

## Stamp Committee Reports Success As Finish Nears

### Stephens Applauds 'Overwhelming' Aid Given By Helpers

Although orders for copies of the Washington and Lee first day stamp will continue to be filled until late this evening, the Student War Memorial Scholarship Committee announced today that its campaign has been a success.

Giving thanks for the cooperation of the Post Office Department, Committee Chairman Gerry Stephens also emphasized his appreciation for the aid and time that both his committee and sixty-man volunteer board so generously gave him.

"It just couldn't help but be a success," stated Stephens, who has been working on the stamp plans for over a month. "Everyone was just overwhelmingly helpful."

Having handled the peak of requests on April 12, the stamp's first day, the committee still finds itself swamped under two thousand unfilled orders. Requests have been received from all over the United States and twenty-one foreign countries.

In order to meet demand, the stamp committee decided to keep the first day cancelling machine until late tonight. Any first day cover may be mailed through Saturday to any part of the United States without being cancelled.

"With such a great demand for first day covers, the limited number of official envelopes with the school seal may be exhausted before everyone is satisfied," Stephens said.

"In such a case plain envelopes may be purchased which will be marked with the regular first day cancellation and which may be sent away to be officially engraved with the school insignia at no extra cost to the purchaser," Chairman Stephens said.

As all of the committee's expenses haven't been tallied and since many orders are still pouring into the Post Office, Stephens declined to make any definite statement of the actual results of the drive.

Stephens did, however, mention that his sixty-man volunteer board "should be especially praised as they worked an estimated total of two-hundred fifty man hours on the project."

## ZBT Chooses

Bob Silverstein, a Junior from Charleston, West Virginia was elected to the office of President of Zeta Beta Tau in a recent meeting.

Other men elected to executive positions were: Irvin Switow, Vice-President; Hugh Jacobson, Treasurer; House Manager; Phil Friedlander, Secretary; Joe Mendelsohn, Historian; and Rick Marcus, L.F.C. Representative.

## Gilliam Gives Formula For Remembering Names

By BILL GLADSTONE

"It's nothing magical; it's just work," says Dean Frank J. Gilliam about his amazing memory of students' names.

W. and L.'s dean of students, whose ability to greet anyone on campus with his first name has long been a wonderful mystery to everyone, admits that he spends plenty of time studying names and faces.

It all started back in the first World War when, as an officer, Dean Gilliam found it a great advantage to be able to call each of his men by name. Today, by carefully studying the applications of every prospective student, he is able to say "Hi, Joe," or "Bill," or even "Alfonso," to every first-day-freshman.

Born in Lynchburg, Dean Gilliam was an outstanding cadet at Augusta Military Academy before entering W. and L. Here at college he became a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, ODK,



Mrs. Jane Coates, who has been chosen as Queen of the Southern Seminary May Day. Mrs. Coates is the wife of a W&L student Ray Coates.

## Two Days of Voting

At its Tuesday night meeting, the Executive set-up the final system for voting on the constitutional amendment next Wednesday and Thursday, April 20 and 21.

Only men who are actual fraternity members will vote in their respective fraternity houses. The first day, Wednesday, members of the Executive Committee will visit the houses at lunch or dinner, and get the votes of these men.

On Thursday, all fraternity men who did not vote during this period may cast their votes in the Student Union, but only on this second day.

For the purpose of letting all other men cast their votes on the amendments, the Student Union poll will be open from 9 A. M. until 2 P. M. both Wednesday and Thursday.

## Troubs Pick Another

The next Troubadour production will be "The Playboy of the Western World." Written by John M. Synge, the three-act play is an Irish folk comedy. It has been staged all over the United States for nearly 50 years.

Tryouts will be held in the Troubadour Theatre tonight at 7:30. Anyone who is unable to try out at that time should contact Troubadour director Jack Lanich in his office on the third floor of Newcomb Hall or call him at 747.

The cast of "The Playboy of the Western World" is made up of five women and ten men.

## Debaters Write Too

The two Cambridge University debaters that visited Lexington on a tour of the U. S. recently, sent word this week that they were quite impressed with southern hospitality.

In a letter to Dr. George H. Foster, W. and L. English professor, Denzil Freeth expressed thanks "for the wonderful time we had last Thursday at Washington and Lee College."

Freeth went on to say: "We were entertained right royally at the Lambda Chi Alpha house, and had a very happy time."

The letter was mailed from Palm Beach, Florida, where the pair went from here to visit friends. They planned to fly back to England after a brief stay there.



Dean Frank J. Gilliam

## Let's Face It!

The time has come to face the inevitable—and that is just what the Executive Committee of the Student Body is asking the students to do.

As a method of comparison, the Campus Tax for each student in 1931—during the depth of the depression—was ten dollars, the same price as charged today. However, also in that year the price a student paid to have his picture in the Calyx was eight dollars—\$5.50 more than the student pays today when prices of everything else are so high.

Since the war, the various elements on the campus supported by the Campus Tax have struggled along on their meager shares of the ten dollar fee—but now, prices have finally risen to such a peak that this is no longer possible. The school tuition has risen \$100, but all the Executive Committee asks is that the tax be raised four dollars.

Certainly if any student has any respect whatever for the organizations supported by the Tax—the Troubadours, Glee Club, and Publications—he will realize the serious necessity of this raise, and cast his vote in the affirmative for the raise.

## Classes To Elect On Monday, May 2

Elections for officers and Executive Committee members from the respective classes of the University will be held on Monday, May 2, the Executive Committee decided at its Tuesday night meeting.

The present freshman class will meet in Le Chapel under the direction of Sam Hollis, Jack Hudgens, and Frank Carter.

The sophomores, next year's juniors, will gather in Washington Chapel, where the election will be directed by Brian Bell, Jack Nickels, and Ben Brown.

In the South room of the Law School, the Intermediate Law students will vote for their representatives. These elections will be supervised by Joe Vicars and Bob Irons.

Elections for the Senior Law students will take place in the East room of the Law School, supervised by Fred Smith and Ray Smith.

## English Poet, Critic To Speak April 20th

Stephen Spender, noted poet and critic, will deliver a lecture in Lee Chapel on Wednesday night, April 20 at 8:30 P. M.

Speaking under the auspices of the Washington and Lee English Department, Spender will discuss his personal acquaintanceship with modern poets and writers.

Spender attended the University College, Oxford, and has written many outstanding pieces of poetry. "The Destructive Element," "Trial of a Judge," "Life and the Poet," "Kings and Versions," and "Citizens in War and After," are a few of his works.

A roundtable discussion will be held at the Student Union on Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 P. M. at which time a discussion and informal remarks by the speaker will be held.



ABOVE—Dr. Gaines follows Dr. Dodds of Princeton into Lee Chapel for the Academic Day proceedings. RIGHT—Dr. Gaines receives the second sheet of W&L Bicentennial stamps from the Third Assistant Postmaster General.



## Railroaders Travel

On April 7 members of the Railroad Club made a trip to Clifton Forge where they were taken on a guided tour of the railroad shops. They were escorted to the roundhouses where they saw different types of locomotives undergoing repairs and a new type engine.

# Students Vote 3-To-1 For Campus Tax Raise In Statistics Class Poll

## 166 Of 232 Men Polled Favor A Jump--Mostly \$2

Two student opinion polls conducted by statistics students this week reveal that 166 out of 232 men questioned are in favor of an increase in the campus tax next year.

Only 66 men were against the proposal, whereas 134 favored a \$2 increase and 32 favored a \$4 increase. These results might well predict the outcome of next Wednesday's general election on the matter.

## Drama Fraternity Initiates Eight

Alpha Psi Omega, national dramatic fraternity, initiated eight pledges into the society last Tuesday night at a ceremony held in the Troubadour theatre.

Red Wild, president of the local chapter, said that the new members were chosen because of their outstanding work in various phases of dramatic work.

The initiates are: Mary Martin, student wife, who has starred in such productions as "Shadow and Substance," "Drink Deep," "Dark of the Moon," and the recent "Amphitryon 38"; Muriel Chaffer, who took a lead role in "Drink Deep" and also had a part in "Amphitryon"; Sam White, remembered for his parts in "Angel Street," and "Front Page"; Jack Lanich, the talented faculty director of the Troubs; Charlie Lemon, chief technician for the Troubs, whose lighting effects have added so much to the productions; Joe Moffatt, who has appeared in the rollicking "Front Page," "Drink Deep," "Dark of the Moon," and "Amphitryon 38"; Callie Smith, who displayed her versatility in "And So To Bed," and "Dark of the Moon," and Sherry Hamilton, of "Petrified Forest" fame.

The fraternity is also planning to sponsor awards for the best male and female leading roles, and the best male and female supporting roles after the last Troubadour production. A committee has been appointed to select the actors and actresses who have turned in the outstanding Troubadour performances of the year. It includes: Dean Leyburn, Prof. Todd, Ed Turner, Sandy Richardson, and Ozzie Osborne.

The tentative schedule for the Spring Dance Weekend is:

### FRIDAY, APRIL 22

8:00 P. M.-10:00 P. M.—White Friars Cocktail Party.  
10:00 P. M.-2:00 A. M.—Apple Blossom Ball with intermission from midnight to 12:30 A. M. (The queen of the set will be announced and crowned in the figure at 10:30 P. M.)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 23

3:30 P. M.-5:00 P. M.—Concert.  
5:00 P. M.-7:00 P. M.—Phi Kappa Sigma Open House.  
9:00 P. M.-12: midnight — Informal Dance.

## Survey Shows Two Amendments Arouse Sharp Division of Opinion

Ed. Note—Due to the pressing importance of the approaching voting on the Student Body Constitution amendments, we feel that the students should know the stands being taken by the two campus political organizations.

Therefore we have interviewed some of members of fraternities on both sides of the question.

It should be noted that the opinions expressed do not necessarily represent the opinions of the political organization.

By HUNTER LANE

A sidewalk reporter's survey taken around the campus revealed a sharply divided consensus among students regarding two of the proposed amendments to the Student Body Constitution.

The statements received from a representative panel of student body members seemed to indicate that Art. VI, 2 and Art. XI are the only two of the changes that have not met general approval. The amendments have been circulated within the fraternity houses and among NFU members. They will be voted on by the student body next week. If voted on affirmatively by a majority of the registered students, they will immediately become an effective part of the Constitution.

Article VI, 2 proposes that the present system, electing two executive committee members-at-large from the combined senior academic and freshman law classes, be replaced by separate elections among the

two classes. Mike Malmo, elder statesman of the SAE house, had this to say regarding this change:

"Such a change would be unfair, since it would give the law school representation on the EC out of proportion with its comparatively small number of students. It would mean that the law school, with approximately 250 students, would elect three members of the EC, while the academic school, four times this size, would be represented by only four men. In view of this fact, I am not in favor of the change."

Jim White, Delta, seconded Malmo's opinion and added:

"The already large and increasing number of students working toward combination degrees brings about a large amount of intergration between the two classes, and justifies the present system of elections."

Ray Smith, KA, was of a different opinion. He said:

"Since the senior academic class and the freshman law class are very nearly the same size, it is only fair that they should be accorded equal representation on the Executive Committee."

Phi Gam President Art Woods echoed Smith's opinion.

Article XI gives the student voters a chance to choose between a \$2 and a \$4 increase in the campus tax. It further "empowers the EC, by a two thirds vote, to determine annually the amount the campus tax will be, the

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## Orchids To The 'Times'

The Roanoke Times, one of the State's really excellent dailies, did a tip-top job Tuesday in its feature section on Washington and Lee. Perhaps, because the section was written by W. and L. journalism students and made up by W. and L. graduates on The Times, the job was done with more than customary care and pride.

Anyway, whatever the reason, the section and the paper's Tuesday editorial were excellent and tangible expressions of the high esteem and interest with which Washington and Lee is regarded in Virginia.

## It's Detestable!

This weekend the Crew is going to Philadelphia under circumstances that are pathetic for even a minor sport around W. and L.—all the members are paying their own way. Despite the fact that the Crew beat Amherst and Yale last week and has a good chance of winning this week, the school will not pay for the trip to Philadelphia.

All, of course, which leads to the inevitable question: Why doesn't the Athletic Department allot more money for Crew next year??? The Athletic Department, ostentatiously, is set up to take care of sports, and yet it almost completely ignores this sport and even forces Crew to be dependent on The Campus Tax which was never intended to help finance any sport.

W. and L. continues to emphasize football despite the fact that the sport does not now, and probably never will, pay its own way here. Even when W. and L. played a big-time team like Army, the gate for the University was a mere \$6,000. It seems logical—to some people, anyway—that it would be smart for W. and L. to pay a little more attention to its minor sports such as Crew and perhaps not attempt to crash big-time football circles just now.

## An Appreciable Advancement

The Lambda Chis established something of a small but significant precedent last week by turning out for a faculty smoker.

The occasion was the visit of Denzil Freeth and George W. Pattison, students at Cambridge University, to the W & L campus. Following the debate by the Britishers, faculty members and their wives were taken to the fraternity house for an informal chat and refreshments. The visiting Englishmen were very much impressed at the interest shown by the faculty in student activities and functions.

But more important still is that a move was made to bring teacher and student closer together on common ground in pursuit of the ultimate objective of education—a well-rounded, well-informed student body.

## Something to Be Proud Of

It would seem that congratulations are in order both for the University and the students.

Thanks to the new fences which the school has set-up, it is now rather difficult for anyone to walk on the grass leading into Red Square—and students have been very cooperative in not going around these obstacles.

The result—the most beautiful lawn we have seen in several years.

## Letter to The Editor

To the Editor of The Ring-tum Phi:

I hope I may be permitted the use of your columns to thank students, faculty, and members of the university's administrative staff, on behalf of the Southern Interscholastic Press Association, for the generous help given to us during the recent convention on this campus.

This support was interpreted by our able young guests as an expression of the university's genuine interest in them. It may be superfluous to add that a meeting of the scope of SIPA would be impossible here without such support.

As fifty or sixty members of the university community shared in the work of the convention directly, and many others indirectly, it is impossible to thank everyone by name. Specific acknowledgment should be made, however, of the splendid help given by the members of Sigma Delta Chi, especially in connection with the convention dance, the special issue of The Ring-tum Phi, and the onerous labors of registration.

O. W. Riegel.

April 14, 1949.

## Movie Review

By ZEKE SCHER

Seems like this was spring cleaning week over t'Nelson street way, particularly around the Daves'. Yes, they certainly got rid of a lot of trash.

There was variety too—Columbia trash, RKO trash, 20th Century Fox trash, even Nat Holt trash in cinecolor.

Our movie week (Friday to Wednesday — Thursday we make with the critique) opened cheerfully: Widmark went straight, a la whale bone.

Personally I'm left cold by Our Boy's departure from fiendish sadistic murderers to intelligent be-lieved hero. He was doing OK—slapping blondes, running bowling alleys, and pushing nice old ladies down steps. But NO, this wasn't good enough for him!

Remember the scene in "Down to the Sea in Ships" when the ship was wedged on an ice berg, and as the waves hit the ship, the crew in between became—presto—waffles. Well that was entirely out of character for Richard to jump down there. He should have sent Dean Stockwell or some blonde—but NO, to repeat a phrase, he makes like a hero.

For a whale tale the film was passable; for a Widmark starrer, it was a dreadful forecast of things to come. Now it's back to the Lyric for our villians in 12 exciting chapters.

Noticed in the paper where a group of American Indians lodged an official protest against the movies picturing all Indian victories as massacres and cowboy victories as virtuous accomplishments. I guess that'll probably drag out that old standby again, "All persons and acts in this film are purely fictitious and any similarity, etc., etc."

"Canadian Pacific" dealt with Canadians and Canadian Indians, undoubtedly unaffected by the American protest. This was Grab Holt's pic. Randy Scott (he's a Virginian) tangles with the situation and the terrain—the terrain's hell, but WHAT a situation, spelled Jane Wyatt and Nancy Olsen. Compared to the suspense built up over who he'd marry, the Indians and Victor Jory were Jayvee stuff. Being somewhat engrossed in Miss Olsen, I wonder just what did happen during the picture?? Something about railroads I believe.

Absolutely the sorriest ending in screen history made an otherwise fair picture get the green banana rating. It was as simple as this: (Shoekproof?).

A parolee murderer and a bee-yoo-tiful blonde—one and the same (WHAT A COMBINATION!) — falls for her parole officer and vice versa. She attempts an encore performance on her ex. She and her husband Cornel Wilde (in real life Mr. Patricia Knight) try to flee the country thinking the ex is done in.

Incidentally the ex is a crook up to this point possessing the makings of an "old" Widmark. The fleeing twosome steal a couple of cars, discover that neither his job nor crime pay enough, and forthrightly turn themselves in.

At this point, contrary to all rules of Hollywood, the crook says that his being shot in the stomach while the gun was in the blond's hand was an accident and then he smiles. Ugh. The film ends there leaving such questions as 1) who goes to jail for swiping cars; 2) how come the parolee isn't jailed for marrying on parole; 3) Ralph, are you sure you didn't leave out a reel?

A very long and dreary story about a house full of neurotics kept us twisting and turning for 134 minutes with "Mourning Becomes Electra." This film has been so universally panned that my only comment is "Thanks Ralph, one day was enough!"

Next week we have two guaranteed items of entertainment: "Letter to Three Wives" and "Take Me Out to Esther Wms."

The question hovering on the critic's lips is the same one that hovers on the lips of a police reporter—"What the hell is going on here?" It's not always easy to answer. Critics are required to be interesting about the uninteresting, to bring literary competence to bear on the literary incompetent, to be readable about the unreadable.

The greatest asset a critic possesses is a hard core of plain common sense. And few actors, writers, directors or producers have any such thing or they wouldn't be in that line of work.—John Crosby.

GLENN CHAFFER

## Two Vivians Plus Two Tonys Mixed Properly Give Us One Helluva Tale

This is a problem presented to me by two gentlemen from Verona (Virginia), and I merely pass it on to you for what ever worth you can possibly milk from it.

It seems that this fellow named Anthony Venacotti, naturally nicknamed "Tony," a mill worker from a nearby city, was courting a girl by the name of Vivian Bell. Now this in itself is no mystery, and indeed, if you want to be punctilious about it, none of our business. But we will proceed.

This Vivian had the dubious distinction of being a twin, her twin sister's name being Vera. Vera was engaged to a tannery worker, but as neither she nor her crude fiance plays a major part in this endeavor, we will henceforth dispense with the pair.

Here comes the gimmick: in another part of the town there resided a striking brunette, who is striking for our purposes only in that she answered to the name of Vivian Bell, and with good cause, as that indeed was her christian name. Here comes the unbelievable part: Vivian Bell (here-in-after referred to as the Vivian of the second part) was currently dating a smooth gas station attendant named—cross my heart—Anthony Venacotti, who was called by his jovial friends, "Tony."

This odd situation would perhaps never have been brought to your reporter's attention if fate had not arranged it that these four unfortunates should all be present at a summer dance given at the Mosque (the local dance paladium, roller rink, banquet hall and scene of many Communist gatherings). These four puppets of Kismet were given the usual meeting treatment: Tony (the one who was dating Vivian of the first part) turned to answer the call of some one at the dance, only to find that the other Tony was being paged. Naturally the oddity did not go unnoticed, and the two men were soon exchanging "what do you

knows." After introductions, the two Vivians exchanged smiles, each noting that their names were all they had in common.

Well these four were in a corner still chatting about "small worlds" when a ragged newsboy entered the Mosque with a message for Vivian Bell. He knew neither of the Vivians, having been consigned to deliver the message for a quarter, inflation prices, by the distraught father of Vivian (the twin) telling Vivian to forthwith and with haste make the abode of her childhood, as her twin sister had been taken with another one of "her spells."

The newsboy used all his ingenuity and figured that maybe he could ask some one who Vivian (the twin) Bell was, have her pointed out to him, and deliver this mercy note. Of course someone knew her, and Little Garcia was instructed toward the corner where the four were seated. "Which one of you frails is Vivian Bell," our hero said. "I am," both girls said without thinking, which was a common occurrence for both of them even before they ever knew one another. After the double take, our messenger just stared and was willing to let the quarter go and get back to his safe corner to sell papers. Who would he give the message to? Or in other words, this epic problem boiled down to this: WHICH TONY HAS THE TWIN?

JOE MOFFATT

## Student Body Vote for \$4 Campus Tax Increases Vote For Better Publications

The recent proposals of the Executive Committee to change certain provisions of the student body constitution seem to us a step in the right direction, especially the proposal that the Campus Tax be raised for the coming year.

The student body will vote on either a two dollar or four dollar increase in the campus assessment of each student. There is not doubt in our mind that such an amendment is desperately needed if certain campus organizations are to continue to function properly.

Typical examples of the crying need for more money are the student publications. Naturally, there has always been a lot of dissatisfaction concerning the manner in which the Ring-tum Phi, Southern Collegian and Calyx are run. Perhaps some of this criticism is deserved, but the majority of it is not.

If these critics understand the situation as it now exists, then perhaps they would not be so loud in their condemnations. The student publications are functioning on a very rigid budget, and no matter what the ambitions of the editors might be, they must adhere strictly to their specified allotments.

And yet, we feel that when the student body votes on this particular amendment, the men who have griped the loudest will be the ones who will vote against it. This seems passingly strange to us. Therefore, we may conclude that these men have no interest at all in seeing their own representative publications better themselves, but simply take an overwhelming delight in adverse criticism.

We fail to understand how anyone who has any interest in this school can be so shortsighted. The newspaper, magazine, and year-book represent the work of W. and L. men, and these publications cover a wide territory and are read by people who form their opinions of this university from them.

As for the men who work on these publications, they have an earnest desire to give the student body what they want. However, there are many barriers which block this idealistic goal.

There is the pathetic lack of money with which to carry through promotion schemes, original ideas and features. There is the lack of interest displayed by the student body itself.

True, student publications should be such that interest in them would be aroused, but there seems to be only a few men who show any loyalty to these organizations.

The student body can rectify the financial situation a great deal by voting in the Campus Tax amendment. This will help to assure them of a good newspaper, magazine and annual. What the average student fails to realize that there are certain

## Back in '99

By TONY WOODSON

U. V. A. STICKMEN  
10 cents \_\_\_\_\_ 1 drink  
10 drinks \_\_\_\_\_ 1 drunk  
10 drinks \_\_\_\_\_ 10 days  
(Wha' hopped to us?)

THE "B"  
You never hear the bee complain  
Nor hear it weep or wail;  
But if it will, it can unfold  
A very painful tail.  
(A bad end.)

FOR BICENT FUND  
It is reported that a certain member of the faculty, having been offended by the remarks of a fellow professor, has challenged him to fight either with the sword or the gloves. If the athletic committee could just arrange to have the bout in the gym, charging a fair admission, it would be possible to pay off all our athletic debts.  
(And a first class funeral, too.)

THE MIKE ROBES  
It took place in a dairy. The milkman was poring milk through a fine wire sieve. Hundreds of microbes were caught in the meshes. Other microbes sat on the edge of the crock and looked sorrowful. Their relations were being strained.  
(And "separated.")

SAWBONES'S YELL  
"Well man, sick man, dead man—  
stiff.  
"Dig 'em up, cut 'em up, what's the diff?  
Humorous, tumorous, blood and gore;  
Syracuse Medicoes, 1904."

## Ah, Winter Finally Arrives—That Is, For The Beta Boys

By DICK HUBBARD

Does your room or Fraternity house have heat? Brother—you're lucky. Come over to the Beta some day soon and see how an eskimo lives.

It all began about two weeks before Spring Vacation. The Betas were warm blooded creatures, enjoying life's daily monotony of classes, assignments, movies, parties, etc. Then one day calmly struck what has left hulks of shattered manhood in its wake.

The monstrous coal-eater they call the furnace cracked once more—never to be repaired. Reputed to consume more coal than the university steam plant, the old girl just up and quit after some twenty years of faithful service. Scared by many a battle with low grade coal dust delivered by the local black gold dealers and weighted down with tons of patching cement, she finally surrendered to the victor—time.

At the outset everyone seemed to take it in his stride. "Oh well," they said, "Life does have its exciting moments." Several likened themselves to Admiral Byrd and dreamed of finding the North Pole. One early morning about two o'clock one of the brothers was found running up and down the halls clad in a fur parka and shouting at the top of his voice—"Mush-Mush!"

Gradually the excitement wore off and the cursing came on. Everyone and everything came in for their share of it, from the furnace to the persons who built such a drafty house. Breakfast attendance fell sixty percent. No one would get up until the temperature in their room was at least thirty above.

Some one said that it was supposed to be warm in April. Maybe it is where you are, Bud, but it's still February in the Beta House. The windows are kept wide open to admit warmer outside air. Three hundred watt light bulbs burn constantly, and cigarette and "fuel" consumption has reached a new high. Everyone gets up early and goes to bed late now, realizing the advantages of spending as many hours as possible in some other warm house or in the libraries up on the hill.

And so, next fall with their new gas heater installed and operating (they hope) the Betas will lift a cheery glass and give a toast to the old black hulk, battered and weary, which will then be covered with rust lying atop some old scrap pile. Meanwhile, Spring or no Spring, it's cold as hell!

TAIT TRUSSELL

## Varsity Show Producer Tells All As 'Eyes' McKelway Looks On, Writes On

Assuming that there has been at least some curiosity and interest stirred up concerning the forthcoming Varsity Show on April 28, it might be proper to elaborate a little further on what you already know about it.

Probably the first little germ of inspiration for the Show popped from the publicity-conscious head of Lea Booth some months ago. Sigma Delta Chi journalism fraternity seized the idea with enthusiasm and decided to sponsor a Varsity Show for the benefit of the Student War Memorial Scholarship Fund. The idea having been approved by the University, work commenced.

After much deliberation it was decided that John (Eyes) McKelway, notorious campus wit and slapstick artist would be the most able person to lead the writing end of the Show. Several themes were decided upon for skits which could humorously burlesque campus life at W. and L. We not only wanted to bring to life the somewhat dormant enthusiasm for campus activities that seems to be present, but also to good-naturedly satire personalities and institutions.

Therefore we picked two themes which would depict fraternity life, two others to show the faculty and school activities. Another skit is a scene in Nurse Allen's office, and finally one skit is concerned with blind dates, or the great game of chance. There are several phases of college life not shown. We hope that the Show next year or in following years will cover what we left out, because a Varsity Show really should be an annual event as it was before the war.

Songs follow, or are injected within, each skit. They are familiar tunes with new words which climax or give the general theme of each skit. Between the skits will be further musical selections.

The actors, several of whom are Troubadours are under the experienced direction of Joe (Amphitryon) Moffatt. Staging will be done by Elliott Eaves, while Bill Mills will handle the lighting.

In the Mock Assembly Skit you may look forward to seeing a rather notorious personality known for his oratory and cane twirling. On the stage with him will be several dignitaries typical of those who might be heard at some compulsory assembly or other.

The Fraternity Initiation Skit deals with the mysteries and cryptic ceremony and ritual that have been found to be so impressive to initiates. The Fraternity Rush Week Skit shows the possibility of exasperation and even confusion creeping into the process of choosing pledges—a far cry from reality, of course. (Ed. Note—Of course!)

There is also a skit about a faculty meeting at which you will see such personalities as the silver-haired man with a plan, a rather loud-voiced sport-coated dean, a history teacher quite familiar with the Civil War, and a bow-tied gentleman who has probably licked more Bicentennial stamps than anyone else on earth.

The Blind Date Skit should provide entertainment for those who appreciate the charm of Mary Martin and Muriel Chaffer, which should include everyone, and for those whose sense of humor tends toward the zany.



# W&L Freshmen and Varsity Crewmen Journey To Philadelphia For Triad With Pennsylvania and Rutgers Crews

By TEKAY WOLFE

Coach Jim Anderson return once again to the black waters of Pennsylvania's Schuylkill River, upon which he earned the title in the early 1930's as crew-racing's "Perfect Stroke."

Tomorrow Anderson will launch his Washington and Lee sweep-swingers against the University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers in a triangular contest in which the Generals will get their first taste of Poughkeepsie calibre competition.

It was under Penn's Rusty Callow, the Grand Old Man of Crew-Racing, the same man who will be coaching the Quakers tomorrow, that Anderson rose to rowing fame in 1931, 1932, 1933. Now Callow will be facing his one-time star pupil as coach to coach.

The race is due to get underway at 4:00 p. m., with the freshman crews of the same three schools competing at 3:00 p. m.

The Generals are not expected to finish ahead of either of the two clubs against which they will be racing, for both Penn and Rutgers have reached college-jate dowing's Big Time—the Poughkeepsie Regatta. Penn came in seventh in last year's field of 11, and Rutgers finished last.

Rutgers is the first combine to reach Poughkeepsie through the recently devised trial method of the Dad-Vail Regatta. A crew must win the Dad-Vail three years in a row to reach the Poughkeepsie. Boston University, which rowed to a two-length victory over the Washingtons and Lees in their first outing of the season, has already won the Dad-Vail twice in two years, and Poughkeepsie officials are so confident of their winning this year that they have already extended them an invitation to the Big Show. Washington and Lee will enter the Dad-Vail this season.

Penn has always been noted for its quick starts and is once again one of the nation's best breakaway combines. Callow has revealed that his crew will not fall below 35 strokes per minute at any time during the race.

The Washingtons and Lees, who last week cruised to an easy two-and-one-half length win over Amherst and the Yale Bees, will once again have Bob Mauck at stroke. Mauck, both the best stroke and the most powerful oarsman in the club, started the season at the No. 4 post, the power position, but now that Bob Huntley has begun to show great promise as a powerman, Mauck can return to his old position.

Mauck has terrific "hurry-hands" on the catch, the sign of a good stroke, and is definitely the combo's best bet at that important post.

There is still contention over the No. 1 slot, and that spot will not have an undisputed owner until Anderson decides between John Hamric and Bob Berryman in to-

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# Golfers, With 2 Wins, Look For Another Successful Season

With two very important victories already under their belts, Coach Cy Twombly and his golfers are looking forward to another profitable season on tee and green.

Latest to fall to the General linksmen was the University of Richmond to the tune of 20½-6½ on Richmond's Glenwood Country Club course Wednesday. Wes Brown, No. 1 man on the squad, sailed over the layout with a par 71 to beat J. B. Hall, one of the capital city's top amateurs, 3-0. Hall carded a 73.

Earlier in the week everyone was a winner as the Blue trounced Hampden-Sidney 9-0 on the Lexington Country Club course.

So far Coach Twombly is well pleased with his team's showing although he doesn't believe it quite stacks up with last year's outstanding squad. "You can't expect to have an improved outfit with such men absent as Gordon Sibley, one of the best competitors we ever had, and Cliff Thomas, also a good man. Wes Brown has been hitting the ball very well for us this year, but on the whole, I don't think we are as strong as last year," says Cy.

Sibley is still in school but ineligible this year, while Thomas

## GOLF SCHEDULE

April 15, Ohio U., here; 18, Penn State, here; 21, Virginia, here; 25, Virginia, here.

May 3, Virginia Tech, here; 9, Hampden-Syden, there; 11, William and Mary, here; 13 and 14, Southern Conference Tournament; 18, Richmond, here; and 19, Virginia, there.

has transferred.

Twombly will know more about what to expect from his boys after matches today against Ohio University and Monday against Tenn. State, both on the local course. The freshman golfers entertain Greenbriar Military Academy here tomorrow.

That freshman team, Cy likes to talk about especially when Billy Key of Columbus, Ga is the subject. "Bill is one of the best golfers we have ever had," Twombly avows. "He has won the Southern Interscholastic championship the past two years. He played in the

National Amateur at Memphis last year only to lose to Bud Ward, one of the best. On top of that, Key won 19 straight matches in high school."

The rest of the team includes Cox Joynes, Billy Hall, and Roy Melton.

The summary of the Generals-Spiders match:

Wes Brown, W&L, defeated J. B. Hall, 3-0; Jack McCormick, W&L, defeated Art Haines 2½-½. Best ball, Brown and McCormick won, 3-0.

John McKelway, W&L, defeated Wendall McDearmon, 3-0; Bill Lewis, W&L, defeated Bill Carter, 3-0. Best ball, McKelway and Lewis won, 3-0.

John Mahan, W&L, defeated Oliver Cross, 2-1; Charlie Niedermayer, Richmond, defeated Shorty Murray, 3-0. Best ball, Cross and Niedermayer won 2-1.

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## Homerun Wins For Generals, 7-6

Washington and Lee's fighting baseball club exploded for six big runs in the sixth yesterday to overtake Georgetown and go on to win 7-6. It was the Blue's second straight over top-flight competition.

It was a tremendous homer deep into right field by Wiele Woods that turned the trick. Up unto this point, the Generals had trailed 6-1, and their chances of winning seemed slim indeed.

Bobo Leslie opened on the hill for the Blue and retired after the fifth with all of the visitor's runs charged against him. Jim 'Freshman' Mayer, took over from there and received credit for the win.

Two walks and an error loaded the sacks for the Generals in the sixth with none away. A Texas league single sent two across and another followed moments later on an infield out. With two away Doot Agnor connected for a ringing double down the left field line and was followed by Woods' tremendous blow. It was the longest hit since John Bell's "Triple" of last season.

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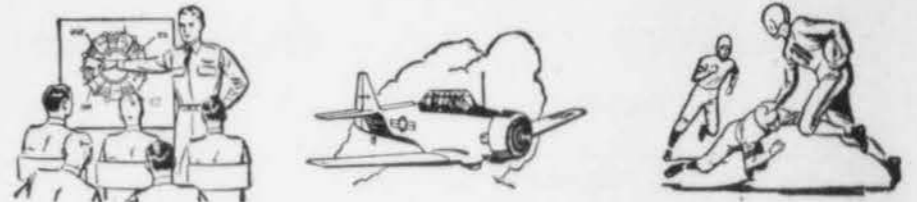
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# 13 Fraternities Enter Candidates

Beauty gathered from all over the country will be the keynote when the Apple Blossom Queen of W & L's 1949 Spring Dance Set is presented to her court of assembled guests on Friday, April 22.

The choice of queen, who was selected yesterday from a group of candidates submitted by thirteen fraternities, will not be disclosed until the night of the procession, April 22 at 10:30.

Candidates submitted from the various campus fraternities include: Silvia Kilduff of Mary Washington College escorted by Lambda Chi Alpha's Tom Ball; Nancy Vaughn Martin of Randolph-Macon escorted by Bob Huntley of Delta Tau Delta; Galen Snell of Southern Seminary escorted by Jim Agnew, Sigma Nu; Carla De Creny of Sweetbriar accompanied by Les Levin, PEP.

Also Pat Floyd of Randolph-Macon escorted by Ray Smith of Kappa Alpha; Grace Wilma Hunt of Southern Seminary escorted by Bill McCausland, Sigma Chi; Nancy Lee Passloff of Forrester Hills, N. Y., escorted by Z. B. T.'s Edward Matz.

Mary Caroline York of Randolph-Macon will be accompanied by William Metzler of Phi Gamma Delta; Anne Sparrow of Gastonia, N. C., escorted by Bob Ward, Pi K. A.; Nancy Poole of Southern Seminary escorted by Bill Kyle, Beta; Jenks O'Rear of Hollins accompanied by S. A. E.'s Barney Bernard; Jane Dudley, a graduate of Madison, accompanied by Jack Marsh, Phi Kappa Psi.

Also Mavis Brooks of Southern Seminary accompanied by Lee



B. J. Scruggs, of San Antonio, is congratulated by her date, Fred Rush, on being crowned "Dream Girl of Pi KA." Miss Scruggs, a senior at Sullins, won her title over girls representing all of the local schools. She was presented a loving cup by Al Seal, Pi KA president, following a cocktail party and buffet supper at the fraternity house.

Powell of Phi Delta Theta; Sooky Fain of Fairfax Hall escorted by Phi Kappa Sigma's Cris Compton; and Evelyn Woods of Sweetbriar escorted by Dale Johnson, Kappa Sigma.

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## Stamps Going Fast

The sale here of the W. and L. Bicentennial stamp has topped the 800,000 mark and is still climbing, Lexington's postmaster F. C. Davis said today.

Of that number, 387,250 first day covers had passed through the two automatic canceling machines by Wednesday night. An additional 40,000 had been canceled by hand. The remainder of the stamps were sold in bulk.

Postmaster Davis said that they would not miss 500,000 stamps canceled on the first day of issue by far if at all.

## Students Vote

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tossup between a large or small band for Finals.

When asked "At which girls' schools do you date?", Randolph-Macon was first, Hollins second, Sweet Briar third, and Mary Baldwin and Southern Seminary tied for fourth. Married students denied dating.

A large majority desire a more

liberal cut system, especially for Juniors and Seniors, and an equally strong number favored the Atlantic Pact and the Marshall Plan. A smaller majority favored compulsory military training in contrast to previous polls. Also a slightly higher percentage of Democrats (52%) is noted on campus.

According to the poll, the average W. and L. man reads the Richmond Times Dispatch in preference to other papers and Time and then Life more than other magazines.

Only 15% of those questioned had attended church services in the past four Sundays, and 50% never go to church. The average man says he would attend services in Lee Chapel depending upon who the speaker was.

## Opinion Poll

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amount not to exceed the maximum set by the student body."

Diek Turrell Phi Delt senior diplomat, made this comment:

"I don't see that an increase on the grounds offered by the amendment is warranted. Prices in gen-

eral are now at a peak and will be dropping next year according to predictions."

Ben Haden, Kappa Sig, brought in a new angle:

"If an increase is needed to meet rising costs, I am for it. However, in regard to the distribution of the fund obtained through the campus tax, I feel that the EC should pass on all appropriations."

As it stands now, appropriations for the publications and campus organizations are approved by a finance committee of only three members of the EC. Two of the finance committee members are appointed by the president of the student body. The president is

the third member.

Ray Smith rendered this opinion:

"If the Publication Board feels that \$4 increase is necessary to continue operations in the black, I think that the student body should vote them this increase. If it proves to be more than enough as a result of falling prices, the finance committee has the power to modify the raise."

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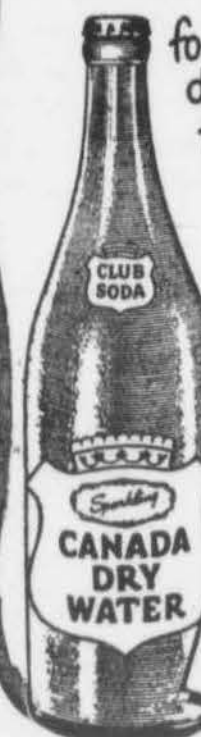
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