

## University Party Candidates Sweep All Elections

### 'Blossom Time' Set Commences at Ten Tonight

#### Thornhill Will Furnish Music For the First of Spring Dances

BY BRIAN CROWLEY

Claude Thornhill will make his second appearance here within a year tonight at 10:00 when Spring Dances gets underway officially in Doremus Gymnasium. "Peach Blossom Time in the Old South," is the theme of the set and the gym decorations.

It is expected that the spectacular fete will pack the customers in this evening. The Cotillion Club is engineering tonight's affair, and Thornhill's orchestra will yield the limelight tomorrow night to Darrin O'Brien and his boys from Lynchburg for the Thirteen Club dance. Latest news is that the Thirteens will have no figure at the dance. Instead, they plan to substitute "thirteen seconds of silence."

The big event of the Saturday afternoon interlude will be an open lawn party thrown at the Phi Delta house, weather permitting. The time is 4:30 to 6, and everyone is invited.

Saturday night's dance is informal.

Thornhill is well known as a piano-playing orchestra maestro, and replaces Ted Weems, whose collapse during an engagement in Boston prevented him from coming to Lexington to preside over tonight's affair.

#### Figure at 10:15

The Cotillion Club figure tonight at 10:15 will be headed by Bob Griffith, Spring Dance Set president, and Steve Coco, followed by the vice-presidents of the set and their dates. Griffith, a junior from Atlanta, Georgia, who is majoring in commerce, was elected president last spring by the Cotillion Club.

Dance hours are: 10 to 2 tonight and 9 to 12 tomorrow.

President Griffith has four vice-presidents to assist him: Johnny Allen, Jack Kannapell, Henry Litchfield, and Ed Streuli. These four men have been hard at work with Griffith in planning and decorating the gym for the dances and will lead the Cotillion Club in tonight's figure.

#### Prodigy at Six

Claude Thornhill was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, where he made his first public appearance as a six-year old piano prodigy. He likes to look back on this first concert and claims he felt so good about it that he organized his first orchestra, an eight piece affair, to play at ice cream socials and oyster suppers.

Musical education for Claude meant the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and the Curtis Institute. He frequently left his serious piano study, though, to play in a dance band featured in a Middle West speakeasy. His parents quickly put their collective foot down, however, each time Claude was guilty of this defection.

Thornhill became pianist and arranger for such entertainers as Benny Goodman and Bing Crosby after a tour with Austin Wylie's orchestra in which he became a lasting friend of Artie Shaw. He opened with his own orchestra in 1940 at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

#### With Doris Day

Even during the last war, as an apprentice seaman, Thornhill found plenty of ways to use his ability. In 1942, he replaced Artie Shaw as leader of the navy's organization "The Rangers." Then with the Claude Thornhill All-Star Show, featuring his band and Doris Day, he played on every island in the Pacific except Japan.

A citation from Admiral Nimitz and a personal commendation from Navy Secretary Forrestal set Thornhill off on the right foot after the war, and he took up where he had left off.

The Finals Dance president last year called Thornhill's organization "the smoothest band of the year."

#### Candidates for "Ugliest Man" Express Modesty

The second hottest election in recent years here continued to go fast and furious this evening, as campus voters cast their pennies for "Mr. Ugly of '51."

Ballot jars bearing daring pictures of the campus's ugliest men were literally tingling with pennies, today, that will be used to further the Student War Memorial Scholarship.

Meanwhile, candidates for the coveted honor were modest in their statements to the public.

Stuttering nervously over the telephone of the Sigma Chi house, a disappointed and lonely Upton Beall, one of the most praised candidates, said "It is indeed with a heavy heart that I concede the election to Jim Paradies."

Similar mourns were heard from the Phi Psi dwelling where Ecks Hansbarger commented: "Paradies has it all over me, and I figure, in these dying moments of the race, that he's the man to beat."

And what did Paradies say? The ZBT entry, trying hard to be modest, mourned: "I don't see why these nominees have picked me to win, when it's very obvious that I'm far better looking than either of them."

Sigma Nu's, Mike Radulovic, who is still well in the race, shared Paradies' bashfulness. He expressed the belief that "Swede" Anderson was the strongest contender for the title. "I was very honored," said Mike, "until I heard Anderson had entered in the race. I had a great chance of winning."

Anderson, late Lambda Chi was not available for comment. It is generally believed that he skipped town.

There's a race as it stands now. Who will be "Mr. Ugly of '51" will not be known until tomorrow night at the dance intermission. However, balloting will continue today at the ODK Bench.

#### Notice

The exam schedule may be obtained in the Registrar's Office next week.



Miss Claire Webb with Ed Streuli



Miss Claire Hardwick will lead the Peach Blossom figure with Dance Set President Bob Griffith tonight, 10:15 p.m. in Doremus Gymnasium

#### Sigma Delta Chi Pledges Seven Journalism Majors In Wednesday Ceremonies

Sigma Delta Chi, Washington and Lee's national professional journalism fraternity, has pledged seven undergraduate students. The ceremony was held late Wednesday afternoon.

The new pledges are Orest Nelmanis, of Brooklyn, New York; Dick Carden, of Victoria, Virginia; Bill Johnson, Memphis, Tennessee; Dick Lovegrove, Waynesboro, Virginia; Roger Dudley, of Richmond; Charles Monzella, from Bessemer, Alabama; and Parks Hendry, of Coral Gables, Florida.

The new pledges will be initiated later in the Spring.

#### D. U. Mediation Board Airs New Political Reform Ideas at Second Meeting

The United Nations of Mulberry Hill held its second political mediation board meeting on Tuesday night at the "Lake Success of Washington and Lee," the Student Union building. The session was attended by delegates from fourteen of the University's seventeen fraternities.

D.U. Mediator Ted Lonergan said that he considered the meeting "very worthwhile because there was lots of discussion." The hour-and-a-half get-together was highlighted by a series of political reform ideas that were presented to the group.



Miss Tatty Mathews with I. M. Sheffield



Miss Barbara Ballard with John Allen

#### Three Girls' Schools Send Four Vice-President Dates To Share Spotlight in Cotillion Club Dance Figure

Miss Claire Hardwick of Margery Webster Junior College, Washington, D.C., will lead the Spring Dance figure with set president Bob Griffith, tonight at 10:15 in Doremus Gymnasium.

Miss Hardwick, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, is a freshman at Margery Webster where she is a member of many clubs and organizations. A pretty brunette, she is five feet, four inches tall and has brown eyes.

Miss Hardwick will come to Lexington with another Webster freshman, Miss Tatty Mathews,

who will be escorted in the figure by vice-president, I. M. Sheffield. Miss Mathews is also of Atlanta.

Henry Litchfield, vice-president will attend the dance with Miss Ruth Sanders, a sophomore at Sweetbriar. Miss Sanders is from New Jersey.

Miss Barbara Ballard will be the guest of John Allen. Miss Ballard is a freshman at Sweetbriar. Her home is in San Antonio, Tex.

Hollins College freshman, Claire Webb, will be the date of vice-president Ed Streuli. Miss Webb is from San Antonio, Texas.

#### Bratches, Streuli, McGee, Allen, Sheffield To Hold 1951 Offices

BY BOB BRADFORD

Howard Bratches, of White Plains, New York, yesterday was elected president of the Washington and Lee student body for 1951-52. Bratches' lone opponent, Lamar Winegeart, Jr., gave the victor a hotly contested race finishing only fifty-seven ballots away from the presidency. The other University Party candidates, all unopposed, were named to the offices they were seeking.

#### Czech Social Democrat Will Lecture Here

Bill Plume, President of the International Relations Club, today announced that a famous Czechoslovak Social Democratic Party member will deliver an address in the Student Union building on Thursday night, April 26. The speaker will be Mirko Sedlak, who was the youngest representative of free labor's party in Czechoslovakia.

Mr. Sedlak's topic for discussion will be "Communist Infiltrations in Czechoslovakia." IRC Prexy Plume stated that "everyone is invited" and indicated that the talk will be one of the highlights of International Relations Club activities for the year.

Sedlak was imprisoned for six years by the Nazis when they overran Czechoslovakia because of his stiff resistance to totalitarianism. An American Army liberated him from the infamous "Death March" when they penetrated into Germany. In 1945, he became an economist in the board of Territory and in 1948, was elected a member of Parliament. He retained that office until the Communist coup in February, 1948.

Mr. Sedlak has been frequently attacked by Communist propaganda machines, particularly Moscow Radio. Red Police tried to arrest him when they took over Czechoslovakia but he eluded them and crossed into Germany where he was sheltered by the American Army of Occupation.

He later flew to London where he became Secretary of the Czech Relief Committee. Late in 1948, Sedlak traveled throughout France, Switzerland, Italy, the Scandinavian Countries and the Low Countries seeking the assistance of the people there in liberating Czechoslovakia from the Communists.

In February, 1949, he arrived in the United States where he has been lecturing under the auspices of the National Committee of a Free Europe.

#### Notice

The School of Law announced that the John Randolph Tucker Lecture series will begin May 1.



Miss Ruth Sanders with Henry Litchfield

A week ago, it had been supposed that all University Party candidates would be unopposed in yesterday's voting, but a surprise nomination at the convention last Monday drew competition for the presidential aspirant. The Pi Kappa Phi delegation put Winegeart's name on the floor before their dramatic walkout from the meet.

The results of the voting were announced at 5:26 p.m. after the vote counting had been completed. The only indication of how the tallying was progressing came a few minutes before when a counter emerged from the Student Union counting room and stated that it was "very close and hard to tell." With the announcement of victory for the Big Clique, shouts went up from the party members who had stationed themselves on the front porch of the Student Union. Headquarters for the Independent Party were located in the Sigma Chi house across from the scene of the voting.

#### Bratches Comments

Victor Bratches was not immediately available for comment but later last night he said that he was very "grateful" for the support given him in the election. "I'll try to do as good a job as I can as president," he said at a party his jubilant fraternity brothers had given him. Asked about the outcome of the election, he said, "Lamar ran a fine race."

In the other camp, Winegeart also thanked "all of the boys who worked so hard for me. My congratulations to the new president, Howie Bratches."

#### Other Offices

The other offices captured in the student body elections were Ed Streuli, vice-president; Joe McGee, secretary; John Allen, Finals president; and I. M. Sheffield, Fancy Dress president. From the nine-hundred seventeen ballots cast, McGee secured the largest number of votes with 611. Sheffield had 607, Streuli polled 606 and Allen had his name circled 593 times. For the presidential candidates, Bratches had 487 votes which topped Winegeart's 430.

The polls opened at nine yesterday morning and closed at precisely five. Voters streamed in between nine and ten and between noon and one o'clock, but the rest of the day, the influx was about average. It was estimated that nearly 800 men had been to the polls by two o'clock.

Nearly all of W. and L.'s seventeen fraternities and the Campus Club had representatives in the Student Union to check and see if all of their eligible voters turned up. Independent Party leaders got up a car pool to bring in the vote from NFU students who reside in outlying sections of Lexington. University Party president Dick Salmons said that his group was not out digging up votes, but the matter of vote getting had been left up to individual fraternities. Fifteen minutes before the polls closed, a Big Clique spokesman could name but six men in Big Clique houses who had not shown up to help elect their men.

For forty-five minutes after 12:30 p.m., General Douglas MacArthur's voice was booming from a radio placed near the ballot box. This was one of the busiest voting periods of the day and a large number of the voters were assembled around the radio to listen to the talk.

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## Editorial

### A SPLINTER FROM THE BIG STICK

The Independents tried too late to get on the stick again this year as they did two years ago. Their mistake, however, lay in the fact that the stick they tried to get on was nothing more than a University Party splinter.

Nevertheless, the Independents have half-heartedly proved to themselves what they can do with the aid of a bit of organization. Had they been able to scrape up a scant fifty-eight votes more, though, we hate to think of what might have happened to the Student Body government next year.

Mr. Winegeart (we don't know him well enough to call him Lamar yet) was a poor choice for the Independent's nomination. If they intended to split the University Party vote, they would have done well to have chosen a man that at least a sizeable part of the student body knew and respected. Of course they still would have had the problem of getting a "Big Clique" man to run on their ticket.

Winegeart MIGHT have made a good student body President, but nobody has any proof of it as shown in his campus activities or interest in the University. Certainly the 487 men who voted for Bratches, no matter what be their political affiliation, should be congratulated on their wise choice of a tried and proved campus figure.

Why didn't the Independents pick a full slate of their own men (and they had plenty of capable men to nominate) rather than choosing just one dark horse from the other side of the fence? We can see no logical answer.

At any rate we are assured of another strong student government next year. Congratulations to all the winners and to the past administration on an efficient job.

### DANCE REGULATIONS

Pursuant to all dances at W. and L. the Dance Board requests that **The Ring-tum Phi** print the regulations of that committee to insure satisfactory conduct of all those attending the dances.

1. All Washington and Lee dances shall be free from intoxicants and the effects thereof.

2. Any person attending a dance in violation of Regulation 1 shall be removed from the gymnasium immediately and suspended from attending any further dances until his case has been tried by the Executive Committee of the student body.

3. Penalty for the first infraction of Regulation 1 shall be exclusion from one-half of the dances of the session, commencing with the date of the offense; provided that for drunkenness or other disorderly conduct or for a second offense, or for the possession of intoxicants anywhere within the gymnasium

during the dance, the penalty shall be exclusion for not less than one calendar year. For visitors and alumni, the penalty shall be not less than those provided for students under similar circumstances.

4. No visitor shall be admitted to the dance unless vouched for in writing by a student or some other person officially connected with the University. If a visitor be found guilty of violating Regulation 1, above, a student vouching for him shall be excluded from one or more sets of dances.

5. Smoking is prohibited at all times on the dance floor and in the balcony.

6. General conduct shall conform to the commonly accepted standards of good society.

7. The Dance Floor Committee is vested with full authority and accepts the responsibility for the enforcement of these regulations.

## The Editor's Mirror

Verbal pyrotechnics in the New York hearings of the Kefauver Committee seem to have dropped no small number of bright flares into the sordid arena of big-city politics. Brilliantly illuminated in the video spotlights were heretofore shadowy friendships, allegiances and even pay-offs. The results of that hearing has dealt a shattering blow to Democratic control of government not only in this metropolis but in others throughout the land.

A rather humorous aspect of this resultant situation was explained recently in the New York Times news-of-the-week review. According to the Times, Kefauver had consulted with Democratic bigwigs before initiating his nomadic committee investigations. Some of the politicians warned that reverberations would shake traditional control of labor-predominant big city votes. Nevertheless the curtain went up. As was foreseen, the donkey's prestige went down.

It is a nasty mess we find so clearly before us these days. It is enough to make one prefer the bumbling, reactionary-ridden Grand Old Party system of benevolent despotism . . .

Yet, on the Republican side of the fence, just how much of this highly touted thing called "political morality" do we find? One must, in a perverse sense of fairness, ask that question of both political parties.

Senator McCarthy is the "gentleman" who engaged in fisticuffs with a columnist—Drew Pearson—and subsequently pressured the columnist's radio backers into dropping him because he could find no other way to get back at his enemy.

Senator McCarthy, who sat on the Lincoln Day platform of the Republican Party's Washington party beside Senator Taft, is the man who has been implicated in the dishonest and corrupt campaign to oust former Senator Tydings of Maryland. The latter demonstrably is no angel, but his raiment in comparison to the Wisconsin Senator's begrimed coat is of the purest white.

Senator McCarthy is now engaged in "getting" radio commentator Martin Agronsky, familiar to every early morning listener in Charlottesville as a severe critic of the former's mud-slinging tactics.

Student of this University must be as puzzled as we in beholding the national political scene nowadays. It might be advisable for them to drag out their lexicons and pencil in a redefinition of the word "morality." It should be defined as a relative noun—relative to who is using it. —The Cavalier Daily

## Movie Review . . . . by Benno Forman

At this point I don't know exactly what to say, for this is the last time I shall be saying anything on this page. After today there will be newer and, not inconceivably, greater movie reviews written by someone else.



The truth of the matter is that I am not quitting for academic reasons, or the usual "reasons of health" or because I have been offered a better job at more (pardon the expression) money. I do not leave because I feel that the movies are unworthy of criticism, or that either one of my fans will be particularly grieved at my leaving, since I have been informed that there are people who have liked the movies I have found worthy only of jeers.

I am quitting for one very good reason: I have nothing more or particularly new to say about the cinema. For the last few months I have been merely reworking the old cliches I invented or pirated last year.

### Business as Usual

Movies as a medium are not to be ignored. It is, however, more on their potential for future rather than their general past performance that gives any hint of encouragement as an art form.

It is paradoxical that a technique made possible largely by American know-how has always existed on such an inconsequential artistic level. Indeed, as a form it has generally been bastardized mass entertainment, borrowing, diluting (and usually misusing) conventions of the stage, the novel, painting, music and poetry—rarely synthesizing them into a unique artistic whole. In short, the movie industry has been built by a generation of followers who have always considered good taste a luxury.

But taste cannot be bought. It requires several generations of in-breeding to give even a suggestion of taste to a nouveau riche way of life.

I suppose it is unfair to expect art from a Hollywood that was generated by a spirit of commercial enterprise. Had it never made any pretense toward being artistic (e.g. The Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences, etc.) it never would have left itself open for artistic criticism. But I doubt if even the most serious critics of that criticism have found those films I have criticized, although undeniably diverting and occasionally entertaining, very far above the mediocre.

### A Mediocre Yankee

For example, such a film as this week's **The Magnificent Yankee** was charming, pleasingly archaic, thoroughly irresponsible, bantam-weight and intended to make a lot of money, which destiny it will probably fulfill. Its intent, obviously not serious, was hardly true humor either, but rather a sort of pathetic mixture leaving only a superficial residue of incompleteness. The tone seemed more of a Harvard alumni reunion than an even summary appraisal of anything but the idiosyncrasies of one of the most significant of the nation's recent Supreme Court justices.

Rare is the film that is a unique art work in its own right. Such a film requires the daring, wit and courage that our own dream-purveyors seldom provide. Films for the "carriage trade" are so few that that august body is rapidly being forced to turn pedestrian.

### The Art Work of the Future

To those last-ditch die-hards who might think what I have said

is not constructive criticism, I'll make a clearer pronouncement in the hope that my farewell paragraphs will provoke something more than the usual raspberries. To those usually laugh anyway, this will be no change of pace and will still "leave them laughing."

Certain works are more admirably suited to the films than they are to any other medium. Such works as, for example, the music-dramas of Richard Wagner immediately come to mind. They can be just as entertaining as effective if handled on the screen with its almost unlimited capacity for illusion. Or, why not a series of historical dramas that can create for our nation a comprehension of its past such as has been rarely realized in our adopted arts. Here is a medium we have practically created ourselves. The films are really the only logical vehicle for that objectification of our spirit of democracy. It would create the mythology America longs for and needs. At least that would be a start.

And so, like an old soldier, I shall quietly fade away.

(Editor's note: Ken Fox and Phil Robbins will take over the Movie Review Column next week. There'll never be another Forman—take that one any way you wish. All thanks are due Benno, however for the fine job he has done these past two years. As far as we're concerned he's got Hedda beat a mile.)

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## THE EYESORE By Focal

Now that the air has settled on the campus and clique and non-clique friends are speaking again it is safe to talk in hushed tones without it being taken for a political coup. You'll have to admit that this was by far one of the more interesting elections. Last year both sides fooled around for a couple of months without anything coming off. This three day surprise is a lot better all around, especially on the PEP-Delt alliance. Delt Hank Litchfield says that he can now drink with PEP Jim Grey in public again. Many happy returns. Boss Oast again whipped the party into line and got the vote out, but this is all past history. The proverbial "house divided within itself" seemed to stand after all but there were a lot of "baby-blues" who were really doing some high class sweating. End of post-mortem on election!

Scholarship Committee over the top in no time at all. It borders on the Varsity Show put on a couple years back, in a way. I can remember from my many happy hours spent in the local burlesque theaters a sure-fire act called the "Beef Trust." You get the idea; Washington and Lee's own line of cuties who like Crisco, are fat in the can. For instance, I understand that the Phi Kaps are the leaders around campus, in quantity though not quality, with "Cap" Kidd, Clayton Stallworth, Duckbutt Holt, and Pat Collins. Of course Smith-Manor's own park would have to be included in the "line" standing next to Keith (the man with the shiny pate to go with his shiny car) Nelson, and from the out-skirts of Roanoke, John Bowman, Jim Paradies who gets in due to the excess weight between his ears, John Phillips who is the school's best crew manager (being the only

one), and of course, yours truly who really isn't fat, but I can't resist getting into the act. If the Committee was really on the hook they might get "Keys" Ballard to manage the whole thing and there end up with a hit on Broadway or some other big circuit. Why not make an opera out of it and then Benno could get in as arranger? Almost forgot about you Benno, but then I remembered the view as you walked away from me in the library this morning. The popcorn concession could go to "Jitters" McCain who actually imitates a kernel of popcorn on a hot stone most of the time. You'll have to admit that it isn't a bad idea, as far as ideas go.

My advice for the weekend is this: watch yourself as you late-date your roommates one and only 'cause if I hear about it, it's the end.

I have the plan to put the

# Baseball Nine Whips Spiders; Will Face GW Colonials Today

## Dye To Pitch Against Visitors; Generals Go After Fourth Victory

Jack Eubanks, backed by the timely hitting of Ed Streuli and "Dood" Agnor, avenged an earlier loss at the hands of the University of Richmond and let the W. and L. nine to 4-3 victory over the visitors at Dick Smith Field last Wednesday afternoon.

Streuli and Agnor delivered the two decisive blows, both being triples to the far reaches of left field. Agnor, who also played a brilliant game in the field, contributed his big hit in the third inning, and this was followed by a passed ball which enabled the W. and L. shortstop to score. After the Spiders got to Eubanks for two counters in their half of the fourth on two walks and a double by Ralph Owen, Frank Summers opened the General sixth with a free pass. Ed Streuli then followed with a tremendous line drive to left center, and by the time the ball was returned to the infield, Summers had counted with the winning tally.

Other boys who contributed heavily to the General cause when Ben Walden and Bay Arnold. When the Spiders loaded the sacks with only one out in the sixth, Ben executed the fielding gem of the day when he doubled up Bobby Stephens at home plate, when the latter had attempted to tag up on a fly ball. Also, it was Bay Arnold's alertness that played an important part in the W. and L. victory, especially when he noticed that Stephens had missed the plate on his slide and Bay quickly jumped up and tagged him.

Today the Generals play host to George Washington University at 3:15 on Dick Smith Field. Bud-

dy Dye, promising sophomore, is expected to start on the mound for W. and L. with the rest of the lineup remaining intact. So far this season the Generals have displayed a more spirited and head-up type of game than last year, and if they continue this showing, they will provide the fans with a lot of interesting ball.

## Netters Win Again But To Face Three Strong Teams

Boasting a .667 average, the W. and L. tennis team is swinging into its mid-season campaign. An early season loss to Colgate coupled with two victories over a strong Hampden-Sydney squad has produced the 2-1 standing.

The squad has been permanently selected so far as singles are concerned; Rockwell, Schiesinger, Knudsen, Henry, Creson, and Mohr rounding out the ladders. Doubles at this writing have not been permanently picked.

Aside from the Wahoo match tomorrow, the netters embark on a three match spree next week against VPI, Maryland and George Washington. All three rate a stiff competition in the light of comparative scores, although the Terps will doubtlessly prove to be the toughest.

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## Lacrossemen Face Off Against Wahoos There Without Capt. Dave Ryer

Tomorrow the varsity lacrosse team will travel to Charlottesville to play the highly rated Virginia squad. W. and L. was defeated by Duke last week by an overwhelming score, but the squad will go into the game with the mind that everybody had a bad day and should give the Virginia team a hard afternoon. The stickmen will be out to upset Virginia although they are undermanned. Because of the loss of Dave Ryer by an ankle injury, there will be shift and changing of the midfielders. Ross Wagner will be pulled from his regular position to fill Ryer's position in the midfield. Ryer may be able to play against Loyola in Baltimore.

The Generals have been practicing to sharpen up their defense for the game tomorrow, for it was this they lacked against Duke. Fewster hopes that this week's practice on defense will pay off against Virginia. The Wahoos are known for their spirited offensive action which has been demonstrated in past tilts.

## I-M Roundup

By LES ZITTRAIN

Intramural track and field got off to a fine start the other day. There was keen competition and things were handled very nicely.

Thomas, Phi Delt, won first place honors in the discus, followed by Handian, Phi Psi and Daub, Phi Gam. The winning heave was 123' 5".

Leister grabbed another first when he put the shot a distance of 38' 8". Right behind him were Daub, Phi Gam and McHenry, Delt.

Thomas, Phi Delt and Trammell, also a Phi Delt, both cleared the bar at 5' 8" in the high jump to tie for first place. Duguay, Phi Gam, slipped into third.

In the broad jump long Chuck Grove leaped 19' 9" to claim top honors. He was followed by Johnston, Phi Delt and Eristoff, D.U. I-M track ends this weey, and on Monday, April 23, the first softball games will be played. On Monday Sigma Nu plays K.A., and Phi Psi meets Phi Delt. On Tuesday Cambda Chi plays Phi Kap and the Phi Kaps tangle with those favorites, Pi Kappa Alpha.

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A W. and L. crew, which "Swede" Anderson has tabbed as the best since he's been in Lexington, journey's to Philadelphia tomorrow to row against LaSalle College on the famed Schuylkill River.

Flood conditions along the James River during the past week have made it practically impossible for the crewmen to row. Consequently, the team is not in good shape and is in need of practice.

According to Coach Anderson, "LaSalle is tough, but on a good day we can beat them. Our lack of condition is the only serious handicap to our chances."

Dick Denny will be at the important stroke position for the Generals when they take to the water on Saturday. Stu Bracken, 7, Mel Hicks, 6, George Post, 5, Frank Shipman, 4, Tom Warfield, 3, Byron Waite, 2, and Larry Palmer, bow, complete the starting eight. Bud Dawson is the coxswain.

Denny and Dave Merrill will co-captain the Generals on their Philadelphia trip.

Following the LaSalle encounter, the J.V. and varsity crews row against Marietta College of Ohio, on the home waters.

The Dad Vail Regatta in Boston rounds out the crew's season. The other eights competing in the Boston race are Florida Southern, Tampa, Rollins, Marietta, Dartmouth, Amherst, American International College, Brown, and LaSalle.

During the spring vacation, the crew travelled to Florida to engage Rollins in a dual race, and Dartmouth and Florida Southern in a triangular meet.

The Generals lost to Rollins by (Continued on page four)

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## The Brains Behind the "Electric Brains"

How Du Pont Research engineers apply electronics to chemical manufacture

When you hear that a scientist works for a chemical company, it's natural to assume he is a chemist. Oddly enough, the Du Pont Company employs about as many engineers as chemists for normal technical work. Many are chemical engineers. But when it comes to basic research on instrumentation—a very important activity—both chemists and chemical engineers are in the minority.

This fundamental work is largely carried out in a laboratory of the Engineering Department, where electrical engineers, physicists and other scientists are deeply involved in electronics studies. They have some amazing devices to their credit—devices for monitoring industrial operations continuously and automatically.

Some of their ideas are spurred by a need in an existing plant. But the design of a new one may also lean heavily on novel instruments. Take, for instance, a new Du Pont plant that uses cyanides. Of course, these compounds are very poisonous. So

when the plant was being designed, engineers were aware of the importance of detecting accidental contamination of the cooling water. In fact, the whole question of getting into production hinged on the problem of dealing with plant effluents.

### Chemical-electronic watchdog

Once the only way to detect a fraction of a part per million of cyanide



Fred R. Studer (left), B. Met. E., Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute 1950, examines a Pressure Strain Recorder with Allen R. Furbeck, E.E., Princeton 1939.

was to raise fish in water containing plant effluents. But this required a staff of experts to check constantly on the health of the fish. It was too slow and inaccurate. So the engineers developed a "chemical-electronic watchdog." Twenty-four hours a day, it automatically analyzes for cyanide to one part per million. If an excessive amount is present, it rings an alarm bell. Periodically, the machine pumps cyanide through itself to be sure it is registering. All the plant men have to do is take readings occasionally and fill the tanks with reagents once a week.

This is just one of many electronic devices developed by Du Pont research engineers. Others—ranging



J. Packard Laird, B.S. in M.E., Princeton 1942, operates Dielectric Yarn Gage in order to determine small changes in the denier of synthetic textile yarns.

### DID YOU KNOW . . .

While Du Pont is the largest manufacturer of diversified chemicals in the U.S., its share of the total chemical business is only about seven per cent. It has one to fifteen major competitors for all its major product lines.



Richard G. Jackson (left), B.S. in Ch. E., Columbia 1942, and Gregory L. Laserson, Ph.D. in M.E., Columbia 1949, test an Infrared Gas Analyzer which may be used to continuously analyze and control any infrared absorbing gas in a mixture.

from ultraviolet gas analyzers and multivariable recorders to nylon denier gages—play a vital part in improving production methods. Many of them not only "observe" continuously, but automatically correct anything that goes wrong.

### Research engineers at work

The term "research engineer," by the way, is a loose one. It may refer to an electronics engineer working on a new photo-multiplier circuit—or a physicist using his optics and spectrophotometry in designing a color-matching instrument. It may cover the activities of a physical chemist developing a continuous turbidimetric analysis—or a mechanical engineer evaluating a pneumatic servomechanism.

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### Worship Service Features Sermon By Dr. Cleland

Featured speaker at the third University Church Service at 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning will be Dr. James T. Cleland, Professor of Preaching at the Duke Divinity School and chaplain of Duke University. The address, to be delivered in Lee Chapel, is entitled, "Three Rooms in Jerusalem."

Dr. Cleland, who spoke here two years ago, is a widely known speaker, especially on the college circuit, and is constantly in demand. According to Mr. Guthrie, director of University religious activities, Cleland was very well received at his last appearance here, and since that time has been considered a "must" for a return engagement.

Dr. Cleland was born in Glasgow, Scotland and graduated from Glasgow University. He then came to the United States for the first time to study at Union Theological Seminary, after which he returned to Scotland to begin preaching.

He came to this country for a permanent stay in 1931, when he was offered a professorship at Amherst College. Having been a pastor in the Church of Scotland, he was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church of the United States in 1939. He accepted his present position at Duke in 1945.

All students and townspeople are invited to the Christian Council sponsored service.

### Future of Shenandoah Depends on Tuesday Meet

A joint meeting of the Shenandoah staff, members of the Washington Literary Society, Graham-Lee Society, and all interested students to be held in the Student Union building, Tuesday, at 7:30 will determine the "future status of the literary magazines on this campus," it was announced today by B. S. Ford.

Ford, faculty adviser to the magazine, said that an open discussion would be held to decide on plans for next year and that "everyone who is interested is invited to attend the meeting."

"The meeting should crystallize student opinion and answer all questions concerning the future of the magazine," he said.

There is a possibility that a skeleton staff for the Shenandoah for the coming year will be planned at this session.

### Spanish Film

The Spanish Departments of Washington and Lee University and Virginia Military Institute will present a showing of *Don Quixote* on Monday and Tuesday, April 23 and 24, at 7:30 p.m. in V.M.I.'s Preston Library. The full length feature flick has a Spanish sound track and English subtitles.

The film, based on the world-famous Cervantes novel, was filmed in the original locale, La Mancha. It was directed by a Spaniard, photographed by a Spaniard and stars an all Spanish cast.

### Crew

(Continued from page three) half a length due to the inexperience of the crew, which had only three members with previous varsity experience.

A few changes in the line-up proved advantageous to the Generals who proceeded to set a new course record in their next outing against Florida Southern and Dartmouth. The Indians lost by eight lengths.

### Phi Gams Elect Pickett

Wilbur Crafts Pickett was installed as president of Zeta Deuteron Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta on Wednesday night.

Pickett was named in a special election on Tuesday night necessitated by the call to the colors of president-elect J. Penrod Toles. Pickett is a junior from Chevy Chase, Maryland, and is a pre-med major. He is a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the Washington Literary Society and has served on the University Debate Council and been a member of the Forensic Union.

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