

Stephenson Promises Whiteman or Clinton For Opening Dances

Set Leader Declares "Every Effort Is Being Made"

Cotillion Club President Negotiating For Big Name Orchestra

Larry Clinton or Paul Whiteman was promised for Opening Dances by Steve Stephenson, Cotillion club president, this afternoon in an unexpected statement to *The Ring-tum Phi*.

Stephenson said he had heard so many boys passing around the names of these two bands that he would make every effort to secure one for the opening set on October 14 and 15.

Although he would make no definite commitments, the president said he had been working with Music Corporation of America for several weeks and since coming back to school had directed his efforts to securing the two bands that most of the men were talking about.

The leader said he realized that most of the students would probably prefer the large and colorful Whiteman organization with its thirty-two pieces, torch singer, and quartet; but that he feared it might be too difficult to get him away from New York. Whiteman is presently playing on the Chestertield program on Wednesday nights.

Greater possibility of securing the less famous but rapidly rising Clinton band, which played at the Glen Island Casino near New Rochelle, New York, this summer, was hinted.

Stephenson added that tickets would not be raised in price this year, even though a more expensive band will be signed. "I think the greater student support will fully repay any extra cost for a good band for openings."

The Opening Dance set will feature the Sophomore Prom on Friday, October 14, which will be led by class president Charlie Chapman. Other dances will include the Cotillion Club dansant on Saturday and the Cotillion Club formal on Saturday night, led by Stephenson.

Plans for decorations are still undecided, the leader said, but that he hoped to secure decorator Fred Lynch from Philadelphia for the set. "It will be a fall theme," was all he said.

Varner To Direct University Band For Friday's Game

Attired in new uniforms, the Washington and Lee University band, now 45 pieces strong, will make its first appearance of the year when it plays for the Hampden-Sydney-Washington and Lee football game Friday afternoon on Wilson field.

Coming out of the lethargy of a mediocre season last year, the band has begun to make definite progress, according to Professor F. S. Walls, who led the band all last year.

A new director, F. J. Varner, has been acquired for this year. A substantial grant from the Athletic Association has insured the new uniforms.

Professor Walls reports that a large number of freshmen with musical ability have entered the University and that many of these will be found in the band when it makes its debut for the year on Friday.

The band will play in Baltimore Thanksgiving Day, when the Generals travel north for their annual game with the University of Maryland. Several other trips are also under consideration, Professor Walls said.

Calyx Business Staff
An important meeting of all old members and candidates for the Calyx business staff will be held in the Student Union lounge on Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Camera Club
All officers of the Camera club will meet Thursday afternoon in the Journalism lecture room at 2:30 o'clock.



STEVE STEPHENSON

New Equipment Features W-L Power System

Power Plant Houses All Latest Automatic Machinery

By JOHN B. CLEVELAND
Washington and Lee's new power plant, now nearly complete, had its first test yesterday. It is now ready to furnish hot water to heat University property.

Five or six weeks of work will complete the job entirely, as pipes have not been covered as yet. Dr. Dickey, consulting engineer, pointed out that inclement weather this summer has caused a two-week delay.

W-L now has the most modern equipment in heating plants, according to Dr. Dickey. The two boilers now installed, are more efficient than the old, having automatic, coal, water, air, and steam control.

The two automatic stokers require a mixture of nut and slack coal, for which fire-proof storage space is provided for 400 tons. It is estimated the boilers will use 1500 tons per year. The storage space is directly under a private railroad spur, from which it can be dumped. Dust-proof steel doors open from the enclosed storage space to the boiler room, where steel cars carry it the short distance to the boilers.

Three men will run the plant, one on duty at a time, eight hours per shift, working on a twenty-four hour day. Mr. Hensley will be the chief fireman, and will live in a cottage now being built near the plant.

This reporter was impressed with the size of the building and the ample space provided. The new stack, built by Rust Engineering Company is 110 feet high, 5 feet is the inside diameter. The building Continued on page four

The Old Order Changeth, Lads: Charlie's 'Annex' Is No More!

By FRED FARRAR
The ill-fated day has arrived! The "Annex" is no more! The old home that graced the corner of Washington and Jefferson streets for more than a hundred years; that housed the most popular pool-hall of Lexington for over a quarter of a century; that has seen more students pass than any building in Lexington; the old southern home—the "Annex" will soon fade away forever.

When your father was just falling out of apple trees and W-L students really went to college, Bill Higgins started work in the pool-room with the agreement to stay ten days and remained for thirty years. Charlie took up the reins when Bill abdicated, so it was best known as "Charlie's" to the students of the last decade.

An ancient building when the "oldest inhabitant" was a boy, the old home used to face out on Jefferson. At that time Lexington drank from the "Lindsay spring" which closely neighbored the house, so the corner enjoyed the

569 Students Have Signed In Tax Drive

Beale Plans Intensive Campus Campaign to Bolster Sale of Cards

Canvass Will Be Carried On In Dormitories and Fraternity Houses

There were 569 campus tax cards sold during the three days of registration last week, as compared to 608 for the same time last year. Sam Rayder, treasurer of the student body fund, reported yesterday. Vaughan Beale, student body president, plans an intensive campaign within the next two weeks to make up the delinquency.

A joint meeting of the executive committee and the publication board will be held Tuesday night to discuss plans to carry out the drive. A canvass will be made through all the fraternity houses and dormitories within the near future in an attempt to gain more subscriptions.

Beale said yesterday that the drive had been "very successful so far," but expressed the desire for more men to subscribe.

Behind Last Year
During the drive last year after registration had been completed, 39 campus tax cards were sold, sending the total to 647. Mr. Rayder hopes to have at least 60 more during the similar drive this week.

On the first day of registration this year 45 were sold, as compared to 74 in 1937, and 249 students subscribed on the second day this year, with the figures for last year showing 235 on the second day. The third day sales this year amounted to 275, while 299 cards were sold on the third day last year.

Although the price of the Calyx, W-L yearbook, has been increased to \$9.00 per copy this year, the campus tax remains at \$8.00, thus giving the student a much greater saving.

The holder of a campus tax card receives, in addition to a copy of the annual, a one-year subscription to *The Ring-tum Phi*, student newspaper, a one-year subscription to the Southern Collegian, student literary magazine, admission to two Troubadour productions, admission to all Glee club concerts, and admission to all debating meets.

Use of Receipts
The receipts from the campus tax drive go toward the support of all student publications, the debate team, the Troubadours, campus theatrical organization, and Glee club.

Beale yesterday urged all students to cooperate with this movement which cuts out all incidental student fees, brings the student a great saving, and benefits the student body with better and more efficiently run activities and publications.

Ring-tum Phi Editorial Staff
All old members of *The Ring-tum Phi* will meet on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 in the office of the paper in the Student Union building.

Finals Election Is Pending As Gluyas Fails to Return

Rushing's Over For These Freshmen



Rush Records Again Increase As 216 Accept Pledge Buttons

For the third consecutive year rushing records were smashed with 216 lapsels sporting pledge buttons yesterday, one more than the number last September.

Fewer than 150 of these, however, were pledged Sunday night, when the Interfraternity Council's second official organized session ended. There were some 200 pledged at the end of this period last year.

The total number of pledges included upperclassmen who were pledged last spring and not yet initiated, and quite a few of the large freshman class remain still unpledged.

Alpha Tau Omega
William A. Buntin, William D. Bradley, Jr., W. H. Dowling, Jr., John W. Garrow, Jr., Joseph H. Grubbs, Jr., Harrell F. Morris, Ben B. Neuhaus, Fred H. Pitzer, Jr., Thomas W. Stein, James D. Taylor, E. C. Tolley, Jr., James K. Weber.

Beta Theta Pi
Mike Watt, Sam Hottle, Foster Beansley, George Parton, Ben Jones, Dick Boileau, Jack Darrie, Henry Woods, Bob Shultz, Evans Jasper, Bill Jasper, Chick Pierce, Frank LaMotte, Charles Lanier, Ed Boyd, Bob Campbell.

Delta Tau Delta
Robert M. Boatwright, Richard F. Burke, J. K. Mallory, Jr., Ellsworth Ours, John Robinson, R. B. Spindle, III.

Delta Upsilon
John Mulheiser, William Bennett, Charles Davis, Michael Lawler, Chick Hatch, Gordon Carlson, Don Carnahan, George Woolsenden.

University Physician Releases Office Hours

Students calling for treatment at the office of Dr. Reid White, University physician, should identify themselves as such in order to get prompt treatment, E. S. Mattingly, registrar, announced yesterday.

Daily office hours are 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. Sunday hours are from 10 to 10:30 a. m.

Dr. White is in his office from 4 to 5:30 p. m. on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

A trained nurse will be in the office from 9 to 12:30 a. m. and from 3 to 5:30 p. m. on week days. All calling students are asked to see Dr. White during his regular office hours.

Vote of Executive Committee Awaits Leader's Full Resignation

Ollie Gluyas, president-elect of Finals, did not return to school this year, Registrar E. S. Mattingly said today. Gluyas is reported to be working with an insurance company in New Jersey. According to precedent Gluyas will automatically be forced to resign his position as Finals head unless he matriculates and the executive committee will choose his successor. Vaughan Beale, student body president, said, however, that his committee would not act until they have definite word from Gluyas himself. Election would be by the committee under the provisions of the student body amendment voted a year ago last spring.

Five Teachers Added to Staff Of W-L Faculty

Three Professors Are Now Taking Leaves of Absence

With three professors on leaves of absence, five new professors have been added to the W-L faculty for the 1938-39 session. A new librarian also assumes duty as the fall session opens.

The new members of the teaching staff are Rowland W. Nelson, John G. Varner, George Winston Smith, John T. Masten, and Thomas E. Lothery. Foster E. Morehardt is the new librarian.

Dr. Nelson, who will serve as assistant professor of English, received his B. A. degree from Princeton University in 1923, a B. A. from Oxford University in 1925, an M. A. from Oxford in 1929, and a Ph. D. from Northwestern University in 1938. He was instructor in English at Northwestern from 1926 to 1930 and at the University of North Carolina in 1935-36.

English Instructor
Mr. Varner is an instructor in English and the director of campus musical organizations. He received his B. A. at Austin College, Sherman, Texas, his M. A. at the University of Virginia, and has studied at Columbia and Brown Universities. He spent one summer of study at Heidelberg. He first taught at McCalle School and later became instructor in English at Virginia. He was also assistant director of the University of Virginia Glee club and organist and choirmaster of St. Paul's Choir in Charlottesville.

Commerce Teacher
An instructor in commerce and economics, Mr. Masten took his B. S. and his M. S. at the University of Illinois. He has done work on his Ph. D. while doing substitute teaching there. He has written a series of articles on banks' investment policies in the Great Lakes Banker.

Phi Delta Theta
H. R. Best, F. Gregg Burger, Charles Didier, Bradford Dunson, J. Stuart Hart, J. H. McMillan, David Perkins, W. O. Shropshire, J. W. Stowers, Gordon Thatch, Jr., Paul C. Thomas, Jr.

Phi Epsilon Pi
Robert Pinck, Bernard Levin, Robert Rosenfeld, Gordon Well, Sidney Eisenberd.

Phi Gamma Delta
Walter Charles Aberg, Jr., Christopher Conkling Barnekov, Ernest Billings Corrick, Robert Penick Cokkell, John Winfield Deyo, Jack James Doherty, Walter Scott Gilmer, Joel Cecil Hart, Jr., Robert Morris Lawrence, Gordon Ross Lloyd, Thomas Jerome Neulist, John Baldwin MacBride, Robert Pullen Perrin, Alan Prather Sherrill, Colt Ray Troutman, Jr., Austin Vorkes Wood, Jr., Austin Vorkes Wood, Jr., Frank Joseph Yocum.

Phi Kappa Psi
Jack Reeves, Bud Levy, Yewis Robinson, Floyd Yeamans, Bill Phillips, Bob Shellenberg, Arthur Buddington, Herbert Weed, Tom Fuller, Doug House, Bob Cavanna, Robert Wilson, Lewis Rehr, Jack Peacock, Wally Reynolds.

Phi Kappa Sigma
Philip Tuley Boden, Preston Brown, Joseph Keating Bougher, Michael W. Lau, Joseph Littlepage, Moncure Waller, William Moffett, Garland Harwood, Stanley Carlsson, Tom Cox, Irvine Berry.

Kappa Alpha
Tommy Crittenden, Truman Donoho, Jack Fisher, Charles Ford, Continued on page four

Although members of Gluyas' Delta Upsilon fraternity told *The Ring-tum Phi* that they hoped the Finals president would return to Washington and Lee for the second semester, it was expected that the executive committee would declare the position vacated unless Gluyas returns this semester.

No indications of possible successors to Gluyas has been revealed, although reliable sources reported that Birnie Harper, Charlie Hart, and Jim Rogers would no doubt consider entering their names for the post.

Harper Was Nominated
Harper was nominated to run against Gluyas last spring but was defeated in a colorful campaign. Hart was also a candidate last spring but failed to receive a nomination from the all-university convention. Rogers, former track captain, was a candidate for Fancy Dress last year and may choose to run for the Finals post.

Gluyas received his A. B. degree here last June after transferring to Washington and Lee two years ago. He expected to enter law school this fall.

Members of the executive committee who will vote on the new Finals president in the event of an election are Edgar Shannon, Sydney Ammerman, Rudy Hanna, Bobby Hobson, Billy Young, Elijah Hogge, and Robert Nicholson.

ZBT Leads Campus For Last School Term With 81.32 Average

Maintaining a high scholastic record during both semesters of the 1937-38 session, Zeta Beta Tau placed first in the comparative standing of fraternities with an average of 81.325 for the year. This was the second consecutive time that ZBT attained the highest fraternity average.

Standing second among the fraternities with an average of 80.723 was Beta Theta Pi, which was runner-up for the second consecutive time. Sigma Nu with a fractional lead over Sigma Alpha Epsilon took third place, while the SAE's stood fourth in the rating.

According to the records of the registrar practically all the social fraternities attained higher averages during the second semester last year than during the first.

Fraternity	No. Men	Av.
Zeta Beta Tau	24	81.325
Beta Theta Pi	41	80.723
Sigma Nu	34	79.249
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	40	79.182
Delta Upsilon	47	78.228
Lambda Chi Alpha	33	78.228
Phi Epsilon Pi	14	77.923
Delta Tau Delta	46	77.286
Sigma Chi	32	76.148
Phi Gamma Delta	45	76.143
Pi Kappa Phi	33	75.783
Phi Delta Theta	43	75.527
Alpha Tau Omega	45	75.102
Kappa Alpha	48	75.099
Kappa Sigma	42	75.075
Phi Kappa Psi	37	75.061
Sigma Phi Epsilon	23	74.163
Phi Kappa Sigma	39	73.504
Pi Kappa Alpha	50	72.902

Ring-tum Phi Business Staff
All candidates for *The Ring-tum Phi* business staff are to meet with business manager Allen Snyder in Newcomb Hall, second floor, at 7:30 on Thursday night.

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A Statement of Policy

With the beginning of a new college year, The Ring-tum Phi, through the inevitable developments of college life, passes into new hands.

Such times and such changes demand a statement of those policies and goals for which The Ring-tum Phi has strived and for which it will continue to strive in the future.

As a newspaper above all, The Ring-tum Phi will seek to present a true and accurate account of every phase of student life at Washington and Lee, uninfluenced by personal interests.

But beyond our desire to tell, in the news, the story as it is, we declare our intentions to express editorially our criticism on any matter of student importance. These criticisms shall be shaped—not for individual or group welfare—but in the interests of the entire student body.

We stand firm in our purpose to support liberal and constructive changes in student and university affairs. This purpose follows, not only from the hope that we may eliminate the undesirable, but rather from the hope that we can lead the way to something more desirable.

Needless to say, our suggestions—our criticisms—are not infallible. The Ring-tum Phi is "by the students, for the students," and we maintain this editorial page as a forum for student and faculty discussion on any topic.

From this comprehensive map of our policies we set our course—to tell the news as it is—and to be a guiding strength in student progress at Washington and Lee.

Rushing Pro's and Con's

The second year of a partially regulated rushing system has passed and gone. From all quarters have come criticisms of part or all of the system as it is now operated.

Some are so foolish as to suggest throwing the entire program overboard and going back to cut-throat rushing, where freshmen were bagged like wild game and upperclassmen spent a week of sleepless nights.

More sensible and more feasible, however, are those suggestions to eliminate all date making by the fraternities themselves in favor of a universal guidance plan, which would prevent conflicts from arising in dates and save upperclassmen an endless amount of detailed work.

The universal guidance plan would provide that every freshman, who wishes to be rushed by fraternities, will be taken to all houses by a university guide during the first two days of rushing. Each group would be preceded by a list of the men in that group so the fraternity could concentrate on those men it had recommendations on, and which it had been rushing by letter or personal calls during the summer.

At the end of the second day the freshmen would select the five houses among which they wished to divide their last fifteen dates. Dates would be progressive and drawn by lot, and bidding could be continued under the present system or—as many have suggested—bidding could be done any time after the first two days.

Regulation of the time of dates and a guarantee to every freshman to see every house on the campus along with the

possibility of eliminating the present "tension bidding" have already won for this plan a number of supporters. It is now a problem for the Interfraternity Council to decide.

The New Power Plant

For half a century behind the halls of Washington College, a yellow and grimy smoke stack raised itself against the horizon as an eyesore on the university skyline. For just as long a time, little cable cars ran coal up Woods Creek valley and dumped it on a coal pile not one hundred yards from the campus buildings.

The old smoke stack was pulled down early in August before nearly the whole town of Lexington. The coal pile was moved later in the month. And yesterday, smoke rose from a new stack hidden behind the trees in the valley, and the new power plant had its first trial run.

The new plant, which will send heat to all university property this winter, has been one of the key links in Doctor Gaines' long time plan for beautification of the back campus. Certainly it is the first step toward the mall he envisioned in a talk with the students four years ago.

But beyond the elimination of an eyesore from the often forgotten back campus, the new heating plant remains more a marvel of modern engineering. Controlled by four means, they will be far more efficient than the old boilers in the basement of the present print shop.

As a mark in progress toward campus beautification, as an engineering achievement, and as an aid to Lexington labor, the new power plant serves many ends. Doctor Dickey, the consulting engineer, Doctor Gaines, and the Board of Trustees are to be commended for their achievement.

Painted Roofs and Art

Almost startling against the background of sky and trees and mountains are the brilliant red roofs of the main campus buildings and the green of the library dome.

It is quite evident that these roofs were painted this summer; and as a matter of protection, the coat or coats of paint will no doubt add some years to the life of the roofs.

On the other hand it is almost quite impossible to accustom one's self to the contrast between the artistic graying copper roof of the law school and the red-painted tin roofs on Robinson, Washington, Payne, and Newcomb Halls.

But being not authorities on paint or painting, we can only say that our artistic senses were shocked.

THE FORUM

Set a Hot Pace

Most of the September fuss is over the freshmen, but upperclassmen should not forget that the University is theirs by right of prior occupancy.

It's all very well to give a helping hand to the freshmen—they'll grow up and be upperclassmen, too, some day. But freshman successes are apt to be belittled and freshman failures are often excused or ignored by outsiders. Ah, but the upperclassmen are judged flatly on what they do and the University is rated according to what the upperclassmen accomplish.

We arrive on the campus with much ahead of us this year. Every year seems more successful than the preceding one. We have had a change in the administration and in several other important offices. It is the upperclassmen who must stand shoulder-to-shoulder with these new officials and cooperate with them to the utmost.

It is a long sweep from here to Commencement day. There is plenty of time to make a success of things. There are many honors, many achievements to be gained, scholastically, spiritually, athletically, socially, forensically, and in many other ways. So long as these honors are gained in service to the University, they are worthy. The freshmen and sophomores generally follow the upperclassmen in pursuit of these honors.

A good start now leaves only a good finish to worry about. It is the responsibility of the upperclassmen to set a good pace.—The Mountaineer.

Personal OPINIONS

By WILLIAM WARNER BROWN

Last April at the outset of my job as "personal opinionator" for The Ring-tum Phi I set down a few sentences and made of them a whole article which served as a sort of preview of what was to follow in other Tuesday and Friday offerings. I thought at the time that I had given ample warning, but evidently I had not; for, as some of you may recall, I was attacked after a fashion, and one of those "anonymouses" was kind enough to restate my principles in a Letter To The Editor. So there will be no more confusion as to just what I'm doing in this column this year. I will again say that Personal Opinions is merely my own opinions on any subject which at the moment strikes my fancy. You may not agree with what I say and you may not care for the way in which I say it—I can hardly hope to please you all every time (I would be a failure if I did)—but what I write will be my own doings (or undoings) and I will again welcome any criticism. "Truth—as I see it"—be my eyes crossed or otherwise.

Just how many of you are starting another school year without having made all sorts of promises to yourself or to those who are interested in you? Not more than a handful, I wager. You've promised someone: (1) you'll do a bit of studying, (2) you'll get off the ball, (3) you'll spend less money, (4) you'll write often, (5) you'll cut less, (6) you'll waste no time, (7) you'll stay off "the hill"—and so on through the night. You need not ever be sorry you broke those promises to yourself or to "someone"—if you don't break them. And there is something about rejuvenating summer which gives you the enthusiasm, at this time, to wish to do the best thing, in the best way, at the right time. But how little is it going to take to loop you—to make you break promises and make you damned ashamed of yourself? Why, it only takes an hour's loafing to get off to a whole semester's loaf. One whiff of a cork is usually enough to get one back on the ball. One unguarded moment will see you to "the hill" again, break you, and cheapen you once more. It's pretty easy to go to hell again, isn't it? And, really, it isn't much fun, you'll have to admit.

Especially, you freshmen, watch out how you use all of this strange, new independence. Someone will very likely try to "mould" you when you would do better developing yourself. Another will try to "draw you out" and "drawing out" usually has a meaning closely related to drawing you to some place than which there is much better. You are starting down roads which may lead you to Heaven or to Hell and the roads are one until they part.

A college man is far luckier than he ever supposes. Whether he is one of the many who should be elsewhere or not, at least he is being given the chance to find out Why? That is a privilege which should be guarded more closely than gold.

POWER OF HABIT

People in the psychology building claim that habits are valuable to everybody because they conserve energy.

The force of habit, says William James, psychologist and philosopher, "prevents the hardest and most repulsive walks of life from being deserted by those brought to tread therein. It keeps the fisherman and the deck-hand at sea through the winter; it holds the miner in the darkness, and nails the countryman to his log-cabin and his lonely farm through all the months of snow."

To everybody, then, habits are valuable because a great amount of work can be done without an equal amount of conscious effort being necessary.

But to the freshman—appearing alone for the first time in a new environment—habits become a primary consideration.

He will probably see the greatest change in his everyday living since the time his mother took him to school for matriculation in the first grade.

Exercising, eating, studying, making friends and sleeping will soon be out of the control of the freshman. His habits will take into command his daily living and he will become a victim of himself.

No freshman can avoid habit-making. The undesirable ones will be easy. The desirable ones will require constant attention.

When graduation day comes in 1942, every rising alumnus can look backwards and see the character he built in four years. It will be the sum of those habits he has formed.—The Daily Tar Heel.

Campus Comment

By TOM MOSES and PAUL MULDOON

The Return to Normalcy . . . Now that the freshmen are out of the way for another year we settle back to the staid complacency that comes from knowing that after all we are pretty good fraternity men and damned fine fellows for working so hard without thinking about getting paid. Each year the entering class gets smarter, and it won't be long before the faculty has talked the fraternities right off the campus when they keep beating the old drum about the deception that will be used when the awful fraternity men get them in their dens.

If the faculty must advise, and they should undoubtedly, why can't they warn and advise the freshmen as to how to react to the new system and not how to worm out of a hot box. Those men should remember that the hot box left this campus with Duncan Groner and their return would be greeted with about the same amount of enthusiasm.

Back to the Mill . . .

The little outburst in the paragraph above winds up our editorializing for the year and we return to the business at hand. For the benefit of our new readers this column is conducted as a matter of self defense. Anything that you hear, whether you can prove it or not, please tell us about it or drop it in the nearest incinerator and we will positively guarantee that it will be printed. It is necessary that it be information of such nature that will cause discomfort and perhaps disaster to some member of this student body as this is a column for the students and is conducted in their interest. This has long been the policy of this column and probably accounts for the frequency with which the authorship changes hands.

Changes . . .

We were glad to see that Bill Buxton got rid of that old 1937 Buick and brought a half way respectable car back to school.

Another rather startling change occurred in or around "Porky" (call me Slim) Dickinson's misadventure. Slim won't talk and nobody else seems to know anything about it.

Jimmy Hamilton's Corner Store has taken on some red and green leather booths, a complete line of Spalding goods, and a new haberdashery and clothing store under the direction of the popular John Norman.

Ed Cuttino's hair has turned yellow, but there is no mystery there as Ed really admits that it was peroxide.

Bud Morgan, who has returned for another crack at the elusive degree, looks like a ballet dancer after having established a lasting reputation as a moon faced cherub.

The biggest sensation of the week turned out to be the trick exhausts on the cars of the SAE's ace sophomores, Coffield and Boyce.

Mike's night spot is still the choice of Washington and Lee cafe society.

Charlie Higgins has equipped his removed and remodeled Annex with venetian blinds. There is something about this that symbolizes the streamlined age in which we live. The next thing we know Lexington will have street cars.

McCrum's still stands assured that new gadgets are unnecessary to lure the student trade. We found out that there are some great fellows in that credit department.

To Jimmy Weber goes the honor of being the first freshman to break into print in this column. This dubious distinction is bestowed for a crack that he made about a certain club on this campus. The statement may not be strictly true but it was a killer. We refuse to print it because we are afraid of the international situation.

Speaking of international situations that Peace Club better get busy or it will be too late to check the Sudeten avalanche.

The Governor Says

Quite a few of the fraternities are giving the new rushing system a beating. Maybe the system is taking what the boys planned for the freshmen they didn't get.

Lexington city fathers voted down the proposal for a local power plant last week, thus forcing the Greek letter clubs to serve another year under present high rates. Another nine months and the fraternities will be as powerless as the Clique.

With no report of a quarrel between the ZBT's and the PEP's, the school seems to be going to the dogs.

The president of the Cotillion Club wryly declares he doesn't know who the band for opening dances is. According to tradition he ought to come up with the Lexington Ramblers on Friday and the Commanders on Saturday.

By all indications Washington and Lee has the biggest freshman class in its history. From the looks of some of the boys, they aren't far wrong.

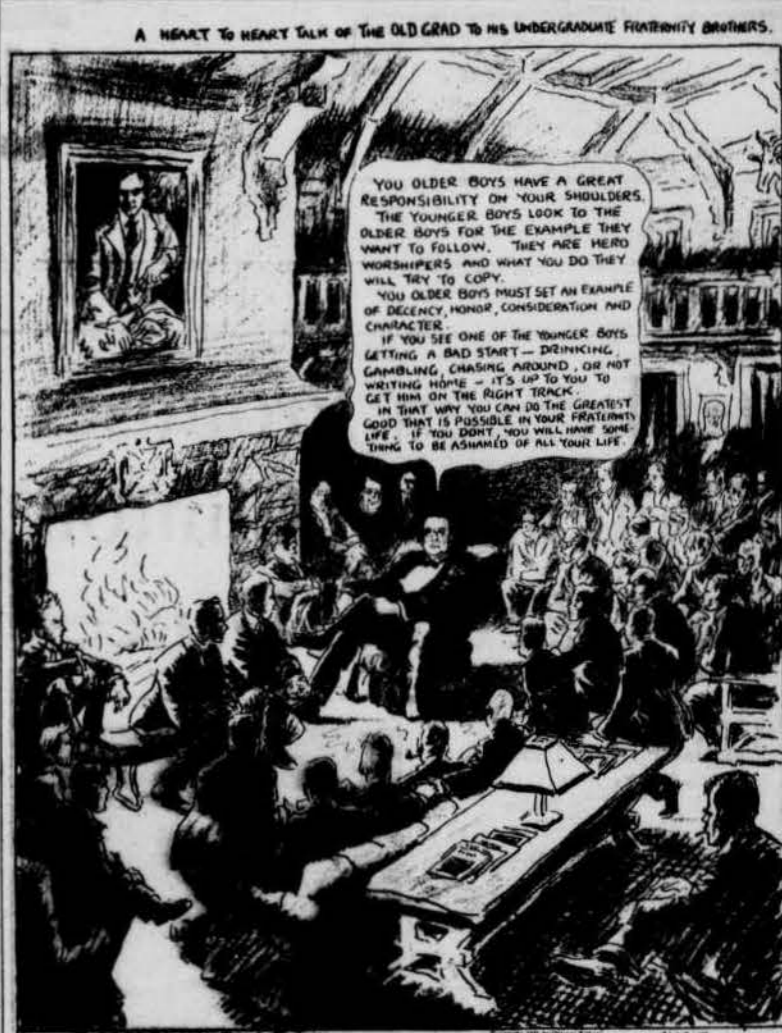
The band has been blowing quite loudly the last few nights. Give them a week and there won't be any houses left on mortgage row.

These rainy days are getting the students off to a bad start so far as cutting goes. Another week of it and Mr. Mattingly can begin marking up reverse quality credits.

Some of the boys like "Marie Antoinette." I reckon I did, too. Don't know when we've had such a good sleep.

The Forensic Union reports 115 men at its opening session. If the crowd keeps up, not even Stanford Schewel will be able to get in his vote.

The newspapers say that the British and French want to give up the Sudeten to Germany. I guess John Bull will only be called John from now on.



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Letters to the Editor

(All contributions to this column should be limited to 150 to 200 words. No anonymous letters can be accepted, although writers may remain anonymous if they wish. All correspondence should be addressed care of Letters to the Editor, The Ring-tum Phi.)

Lexington, Virginia.

Dear Sir: As a reader of The Ring-tum Phi for several years (I should dislike to say how many), I have watched with interest its development as an organ of public opinion, and think you now have one of the best college papers I have seen.

From a layman's standpoint, I would like to ask one question. Why doesn't The Ring-tum Phi cover all the legislative meetings of the executive committee and report the news to the students? These meetings are open to the students by an amendment of two years ago. Why not to you?

STUDENT.

(Editor's Note: The Ring-tum Phi will cover all legislative executive committee meetings this year.)

Lexington, Virginia.

Dear Sir: This is a blast against the rushing system as it now exists. There's been too much dirty work by a few fraternities, who, I know, saw men in the dormitory after hours and who took boys to Lynchburg on Saturday.

Unfortunately most houses are afraid to report these few unfair fraternities for fear of losing their friendship and because they do not want to hurt the freshmen who would be involved.

If the system as it is will prove such disregard of the rules, we all might as well break the rules and go back to the old cut-throat system. We're tired of playing square and having others milgn us and stab us in the back with unfair practices.

Naturally I hope that a return to the old system will not be necessary and that the offenders this year will be reported. Give somebody the strength to bring them before the Interfraternity Council.

For next year, I think something should be done to make it possible for freshmen to pledge as soon as they are registered with the present regulation of hours.

DISGUSTED.

Lexington, Virginia.

Dear Sir: As it is almost time for Opening Dances, I would like to raise my howl now and ask Mr. Steve Stephenson, the Cotillion Club president, to get a good band down here for once.

In the past our opening and spring sets have been nothing to brag about when it comes to music, and I think a lot of the students want a change.

Hoping for the best but expecting the worse, I am

SOCIALITE.

Lexington, Virginia.

Dear Sir: After a second year of the present regulated rushing system, I should like to point out the discontent of one fraternity for the system.

This does not proceed from a lack of pledges as we have done very well both years. But we are tired of all the bantering about details and the anxious waiting for freshmen between Friday and Sunday.

I don't know what can be done, but certainly hope that the Interfraternity Council will find some way to correct the situation.

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General Eleven Ready For Opener With H-S

Tilson's "Climax-Runner System" To Stand Test Friday

With prospects for a top notch General eleven the brightest since 1934, Coach Tex Tilson has been sending his Washington and Lee football team through intensive scrimmages daily in preparation for the season's opener with Hampden-Sydney on Wilson field Friday afternoon.

The Tiger grid outfit, one of the strongest ever to represent the little Virginia college, will put both Tilson's new system and his untried sophomore material to a severe test.

Tilson's much publicized "climax runner" system, featuring ten blockers and one running back, has been effective against the freshmen in rough scrimmages this week, as have the 19 assorted sophomores, but neither has yet seen varsity competition.

Optimistic despite the injury jinx which seems to have been held over from last year, Tilson said yesterday that the squad was in excellent condition and ready to settle down and really work. With at least two more scrimmages planned before the first game, the coach expects to be "set" if no more men are put on the sidelines by injuries.

Pinck Lost To Team

In addition to the serious loss of Dick Pinck, sensation on Cy Young's yearling eleven last year, who was operated on for hernia this summer, four other stalwarts will be out for the major part of the season. Two lettermen, Dorsey Wilson and Kelly Littoral, both first string linemen, will be out, as will Jack Kately, reserve back. Jack Gillespie, a transfer who was counted on for heavy duty this season, will likewise be out of action.

The problem worrying Tilson just now is who can take Pinck's place as quarterback and climax runner under the new set-up. Three men are being considered, and all will probably see action against Hampden-Sydney Friday. They are Dan Justice, a sophomore; Harrison Hogan, a junior and regular on the '37 team; and Ronnie Thompson, a junior who was out of action last year with injuries. Justice, when in the game, is slated to call signals, with Captain Bill Brown, a guard, or the fullback taking over such duties when he is out.

Two Vie For Halfback

At the left halfback post when Washington and Lee's men fall in line for their 1938 debut will be either Ray Craft, who will do most of the passing, or Roy Hogan, who alternated between the backfield and end last year. Vieing for the other halfback position are Don Dunlap, a two-year letterman, and a pair of sophomores, Courtney Wadlington and Tyke Bryan. Two more second year men, Al Bishop and Bob Blanding, are a toss-up for fullback. All of these backfield men will see action during the course of the first game, Tilson ventured.

General Groans . . .

Chief headache to the coaching staff at the present is the loss of frosh star Dick Pinck and seniors Dorsey Wilson and Kelly Littoral through injuries. . . Add to this the failure of Kietlyka, Stivers, Robertson, and Borries to return to school. . .

In case youse freshmen hadn't heard, Pinck is about the smoothest back to hit this campus since old timers like Johnny Barrett and one Cyrus Young galloped goalward on the greensward. . . Possessing unusual poise and confidence, Pinck is a triple-threat in the true sense of the word. . .

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Tiger hopes rest upon Captain Al Buchinsky (above) who will lead his team against the Generals Friday afternoon at Wilson Field. Buchinsky plays right end. At the other end of the line will be Will Craft (left), one of the leading threats in the Hampden-Sydney offense.

Loss of Two Backs Will Weaken Hampden-Sydney Line-up Friday

Coach Bernier Switches Light, Elusive Ed Null To Fullback

Hampden-Sydney, Va., Sept. 20. (Special) — Increasing fullback worries are bringing frowns to the faces of the Hampden-Sydney coaches these days. And there's plenty of reasons for wrinkled foreheads.

First, a shoulder injury nipped Elmo Berry of Richmond, freshman ground-gainer who was slated to handle the job. Berry won't see action in the Washington and Lee opener Friday at Lexington, nor possibly the following weekend.

Now, George Newman of Farmville, dependable sophomore reserve last season, has announced his withdrawal from college. Newman showed up splendidly in spring drills and was counted on for heavy backfield service.

The loss of Berry and Newman forces Coach Charles Bernier to

change shifty Ed Null from wing-back position to the fullback slot. Experienced and fast, Null provides the Tiger backfield with a light but versatile performer.

Teamed with Charlie Spencer and Syd Walden, halfbacks, and Frank Sullivan, quarterback, the Staunton fullback completes a smooth combination.

Spencer, 185-pounder, comes with excellent blocking with good ball

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Baby Generals Show Promise In Scrimmage

Strong Backfield Indicates Heavy Scoring Power

If an abundance of backfield material indicates a powerful offense, the 1938 edition of Washington and Lee freshman football should have plenty of scoring punch.

The yearling gridgers, who have been working out since early last week and were sixty strong at that time, have approximately thirty ball-toters in their ranks. The percentage of backs has become even higher since the number of players has dropped to an approximate forty-five.

Coach Young and his staff have brought the group of candidates along swiftly, their first scrimmage having been staged with the varsity last Friday. However, the freshmen have only recently received their plays, and confined their play in the scrimmage purely to defense.

Coach Young said of his charges that it is, as yet, too early to state anything about prospects or to begin naming players.

In the line, Pat Searfoss and Hen Woods looked very well at the ends; "Lil' Abner" Yokum and Bert Nelson, tackles, showed to advantage; Tom Cox and Phil Boden stood out at the guard posts, and Center Joe Littlepage backed up the line like a bull.

Bobby Pinck, a halfback and brother of the far-famed Dick Pinck, bids fair to emulate his noted kin's example and become another Wahoo nemesis. Other outstanding backfield candidates are Charlie Didler, who looked tremendously impressive backing up the line; Pres Brown, Joe Baugher, All-Maryland quarterback at McDonogh School last fall, and Charlie Van Dyke.

The opening frosh game is on Friday, September 30, when the Brigadiers meet Staunton Military Academy at Staunton. Three other encounters are listed to date. They are: Maryland Frosh at Lexington on October 14, VPI Frosh at Blacksburg on November 4, and Richmond Frosh at Richmond on November 19.

Injuries Keep Five Gridmen on Bench; Two May Recover

That jinx, old man injury, handed the General grid squad a serious setback this year before the season could even get under way.

One varsity letter man, the star of last year's freshman eleven, and another promising sophomore were snatched away from the squad before practice began. The trio, Dorsey Wilson, Dick Pinck, end Jack Gillespie, this summer underwent operations which will keep them off the gridiron during the entire W-L schedule.

Pinck, who is recovering from a hernia operation, is in good health but is under doctor's orders not to play ball this fall. However, he will be on hand when Cy Young starts grooming his courtmen in the winter.

Wilson and Gillespie both went under the knife for cyst removals. Only a good bit of luck could make them available to Coach Tilson's line-up even far along in the season.

Others, who will be lost to the Blue and White temporarily, are Jack Kately and Kelly Littoral. Kately, whose perennially broken bones have put him on the sidelines each year since he enrolled at W-L, is suffering from a fractured foot.

There is a slim chance that Littoral's badly sprained ankle will be sufficiently rested by Saturday to allow him to play in the opening game against Hampden-Sydney.

Blue Harriers Start Practice

Heartsill Ragon and Flash Harvey Will Captain Promising Squad

Despite the loss of Coach Forest Fletcher and Captain Warren Edwards, this year's cross-country squad of the Generals promises to be the best in the history of the school.

Fletcher, who has coached track and cross-country here for twenty-five years, will take a six-month furlough in Europe to celebrate his silver anniversary as mentor. Co-Captains Heartsill Ragon, and "Flash" Harvey will take charge of the squad, which Fletcher described as having "the greatest prospects since I have been here."

Gone from last year's team, which took second place in the state meet, are Captain Warren Edwards and Charley Prater.

Material from last year's frosh team, which walked away with the state title, will more than fill the vacancies. Virginia champion George Murray, Bill Murray, Jim McConnell, and Frank Martin are all ready for varsity competition.

The cross-country schedule is as follows:

October 22—V. P. I. Here
October 29—Davidson Here
November 5—Richmond Away
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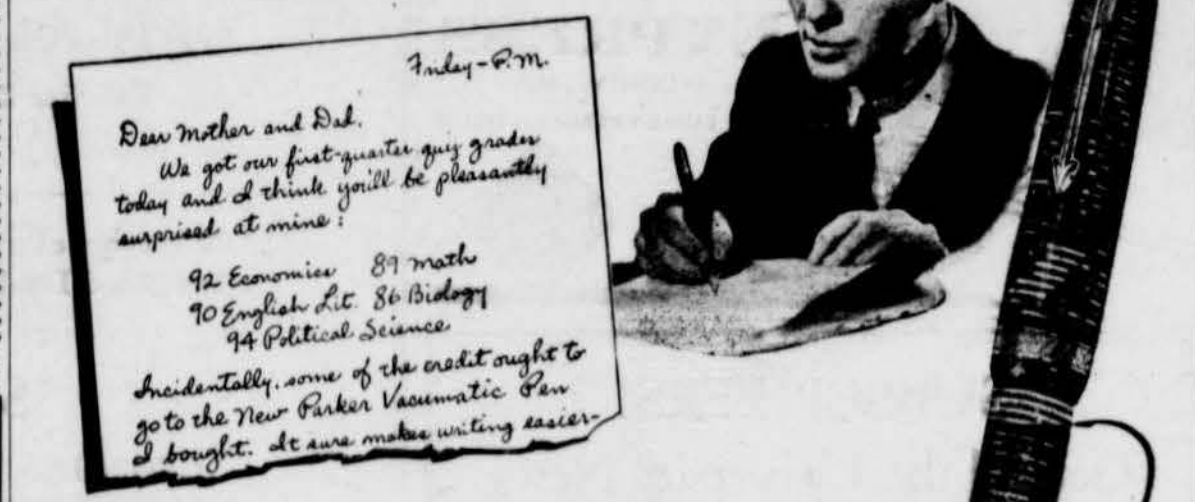
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Chapters Make House Repairs Over Summer

Two New Houses Built As All Fraternities Renovate

Lexington painters, carpenters, and salesmen experienced a minor boom this summer as every fraternity on the campus engaged in more or less extensive building and repairing campaigns.

The Alpha Tau Omega house was completely painted over on the outside, and a new lounge was installed in the basement, complete with paneled walls. New furniture was placed in the living-room, and new chairs and silverware grace the dining-room.

The interior of the Beta Theta Pi house was painted over, and the lounge is now supplied with new furnishings. Plans have been laid for the addition of a new wing to the house, to be completed next year.

New screens bedeck the Delta Tau Delta house, and the upstairs has been entirely painted over. A new lounge will be installed shortly, it was announced.

Delta Upsilon has redecorated and repapered the second and third floors. The kitchen and pantry have been renovated, and a new refrigerator will soon be installed.

A new rug and much furniture are in the Kappa Alpha living-room, while the Kappa Sigmas have repainted the interior of their house and also boast a new living-room rug.

Lambda Chi Alpha has moved into its new home, recently completed. The building is in the colonial style, and is considered modern throughout and ideally planned for a fraternity house.

The outside of the Phi Delta Theta house has been painted, as have the lounge and the chapter room. Much new furniture has been installed, and a new radio is in operation.

Phi Epsilon Pi has papered the entire upstairs and had the downstairs rooms repainted. Several rooms upstairs have been changed by the removal of three walls. Minor changes have been made throughout by the members of Phi Gamma Delta.

The Phi Kappa Psi house has been remodeled from top to bottom, at a cost of \$16,000. Four columns adorn the front, and an entire new story has been added.

A new refrigerator is now in the Phi Kappa Sigma house, and the downstairs has been redecorated. The Pi Kappa Phi house has been repainted on the outside, while the inside has been redecorated. New furniture has been placed in the lounge.

Tiled baths have been built in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house.

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Varsity Eleven Ready For H-S

Continued on page three the flank positions. At left end it is a battle between sophomore Howard Dobbins, an all-state freshman, and Birnie Harper, a holdover from the last year's team. Charlie Lykes, a converted center, and sophomore Simmons Trueheart are equal bets to start on the right wing.

Just about the only positions definitely decided on are the tackle posts, where Joe Ochsie and Dick Boisseau, two of the best linemen in the South, will hold forth. Ochsie, a senior, has been a major cog in the Generals' forewall for two years and will start at right tackle. Boisseau, a junior, will be his running mate at left tackle.

At left guard will probably be All-State Captain Bill Brown, one of the steadiest players ever to wear the Blue uniform. Shack Parrish is Brown's most dangerous competitor for this position. Either Jim Lindsey or sophomore Bob Walker will be in there at right guard at the kickoff.

The Generals will return home on October 22 to meet Virginia Tech in the homecoming game.

and the lounge has also been tiled. The dining-room has been paneled, and chairs have been bought to match.

In both the Sigma Chi and Sigma Nu houses minor repairs and paint jobs have been completed over the summer.

The members of Sigma Phi Epsilon are at present living with Mr. Watkin. The rooms have been changed to make the house more convenient for a fraternity.

The Zeta Beta Tau house is rapidly nearing completion, and the members announce they expect to be able to move into it some time in November.

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Pledges Break Record Again

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Kappa Sigma Townes Lea, Billy Gunn, Dick Sloan, Billy Scott, Lorentz White, Jr., John Daniel, John Embry, Bob Baker, Bob Miller, Clyde Smith, Oscar Dunn, Porter Young, Reginald Pettus, Stuart Stevenson, Giles McCrary, Allan Williams, and Fountain.

Lambda Chi Alpha Alan Britton, Scott Smither, Clarence Dupre, Robert Cammack, Dave Pardee, Kennedy Rippetoe, John Vanta, Thomas Marshall, Thomas Garten.

Pi Kappa Alpha Dick Brunn, Russell Kaiser, Bill Barrows, Bud Ogden, Leonard Newcomb, Bob Mooney, Price Wiswell, Gene Tucker, James Humphries, R. L. Levering, E. D. Hundley, Henry Marshall, Al Wolfe.

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New Equipment In Power Plant

Continued from page one itself is approximately 75 feet long, 35 feet high, and 56 feet wide, providing ample space for two extra boilers when needed. The maze of automatic machinery and controls make it unnecessary for the firemen to do much physical work, and makes the place look like a small-size factory. The estimated cost of \$100,000 has not been exceeded, according to Dr. Dickey.

'Marie Antoinette' Is Tiresome Despite Extravagant Settings

By HAROLD GADDY Running for one more day at the State Theatre is that admirable motion picture story of the events leading up to the French Revolution in Hollywood's story of 'Marie Antoinette.'

It is neither the life nor history of the Austrian princess who came to the throne of France and lived till the guillotine fell, but rather the story of Norma Shearer in princely poise.

Yet despite the story and the acting of Miss Shearer and Tyrone Power, the film seems a bit too long, and at times becomes boring. It cost \$2,000,000 to produce, but it probably would have been better if the producers hadn't spent so much money.

As one of the most lavish shows you'll ever see, it's worth attending. The costuming is beautiful and the hair-dressing too extravagant.

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Hampden-Sydney Line-up Suffers Backfield Losses

Continued from page three carrying to bid strong for All-State honors. Walden's elusive running baffles tacklers. Last year he slipped off on several spectacular runs, one a 70-yard touchdown romp against Virginia.

Plenty of fire and rugged playing are fused in Sullivan, blocker par excellence. The South Boston lad is a vital cog in the Bernier grid offensive and is a high explosive defensive player.

Braced with veterans, the Tiger forewall shapes up nicely. But reserves are scarce at center and guard. Veteran James Armistead, center, will be without a regular understudy. But Syd Weed, lanky Portsmouth end, has been mustered to fill the pivot job if necessary.

A scrappy flankman, Ralph O'Hair, will be the only starter in the line not a monogram wearer. Captain Albert Buchinsky will start at the other end, with probably Will Craft and Maynard Johnson, tackles and A. T. Howard and Ben Soyars, guards.

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