1948 champion Ken Lindell now wrestling at 175 unable to defend his title. Here we find that North Carolina's Gupton is slight favorite after edging Harrison of Duke in a dual meet. Harrison who might enter at 175-pounds himself defeated Marshek from Maryland, runnerup in the division last year. These three men along with the Generals' Bill



Joe Sconce



Ted Lonergan



Ken Finley

### TRUE AND BLUE

Pictured above are the men who will have to win if the Generals are to repeat in the Southern Conference derby tonight and tomorrow in Doremus Gymnasium. They will carry the top seeding in their respective divisions. All are undefeated in Conference matches this season.

Metzel and McMaster also of Duke will make up the best that the weight has to offer. Oliver, a tough gobbler from Virginia Tech, will probably enter top-seeded at 175-pounds with last year's champ, Bob Mahoney, not returning. His best competition will come from V. M. I. and Washington and Lee who will enter Eggleston and Lindell respectively. Oliver has triumphed over both these men during the regular season, and this is naturally where he gained his favorite's role.

And finally, at heavyweight returning to the tournament festivities will be Wake Forest's lone representative, defending champion George. His strongest opponents will be Musser of North Carolina State and Jack, rapidly improving General. George, however, is a strong favorite and a fairly safe bet to repeat. So, after looking over the weight classes it is easily seen that the 1949 Southern Conference Tournament will not be a Washington and Lee waltz as it was last year. Such teams as Duke and Maryland who the Generals defeated during the regular campaign in dual meets will field powerful tournament teams. For all a conference winner needs is strength in about

three classes which these two teams plus V. M. I. do have. Thus, W&L, although favored, will definitely find the going rough, to the point that if they do not come through in one or two doubtful weights, it may mean the loss of a crown so skillfully won last year.

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## Generalizing - - - - By Fitzpatrick

With the Southern Conference wrestling tourney already in progress any attempt to prognosticate would be somewhat out of line. So without too many words on the abilities of the various contestants, we'll just give a brief rundown of the apparent team strength of the competing schools.

The Big Blue with four championships will no doubt cope the team title scoring approximately 33 points. Duke and Maryland should run neck and neck for second place but we favor the Blue Devils to cop the laurels. VMI should place fourth although North Carolina may drop the Keydets a rung lower on the conference ladder.

Glancing over the participants in the conference basketball tourney also now in progress one gets a pretty good idea why the Generals are getting the results from the newspapers instead of first hand in Durham. The Blue record against those teams which started in the affair yesterday was one win and six losses. Strange as it seems we expect to see the lone victim, George Washington, battling it out with the mighty Wolfpack in the finals of the tourney. Always a good tournament team, the Colonials would have only to dispose of South Carolina and Davidson (whom we expect to upset W&M) to reach the horrible fate of facing NC State.

Bob Spessard's coaching career

ended (for the time being anyway) with that victory over Roanoke College Monday night. Although the Blue finished the season with a 10-12 mark besides a 5-9 conference season, Spessard continued one mark which every student can admire. He has never played on or coached a team which lost to the Wahoos. Three coaching victories this season probably makes him the most successful of all anti-Wahoo Generals.

Speaking of Wahoos brings to mind that statement (or should we say "blast") issued by Gus Tebell this week. Tebell, after one of his worst seasons as a Virginia coach, let off steam in Richmond by claiming the All-State selections couldn't beat a single college team in the state. The absence of any playmaker on the team was his chief objection to the "shot-happy" selections. Now we have much respect for Tebell as a coach but are somewhat surprised that he failed to notice the versatility of two of the All-Staters whom we think could set up plays on most any team. We refer of course to Jay Handlan and VPI's Sayre. Of course both pack too much scoring power for any coach to use them outside in the guard posts, but we think if they were put there in any theoretical contest they would do right well for themselves.

The freshmen wrestlers finished (Continued on Page 4)

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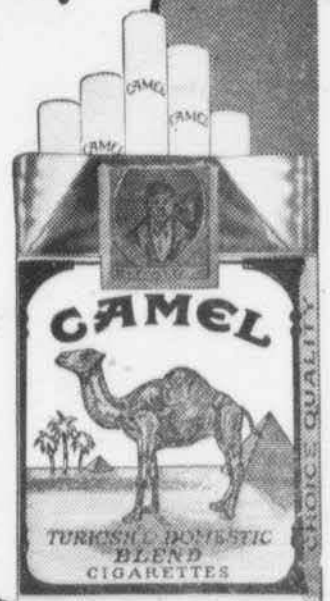
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**Martin Vs. Rat**

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and down the walk. Maybe he had heard of the power of scared humans.

Just before the rat came out, the cat I spoke of had ambled a few yards away to fasten on a napkin. When he spotted that rat, though, alive and kicking, he took off full speed ahead. Wouldn't you if your lunch suddenly came to life?

The rat was combat-wise now; he ran into the field, instead of looking for another hole. Two men happened to be standing in the field eating crackers jacks, (no kidding)

"Hey!" I shouted, "There's a rat coming your way!"

One of the men calmly walked over and stomped the fugitive to death.

The rat was dead for sure this time. I turned him over to see if my shots had hit him at all. Two of them had. One had nicked the end of his tail, and the other had nearly severed it.

I rounded up the cat and gave him his long-awaited meal. But he wouldn't touch it. Probably because the sun hadn't gone down yet.

The skunk I saw today didn't give me any trouble. He had died, and without even firing a parting shot. The strange thing about this skunk was the way that he met his death. I saw his body lying out in the field with a bottle over his snout. Evidently, he had gotten stuck while trying to get food. Judging by the tight fit of the bottle around his neck, he died of suffocation.

The only mourners at the funeral were two small colored boys. Music was furnished by the Davidson Park Children's Glee Club. Tears were furnished by no one.

There's a moral to this story: never try to lick the last few drops out of the bottom of the bottle.

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**Movie Review - - - By Zeke Scher**

Out around Gaspung Gulch in Clutching Throat County where "The Man From Colorado" took place, men are respected for being quick on the draw, sharp as a tack, and smart as a whiplash.

However down here in lil ole Lexington where "The Man From Colorado" was shown, men are respected for being quick, sharp, and smart as a whiplast.

And so we come back to "The Man From Colorado." Glenn Ford—not too long ago illfeatured in that borer "Loves of Carmen"—makes with another trying performance. This time he tries to overcome a mad-with power complex unexplainedly obtained from a tour of duty with the Blue in '65.

After briefly showing us where from the d-a-m in yankee was derived, "Man" goes on to play upon present day familiarity with veteran situations. As far as this went it was high comedy. When it showed the veterans taking things into their own hands, it became hilarious. And when it showed the veterans triumphing, it became ridiculous. Yes, sometimes these Hollywood fantasies can really dish it out!

Ten or 12 years ago when Ellen Drew was a flighty young thng in her twenties I thought she was the prettiest gal in films. Then a long came Shirley Temple, Lana Turner, Jane Russell, a war, and now—Ellen Drew again. An additional chin or two, an extra bulge here and there, and a few more pounds—and she is still a very pretty lady, but not quite party weekend material.

Mushy Callahan had his hands full in "Whiplash" trying to make those Hollywood pugs look like boxers, especially Warner Brother pugs. Mushy must have kicked in the jock when the director tossed him Joe McDoakes' buddy, Suav E. Smile, and said, "Make him a gunman!"

Mush, listed as technical advisor, was a fighter from way back. His real name was Mike Angelo but the promoters wanted something with class, with color, with art. So they named him "Mushy Callahan" after a Harlem barkeep who was famous for keeping the roughest bar in town. This bar was so course, even wahoos were afraid to enter—and brother, you tell I, how course can you get?

Well old Mush finally ended up in Hollywood, free of all worldly goods, a little punchy, but still all in one piece. One day WB sent out

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Mushy turned up the next day and claimed that he knew boxing from all angles, even from hanging over the second rope. So he got the job.

We may not ever see Mushy's name again. In "Whiplash" his mighty presence was felt throughout—in "Whiplash" he lent authenticity to an otherwise hoked up melodrama—in "Whiplash" Mushy Callahan will have inscribed his epitaph:

"I Came, I Saw, I Whiplashed, and the World is Now A Finer Place in Which to Live."

**Generalizing**  
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their season undefeated this week and Harry Broadbent is quick to point out that a world of credit goes to Johnny Jaffurs who tutored the boys. Jaffurs whose modesty prevents him from accepting praise for these duties which he performed as a personal favor and for the experience has once again demonstrated one of the many reasons why everyone here hates the thought of his leaving for another job next year.

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**"Hig" Williams**

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the Vice-consulate's back as far as further diplomatic activity was concerned. The Hig left the service. Fast.

Hig would probably have been happier living in the Old South. He enjoys big houses and the old style of living, and has a healthy dislike of modern contrivances—especially radios, telephones, and cars. He stoops to using the last two, but only listens to the radio when he has to. They have a saying that there's "nothing but the best for Hig," and he has been disturbed no little over the fact that several of his friends recently bought Fords.

His biggest problem over the past few years has been his International Relations lectures. He will make one out the night before class and then get up in the morning to find it has become obsolete since he wrote it. This, because of his zeal for having the latest and most correct information possible in his courses, causes him to re-write the entire lecture before class.

A "voracious" reader, he is frequently up until four or five o'clock poring over books on Political Science, International Relations, and a myriad of other subjects. His associates call him one of the

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Were it not for his fellow bachelor, Lea Booth, the Hig would be somewhat out in the cold. He used to keep Lexington's most elaborate bachelor quarters across from the Dutch Inn in conjunction with the then unmarried Dr. Crenshaw and a Chemistry professor named Monk Farinhol. What with a good deal of entertaining (reminiscent of his old days in Ceylon), the combination's deficit had a way of mounting every month, but reliable sources allowed as how they had "a pretty lively time of it."

He seldom shows his feelings in class however, unless it is on the subject of women in classrooms, Henry Wallace, or power lawnmowers. The first he seldom allows, the second he "gives hell," and as for the third—"I refuse to compete with a machine."

As for the rest of the Williams story that's up to Dr. Crenshaw or somebody else who's seen him without a pipe.

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**Althea Hunt**

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perhaps Althea wrote to this university asking for information on our dramatic organization; but if she did, she must not have procured her desired thousand words on the subject, or else she failed to utilize any information that was sent her.

The student body here certainly acknowledges the fact that Mr. Jack Lanich has done a terrific job since taking over the reins in the organization this year. The Troubs received no credit at all, academically, for the amount of time that they put in at the theatre, rehearsing and building the sets.

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