

Alumni Reunion Set For June; J. Byrnes Will Speak

The largest group of Washington and Lee alumni ever to come together in the University's 200-year history will gather in Lexington in June for the Bicentennial Alumni Reunion, Dr. L. J. Desha, Bicentennial director, said today. "At least a thousand" alumni and their wives are expected for the Reunion and National Celebration June 16-17-18, Dr. Desha said.

Here is the three-day program:
Thursday, June 16, 2-9 p.m.—Registration. A circus tent will be put up in the grass plot in front of Doremus Gymnasium to serve as headquarters. Local and out-of-town alumni will register here, and will receive the badges that admit them to the other events.
8-10 p.m.—Informal gathering in the tent for alumni and their ladies.
Friday, June 17, 8-10 a.m.—Registration continues.
10-10:30 a.m.—A service of thanksgiving and prayer in Lee Chapel, conducted by the Rev. John N. Thomas, D.D., class of 1924, of Richmond.
11 a.m.—Alumni, Inc., holds its annual meeting in Doremus Gymnasium. Alumni will be seated by

played in Lee Chapel. These events were recorded by the Journalism department on its electronic tape recorder.

3-5 p.m.—University buildings will be open for inspection, and alumni may hold group meetings or fraternity reunions as they desire.
5-6 p.m.—Dr. and Mrs. Gaines will be hosts to the alumni and their wives at a reception at the President's House.

9 p.m.-1 a.m.—Alumni Dance in Doremus Gymnasium.
Saturday, June 18, 11 a.m.—National Bicentennial Convocation. Hon. James F. Byrnes, former secretary of State, will be the speaker; honorary degrees will be awarded to men prominent in public service; the faculty will attend in academic costume, and Dr. Gaines will preside at the concluding ceremonies of the Bicentennial Year.

Members of the United States Commission on the Bicentennial, and a similar committee appointed by the Commonwealth of Virginia will be present to participate in the ceremonies on June 18. In addition, a number of prominent non-alumni who are members of the Bicentennial Committee of National Sponsors, will take part on the Convocation.

Parents of present and former students and all other friends of the University are invited to attend the convocation, Dr. Desha said. Weather permitting, it will be held outdoors.



James F. Byrnes

classes. President Francis P. Gaines will be the speaker.

Noon—Parade of classes from the gymnasium to the Memorial Gateway. University officials and visiting dignitaries will "review" the parade from the porch of the Student Union building.

12:30 p.m.—Reunion barbecue. The standard bearer of each class will put down his placard at a designated spot under the trees near the gateway, his classmates will rally around this point, and the alumni and their wives will be the guests of the University at a barbecue.

2:30-3 p.m.—A transcription of the Bicentennial academic ceremonies on April 12th will be

Nine Are Taken By Hunt Club In One Swoop

Nine outstanding student body leaders will be initiated into W. and L.'s famed Gauley Bridge Hunt Club within the next two weeks. Announcement of the initiation was obtained by a Ring-tum Phi reporter in Gene's Lunch last night. Dr. Wade Hampton Haislip, president emeritus of the Club, made the announcement during one of his speeches.

The nine men to be initiated are Alex Hill, Sigma Nu, Roy Hoffman, Phi Gam, Sidney Goldsmith, Phi Kap, Wes McAdden, Phi Kap, Jack McCormack, Kappa Alpha, Mark Saur, Davidson Park and Phi Psi, John Warner, Beta, Thomas Watkins, PIKA, and A. Willis Woods, Phi Kap.

Dr. Haislip, himself a PIKA, pointed out that the prevalence of Phi Kap initiates this year has not been satisfactorily explained, but said that he expected great things of them in the future.

Austin Hunt, Diane Eckel Win Top Acting Awards

Austin Hunt and Diane Eckel received the Alpha Psi Omega plaque Thursday night for the best lead performances in Troubadour productions during the 1948-49 school year. Hunt was elected for his best role of Jupiter in "Amphitryon 38" and Miss Eckel was chosen for her portrayal of Margaret Flaherty in "Playboy of the Western World."

Jack Willcoxon and Callie

Smith were awarded the dramatic fraternity's plaque for the best performances by a supporting actor and actress during the year. Willcoxon took top supporting honors for his Shawn Keogh in "Playboy." Mrs. Smith won for her performance as Mrs. Allen in "Dark of the Moon." Both plaques were presented by Leonard Wild, out-going APO president.

In addition to the two plaques, Wild cited the work of Charlie Lemon. Lemon, he stated, has constructed an entire theatre switch board which has accounted for many of the unusual lighting effects of the 'Troups' this year such as were achieved in "Dark of the Moon."

First Year for Top Winners
 Wild pointed out that this is the first year in W. and L. dramatics for both Hunt and Miss Eckel. Hunt, a freshman from Oklahoma, first appeared in the Troubadour theatre as Preacher Hagler in "Dark of the Moon," the first Troubadour production of the year. Hunt is a member of Kappa Sigma.

Fifteen-year-old Miss Eckel, of Lexington, gave her only Troubadour performance during last week's presentation of "Playboy of the Western World."

Commenting on the plaques,



Austin Hunt

FINALS CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 8
 Interfraternity Council Ball, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
 Intermission 11:45 to 12:15.
Thursday, June 9
 Kappa Sigma Concert, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (on the front lawn).
 Albert Sidney-Harry Lee Boat Race, Balcony Falls, 2:30 p.m.
 Final Ball, 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.
 Intermission, 1:30 to 2 a.m.
Friday, June 10
 Kappa Sigma Open House, 5 a.m. to 7 a.m.

Varied Activity Has Highlighted Bicentennial

April 12 Convocation Stamp Ceremonies Add Color to Celebration

From those early colonial days when Scotch settlers founded Augusta Academy to the Bicentennial Alumni Reunion in June of this year, a long, proud Washington and Lee tradition has been built up. The Bicentennial Year, which is now drawing to a close, was set aside for celebration and commemoration of this point in University history.

It has been marked by several convocations of the University, by the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp, and by a fund drive for an increased endowment.

First Convocation

Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson addressed the first convocation of the Bicentennial year in September. Present at this assembly were 150 chairmen of Bicentennial Fund committees from points all over the nation.

In the next two months, several prominent alumni from literary and business fields presented a series of Alumni Lectures. In this same period, plans for securing a commemorative postage stamp were being pressed, and in November, official acceptance of the idea was forthcoming.

Fund Drive

A last minute rush occurred in the Bicentennial Fund offices of Director L. J. Desha in December. The General Education Board had offered to add 25 per cent to all funds raised up to \$1,200,000—if the amount was raised by December 31. The Fund reached its goal late in that month and was enriched by the 25 per cent addition.

At the present, approximately \$1,662,000 is in the coffers of the Fund, and closing date for the drive, which was planned to net three million dollars, has not been set.

the first awards of this type given since the war, Wild said that the actors' and actresses' names will be engraved on the plaques, which will be hung in the Troubadour theatre.

Dean Leyburn, was chairman of the committee that chose this year's winners. Others on the committee were: Mr. Todd, Ed Turner, Ozzie Osborne, and Sandy Richardson.



Diane Eckel

'Ultimate' In Dance Sets Is Promised By Finals Week Committee; Tickets Only \$9



Finals Dance Set Committee—Seated: Bud Howland, Set President Dale Johnson, and Ben Haden, Standing: Tait Trussell, Jim Ottignon, and Al Wexner.

A hard-working Finals Week Committee announced yesterday that plans for "the ultimate in dance sets" are rapidly taking shape.

Ben Haden, Vice-President in charge of ticket sales, said advance sales are well ahead of schedule. "Judging from early reports," Haden said, "Finals is getting almost sensational support from all quarters of the student body. If the sales follow through these indications, the set cannot fail to succeed both financially and socially. The men on my committee are doing a swell job." He reminded reporters that advance sale will end Thursday, June 4.

Ticket Sale Data

Subscriptions will be sold under the columns for the rest of the week. After Saturday they can be procured in the Student Body Treasurer's office in the Student Union.

Senior class president Jim Ottignon, in charge of the Senior Figure on Thursday night, and Finals Vice-President Al Wexner, who is arranging the Final Ball Figure which is also on Thursday night, said that everything stands in readiness in their respective departments. Favors for both figures are on the way, and roses for the Final Ball Figure are being ordered.

Misunderstanding Corrected

Said Wexner, "Due to a misunderstanding caused earlier, I want to emphasize to all Finals Committeemen that the Final Ball Figure is Thursday night during the Final Ball and will start at 1 a.m. This will come after the Senior Figure which starts at 11 p.m. of the same dance on Thursday night. The I.P.C. figure will be held during the I.P.C. ball on Wednesday night."

All men in figures will meet at the office end of the gym at the appointed times.

Decorations stand ready to be hoisted, according to Bud Howland, Decorations Vice-President. Decorations will include some equipment from Fred Lynch (Fancy Dress decorator), equipment borrowed from the VMI Hop Committee, and the complete stock of the W. and L. Dance Board. "Several VMI keydets have very generously offered their personal assistance in installing some of the equipment borrowed from them," Howland said.

Tait Trussell, Vice-President in charge of publicity, announced tentative plans to procure all dates' names for use in the society pages of their home-town papers. "When this plan is set into motion," Trussell said, "I hope I can count on the continued cooperation of the student body."

Milk Punch

Out at the Kappa Sigma house, the stage is being set for the precedent-breaking punch party which will start at 5 a.m. following the Final Ball on Friday morning. "Just reserved 15 gallons of ice cream for the punch," Henry Hill, Kappa Sig house manager, announced. "Everything else is on hand and ready to go," he added.

Crew Coach Jim Anderson gave an emphatic yes when asked if the traditional boat race between the Albert Sidney and Harry Lee Boat Clubs would be part of the Finals schedule. "It will be on Thursday the ninth," he said, "and will start promptly at 2:30 p.m." On this occasion, the student body travels en masse to the finish line on the James River at Balcony Falls, a la Wahoo, with refreshments in hand.

Veteran W. and L. dance goers have been heard all over the campus expressing anticipation of the year's last fling. One offered this observation: "It will be just like old times again. The only thing new will be the punch party, and that will be an improvement."

Phi Psi's Take '49 I-M Trophy

Phi Psi won this year's Intramural Championship with 493 points, according to the final I-M standings. In second place came the Deltas with 418, while third spot went to the Phi Deltas, who scored 408.

Sigma Nu's 346 point total was good for fourth, and the Betas with 336 and SAE's with 316 finished fifth and sixth respectively.

Seventh place in the standings went to PIKA with 298 points, while the Phi Kaps held eighth slot with 282. The combined scores of the four NFU teams gave them 275 points and ninth spot. Phi Gam's total of 268 put them in tenth position, followed by Sigma Chi with 234, the Law School with 232, KA with 226, ZBT with 223, and DU with 203.

Lambda Chi was next with 192 points, and in seventeenth place was Pi Phi with 176. The Kappa Sigs scored 147 points and the PEP's, 103 to finish in eighteenth and nineteenth places respectively.

High Point Man

Bruce Parkinson, Phi Psi, led the individual Intra-Mural scoring with 139 points. Second in the scoring was Pete White, Phi Psi, with 116, followed in third place by Paul Root, Phi Delt, who totaled 94 points.

Rounding out the top ten men were Buck Bouldin, Law School, 93; Bob Goodman, Sigma Nu, 91; Dick Pizitz, ZBT, 88; Dan Woolbridge, Phi Upsilon, 86; Jim Gallivan, SAE, 82; C. Berry, Phi Delt, 80; and Jay Handlan, Phi Psi, 78.

Leaders in other fraternities were George West, Beta; Ed Bassett, Delt; Ted Lonergan, DU; Bill Bean, KA; Al Ebert, Kappa Sig; Guy Hammond, Lambda Chi; Atwell Dugger, Phi Gam; Tom Harris, PEP; Guy Chamberlin, PIKA; Bob Totty, Pi Phi; and M. Clark, Sigma Chi.

On the four NFU teams the leaders were B. Ruble, Lexington; M. Vaughn, Virginia-Maryland; Tom Damewood, East, and Ike Her, U. S. Nationals.

Calyx Will Return Photos

Those who submitted pictures for the Beauty Section of the Calyx may pick them up from Tom Frost at the Sigma Chi House. Snap shots submitted for the Fraternity Section may also be obtained. The Sweethearts' photographs of the several fraternities are still in the possession of the engraver and will be returned as soon as the Calyx is out.

FMA OFFICERS ARE NAMED

The Fraternity Managers Association announces its officers for next year after recent elections: President, Fred Moffat, Phi Kappa Psi; Vice-President, Chris Moore, Phi Delta Theta; and Secretary-Treasurer, Don Malmo, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.



Miss Evelyn Woods, of Sweet Briar, who will lead the Finals Dance Figure with Dale Johnson.

Lawyers Climax Centennial Year

Celebrating its Centennial in conjunction with the University's Bicentennial, the Law School climaxed its year with a 100th anniversary observance on May 11.

Featuring the Centennial exercises were addresses by alumnus John W. Davis, former ambassador to Great Britain and one-time Democratic nominee for President. Mr. Davis' talks inaugurated the John Randolph Tucker lectures which will be given annually.

The students themselves (a record 254) weren't idle on the celebration front. Legal fraternities brought to the campus such notables as Rep. James E. Noland (D-Ind.) and four of the aspirants for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Virginia. These talks and others were sponsored by Phi Alpha Delta and Phi Delta Phi, national honorary legal fraternities, and the Howard-Rogers Legal Society, composed of West Virginia students.

Plans to give the students greater control over the semi-annual Law Review were drawn up. First step in the implementation of the new system was a switch from appointment to election of the student editor of the Review. This year's board of student editors chose William J. Ledbetter, of Memphis, to edit next year's Review. Edward P. Lyons, Jr., also of Memphis, served as editor during the past semester.

A new assistant professor will take over his duties in the fall. He is Joseph Harold Wolfe, who received his B.S. in 1943 from the University of Georgia and his J.D. in 1948 from Emory University. For the past year he has been lecturing at the University of Michigan Law School. School. Mr. Wolfe will teach courses in Agency, Criminal Law, Conflict of Laws, Domestic Relations, and Wills.

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A Letter from Dr. Gaines

To Members of the Student Body:

You have recognized this Bicentennial year as unique. Certainly never in my experience has one session brought to the campus so many lecturers, conferences, and visitors of distinction. I hope the various features have enriched the meaning of the year for you. In particular I wish to thank you for your helpfulness in making the programs successful. I believe that all the guests have been deeply impressed by the courtesy, the dignity, the participation, and the intelligent responses of our student-body. May I voice again my regret that we found it necessary to schedule the Alumni Reunion and National Celebration after the close of the session. The Problem of physical accommodations left us no alternative.

FRANCIS P. GAINES, President

And to These Few . . .

With this final issue of the year, *The Ring-tum Phi* again presents its annual Achievement Awards, a practice which was traditional with the paper before the war.

The purpose of these Awards is to offer some recognition to those students and faculty members who have, within the past year, contributed the most to Washington and Lee.

In presenting Awards of this kind, there is, of course, the danger that many deserving individuals may be overlooked. However, the editors of *The Ring-tum Phi* feel certain that the Awards this year have been made to those few on the campus who have proved themselves really outstanding and worthy of unique recognition.

To Paul Murphy—

For his work as president of the Inter-fraternity Council and Business Manager of the Dance Board. Under him, the IFC has become an effective student governing body, not just a useless discussion group. As first Business Manager of the Dance Board, he has also shown that he possesses executive ability and business acumen to a unique degree. In these two positions, Paul Murphy has indeed contributed more to life at W. and L. than any other student on this campus during the past year. He has ably carried on the long

traditions of service and outstanding loyalty which have made Washington and Lee University what it is today.

To Wink Glasgow—

In a post-war era of general student apathy on this campus, it has been all too difficult to find men who are willing to work for something which does not benefit them directly. Wink Glasgow is one of these few. Almost single-handedly he re-organized the sport of crew racing here, and since that time has not slackened his efforts to promote the sport among students and faculty members alike. His invention of a rowing machine has immeasurably aided the W. and L. crew in becoming a top flight contender among college crews in the East. He deserves more honor than we can give him here.



To Lea Booth—

For his sincere interest in Washington and Lee and his ceaseless efforts on behalf of the University's Bicentennial celebration. He has gone far out of his way time and again to further the name of this institution and he has been an ever-willing source of aid to the staff of this paper. Often during the past year he has done the work of several men but he can always be depended upon. His is a thankless job and one of the most difficult at W. and L., but Lea Booth has succeeded where many other men would have thrown up their hands in despair. The students

and faculty, as well as the alumni of Washington and Lee University are truly indebted to him.

To John Higgins Williams—

His unique manner of teaching has endeared him to all students who have ever taken "Hig courses." He has been a constant friend to several score embryo journalists and editors, and his long tenure of service and guidance on the Publications Board has proven invaluable to them. His quick wit and understanding have made him outstanding on this campus, for it is far too infrequent even here that students and professors can establish a warm personal relationship such as exists between "The Hig" and students in his classes.



Criticism Heard and Duly Noted

Last week's poll on *The Ring-tum Phi*, like most polls generally, was pretty dull and proved just about nothing except perhaps what we suspected all along—*The Ring-tum Phi* still has room for improvement.

Some of the complaints were about as vague as the Republican Party platform. Two students made suggestions that were exactly the opposite: one thought the paper should have more local news, whereas the other allowed that more national news should be used. None of the complaints, however, were very vitriolic and the staff, as a matter of fact, was rather flattered that some even complimented the paper.

An R-t P columnist, Bill Romaine, made a pretty good case for the paper, we think, in his column so perhaps a reply of any sort to the pollees here would be superfluous. We'd just

like to elaborate on his invitation of last week: if you have any criticism—or copy—that you think will improve *The Ring-tum Phi*, bring it around to the Student Union. If we don't use it, at least we'll tell you what's wrong with it.

ODK and Its Bench

In reply to some students who have complained that ODK could have found something more suitable than a bench on which to spend money, we would like to point out that the National Chapter of the fraternity contributed the bench. Since the local chapter contributed none of the money for the project, the national officers specified how the money was to be spent.

This is not in the form of an apology. If you'll read the column by Mr. Bear this week, you'll undoubtedly learn that the bench, in fact, has more possibilities than its donors perhaps envisioned.

Next complaint, please.

A Letter from Charlie Rowe

I would like to thank all students for their fine cooperation with the Dance Board Floor Committee this year.

In the hope that no unfortunate incidents will mar Finals, I would like to remind the Student Body that no student may be admitted to the gymnasium if under the influence of intoxicants. Furthermore, the drinking of intoxicants in the gym is prohibited.

CHARLES S. ROWE, Student Body President

First Post War SDX Varsity Show Nets \$400 for War Memorial Fund

Finally, after eight years without a Varsity Show, Washington and Lee this year burst forth with what many persons classed the best Varsity Show they had ever seen here.

Sigma Delta Chi, journalism fraternity, sponsored this extravaganza for the benefit of the Student War Memorial Scholarship Fund. The burlesque on campus life was produced by Tait Trussell, written by John McKelway, and directed by Joe Moffatt.

Six Act Satire

The show, with a cast of 30, was made up of six acts satirizing different campus activities and institutions. The first act was a mock assembly at which awards were presented to fictitious guests of the University, and President Gaines, played by Ben Haden, made a typical superfluous address. The second act was set in a fraternity house on the last night of Rush Week, with all the flavor and confusion of the occasion. The third act was a slice of life from Dr. White's office. Roger

Mudd did an excellent take-off on Dr. White.

A typical faculty meeting comprised the fourth act, with discussion of Bicentennial money and Labor plans. A Mock fraternity initiation was the fifth act, an effective satire that with all its ridiculous antics was all too true. The sixth and last act was a blind date skit starring Mary Martin and Muriel Chaffer. This scene ended in an uproar of zany confusion after which the whole cast assembled on the stage for the finale.

Each of the acts had its songs with original lyrics by John McKelway and Tait Trussell. McKelway provided humorous transition between acts as the master of ceremonies. Also between acts Jack Yates and Chuck Cassner played boogie piano and the band did several numbers.

Net profits for the one night show exceeded \$400.00, most of which was turned over to the Student War Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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ODK Circle & Bench Club Turns To Penny Tossing for Exercise

First it was water pistols, string ties, then cap pistols, and now its penny pitching. Not the ordinary curbstone variety, as practiced by news boys and drug store cowboys, but the refined variety, as practiced by our executives of tomorrow around the ODK bench.

Since it appears that this new sport has really caught on, and is rumored to be listed on the intramural program for next year, it is time that the current rules be explained to prevent novices from losing their pennies uselessly by hurling out of turn, not flipping from the established firing circle, or tossing only after a good pot has been built up.

The object of this sport of co-op revelers is to flip a penny into the inside open spaces of the letters "O," "D," or "K." It might be added as a hint from Scottie Haislip, prexy of the new Penny Pitchers of America Association, that the war time steel plated pennies tend to be less erratic in their bounces than the true one cent copper variety and are thus valued as shooters.

To become a participant, the penny laden athlete must first get a seat on the bench at O.D.K. memorial circle and be ready to fire from the first round if he wishes to have any claims or rights to the pot being built up.

Current ground rules hold that a player must keep at least one half of his sitting gear in contact with the top of the bench, and numbness due to the chilly nature of the granite benches is no valid excuse for fudging or fanny-hopping. The players' code of ethics, however, frowns upon undue and obvious leaning or stretching toward the target while shooting. This understanding makes it possible for "Stick" Harris and "Shorty" Murray to compete on more even terms, as well as making the players appear more nonchalant to passing tourists.

Flipping is done in turn, starting with the player seated to the right side of the entrance facing Newcomb Hall, and progressing in a counter-clockwise direction. Failure to flip in proper turn loses that shot for the player. (Penny Pitchers of America v. Tom Bagley, 1949).

If a player, due to lack of shooters in a long contest, fails to fire in his proper turn, he loses his investment and may not pitch again until a new contest is started.

If, in any round, a player lodges his penny within an opening in any of the letters "O," "D," or "K," the successive players must still shoot in their turn until the progression comes back to the starting point. At this time, the player whose penny still rests in the space becomes the winner and may remove his ill gotten gains from the target area. A winner, leaving immediately, does so at his own risk and may be black-listed among the genteel players.

If two or more pennies lodge in the proper spaces, those players will divide the pot equally, leaving any odd penny in the target area—such penny to become known as the "sweetener." There is no priority for one letter over another in deciding the winner.

If one penny is in the proper space and another player's penny, in falling into the same space, dislodges one of the two, it will be considered no pot or no win on the part of either player due to the difficulty of ascertaining which player's penny remained in the win area. (Penny Pitchers of America v. Pat Robertson, 1949).

Change may be procured from the target area as long as it does not interfere with a shooter's concentration, by first placing the coin to be changed in the center and then removing the proper number of pennies in an obvious manner.

There'll be no damn "lights." Players who must withdraw due to classes, wives, illness, dates, or any other outside causes of interruption, lose their investment and claim, and the game will continue with the remaining players until the pot is won or until only one player remains.

Players will not shoot while the other contestants' attentions are diverted by dog fights, Wanda Lee, jokes, or a passing girls' school delegation.

Any person entering into the target area will see to it that no chewing gum is accidentally stuck to the bottom of his shoes.

Since the players cannot be cognizant of the nature or sex of the spectators behind him, oaths and magic words should be eli-

minated from the arena of this game of gentlemen.

ODK, unfortunately, failed to place the letters in the exact center of the circle, so this error in planning gives the players on the east rim an advantage of about one foot, but it is rumored that the organization plans to collect ten percent of each pot to finance this necessary adjustment. Also, a petition is in the making to get the name of the organization changed to just Omicron so that there will be only one target, "O," in the center of the circle to claim the shooter's attention.

As rule changes or additions become necessary, they will be made public through this paper, and all cases requiring arbitration immediately should be referred to Scottie Haislip, who founded this mother chapter at Washington and Lee University on Saturday, May 21, 1949, while in a fit of despondency over the night before, and not having the needed twenty-five pennies to patronize the Corner Grill.

Inside Covers

By BILL ROMAINE

Pocket-books are very convenient to put in one's pocket, strangely enough, and read when you choose. Possibly this great advance over Gutenberg's original gimmick makes lazy reviewers. I have no doubt that it does, but in the spring one does not like to carry a heavy volume around with him—I don't, anyway.

This here week it's Basil Heatter's "Dim View," and this boy blows his horn in a much less obnoxious way than papa Gabriel (Heatter, that is, Rapid Robert). The guy really sounds like he's been in a war, not in the wide, sweeping way of Shaw's "The Young Lions" or Maller's "The Naked and the Dead," but nevertheless in a way that gives impact to the tale.

It is the story of a P-T boat commander, his life and loves over a few months' time. There's nothing special about the young man. In the contrary he's quite an uncommonly common gent in most ways, but he has one obsession. It's not exactly an obsession, for he does not think about it intensely or in a highly subjective way, but it's there. He feels the rather oppressive presence of the inevitable scythe—for he feels his number is up, or will be very shortly.

The girl in the picture has qualities which would endear a young lady to anyone. She manages to take his mind off his troubles, having for him that rare feeling—a true love, profoundly loyal in its own simplicity. But...back he goes to combat, either to take the rap when his number rolls around, or to slip around that crucial barrier for good.

The characters Heatter paints, and the plain things they say and do, are the meat of the book. It's the sound of sincerity—not harsh and brutal "realism"—that makes the author's story true and life-like. It's not the greatest or the finest, but it has the greatness and the quality (as well as the badness) of man as he is.

Independent's Victory Finds 'Square' Napping

Washington and Lee's embryo student politicians were at each others' throats again this spring, but results turned out differently than most of them expected.

The traditional "smoke filled fraternity lounges" started filling up as far back as late February and early March, and when the polls opened on April 29, both Big and Little Cliques presented slates.

The campus held to its time honored two-clique system again this year in spite of active movements from both sides to establish a third party.

By more extensive propaganda and, some believed, a stronger slate of candidates at many positions on their slate, the little Clique swept the General student body election.

VIRGINIA CAFE

"Food as it should be"

21 W. Nelson

Movie Review

By ZEKE SCHER

After a year as R-t P movie reviewer—starting with the summer editions under Leigh (The Man) Smith and continuing through the reign of Ozzie (The Man) Osborne—this writer retires to the status of normal Show Team peon following this final piece. (Applause in the background as mood music swells).

The year has been marked by good pictures, by fair pictures, by bad pictures, and then by the kind of pictures I write about. During the year various readers have asked me, "Why don't you praise more pictures?" My answer to this is simply, "That is not the duty of a R-t P movie reviewer." In fact the first law of R-t P Code of Ethics is "Thou shalt not praise movies, Big Clique, athletic teams, and Lexington townfolk."

Another inquiry during the year has been "Why not review films before they come here, so we'll know whether to go or not?" The answer: 1) How can a film be authoritatively reviewed without seeing it? 2) People's taste in movies vary almost as much as their taste in, say, women. And you know how bad a lemon of either is. So why should someone try to tell someone else what he will or won't like—especially before seeing the film himself. 3) People find much more entertainment in reading the results of a football game than the pre-game dope. Likewise movies. 4) Lastly, for us to slam a picture before its arrival and without proper knowledge would be grossly unfair to Mr. D.

Consequently a W. and L. "Movie Review" has boiled down to a job of writing something humorous about one to four films a week, no matter how unhumorous they—the films—may be. As a result one has to go to certain extremes some weeks: grab a technical adviser like Iron Eyes Cody, tell about Dave's booking troubles, point out how The Tear cried for her twentieth show in a row, polish up the old cliches and puns, let the imagination run amuck. In other words—and these are the cold facts—you have a column to write, people who read it expect it to be entertaining, and so the writer goes to his type-writer and what comes out is a column. It may not be good, but it's his best.

Contrary to the tone of the reviews all year, I have seen very few shows that were actually not entertaining at all. There usually is something in every picture that is worthwhile, if the chip on your shoulder isn't too heavy to keep you from enjoying it. My particular peeves, however, and I believe the peeves of most fans, are 1) out-and-out corniness, 2) bawling and sweet talking brats, and 3) botched film prints in which you miss much of the dialog.

Notes and Tips: Best seats in the State theater are back row center of lower balcony. At least three extra inches knee space... If you like your show with wisecracks, take in the first day's 2 o'clock presentation. Without wisecracks, go at 4 any day except Wednesday... Ralph Daves is open to suggestions on bringing to the Lyric available re-issues. Also, the movie man makes special efforts to bring in good trailers, last week notwithstanding... "Cutie," the box office queen, is not married... John McKelway, Varsity Show MC and talented writer, may take over this column in the fall. Already nicknamed "Eyes" too... Nor a single film of potential academy award timber for next year has come to Lexington this spring. Watch for a Musical to take it next year...

GLAMOR GIRLS

By Don Flowers



"Let's listen to 'Home Edition.' That's REALLY Fun!"

Joe Moffatt

Hey Wild, Sem, Cy—Moff Ends Year 'Not Mad at Any One, Pal'

Usually, in the last issue of the year, each so-called columnist of the Morrison-Osborne Newspaper Syndicate, tries to atone for all his many sins throughout the past year. If a columnist is writing his last column before graduation, he conjures up memories, comments on them—saying in substance that writing for *The Ring-tum Phi* sure had been a peachy way to see his name in print every week, and after all, hadn't it been fun?

If the columnist is not a senior and plans on returning the following year (providing the austere administration has not already informed him differently) he still writes the same type of "farewell" or "I'll Be Around" material.

At this point there seems to be some question in the mind of Mr. Jocko Morrison, next year's editor of the paper, as to whom he will select to turn out the student propaganda (re, columns) which he wishes propelled towards the somewhat helpless student body.

We do not say that we have any ulterior motive in mind in writing this last column for the spring term of 1949—but it is merely a coincidence that we happen to have another year before graduation. So we wish to inform our readers, we are not mad at anybody.

Outside the sun is shining, and pretty little secretaries are making their dainty way to the Co-op, all the professors are happy—thinking about the ungracious questions which they are preparing to spring on final exams, the baseball season is over, and we can't lose anymore athletic contests this spring—school is almost ended, and even exams cannot dampen our enthusiasm for nature and the great outdoors. Osborne is leaving school, and Zeke Scher says that next

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Comment

By TED LONERGAN

Even the best people have to give up going to parties some time in their lives, but we always thought that W. and L. students were above the best of people. They never seem to give up, that is until last weekend. True, the everlasting Phi Gams were at home, but few persons on the campus seemed to realize the fact, and therefore cannot be included in the party-goers club, better known as "never miss a weekend."

Of all the excuses that one can give for not having a good time, studying, that ancient leveler of all mankind, is the worst. Nevertheless, even we worked for five minutes, and then had to bless the Ralph Daves establishment with our presence out of pure boredom. Just cannot understand.

If you can't find anybody at home, then travel, and the fine institution for young womanhood, Madison College, came in for its share of visitors. Kin Lindell is still trying to make out up there. A certain Buick station wagon belonging to Mr. Parson, Sigma Shi, was well overloaded on the return trip. Another certain somebody was dating a fine specimen of female who was in diamonds. A real Lothario.

Andy McCulloch and fiancée Peg Elliott together on Saturday and then again on Sunday after a return trip to Lexington. This is a regular weekend routine, exams or no exams, which are still a full week away.

Dave Douglas gave out with a little shindig in honor of his parents and his in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Waterbor, of Allentown, Pa. The party began at the Douglas establishment, and then proceeded to Tiny Town, and back to Lexington, far into the night. Also here were Pete Palmer's family from Rochester, N.Y., and Dawn Brewer, the future Mrs. Pete Palmer, in the near future. Dawn is the former Madison queen, now teaching near Roanoke.

We read last week's criticism of *The Ring-tum Phi* column with interest, especially the sections concerning this bit of intelligence. We agree wholeheartedly with those who think that the Campus Comment does not cover enough territory. Since you are now reading the last of the Comment's for this year, there isn't much that can be done about it now. However, we promise the readers who put up with this prattle week after week to remedy the situation next fall, and we thank those persons who contributed some useful criticism.

The Phi Gam affair was in honor of the pledging of Bob Fields and Sam Houston, both law students. After the ceremony, the house opened up. Vic Marler entertained the assembly with the soft strumming of a guitar, accompanied by voice. Boddie Mavre's date vocalized the "Blues," all of which reminded Roy Hoffman of the original Blues songstress, Jane Sutton from Madison.

All jokes were put aside because some reformer, and we won't tell anybody it was Dick Whiteman, dated a nice girl from Hollins.

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Lanich Had It Rough With Troubs' Plays

By BAHAMA SAM

As the curtain jerked close on Wednesday night in the "little brick theatre off Red Square" so ended the W. and L. Troubadours third season since the war. It was two years ago last September that a small group gathered around Jack (now Mr.) Lanich in the student union building to discuss dramatic plans for the organization and to elect the same L. Jack L. to the club's presidency. After a year's absence attending graduate school, during which time the Troubs plodded along under the tutelage of various "would be" Josh Logans, Lanich returned to take over the reins of the organization as a faculty director. As a faculty director who would knock himself silly, directing the plays, building the sets, and supervising the entire productions, it was quite natural that he should be privileged to select the shows. However, cries of Democracy, Student rights, Cushlamorochree, and others arose within the Troub organization.

A number of the "Campus Tax Office" attractions were very indignant about the whole situation and quite justly so, for they had been part of an organization which had gone a long way since the post-war revival and their joint efforts had helped bring about this Troubadour success. The problem can only be smoothed out if and when the University sets up a dramatic department, which will absorb and sponsor both physically and financially the Troubadour organization or will set up a separate dramatic group, which action will allow the Troubs to operate separately.

At the beginning of the 1948-1949 year the Troubadours had about fifteen active members, most of them two year veterans. The opening try-outs for **Dark of the Moon** drew a large number of promising Freshmen and a few upper classmen, who have definitely displayed their stage abilities throughout the year. What the Troubs have lacked during the past few years has been a talented leading actor. There has been an abundance of good supporting and character players, but few if any polished lead prospects. Don Van Dall and Austin Hunt, two Oklahoma boys and Kappa Sigs, have given the Troubs leading role performances unequalled since the war. Van Dall did a fine job as the Witch Boy in last Fall's production and just bowed out the year with a splendid job as Christy Mahon in the **Playboy of the Western World**. Austin Hunt has worked in all three Troub plays, taking the lead in **Amphitryon 38** as Jupiter, the Father of the Gods who amused himself with mortal beauties.

The other outstanding student prospect was Roger "Boomer" Mudd. After entertaining the Delts with his Winnie Churchill act he was attracted or enticed to the "bright lights" of the little theatre off Red Square. His booming voice rocked bricks off the walls and he swigged his jug 'o corn with the skill of an experienced moon-

shiner. Rog is best remembered for his potent and perfect role as Dr. Blight in the Varsity Show ("Wot seems to be the trouble, fella?") Few imitations have ever been better than that one.

Dark of the Moon was a box-office success. The production was difficult, due to the large cast and the lighting and set changes. However, Director Lanich wasn't burdened with inadequate actors for difficult roles, simply because the parts were quite easy and the talent was very plentiful. The better points of the production included the fine jobs turned in by Mudd, Hunt, and Callie Smith. Charlie Lemon's lighting effects which resulted from many hours of strain and tension setting up the new switch-board; and the settings of Mary Martin and Mr. Lanich. Bill Mills and Elliot Eaves (both freshmen) did some great work back stage, assisting Lemon and Mr. L. The squeaky voice of the village idiot drew many gags from the student audience. The voice belonged to Jack Willcoxon who was one of the hardest workers (next to director Lanich) in the theatre all year.

The second or winter production was to have been **The Dog Beneath the Skin**. A few weeks were lost on this show which had to be dropped because of the overwhelmingly large cast. Elliot Eaves was cast as the Dog, but missed out on his theatrical debut. **Amphitryon 38**, which replaced **The Dog**, had a small cast and little action. The settings and lighting were once again very good, but the show fell short of previous Troubadour efforts. The long, drawn-out passages left, as the expression goes, most of the patrons "cold." In short, the play was a "bird." It must be noted for the record book however, that Margaret Wilson, a local high-school teacher, was delightful as Leda, the Queen of Sparta, whom Jupiter visited in the guise of a swan; that Lucia Gleason's costumes were beautiful, and that Austin Hunt (regardless of how he felt) played admirably as the lead. The play was crammed with raw laughs and sex for which the student body usually clamors, but apparently these "cracks" were hidden in the subtle references



Three charming additions to the Dean Hudson ensemble who will highlight the twelve hours of Hudson music at Finals. The Sherry sisters, Paula, Carol, and Jane, are three good reasons why Finals is being billed as the Ultimate in Dance sets.

and could only be understood by thinking a bit. Of course in the minds of the average student theatre-goer the latter is out of the question. Then again, the acting might have been better. Harry Gram deserves much praise for taking Mercury's part with only one week's notice, and doing a splendid job during **Amphitryon's** special performance for the "Stamp Day" show.

The last show was Syngue's **Playboy of the Western World**. The Troubs, always pressed for actresses, have in the past relied mainly on student and faculty wives. Mary Martin worked in four shows, having taken the female lead in three of the four. Before Mary, pert Peg Boykin was their feature actress. With student wives being thinned out with successive graduations, the dramat-

ic group will have to find new fields of talent if they expect to have shows with feminine parts.

In the **Playboy** a Lexington High School student, Diane Eckel, had the female lead as Pegeen Mike, the little Irish girl. Diane has said quite modestly that she would like to be on the stage. If ever there was a fifteen year old girl that was more promising in the field of dramatics, she must have been this side of sensational. If the Troubadours can obtain her services next year, they will undoubtedly turn out some fine pro-

ductions. The set and lightings of the Troubs' **Playboy** were grand. Joe Moffatt and Ernie Clark were the featured carpenters. Bill Mills, having replaced Lemon as the big "voltage" man, was in charge of lighting and special effects. Callie Smith's makeup work was exceptionally good.

With the mouldy curtain pulled tight after Wednesday's show, so ended another Troubadour season. Already Director Lanich has plans for the 1949-1950 season. He hopes to stage a Shakespearian play **Richard the Third**, during the Fall. Next year, a course in play production (Fine Arts No. ?).

longed cry of, "Grand Game, Techmen!"

As a columnist reaches the end of his copy he always scrawls a "30" across the bottom, and with not malice aforethought, we will say "29" with the added notation, "We shall return!"

Comment

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Short Notes Dept.—The Sigma Nu's and Phi Delt's combined for a Sunday morning shindig out at Goshen. Saturday night wasn't good enough for them... Moe Arata will be back from New York in a couple of days with a brand new Chevy. Shorty Murray very jealous, but is still late for that 8:25 every morning... Al Ebert led the regulars to Mary Baldwin Saturday... Kaylor and Wilhelm had the Phi Psi house and their dates all to themselves Sunday, with the exception of Sally Goodman, Madison, and Barry Newberry. Many seen taking a final fling at Randolph College for Macon Women.

Well, that about does it. This weekend just goes to show that the text books have a purpose after all. None of the troops invaded Cave Mountain Lake, but then there isn't any drinking water out there yet.

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by **WILLIAM CLEMENTS**
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In our past two expositions on the state of minor sports at Washington and Lee, we pointed out that the first main fault was that enough emphasis wasn't being given to that field, and second, that the administration refused to give sports of any kind—especially minor sports a break at all. We will attempt now to propose some remedies which we firmly believe are within the University's reach—and ones that would better the performance of General teams on the field for many years to come.

Let's face the facts—the facts about football. Washington and Lee football coaches receive the grand total of ten thousand a year so that they may produce for the alumni, who still seem to be running the sports program around here, a winning ball club. Practically every team the Generals engage receives double that amount and more, and teams like William and Mary, Pennsylvania, and other big names gather in around the one hundred thousand mark for every season. How is Washington and Lee supposed to compete with that. You can't show us how—but try and tell the alumni that they can't. All that these by-gone greats can think about is of the glorious past when Washington and Lee trounced such big name teams—and we grant that they did. But those days are past, and college ball has gone professional—if you ain't got the money, you ain't got the team. We ain't got the money. Coach Barclay deserves our deepest sympathy for he, as coaches in the past, must keep the alumni and the administration happy at the same time. Almost every coach since time in memoriam, has had to be a diplomat.

We propose that Washington and Lee come back into their class—and to hell with the griping alumni. No one doubts that W. and L. could hold its own with Hampden-Sydney, Randolph Macon, South Carolina, and the like. So why not lower ourselves to that level—and win a few ball games. It hurts everybody to see the Generals play Pennsylvania so that we may get enough money to carry on the next suicide season—and the players that end up battered and bruised are beginning to wonder themselves. In football, the caste system is here to stay—lets come back in our class.

Basketball Instead of Football

Due to the fact that it is much easier to find eight men that can pass their courses and meet our high levels of entrance than 22—we propose that Washington and Lee subsidize basketball. There's that word again, subsidize. Let's face facts once again. We are subsidizing to the best of our ability. Now all we need to do is subsidize to our best advantage. If Washington and Lee would come back into their class in football—some money would be left over for a truly better average court team—and remember, it only takes five men.

A school that subsidizes basketball isn't thought of as a market place for the buying and selling of athletes as the school that buys its gridiron teams. We propose therefore, that some of the money allotted to football be donated into the fund for the making of a better basketball team.

That is within the financial reach of Washington and Lee. For wrestling, all we need is another Broadbent. For a man that did so much to spread the name of W. and L. across the nation, he certainly received the minimum amount of credit. For wrestling we propose a more sympathetic administration, and another Broadbent. Of all the proposals, that seems to be the one most out of reach—there isn't another Broadbent living—and students, wrestling alumni, and faculty shall realize that next winter.

Track and Baseball on Short End

For track and baseball—there just doesn't seem to be any more money around. Cap'n Dick, and the next track coach (God bless him!) can only hope that athletes in their field of endeavor come to W. and L. and are allowed to enter. Prospects for better track and baseball teams seem to lie in the upcoming freshmen of this year. The main problem now is to keep building—once again this calls for a more sympathetic administration, if not sympathetic, at least open minded.

We now have the football team back in its class, some of the money donated to basketball—and the remainder in a fund for the minor sports in general. We propose that the **Minor Sports be cut down in number.** Two of these minor sports are hanging by their toenails now—cross country and lacrosse. If the administration is not going to give them a decent break by at least granting them a coach, then we say drop them all together. If they plan to help these two out then another minor sports must go. We are attempting too much with too little. With the money that is gained from one less sport in the minor field, much better teams may be moulded out of the rest. And Washington and Lee men are hungry for a winning team, be it a major or a minor sport. Look at the publicity that William and Mary has received from one winning tennis team. Washington and Lee could also have such a team, but we have to make the choice now as to which one it is going to be. Let's get out of the brackets which groove us as a nice team to play—and always an easy victory. Let's get into the win column in something—let's put the emphasis in the right places.

That just about winds up our report on the state of W. and L. athletics—and with it comes the close of our part as a columnist on this paper. We hope that we have not been yelling down an empty wind tunnel—most people say we have. But one thing is certain, there will be others to take up where we left off—ad someday, maybe, the students will have a team that will catch their interest and give them something to talk about—it will probably be the debating team.

For those that thought that this column was a waste of time, paper and ink, we offer our deepest regrets. To those that have followed us, you have given us the consolation of knowing that someone realizes that we tried. We offer you our heartiest thanks for your patience and understanding—and if you believe in what we have said—take over this column in the years to come.

Out and —30—and thanks!

WILLIAM CLEMENTS



Pictured is a portion of the W. and L. hard-charging Lacrosse squad in action against Penn State. The Generals are setting up their defense after having successfully repulsed a scoring attack of the Quakers.

Bell Chosen Athlete of Year

Brian Bell, twenty-three year old senior from Washington, D.C., was elected as Washington and Lee's "Athlete of the Year" by the Sports Staff of **The Ring-tum Phi** in a ballot taken yesterday.

Bell has starred for the Generals in football and baseball for the past three seasons and he recently announced that he was



Brian Bell

considering signing a contract with the New York Football Yankees.

The past season at W. and L. he was awarded the trophy for being the outstanding player in the Richmond-W. and L. Thanksgiving Day contest and was nominated for a berth on the All-Opponent teams of Delaware, William and Mary, West Virginia, V.P.I., and Richmond. In 1947 he was picked for a position on the All-State squad and last season he annexed a second team slot. In the way of national honors, Bell was 10th in the country for pass receivers for the 1948 season.

As captain of the All-State baseball team last year and a member of the mythical nine two years in a row, he led the Generals in hitting and stolen bases. His lifetime batting average at W. and L. is .331 and he was second in the league in home runs last season.

Bell plans to workout with the Philadelphia Athletics of the American League sometime in the near future, but he says the way things look at present he will probably pass up a contract for the play-for-pay football circuit.

All-Int Squad Named; PiKA's Place Four

Taking four berths on the mythical nine, the PiKA's took top honors in the intramural football spotlight. Wilson, Bromell, Carter and Rush won spots on the squad and these men took three of the four infield posts. Carter was chosen as the league's best pitcher.

The Phi Psi's captured two starting spots by placing Handlan and Pierson on the dream team. Goodman, Sigma Nu; Kyle, SAE; and Bassett, Delt made up the rest of the squad.

The team was chosen from the all-opponent teams turned in by all squads in the race.

Catcher	Pierson
Pitcher	Carter
1st base	Goodman
2nd base	Bromell
3rd base	Wilson
SS	Rush
RF	Kyle
CF	Handlan
LF	Bassett

Swimmers Announce

In a meeting held last week Tom Frost was chosen as this year's honorary swimming captain. Frost swam the 100 and 50 yd. dashes and was a constant winner all season.

Ed Rushton was also elected to lead the '50 tankmen in the first pre-season election since the war. Rushton has already won three letters and will lead the General backstrokers for his fourth consecutive season.

Tennis Squad Elects

Buck Bouldin and Bob Swinerton were elected captains of the General tennis squad for 1950 it was announced recently. Both of these men starred on this year's squad and will win their third letter next year.

Mat Squad Takes Second Crown; Comets Have Even Slate for 48-9

Generals Fill Airways In '48 Season; Soccer Squad Again Va. Champs

Every year, the W. and L. football prospects become brighter, if the previous season's record is to be taken as an example. In 1947, not much could be said of the won and loss columns, as most of the entries were in the loss section. The following year, things were a bit better discounting the teams played that are definitely out of the small school league. Washington and Lee cannot compare with squads such as Penn and Georgia Tech.

Being upset by Southern Conference Furman in the season's opener wasn't a good start. The Generals were picked to win this one by a slight margin, but a touchdown in the final period gave the Purple Hurricane the verdict by the score of 10-7. The Generals moved often but never far enough. This game showed that the home club was to be what it had been in all the football years that Pappy Lewis had been at the helm—an aerial circus. With such stellar passers as Mike Boyda, and GI freshman Ray Leister, prospects looked fair for a few upsets.

Generals Surprise Engineers

Although the Engineers of Georgia Tech rolled over the Generals, 28-0, they were matched in every department except scoring. Boyda had his most successful afternoon, although none of his passes went the full distance. The first down column was even at sixteen apiece, and the passing kept the Techmen worried for the full sixty minutes.

At Philadelphia, the old story of reserves was the W. and L. team-jerker. The Quakers ran in so many men, that even an accounting machine would have had a hard time calculating the number. The Generals had to depend on the passing again, but it wasn't as effective as it had been a week before. The Penn team literally ran off with the bacon.

Homecoming wasn't as bright as the torches of the rally the night before. The Wahos came to town, and left town much the more gratified football team. Johnny Papiit ran wild on the end sweep, and the Cavaliers whipped the home team, 42-7.

Blue Opens Win Streak

Back in state competition, and competition of their own class, the Generals caught hold of a three game winning streak. Davidson fell for the second straight year, but the margin was a shivering one point, 21-20. The Blue Hens of Delaware, trying to avenge the 18-13 defeat hung on them the year before, battled to the gun, but the Generals took the verdict 18-14.

Virginia Tech fell on a mud soaked Lynchburg field. The hapless Gobblers, who hadn't done a thing before tying Duke, held hard, but went down by a seven point margin.

With the season's success hanging in the balance on Thanksgiving Day, Richmond upset the dope sheet, which had picked W. and L. The educated toe of Walt Michaels, which had kept up with the finest in the nation for the most part of the season, lost all

Sconce, Finley, Lindell Repeat; Blue Wins Over U. Va. Highspots

By JIM O'KEEFE

The Washington and Lee wrestling team paved the way to a successful wintetr sport season, losing only one match and easily winning the Southern Conference title for their second straight season.

The Grapplers opened the season by handily scoring over the University of Virginia, 27-6. They added Hofstra to the list of victims before losing to Lehigh. Returning home following the holidays, W. and L. won over Auburn 26-8, and then took the measure of the Quantico Marines 23-12. After downing Virginia Tech and Quantico again, the Generals traveled to Norfolk, Va., and North Carolina to sweep four straight matches. Duke, North Carolina, N. C. State, and Davidson all fell easy victims.

Blue Hosts Take S.C. Trophy

The W. and L. Grapplers returned to Lexington to act as host for the Southern Conference Meet. Although the competition was a bit stiffer, the Generals still managed to win the Title with a decisive lead. Doug Smith, wrestling 121 in place of last year's nominee Cal Guest, took a third. Ted Lonergan, in the 128 position, failed to repeat as champion, finishing second. Joe Sconce and Ken Finley both won their weight divisions for the second straight year. Irv Wicknick at 155 copped a third while Ken Lindell won his second championship, in the 175 lb. class. The year before, Ken won the 165 lb. title. In the heavyweight spot, Jerry Jack came through to garner second place.

Comets Finish Season With 10-12 Slate

Despite an unimpressive record, Washington and Lee's varsity basketball team gave an impressive performance on the court this

education, missing two, and giving the spiders a 14-12 win, to close out the season.

Booters Take 2nd Championship

Norm Lord's ball booting eleven again took the state championship for the second season in a row. It was only the second year of intercollegiate play at the soccer game for Washington and Lee. The freshman squad has many prospects, according to Lord, and he looks for as good a team, if not better in the year to come. Duke held an upper hand over the Generals, due to the many South American stars on the team. Virginia, Roanoke, and RPI of Richmond fell before the booters, Capt. Jim Trundell, and forward Dave Croyder led the team in defense and offense respectively. Goalie Bruce Parkinson handled the nets with the ease that reminds one of a sharp-eyed cat.

Country-Runners Have 2-4 Slate

Harry Broadbent's cross-country team improved over the previous year, but were able to capture only two of six meets. Randolph-Macon and Richmond fell before the Generals by 27-28 counts. Virginia Tech and the Wahos triumphed in a Homecoming triangular affair, and Davidson and Roanoke College came out on top in dual meets.

past season. The Generals, playing under a new coach, Bob Spessard, played several teams out of their class, which explains their ten victories and twelve defeats.

This year's team definitely got a lift from freshman Jay Handlan, who handled scoring honors each game with Bob Goldsmith. Handlan continually amazed fans with his uncannily accurate set shots from anywhere on the floor. The startling improved play of Cris Compton helped form the big three scoring artists for the team. Not only was Chris' name high on the scoring sheet, but he also proved invaluable on the defensive, taking over the center position in several games from Bob Goldsmith.

Virginia Upset 76-65

The Generals opened the season by dropping a close game to Eastern Tennessee Teachers, but came back a week later to knock off a highly favored George Washington quintet 59-53. They ran up against too much competition in the next three games, losing to Western State Kentucky, Morris-Harvey, and Duke. Traveling to Charlottesville, the Generals scored another upset, beating the University of Virginia 75-65.

W. and L. dropped two games, to William and Mary and North Carolina, but then added four consecutive victories. Virginia Tech was the first to meet with disaster, followed by Roanoke College, Camp Meade, and Furman. Following a defeat at the hands of the University of Maryland, probably the best contest of the season was played between W. and L. and the University of Virginia. Forced to go into overtime, the Generals managed to best their arch rivals 84-81 in a nip-and-tuck battle all the way.

The W. and L. five also added victories over Clemson, Richmond, and Roanoke. They lost to William and Mary again, Virginia Tech, and N. C. State, 1949 Southern Conference Champions.

Tankmen Have Impressive Record

Under the tutelage of the veteran Cy Twombly, Washington and Lee's Swimming Team also completed a very successful season, winning five meets while only dropping one. Because of the loss of George Arata in the distance events, the Generals were able to get only a fourth in the state meet. The tankmen won five straight meets before losing to Virginia Tech.

Roanoke College was the first victory for the Generals, followed by an easy win over George Washington. William and Mary, Randolph-Macon, and Roanoke were added as victims.

Blue Lacks Reserve Strength

In the diving events, the swimmers depended on Ed Gardner and Bruce West. Ed Rushton and Don Steenburgh did the back-stroking, while Frank Carter and Tom Frost swam the dashes. Sam Hollis and Willie Leer came through admirably at breast-stroke. Because of lack of depth, the Generals were handicapped throughout the season, especially when Arata got sick at William and Mary and was unable to finish the season.



Pictured above is W. and L.'s Wrestling Squad, 1949 Southern Conference champions. Running from heavyweight to 121 pounds, are: Jerry Jack, Ken Lindell, Bill Metzler, Irv Wicknick, Ken Finley, Joe Sconce, Ted Lonergan, and Doug Smith.

I-M Roundup

By DAVE MERRILL

After one of the most active years in the history of intramural sports, we can easily illustrate the fact that intramurals have been successful this year. Before reviewing the history of intramural activities for 1948-1949, we wish to say that 90 per cent of the successful year was due to one thing. That was the competitive spirit the N.F.U., Law School, and each fraternity put into every sport and event. Competition was keen and it was gratifying.

Sports Carnival

This year one new event was added to the activities in the addition of a sports carnival to finish off the year with a bang. The carnival, instituted with due respect by Norm Lord, was novel in that it was an individual more than group participation.

Each organization picked one man to be its representative in each feature of the carnival. The different activities were divided between archery, tennis, blitz ball, badminton, ping-pong, pool, and topped off by Sigma Delta Psi, which is a conglomeration of all sports in itself.

Sigma Delta Psi

What most people don't know about Sigma Delta Psi is that it is a national athletic honorary fraternity, and that this is the first year it has been established at Washington and Lee. Five men passed the requirements to the honorary organization last week during the sports carnival. They are Jim Gallivan, SAE; Vic Marler, Phi Gam; Pete White, Phi Psi; Bill Capers, KA; Ted Lonergan, DU.

It was in this order that these men finished in that event in the sports carnival. First place Gallivan had a grand total of 39 points, and his closest rival Marler was right behind with 36½ points.

One of the more interesting things about this event is that Sigma Delta Psi has been established at Duke University four years and only four men have been able to meet the entrance requirements in that time. Within considerably less than one year's establishment here at W. and L. it is very significant to note that

five men have met the requirements for membership.

In the major sports only two organizations won first places in more than one activity. Thus, another reason why intramural sports were successful. Phi Kappa Phi won titles in volleyball and of track for the second year in succession. Other champions were Phi Kaps in football, Sigma Nu's in basketball, Beta's in swimming and handball, and the Phi Gams took wrestling for the second year. In softball the PIKA's seem to hold a syndicate by winning the title for the fourth year in a row.

In minor sports the Delts came through by winning the majority of the points there to pull them up to second place in the overall intra-mural race.

General Standings

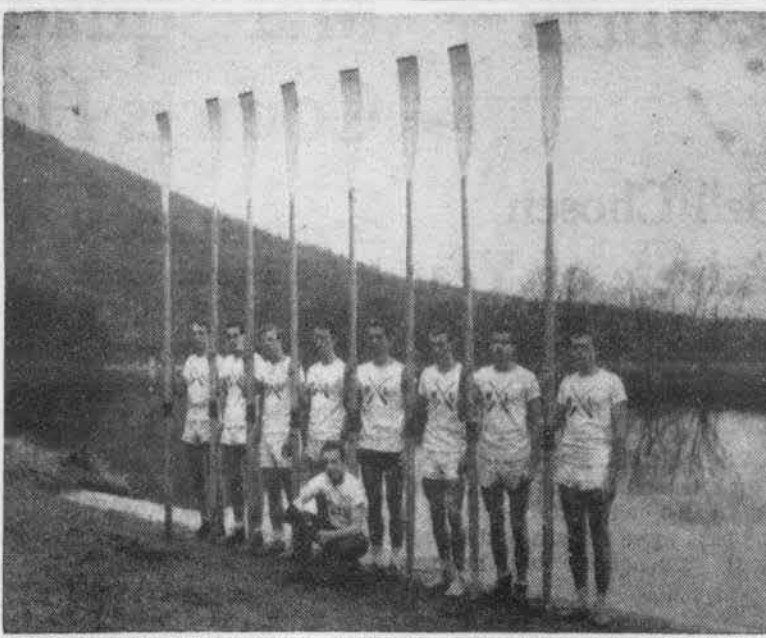
In order of finishing in the race for intra-mural champions found the Phi Psi's coming out on top with 493 points for their grand total. The Delts were second with 418 points closely followed by the Phi Delts, who massed a total of 408 points. The race was in doubt the whole year and was not really determined until the final major sports activity had been completed.

As far as individual points in scoring the first place Phi Psi's had the two top men. Bruce Parkinson and Pete White took first and second, respectively, in individual scoring honors.

Special thanks must be made to Norm Lord, who plans and stages the intramural sports program each year. This year's intramural sports success is due directly to Norm and his hard work.

Glee Club Names Officers

Joe Savage was chosen President of the Washington and Lee Glee Club for 1949-1950 at elections held in Washington Chapel, Monday night. The other officers named were Dick Schornstein, Business Manager; Guy Hammond, Secretary; Bill Kyle, Librarian, and Dick Ballard, Historian.



W. and L.'s Varsity Crew: Al Walter, Dick Hynson, Roger Mudd, Hack Heyward, Bobby Mauck, Bob Berryman, Art Emmons, John Chapman and (seated) Ted Bowie.

Generals Cop Third in Regatta; Golf, Lacrosse Have Fair Season

Climaxing their racing activities of the year, the Washington and Lee crew placed third in the Dad Vail Regatta at Poughkeepsie, Saturday, to successfully close Jim Anderson's first coaching season with the Generals.

Keeping pace with smooth rowing Boston U., the paddlers later fell behind and fought a tough race for second with Rollins, but were nosed out by the Floridians when they hit a crippling stretch of choppy water.

The freshmen took a fourth in their event, after they caught a "crab," forcing them to drop back. This accident proved to be a heartbreaker as they had been giving the victorious Boston frosh a tight race.

The varsity's record stands, for the season, at 3 wins and 2 defeats, the losses going to schools of greater size than W. and L.

This record speaks well for the skilled coaching efforts of Anderson and the determined work of the squad.

The freshmen scored 2 triumphs against one loss, during the year, and coupled with an active J.V. contingent should add considerably to next year's varsity, which is expected to an even greater share of racing honors to W&L.

Golfers Annex 5-4 Record

Taking advantage of the unusual spring weather, the W. and L. golf squad took to the links early this season, and under the

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Baseballers Annex 12-9 Record; Track, Tennis Limp Through Year

Washington and Lee's Generals completed their spring sports schedules of baseball, track, and tennis definitely in the hole this year. The baseball team was the only group to make a better than even break with a 9 and 12 record.

The baseball team can boast of downing Virginia twice, as they lost only one in eight non-conference contests. Among their best games was a victory over Michigan, one of the powerhouses of the Big Ten. In their second game with Richmond they upset the spiders, winners of the Virginia Big Six.

Five Generals made tither the first, second, or honorable mention All-State teams for the year. First baseman Brian "Brain" Bell made the All-State first team for the second year in a row. On the second team were third baseman Fred Vinson and outfielder Willis Woods. Dude Agnor, shortstop, and Buck Leslie, pitcher, were honorably mentioned. Both Vinson and Bell completed their eligibility this year, but the freshmen, who finished the season with a 9-2 record, should provide added strength in seasons to come.

Thinclads Lack Reserves

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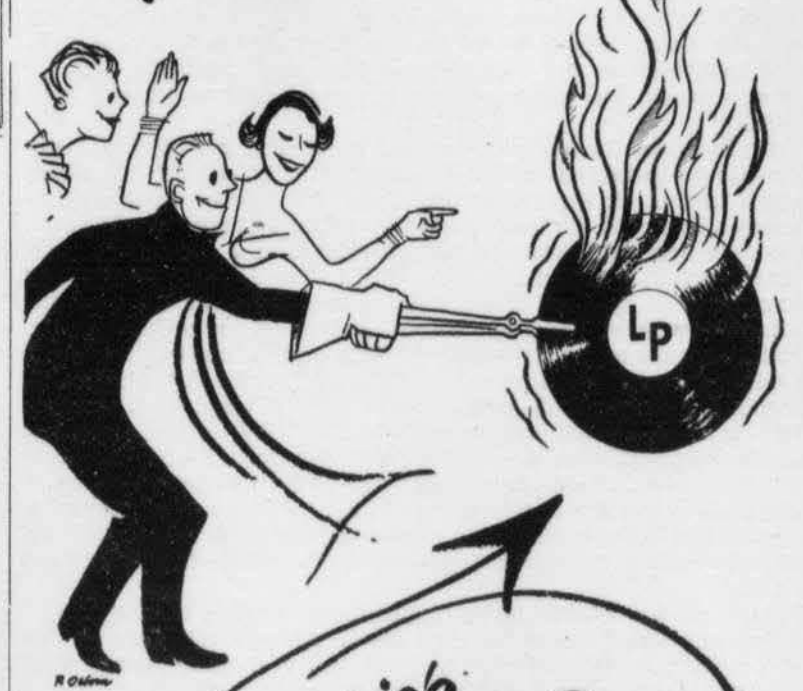
the season with a win over Randolph-Macon but then dropped the remaining meets with Virginia Tech, Richmond, William and Mary, and Davidson. In the Big Six event held at Williamsburg the Generals finished fifth behind V.P.I., V.M.I., William and Mary, and Virginia, with 12½ points. Outstanding men for the year were Pete White, hurdler, broad jumper and Fletcher award winner last year, Jim Gallivan, high jumper and sprintman and Wally Oref, weightman. At the state meet White took a second in the lows and a third in the highs, Oref captured a first in the javelin with a 179 foot toss, and Gallivan tied for second in the high jump. White and Oref were the only thinclads to make the journey to Chapel Hill for the Southern Conference, but neither qualified for the finals.

The track team suffered from
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Frosh Awarded 24 Scholarships

By FRANK CALLAHAM

Tom Wilson, Assistant to the Dean of Students, has disclosed that 24 of the 30 scholarships available to incoming Freshmen have been awarded. The new "Third Century Scholarships" are worth more than \$50,000 and are distributed over a four-year period, being forfeited by any holder who fails to make the required academic grades.

The scholarships are awarded "on the basis of academic record, character, need, and promise of future usefulness." Each applicant must take tests given by the College Entrance Examination Board, in order that a concrete basis for evaluating his aptitude for college work can be obtained.

The Mary Magruder Laughlin Scholarship, which is restricted to residents of West Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley, was won by Charlie McNutt, Jr., of Charleston, West Virginia. Brantley Barr, Jr., of Danville was awarded the Thomas Greene Terry Scholarship, for which only Virginia residents are eligible. The two Alfred I. duPont awards, for those living in the South, went to Leo Barrington, District of Columbia, and Marvin Anderson of Gambrills, Maryland. The Cary T. Grayson Scholarships, open only to Virginians, went to Bentz Howard, Jr., Schoolfield; Robert Hall, Winchester; John Sheets, Hopewell, and John Thompson, Jr., of Franklin.

Kenneth Spence, Jr., of Hagerstown, Maryland, received the George M. Bohman, Jr., award, which is open to residents of Washington County, Maryland. The Charles P. Johnson Scholarship, restricted to students of journalism from the South, was won by Charles Stainback, Jr., of Somerville, Tennessee. Houston Hamm of Huntsville, Alabama, received the Edward von Harten Ladd Scholarship, for which only Alabamians may compete. The Lees-Eastwick award, unrestricted regarding place of residence, went to Thomas Owen of French Lick, Indiana.

The Dick Mayo Lykes award, available to Floridians and Texans, was won by John Maguire of Jacksonville, Florida. The Philip W. Murray Scholarship was awarded to George Holbrook, Jr., of Wethersfield, Connecticut, and the Robert E. Ridenour, III Scholarship went to Thomas Creson of Memphis, Tennessee. Both are open to candidates from any area. Four War Memorial Scholarships, unrestricted regarding place of residence, were won by James Monzella of Bessemer, Alabama; Pierce Lonergon of Planders, New Jersey; Colin Campbell, Jr., of Birmingham, Michigan; and Alexander De Volpi, New York City.

James A. Arthur, III, of Lynchburg, Virginia, won the James R. Caske award, which is open to candidates from that area only. The Carter Glass Scholarship for students of Journalism went to John H. McNeil of Blacksburg, Virginia, and the Joe Higgins Bagley award was won by Erwin Bartusch of Memphis, Tennessee. Both of these awards are open to candidates of any area. Carl Lyle, Jr., of Rogersville, Tennessee, received the Samuel Tipton Jones, Jr., Scholarship, which is restricted to that state. The Leo F. Reinartz, Jr., and William C. Shinn awards, both unrestricted regarding place of residence, went to Gray Castle of Arlington, Virginia and Howard Hunter, Jr., of

Dick Hubbard

What Ratio Is Taken To Weigh Student-College Opinion, 1-1000?

The end of another college year is close at hand. To some it will mean leaving, not to come back. To most of us, it is just a too short interlude in our four year's of "higher" education.

W. and L. is now 200 years old and what with its old age traditions, history, etc., many of us have come to consider it almost perfect. However, with every place where men are gathered and to any degree controlled by others, there is always room for improvement whether it be in government, a business establishment, or a university.

While many students and others connected with W. and L. have varied opinions as to what, if anything, should be corrected, there are certain things I for one would like to see changed during the next year.

There should be more attention given to student opinion and feelings in the matter of football. That is, there should be more home games so the students would have a chance to see their team in action. Much on this has already been said, and to sum it up—how can the Athletic Association and school officials expect student support when, contrary to those who should be most interested, officials schedule only two home games out of seven or eight. If those concerned do not consider the students then why should they be expected to give unlimited support?

Next, there should be a fundamental change in Administration policy. There should be no "edicts" handed down with the expectation that students will merely accept them without questioning their purpose. For example, whether or not those in Washington Hall realized it or not, their curt notice that there would be no short classes on the day Spring Holidays began caused serious consternation. Although it is hard to see what difference an hour or so made, when to a student it could mean having to wait an extra eight hours for a bus. If there was a valid reason it would have been accepted as such. Instead, however, this drastic deviation from previous policy was accompanied with no explanation as to its cause. No one wants to step on administration toes, but better understanding would be obtained if students were informed as to the why's and wherefore's of certain actions.

Next, there should be a reestablishment of the President's Advisory Board, consisting of students who would act in an advisory capacity only. Here again, there is need for more attention to be paid to the opinions of the students, those who are most affected by Administration policies and regulations. For example, what was the justification for completely ignoring the student poll conducted by the R-T-P on how the seven day cut in the school year should be divided? Why did the Administration choose just the opposite course from that expressed by a great majority of the students?

Richmond, Virginia, respectively. The remaining six scholarships are the Arthur B. Koontz, Jr., William W. Boxley, Julian Leroy Dart, Jr., Elizabeth Cave Drye, Herbert Grooms Smith, Jr., and James R. Howard awards. They will be awarded early this summer from College Entrance Exams, which will be given on June 4.

For the last change, there should be an acknowledgement by professors that students like to learn of grades received on quizzes as soon as possible after taking them. After all, when a professor says there will be a quiz on such and such a day, then that's all there is to it. The student has no choice (which is correct). If he happens to have another quiz on the same day, in many cases, he is just out of luck. Why, then, should some professor take two, three or four weeks to return papers? Naturally, towards the end of the year with term papers, etc., to correct, a delay is understandable, but in many cases it appears to be due only to the laxity of professors that student are forced to "sweat out" grades.

It is hoped that what has been said in this column will not be considered as condemnation or rebuke, but only as constructive criticism. If serious attention is given to the above mentioned proposals, a better relationship between those giving and those receiving education can be effected.

Senior Banquet Marked By Election of Officers

Natural Bridge once again was host to a Washington and Lee graduation class at its annual Senior Banquet held several days ago. This function enables the seniors to have a last informal gathering before finals to elect the new officers.

Glenn Chaffer was elected to the office of president. Pete Jolley holds down the position of Vice-President, while Dick Turrell carries the business end as Secretary.

These men will hold their respective positions for five years. Cy Young welcomed everyone into the ranks of the alumni and expressed the hope that everyone would continue to take an active interest in the University.

Dr. Gaines gave a farewell speech to the Seniors, containing some of his special type of wit, complimenting them on their good fortune in graduating and especially on their good luck in wives. Glenn Chaffer spoke on behalf of the senior class, thanking the speakers and calling for a continued bond of union between the University and his class.

The class of 1949 is the largest graduating class in the history of the University.

Phi Deltas Name Officers

The following were elected to offices in Phi Delta Theta recently: Rody Davenport, President; Paul Root, Vice-President; Lee Powell, Secretary; Chris Moore, Treasurer; Jack Kannappell, Reporter; and Pete Muhlenberg, Rush Chairman.

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'Playboy' Was Too Deep For Collegiate Audience Says R-T-P's Reviewer

By LEONARD WILD

In the Little Theatre off Red Square a fair-sized first night audience waited expectantly the Troubs final offering of the year, "The Playboy of the Western World," an Irish folk comedy by John M. Synge, sponsored by Alpha Psi Omega dramatic fraternity. It was a few minutes past curtain time, and the audience grew restless, clapping here and there for the curtain. When the curtain did go up, the hush of a hopeful expectancy fulfilled fell over the theatre. Sitting, by candlelight with the light of a full moon streaming through the window of an old Irish tavern, (probably the best done Troub set of the year, excellently lighted by Bill Mills and finished to detail and mood) was a pert young girl who never once betrayed the fact that she was only fifteen years old.

The play is basically the story of a timid n'er-do-well youth who finds that after he murders his father he is credited as having all the finest virtues of mankind. However when his father turns up alive, he is branded as a lair and a coward. To attain the good favor of the town folk once more, he kills his father again, but this time he is branded a dastardly murderer instead of a hero. When his father turns up alive the second time, he sees the lesson of life and finally attains real maturity.

Probably one of the outstanding performances of the year is given by Diane Eckel, a fifteen year old high school student, as the daughter of the Innkeeper. Miss Eckel's performance points her out as an intelligent young actress, with a great deal of vitality, perky charm, mimicry. Without a doubt the whole play is her oyster, despite many outstanding performances by other players. Her characterization is the heart and vitality of the play, and is worth seeing just to see her. Just ask the boys at intermission. The Troubs have found a new star.

And on the same line, two other newcomers take top honors when you see Elizabeth Gray and Norman Lemcke. Lemcke, as a doddering old villager is an excellent comic foil, and Mrs. Gray portrays almost letter-perfect, much to the delight of the audience, a contriving widow out to ensnare our hero. She is, without a doubt, the outstanding female support of the play.

Don Van Dall as Christopher Mahon, does not quite come up to his standards in "Dark of the Moon." He seems to fully understand his play as Director Jack Lanich presents it to him, yet he does not seem quite able to reach it. His actions and expression are at times exaggerated, and he does not seem quite at home in his part, but nevertheless he gives a very creditable performance in a very difficult role.

Among the old-timers Don Al-

GLAMOR GIRLS . . . By Don Flowers



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bin turns in his best performance on these boards yet as the jolly old Innkeeper, a top-notch characterization. The outstanding comic portrayal is a toss-up between Russ Tomes and Jack Willcoxon. Willcoxon is the perfect butt of a great deal of the humor and handles his role with the polish and the depth of characterization needed for an august clown. Russ Tomes has possibly never had the chance to show off his fine talent to such advantage since "Petrified Forest" in 1947. His every movement is well-thought out and perfect to the squint of an eye. Elliot Eaves as another old Villager is not up to the par of his fellow cohorts, and seems as if he were trying a bit of the final meaning and summing up of the action. "Deep" plays are fine every once in a while, they are a good thing and desirable to too hard with his part, but still provides a good compliment to the other old gentlemen.

Louise Foster, Jane Voigt, and Penelope Graves as three girls of the villages are probably the most difficult to understand in the play. Their characterizations, however,

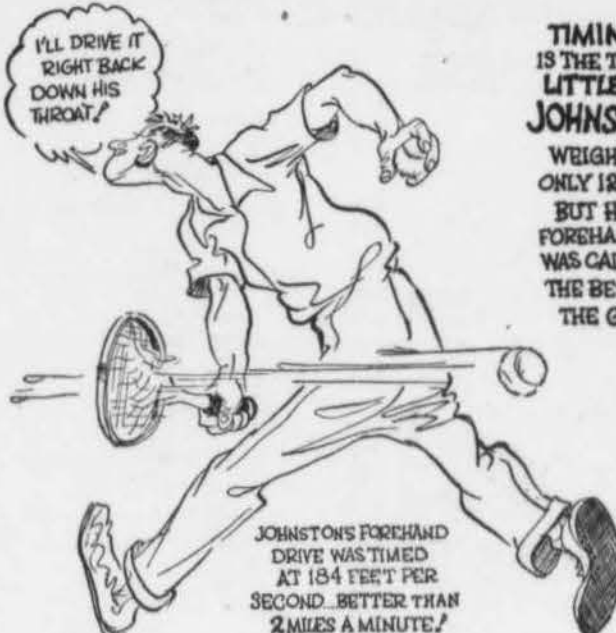
are easily put across the footlights with much giggling and feminine mannerisms as called for by their parts, but they are just not up to the polish of their fellow players. Others in the cast include Pete Forkgen, Austin Hunt, Charles Baird as villagers.

The whole production is well in the mood desired. But it tends to drag at times. Sometimes it is just too talky for a college audience, and at certain times when it is too talky and you can't understand the dialects too well, the audience is left feeling like a tourist on a Chinese sightseeing tour. All in all Director Lanich has done very well with a difficult problem. The cast in general is excellent, although even the best have their bad spots. It is a very good play, but the audience loses a great deal of the humor and a lot many. But a constant stream of artiness leaves a school-weary audience craving just a few good old American belly-laughs, rather than having to think too hard about their school notes to catch on. For the right audience this latest production would be hard to beat.

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Joe Martin Cries in Coffee at 10 Cents Per

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Yes, the old Southern Inn of a few years ago has vanished with the onward rush of progress. No more do the big lazy fans swirl soothingly overhead. No more is every order served with a smile. No more can a student go in there with 50 cents and feel that he is wanted. And as for me—no more.

Baseball

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lack of depth this year but should be stronger next year with the addition of such freshmen as Eck Hansbarger, winner of the freshman mile at the Big Six meet, and Bod Connally and Dave Tinnen, seconds in the 100 and 220 yard dashes, respectively.

Courtmen Limp Through Year

Hard luck plagued the varsity tennis team this year as the best they could do in nine meets was to salvage a tie with Hampden-Sydney. Probably the hardest loss of the season was when George Washington edged the netmen 5-4 after trailing 4-2 going into the doubles matches.

Irvy Shlesinger, Bob Knudsen, and Buck Bouldin, will all be eligible for next year's team, but Art Joseph, Jim Farrar, and Bob Swinarton will be lost through graduation.

Spring Sports

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guidance of coach Cy Twombly, emerged successfully from a formidable series of matches. The varsity collected 5 wins against 4 losses. Outstanding members of the squad was Dick Lewis, who, while playing number four, won 9 matches dropping only 2. Filling out the other positions were Wes Brown—1, Jake McCormack—2, John McKelway—3, Dave Mahan—5, Shorty Murray—6, and Ned Gerken—7.

The freshmen paced by Billy Key enjoyed a near perfect record, winning 7 out of 8 matches, the lone defeat credited to Woodbury Forest. Key, who won all his matches, was followed for second honors by Bill Hall, who triumphed 6 times and split twice. This frosh outfit, composed of Key—1, Hall—2, Cox Joynes—3, Roy Melton—4, Dick Calveill—5 and Hugh Francis—6, is expected to add considerable strength to next year's varsity.

Difficulties Beset Stickmen

Handicapped by the lack of student and school support a minimum of reserves, and bench-con-

fining disabilities the Generals lacrosse team, directed by Dr. Baxter, did not achieve the record they might have, collecting 3 wins while dropping 8 matches.

However the squad felt well compensated when they handed R.P.I., Olympic champions, the most thrilling struggle of the year, to chalk up a moral victory. Tied at the half, the two teams traded

goals for the remainder of the game until, in the closing minutes, the boys from Troy broke through, to score the winning tally.

Prominent lacrosse-men were Bill Clements, Dave Bien, Tom Tongue, Bill Pacey, Willie Lear and Jim Gray.

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