

LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA, APRIL 28, 1949

## Sigma Delta Chi Sponsors Varsity Show

Journalism Fraternity  
Presents Burlesque

LEXINGTON, VA., Apr. 28—A musical comedy in six acts, much of it a burlesque on post-war campus life, will revive tonight the annual Varsity Show at Washington and Lee University, the first since 1941's W&Lzapoppin.

For many years a highlight of the college term, the show was suspended during the war. Until W&L members of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity, undertook to revive it as a benefit affair this spring, the annual all-campus dramatic and musical effort seemed doomed permanently.

Two undergraduate journalism students from Washington, D.C., John M. McKelway and Tait Trussell, prepared the book, wrote original lyrics for seven songs, and are acting as co-producers. Both are sons of prominent Washington newspapermen. McKelway's father, Ben M. McKelway, is editor of the *Evening Star*, and Trussell's dad, Charles P. Trussell, is a member of the Washington staff of the *New York Times*.

A Lexington student, Joe Moffatt, is directing the show. He is the son of the chairman of the Washington and Lee English department. Elliott Eaves, of Douglaston, N.Y., as stage manager, has the job of transforming the gym into a fitting theatrical setting.

Director Moffatt said the script lampoons half a dozen familiar campus activities—a general student body assembly, a faculty meeting, a student's blind date at a typical Virginia girls' college, a fraternity initiation, fraternity

## Sigma Delta Chi Organization

**Officers:** President, Bill Bien; Vice-President, Ozzie Osborne; Secretary, Bob McNeil; Treasurer, Matthew Paxton, Jr.

**Faculty Members—**Lea Booth, C. Harold Lauck, O. W. Riegel, C. O. Voigt, Jr., William Atkinson.

**Undergraduates—**Dale Johnson, Tait Trussell, John McKelway, Glenn Chaffer, Zeke Scher, John French, Tom Glass, Charlie Rowe, Gordon Sibley, Forest Gray, Jim Ottignon, Bill Clements, Brian Bell, Al Walter, Ed Berlin, Houston Harte, Bill Chipley, Jack Driggs, Joe Martin, Brent Breedin, Art Wood.

**Pledge Members—**Joe Moffatt, Henry Hicks, Bob Early, Jim Hoofnagle.

rush week, and a scene in the university medical office.

The Washington and Lee Bicentennial celebration is expected to share the limelight and the lampooning. The musical number in the grand finale is entitled "Bicentennial Year" and the producers predict it would become a "Hit-Parade Tune overnight."

The cast will include more than 30 students and a dog. The original canine cast in the show, "Judge Wilbur," died earlier this week, the victim of a fire at the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house last Saturday. Members of the university Glee Club will furnish the chorus and a campus "bop" combo, Bill Romaine's Hungry Six, will occupy the orchestra pit.

Ben Haden, a law student from Lynchburg, Va., will portray President Francis P. Gaines in a skit which producers labeled as "top secret" until curtain time.

\* Master of Ceremonies—John McKelway.

## Cast

**Mock Assembly—**Ben Haden, Don Albin, Brian Bell, Mitch Lewis, Dave Bien.

**Doctor Blight—**Roger Mudd, Bill Stodgehill, Rick Williamson, Dick Hynson, Bill Pacy, John Earl, Dave Kerr, Ken Rockwell.

**Fraternity Rush Week—**Joe Moffatt, Page Kelly, Jim Hedrick, Dick Hynson, Bill Stodgehill, Ev Easter, Bill Kyle, Lucius Johnson, Russ Applegate, Rick Williamson, Elliott Eaves, Hunter Lane, Burt Litwin, Ken Rockwell, John Earl.

## Intermission

**Faculty Meeting—**Ben Haden, Mitch Lewis, Russ Applegate, Lucius Johnson, Tom Glass, Jim Hedrick.

**Fraternity Initiation —** Elliott Eaves, Burt Litwin, Hunter Lane, Dick Hynson, Bill Pacy, Bill Clements, Russ Applegate, Dave Bien, John Earl, Dave Kerr, Lucius Johnson, Bill Stodgehill, Jim Hedrick, John Boardman, Page Kelly.

**Blind Date—**Muriel Chaffer, Mary Martin, Ev Easter, Bill Kyle, Art Bernie.

**Finale—**Entire Cast.

## Between Skits

**Orchestra—**Chap Boyd, Berry Hall, Bill Romaine, John Cole, Bob Ried.

**Piano Duet—**Charlie Castner, Jack Yates.

Produced by: Tait Trussell.

Written by: John McKelway, Tait Trussell, Joe Martin.

Directed by: Joe Moffatt

Stage Manager: Elliott Eaves

Lighting: Bill Mills.

Make-up: Leonard Wild

Publicity: Bill Bien

Tickets: Jim Ottignon.

