

ODK Taps 11 Men At Noon Assembly

Morning Blaze Razes Stuart Building

Million Dollar Damage Estimated As Fire Ravages Downtown Stores

What has already been called one of the worst fires in the history of Lexington completely razed the Stuart Building at the corner of Main and Washington Streets early this morning. Damage was officially estimated at one million dollars. The fire was discovered at approximately 3 a. m. and the Lexington Fire Department answered the alarm shortly afterward. Two firemen were injured.

The building, housing Adair-Hutton Department Store, J. Ed Deaver & sons, Ewing Photo Studio, and the offices of W. L. Foltz & Son, R. Bruce Morrison, Jerry Holstein, Sun Life Insurance Co., W. W. Ackerly, and the Virginia Highway Department, "went like a tinder box," according to witnesses. Only two brick columns remained and they were being torn down by firemen at noon.

Firemen from Lexington, Buena Vista, Glasgow and Staunton began fighting the fire a little after 3 a. m. and at press time—nine hours later—they were still at it. Main street from Nelson to the intersection at Steve's Diner was blocked off. Fire equipment, bricks and hose cluttered a length of the street this morning.

Two firemen from the Buena Vista company which answered the alarm were injured by falling timbers at the rear of the Deaver store. Omar Slough and Alfred Sizer were caught by the burning debris. Slough's injuries were slight, but Sizer was removed to the Jackson Memorial Hospital for X-rays. The photographs showed no internal injuries and he is being treated for bruises.

Telephone service was completely cut off this morning in most of South Lexington. Between twelve and fifteen hundred telephones have been affected by the break. Emergency crews from Lexington and Waynesboro have been pressed into service and are clearing and repairing wires, but no estimate as to when service will be resumed were available at press time.

The three life insurance companies having offices in the gutted Stuart Building reported this morning that, although their policy records here were completely destroyed, extra copies are on file in their home offices. They expect a great deal of trouble in re-arranging the policies, but assured citizens that everything will be normal within the shortest possible time.

Ring-tum Phi reporters who saw the huge blaze first-hand gave vivid descriptions of it. The following is one of the eye-witness reports:

"I'd just gone to bed when the siren sent its shrill vibrations through the cold night. A fire-hound by instinct, I threw an overcoat over my pajamas and headed toward what I thought was a fire at the Rockbridge Laundry.

Other boys from the house had gotten there first. Five of them had helped the fire department unroll their hose. By then the crowd was beginning to gather. It was cold, probably one of the coldest nights Lexington has had this winter.

I ran up to Washington street to get a good look. The whole corner was ablaze. Firemen were up close, with heat of the fire causing them to perspire in spite of the bitter cold. About three

streams of water were being directed into the Stuart Building, but it wasn't doing a lot of good.

Just then something happened to the water supply. There wasn't enough pressure to send the streams to the top of the building. Golly it was hot. Still it was cold. Water that somehow didn't turn to steam and run down the gutter froze quickly.

A car was parked on Washington street just across from the mass of white heat. It was locked. Soon it began to steam a little. Spectators realized that it might catch fire if it wasn't moved. So a W&L student poked his fist through the side glass window. He got in and rolled the car down the hill to safety.

I could see the wall on Washington street bending. But then it stopped. It sorta waved a little again. Still firemen standing under it stayed at their posts. There was a crackle. The wall toppled again and then swooshed down on the street. The firemen looked up and saw the heavy and hot wall bearing down on them from above. They dropped their hose and ran for the other side of the street. Chief Hess was one of the firemen and was the last man out. He was so slow that the bricks missed him only by inches.

Then people began losing their heads. The owners of the Washington Street Book Store hailed about ten students to come and help them move their books out. It was a mad rush against time. The owners of the store hardly knew what they were doing. The books were carried across the street to the Dutch Inn.

In spite of the misery, loss, damage and unhappiness of a fire, no one can deny that they are intriguing. One scene lingers in my mind. At about 4 a. m., just after the roof had caved in and the fire was at its height, the whole building was simply a mass of flames. At that time it looked like the whole block would be consumed.

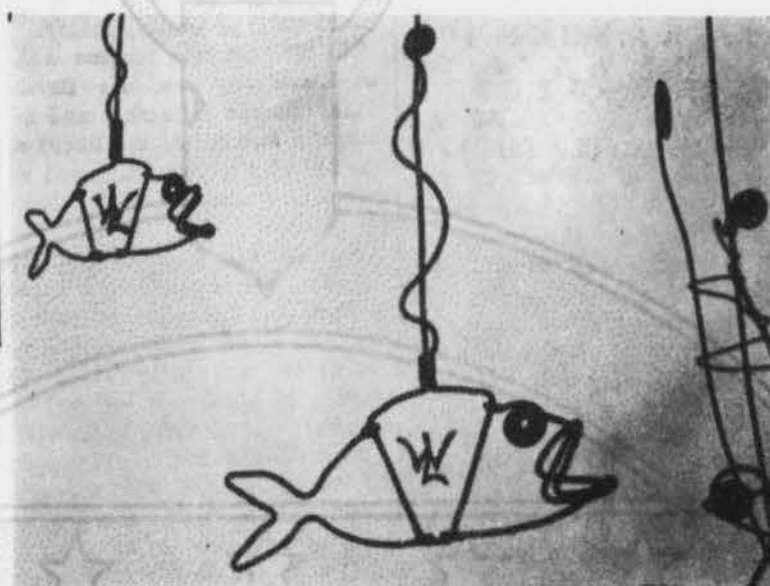
But the scene was the most spectacular I have ever seen. Six streams of water were arching across the sky in the red glow. Then a Lexington fireman appeared, standing on the roof of Ewing's Studio. Fire was in the building below him. There he stood, rather recklessly, busy at the job assigned to him.

About that time, a hush went over the some 1000 spectators. Someone had let out the word that Tolley's Hardware Store, next in the line of fire, containing a lot of dynamite. People moved a little farther away.

Fire Chief Hess was all over the place. He seemed always to appear to answer the questions of his men at the right time.

The firement then started concentrating their water into the space between Deaver's and Dole's. After that it wasn't long before they had it under control."

McKelway's Impression of Modern Art Show



GOLDFISH BOWL

Depicted are two gold fish belching. But there is more than meets the eye. The sea-weed at the right of the picture is actually an impression of three inverted yo-yos. Now the art critic might ask, "Do fish like yo-yo's?" To which the artist would reply, "I think Ritz crackers are terrible."

Look closely now, what do you see on the two fish? Why of course, both of them are wearing loin cloths. Wouldn't you, if you had to spend your life in a gold fish bowl?



OLD STONE FACE

Above is the sculptor's interpretation of a stone face, now on exhibition in McCormick Library. The eyes represent the pontoons of a wrecked sea-plane, while the nose is distinguishable as the Bridge of San Luis Rey. The object itself represents a rolling stone which has gathered moss.

In this rough hewn rock the spirit and character of a man is seen. A man who could easily make all-intramural. This is the tangible representation of Keats immortal.

Oh, silent face, with infectious smile,
Look on me awhile;
Tell what's become of



FACE

Lucius Zink, inventor of the coat-hanger, has been captured here in his well known, "Aw go to hell;" pose. The work has a sad story behind it. Zebuella Zink, old man Zink's son, fell to twisting coat hangers at an early age. His father turned him out of home, from where the young artist, Zebuella, bent on bending as a career, established himself in Greenwich Village. Above is his interpretation of his moody father.

Gutzon Borglum, who gave us the four heads on Mt. Rushmore, once said of his masterpiece, "It looks like a head made out of coat-hangers!"

Fancy Dress Ball Vice President Will Allow Extension of Ordering

Mack Faris, Fancy Dress vice president in charge of costumes, yesterday announced an extended schedule for taking costume orders.

Today and Monday the headquarters in the reading room of the Freshman dorm will be open for an hour from 2 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and after Christmas holidays, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 4, 5, and 6, the reading room will be open at the same time.

Faris, who mentioned in Tuesday's Ring-tum Phi that there was a possibility that an extended

schedule could be arranged, said that he called Van Horn in Philadelphia and was given permission to postpone the deadline, because so many of the students had not yet turned their measurements in.

A total of 375 sets have been sold, and the FD vice president urged all students who intend to go to the big social event to make all necessary arrangements during the Christmas holidays. He also urged that any students, who see alumni planning to attend, tell them to send their measurements in with a check for \$11.50.

Leyburn and Smedley Are Honored By Circle For 'Outstanding' Work

Eleven students, two professors, and five alumni were "tapped" by the Alpha circle Omicron Delta Kappa shortly before one o'clock today. The tapping took place at the conclusion of the second University Assembly of the year, and shared the spotlight with the address of U. S. Senator A. Willis Robertson, himself a member of the national leadership fraternity which was founded here in 1914.

The eleven students honored by ODK today received recognition of their outstanding ability and work in fields which varied from Christian work to varsity athletics. With

the other new members of the fraternity, they will be the guests of honor at a luncheon in the Robert E. Lee Hotel immediately following the Assembly.

Two Washington and Lee professors were also among those honored by the local chapter. Dr. T. A. Smedley, "for his unusually outstanding work on the W&L Law Review and for his high standards of civic leadership in the community," and Dr. James G. Leyburn, "for his numerous, invaluable contributions to academic progress." (Ed. note: It was pointed out by spokesmen for ODK that the selection of Dr. Leyburn by the local chapter is even more significant when it is recalled that he has been connected with the university for such a short time.)

The five Washington and Lee alumni who were "tapped" by ODK this morning for leadership in their respective fields were:

Roy J. Grimley, class of '21, Ridgewood, N. J., attorney who served as chairman of an alumni committee which arranged for a special United States postage stamp last spring to commemorate the university's 200th anniversary; Dr. William N. Hodgkin, '12 of Warrenton, former president of the American College Association of Dental Examiners; Frederick S. Johnson, '11, of Wilmington, Del., executive of the Du Pont Company; Junius L. Powell, '14, New York insurance executive; and Isadore M. Scott, '37, Trenton, N. J., manufacturer and lawyer.

The eleven students tapped by the organization are: James A. Anderson, III, Intermediate Law, President of Beta Theta Pi, House Manager Beta Theta Pi, Phi Beta Kappa, Honor Roll Consecutively, Departmental Scholarship, Member of Law Review, Beta Gamma Sigma, Phi Delta Phi, Graduated Summa Cum Laude, Varsity letterman 3 years.

Wade H. Ballard, Intermediate Law, President Phi Kappa Psi, Executive Committeeman, Class President, House Manager Phi Kappa Psi.

R. B. Davenport, Senior, President Phi Delta Theta, President Finals, Executive Committeeman, Senior Member IFC, Vice President of Dance Set, Freshman Camp Assistant.

Don M. Fergusson, Junior, Dormitory Councilor, Dance Floor Committee, Consecutively on Deans List, 3rd year letterman football, 1st year letterman basketball.

John P. French, Senior, President Sigma Nu, Chairman Cold Check Committee, Chairman Assimilation Committee, Member Student War Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee, Staff Assistant for Mock Convention, Managing Editor of Ring-tum Phi, Departmental Scholarship, Troubadours Secretary.

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SWEET BRIAR VARSITY IN PERFECT CONDITION, BUT NO SKATES FOR JANUARY GAME. FEARS POSSIBLE TRAGIC LOSS OF W AND L MANPOWER SHOULD WE ACCEPT CHALLENGE. ADVICE RECEIVED FROM COACH, QUOTE OVER MY DEAD BODY—UNQUOTE. SORRY, TRY MACON. GOOD LUCK WITH SCHOLARSHIP FUND. LOVE.

THE VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY TEAM.

The above telegram was received by the editors yesterday. It presents undeniable proof that American womanhood is no longer the Sporting Proposition of old. It is a sad, sad thing, indeed. Perhaps we shall try again in the Spring when women are said to be more prone to take Sporting Propositions.

A Column . . .

Trundle's Four-Year Captaincy Called Outstanding Achievement

By FARUK

Being elected to the captaincy of a collegiate varsity sport is an honor recognized by anyone. Receiving this distinction two years in succession is an outstanding achievement.

If a team of 15 or more men chose to elect the same man as their leader for three and four straight years this action would be singularly unconventional and would most certainly ascertain that the four-year boss really commanded the finest respect imaginable with a group of fellow athletes. On Monday evening this assertion was made when Jim Trundle . . . freshman lawyer . . . was elected Captain of the W&L Soccer team for '50.

Next Fall will be the fourth season of the foot-sport in this town and once again it will be led by the college's greatest player. . . .

The second theatrical production of the school year is scheduled to appear at the inadequate hall off Red Square the second week after the Christmas holidays. This coming Troub attraction will be quite different than previous post-war efforts, because for the first time in a great while the college dramatics will try their hand at one-act plays.

Two comedies, a melodrama, and a mystery complete the bill of this January show which will be directed by Mary Welles Pierson, Mr. Lanich, and two Troub veterans. In as much as the stage of their quaint, little theatre is hardly as large as the "dance floor" of one of those tourist-trap jazz houses on 52nd St. or The Village, the stage effects and changing of the same should prove amusing as well as entertaining. . . .

If ever a preview could scare one away from the ensuing flicks, the "Adam's Rib" (funniest picture in ten years routine) pre-showing was one. Only that old Hopper (Hedda) was worse this fall.

After seeing the Hepburn-Tracy picture it's hard to imagine how the publicity men could "hash"

such a terrific show in their coming attraction hints. A better show has not appeared at the State this Fall. . . .

Overheard leaving the movie on Sunday, "Yeah, I remember, it was just 10 years ago November that I saw a picture funnier than that one. . . ."

Dr. R. I. Lindquist, the "hit" of our recent religious conference, will be remembered around this campus for some time to come. Unlike the run-of-the-mill religious speakers, Dr. Lindquist was a "real" guy, stirring up such remarks as: "First time I've listened to every word of a speaker in this gym in my four years at W&L." . . . "If he was pastor of my church, I'd go every Sunday." . . . "Orange isn't far from home. I think I'll take the family over there some Sunday." Silly remarks? Never. They were uttered by guys whom you'd never imagine capable—and quite sincerely. (The first one certainly.)

Another first for the Good Doctor at the Glamorous Grill? Yes, Collett and only Collett is now offering the student with individual taste the 8-ounce hangover killer . . . Champeer, the only alcoholic beverage brewed and bottled in the District. Two bits gets you this rich man's 7-up, a carbonated malt lager with the "different" flavor. What next? Guinness? Prior's Kulmbacher?

You may have received some change at Steve's lately in the form of United Playland 20-buck notes. These phonies are obviously just that at 15 feet, yet it's something what the Craig-henry printers have to put up with. Four times on the Indian head side it is emphasized that this is real money, "Not negotiable," not legal tender for any purpose. Maybe the counterfeiters have been passing them in Mexico? . . .

Seven shopping days till Christmas. . . . Have a Merry One! . . .

Movie Review . . .

Rottenness of Permanent Tenure Exposed In New Hollywood Effort

By McKELWAY AND SIBLEY

We were fortunate enough to be able to attend a sneak preview in Roanoke recently of a new Paramount picture entitled, "The Professor's Dismissal."

It may play here within the next few months.

The story concerns the activities of a certain teacher of Italian at a midwestern college. His name is Harold Attinger, played by Henry Fonda.

When the outstanding Italian professor at this small, tradition-steeped institution is offered a position at Yale University, he readily accepts, and the Administration is forced to obtain another one in a hurry. They hit upon Mr. Attinger, B. A., Neal McNeill University, M. A., A. R. Boden College.

They offer him a one-year Assistant Professorship, since he is middle-aged, a war veteran who was an officer, and has taught Italian in a high school before.

Their choice proves to be an unfortunate one. Mr. Attinger is not as good as his predecessor. He scans through the lesson the night before and is only as prepared as his brightest students. He jokes with the class but they do not like that. Many students fall asleep in his class and Dean's List men absent themselves regularly.

The grades he gives are around average, since his students do not learn much, but at the same time he doesn't want to create suspicion on the part of the Administration by giving the grades which his students really deserve.

At the end of the year, the Ad-

ministration suspects that Mr. Attinger is not an outstanding teacher, but they are tired of looking for Italian teachers, and no one takes Italian anyway except to get out of Math, so they put him on a peculiar status called Permanent Tenure.

This means that it would be hard for the school to get him out of there unless he should get into some trouble locally. Mr. Attinger, "Old Horse Face," as he has become affectionately known to his students by now, licks his gums and settles down in the town with his wife (Merle Oberon) and his son (Dean Stockwell), to spend the rest of his days in complacency.

But Mr. Attinger reckons without headstrong, reckless Harold Blaha (Donald O'Connor) and his father, a member of the Board of Regents of the University and an outstanding attorney in the State (S. Z. Sakall).

Harold Blaha is a member of the class, since he is poor in Math, and is repulsed at the idea of such a professor being on permanent tenure at the University which his father and his father before him, etc., have had so much to do with.

So Mr. Blaha, Sr., brushes up on his Italian and sits in on a couple of the classes. He is horrified at what he sees and hears.

He tells the Board of Regents this at their next meeting on January 19. Through Mr. Blaha's persuasion, they succeed in removing Old Horse Face.

Old Horse Face leaves and goes back to his high school. The University hires another Italian teacher. The movie ends spectacularly in a courtroom scene, showing Mr. Blaha prosecuting a case in which some drunken men broke several store windows in the downtown section of the city.

Groaners Will Grunt With Tough Yankees

Washington and Lee's Southern Conference Wrestling Champions will start their season off the hard way next week by tackling two of the East's top mat aggregations. Franklin and Marshall College, a perennial power in Eastern intercollegiate wrestling ranks, opens W&L's slate in Lancaster, Pa. on December 19. The Diplomats finished in a tie with Lehigh, W&L's second foe, last winter in the Eastern duel-meet race and although they were seventh in the E. I. W. A. tournament the Dips defeated Syracuse, ultimate champs, 28-9 earlier in the season. However F&M must field a team minus the services of Capt. Stan Mousetis, 128 pounds, and Joe Golego, 136 pounds, due to ineligibility.

On the 20th the W&L grapplers move to Bethlehem to take on Lehigh's highly touted squad. In the past 37 years under William "Billy" Sheridan the Engineers have won 200 out of 281 meets, copping 13 conference titles in the process. Two brown and white lightweights, Capt. Dick Kelsey and Mike Filippos, will defend their Eastern Interecollegiate Wrestling Association titles this winter at 136 and 121 pounds respectively.

Against this impressive array of mat talent, varsity coach O. O. Day will be able to field a championship outfit boasting two Southern Conference title-holders, Joe Sconce and Ken Finley, former title-holder Ted Lonergan, and two time runner-up Irv Wicknick. In the 121 pound division the probable starter will be either Howie Davis or Paul Weill, both sophomores. At 128 Lonergan, 136 Sconce, and 145 Finley. Another sophomore, Sam Latham, is holding down the 155 spot, while Wicknick or Wilson Lear will battle at 165. Morgan Lear wrestles in the 175 division. Two heavyweights, George Matchneer, another promising sophomore, and Jerry Jack are battling for the starting berth to round out the squad.

Coach Day, who was still pre-spiring from a rough workout with Joe Sconce, seemed to think the squad was coming along fine. "Some of the boys are working extremely hard to get their weight down," he pointed out, "but otherwise we are pretty well set to go."

From The Sidelines . . .

Columnists Ask Basketball Team To Abandon Individual Attitude

By LETHBRIDGE AND LAUPHEIMER

Greasy Neale's statement that no 1949 Notre Dame footballer could be used in Philadelphia seemed to be a gross over-statement. But the fact is that the hard-boiled coach of the Eagles was quite sincere.

After watching his monsters crash everyone in the NFL except the Chicago Bears, (something which Mr. Neale regards as the catastrophe of the year) one would almost have to agree with him.

Upon further consideration, however, Greasy might admit that one Leon Hart would conceivably be a worthwhile addition to his championship club. While speaking of America's great college hero, tears come to your reporter's eyes. Leon's case is truly pathetic. A week ago Hart was reportedly asking \$25,000 a year and a profitable engineering position in the off-season before turning pro. His position seemed quite just . . . after all, he had been on the honor roll at Notre Dame.

The men responsible for the establishment of a single professional football circuit must not have been aware of Leon's position. To prevent competitive bidding on the college stars would be to ruin his future plans. Hart happens to be the gem in the National-American Football League draft bag, but under the new set-up only one team will seek to secure his services.

Our Leon may merely receive some \$15,000 and a rest-room attendant's job for all his gridiron efforts. What a nasty predicament young Leon is in! The capitalistic system certainly has been cruel to such an intelligent athlete. Perhaps benevolent, old George Marshall will attempt to raise a fund which would en-

able Leon to enjoy a richer life in these United States.

On Tuesday the United Press announced its 1949 National Football League All-Star team. The total weight of the seven giants who comprise the line on this aggregation is 1,591 pounds, or 227 pounds per man.

W&L's loss to Camp Meade was something that most of us would like to forget. But many left Doremus Gymnasium Friday night muttering to themselves about the team's inability to function as a unit.

This beef has been heard for the past few seasons, and once again it seems justified.

The talent is there; but it's strictly of the individual variety. Con Davis' cagers have gotten off to a rotten start. The season is young, and the students expect some victories in the near future. Let's abandon this "I bet I score more points than you" philosophy and concentrate on some full-fledged cooperation.

GENERALS' '50 MAT SCHEDULE

Jan. 7—West Virginia at Lexington.

Jan. 14—N. C. State at Lexington.

Jan. 21—Maryland at Lexington.
Feb. 4—Alabama Poly. Tech. at Auburn, Ala.

Feb. 6—Appalachian State at Boone, N. C.

Feb. 10—Citadel at Lexington.

Feb. 13—VPI at Blacksburg.

Feb. 17—Johns Hopkins at Baltimore, Md.

Feb. 23—U. Va. at Charlottesville.

Feb. 24—University of North Carolina at Lexington.

Spring Vacation

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LaSalle, Jr.	40	Mount Holyoke	17
Sarah Lawrence	25	Maryland College	25
Conn College for Women	35	Sweetbriar	17
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Comets Ready For Blue Devil Clash In Lynchburg Tomorrow

GENERALIZING

By Bears, Sooners Picked
HUNTER LANE, JR. As Grid Classic Winners

This being the last issue before the New Year's Day (or more accurately, January 2) football classics, and since the local sports scene is too gloomy for comment, this heretofore cautious columnist is going to abandon his better judgment and make a few rash Bowl predictions. Not wishing to embark on this reckless venture totally unprepared, I have secured from that fearless sports oracle whose amazing prophecies have baffled Ring-tum Phi readers all autumn his full collection of crystal balls, tea leaves, zodiac charts, and other highly secret instruments of divination. With the invaluable aid of these and a few freshly slaughtered chicken innards, I have been successful in conjuring up a few first rate visions of these tournaments of champions in the best witch-doctor style. Any error in these predictions can be attributed to unfamiliarity with the proper method of employing these infallible aids.

In Pasadena, the grandfather of all the bowls should offer its best game since the Big Ten Conference was granted exclusive rights to make the annual rose-sniffing pilgrimage. Before the war, the host teams were noted for their inhospitality, but in the past four contests not even the California Chamber of Commerce could make their performances sound very glowing. This year the big rough Golden Bears of California completed their second straight undefeated season and seem to have a squad which compares favorably with the pre-war coast powerhouses. Ohio State, beaten once and tied twice, finished the season on the up-grade but enters the rose-garlanded oval as slight underdogs. From here, the home team looks the best by at least a touchdown.

Oklahoma has been playing in

the Sugar Bowl almost as long as it has on Broadway, and this year they really have their work cut out for them. L. S. U. was getting tougher every Saturday, and no doubt this trend will continue in their coming encounter. Oklahoma has the more impressive record but the Bengals played a harder schedule, and beat the top teams of the three Southern Conferences (Rice, North Carolina, and Tulane). L. S. U. will probably be voted the "least likely to succeed," but just to hear Buck Bouldin howl, we'll pick 'em.

What is a lot more puzzling than how North Carolina is going to come out in the Cotton Bowl is how they ever got in it. We were under the impression that the bowl teams were picked on the basis of their season's record, but obviously the Cotton Bowl has different standards. The Tarheels were trounced soundly three times and barely slipped by Duke and Virginia. With the long-suffering Choo-Choo Justice back in top form they should be stronger than at any time since he was sidelined, but still not strong enough. Again we'll root for the home team.

The Orange Bowl contest could very well turn out to be the best one of them all. Kentucky was edged only by S. M. U. and Tennessee, while dark-horse Santa Clara bowed only to Oklahoma, after a stubborn fight. The Wildcats played in a little tougher league, and for lack of any other reason we'll pick them on those grounds.

Maryland will face Missouri in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, another closely matched game. The Terps have one of their best teams in years but, except for Michigan State, did not play a first rate team. Missouri always plays their share of the good ones, and they ought to prevail in this one.

DU's Capture 3rd Wrestling Crown

Day to Assemble Squad From Tourney Winners

For the third consecutive year, Delta Upsilon remains on top of Washington and Lee wrestling. They maintained that honor last night by taking four championships and a second place in the All-University wrestling tournament held in Doremus gym.

Paul Weill, Ted Lonergan, Joe Sconce, and Ken Finley swept through finals matches to build up a 42 point lead over their nearest rivals, the Deltas. Morgan Lear and Irv Wicknick were winners for the second place team, both coming out on top of fraternity teammates.

The matches in general looked to be a dual meet between the varsity and the freshman team. The team that takes to the mats against F&M Monday night will probably be selected from last night's winners.

All but three of the matches were won by falls. The closest fracas came in the heavyweight division, where Jerry Jack, second place winner in the conference in 1948-49, was tied by George Matchner, up from last season's freshman team.

Ken Finley had no trouble in winning over Fred Staunton but there was no pinning the tough Lawrenceville graduate. Finley

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Intramural Race At a Glance

By virtue of their triumph in the intramural grid circuit, the Sigma Chi's are leading the Intramural point race at the close of the first three months of competition with a total of 84 markers. Close on their heels are the Phi Psi's with 80 and in the third spot are the Phi Kap's with 62.

The total standings are:

Sigma Chi	84
Phi Psi	80
Phi Kap	62
Delt	60
Beta	50
KA	45
Phi Delt	43
Kappa Sigma	41
SAE	41
Phi Gam	39
Lamba Chi	31
PEP	31
Pi KA	31
Pi Phi	31
NFU	26
Sigma Nu	25
DU	25
ZBT	23
Law	6

Davis-coached Men Need Victory In Quest For SC Tournament Bid

Returning to the home state after an extended trip to the Washington area, Washington and Lee's basketball squad collides with the Blue Devils of Duke tomorrow night in the City Armory in Lynchburg for the Generals sixth tilt of the season. Still smarting under the blow of three setbacks in a row the Comets will be at full strength for their latest attempt to return to the win column of the ledger.

Duke, a perennial power in the Southern Conference, is one of the few teams in the conference that the experts give even an outside chance to upset the high-flying aggregation from Carolina State. Therefore, win over the Blue Devils would give the Generals a good start on their task of acquiring a bid to the Conference tournament in early March.

Handlan Hits 18.2

Coach Con Davis's Comets boasted two men on the list of high scorers in the state of Virginia at the beginning of this week. Jay Handlan held sixth place with a total of sixty points for four games while Dave Hedge held tenth position with a total of fifty-one points for the same number of games.

Handlan got twenty-one points in the recent George Washington game to boost his total to eighty-one while Hedge collected three, making his total fifty-four. Before the Duke game, Handlan's average will be 18.2, while Hedge boasts 10.8 points per game count.

Duke showed tremendous strength last week as they bowled over the previously unbeaten University of Virginia team by an embarrassing 82-61 score. Washington and Lee's best games proved to be the two played in North Carolina to begin the season. Until this week the Comets were the only team to hold State to a twenty point margin and keep them from scoring at least seventy-five points in one evening. Although the record of

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Arched Eyebrows Begin to Collapse For Lexington's Hot Stove League

By TEKAY WOLFE

Considerable stroking of chins was the reaction to that unfortunate foray which the Washington and Lee basketball club underwent over the weekend in the District of Columbia and environs. And members of the Lexington Hot Stove League are seriously wondering if their favorites, the Comets, are tailspinning before they even gain altitude.

Coach Con Davis' boys came back to town Tuesday after dropping their second and third Southern Conference games on a journey whose sendoff was 61-59 loss to Fort Meade on the home court last Friday.

The Comets' 47-67 defeat by North Carolina State on December 2 in their seasonal opener caused no consternation, in as much as the 'Pack' is probably the South's best outfit and has more All-Southerners and All-Americans than you can shake a foul line at. A 61-46 win over well-regarded Wake Forest seemed to auger well for the high hopes generously awarded the Generals.

Eyebrows were arched when the Washington and Lee lost out to Ft. Meade. But faith was not abandoned, for after all the Second Army outfit had sixteen games under its belt and had dropped only one, whereas the Comets had played only two.

Generals Upset

However, hopes for a great season began to look much more like just hopes when Washington and Lee was upended by a Maryland club which had managed to lose each of its three games hitherto. The Comets, who to some extent sacrificed guarding the Terps' ace onehand shot, Charley Mack, to concentrate on Lee Brawley, pivot-man, were soon met by a push-

shot barrage by Mack. Before the night was over, Mack had registered 21, Brawley 16, and Maryland was way out in front, 65-46.

The score of the George Washington affair Monday night was—to clear up a melange of speculation, error, retraction, and confirmation—83-68. In the Colonials, Washington and Lee ran up against a team that was either underrated or overlooked in preseason rave waves, for they presented a well-coached team, superb on pickoffs and working in close.

Defense Shaky

The Comets' defense was in the throes of deterioration all night, and in the tourists' confused setup, the George Washington setshot specialist, Frank McNiff, was able to record 21 points, even though he did not manage a single field goal in the first half. He was accurate on 7 of 10 free throws. Johnny Moffet and Ace Adler helped him out with 15 apiece, and Benny Cerra contributed 10.

The Washington and Lee performance was not as completely disheartening as the score might tend to make it, for Goldsmith's 18 points indicated that he is back in stride and Handlan got hot once again with 21 (10 field goals) to become the first Comet to hit the double-ten mark this year. Hedge, who fouled out, was held to three points and did not score from the floor.

The Generals meet some more rough Conference opposition in Duke Saturday night in Lynchburg. Basketball folk in Durham were a little peeved last year when the Dukes failed for the first time in history to qualify a team for the Southern Conference tourney, and the Blue Devils have consequently come up with what looks like a stellar combo.

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Basketball Team Elects Compton

Rangy Cris Compton was elected captain of the Washington and Lee basketball team yesterday.

A star forward last season, Compton started slowly this year and was demoted to the second team. But recently the Ashland, Virginia, lad caught fire.

Coach Con Davis switched Compton to a guard position and is expecting to start him there in tomorrow night's game against Duke University in Lynchburg.

Besides his basketball activities, Compton has been a campus leader for the three and a half years he has attended W&L. In last Spring's student body elections, he was the Big Clique's nominee for student body president.

The star basketball player has also been president of a Washington and Lee dance set and served as an officer of his fraternity, Phi Kappa Sigma.

Comets-Blue Devils

(Continued from Page 3) Wake Forest is not too good the Comets played some good basketball while beating them 61-54.

Neither team will have the advantage of playing on their home court which very often makes a decided difference. Both are foreign to City Armory and both will be fighting hard in order to improve their conference record.

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(Continued from page 1) Troubadours Publicity Director, President Sigma Delta Chi, Presi-

dent Virginia Intercollegiate Press Association, Who's Who, Graham-Lee Literary Society.

Hap Hamel, Student Body Vice President, Vice President of Junior Class, Vice Speaker of Forensic Union, Graham Lee Society 2 years, IRC 2 years, Christian Council 3 years, Freshman Camp Councilor, Presidents Advisory Board, Cotillion Club, Swimming team (letter) 2 years.

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Gordon Kennedy, Senior, Senior Member of IFC, Chairman Religious Emphasis Week, Chairman Charity Chest, President Graham-Lee Literary Society, Freshman Camp Assistant, Glee Club, Editor of Freshman Handbook, Vice President Christian Council, Secretary Christian Council.

Jock Morrison, Senior, Vice President of Dance Set, Freshman Camp Assistant, Staff Assistant

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DU' Capture

(Continued from page 3) won by an 11-3 count.

Wicknick battled to a 4-2 win over Wilson Lear, in the 175 pound bracket. A takedown and a reversal scored for the winner.

The first four weights never got into the third period, and one didn't reach the second. Howie

Davis, up from last year's freshman group pinned Eddie Miller with a guillotine in 4 minutes and 25 seconds. Paul Weill followed with a first period fall over Bill Helprin, formerly of Choate School.

Bill Smith fell prey to Lonergan's half-nelson and body press in the second period. Smith is a former St. Andrews' matman.

Joe Sconce, Southern Conference champion, downed Bod Pitard in the second frame. Pitard wrestled at McDonough School before enter-

ing W&L. Sam Latham, another of the undefeated freshman now with the varsity, had trouble with Barry Hall until he finally connected for the fall with an arm bar and body press.

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