

Will Add 'Something'



JOE ANN MILLER, vocalist with Blue Barron's Orchestra, promises to add a certain "something" to the dance set. Jackson would not comment on whether Jo Ann was or wasn't his promised "new twist."

Barron, Oliver, Guanieri Sign for Spring Dances

By MILAM TURNER

Blue Barron and Sy Oliver will play for Spring Dances, Apr. 17 and 18, I. M. Sfield, Dance Board president, announced yesterday.

An added feature will be Johnny Guanieri, who will play for the Sigma Nu cocktail party preceding the first dance on Friday night. Guanieri, who has just finished an engagement at the Statler Hotel in New York, will give the dance set an outstanding start.

Sy Oliver's orchestra is considered one of the outstanding Negro bands in the country. His musical works include "Song of India" and "Marie," which he composed and arranged for Tommy Dorsey's band. Oliver's 12-piece musical aggregation will play for the dance Friday night from 10 'til 2.

BLUE BARRON will present his "Music of Yesterday and Today" Saturday afternoon in a concert from 4:30 'til 6 p.m. He will also play for the Saturday evening dance from 9 'til 12. Barron formed his band while he was attending Ohio University, and his musical

talents quickly elevated him to the pinnacle he now occupies as one of the nation's foremost bandleaders.

Combining his musical knowledge with untiring energy, Barron has collected a varied and brilliant musical library. His success has been due, in part, to the distinctive styling of his music, which is soft and sweet and adaptable to all types of dancing. Barron will include quite a few nostalgic tunes as well as current hits in his musical program.

Featured with Blue Barron and his orchestra will be a skyrocketing young vocalist, Miss Jo Ann Miller. Miss Miller is not far removed from the Universi-

ty of Texas campus where she cultivated her voice with a college orchestra and studied for her B.A. and B.S. degrees. This lovely, curvaceous young Tri Delt should be quite a hit here at W&L. Dance Board officials said.

President Jay Jackson said, "We've got three good bands lined up for the Spring Dance set. Blue Barron, Sy Oliver, and Johnny Guanieri should make Apr. 17 and 18 an outstanding weekend."

Police, R-t P Seek Tour Con-Man

By BEN BENJAMIN

Remember the smooth-talking Allen Nerr, the salesman who promised to conduct Washington and Lee students on a tour of Guatemala and Central America last spring for a small price?

If you do, and you can give any information leading to his arrest, please notify The Ring-tuf Phi. He owes them money also. A reward is promised.

A Post Office Department poster describes Nerr as being white, age 40, 5 feet 6 inches tall, 170 pounds in weight, black hair, brown eyes, fair complexion, heavy build, and a former resident of Denver, Col.

Nerr was indicted at Columbus, Ohio, on Feb. 9, for using the mails to defraud college students, professors, and student newspapers through posing under the name of Guatemala Student Tours, Guatemala City, C. A.

LAST SPRING a local professor was contacted by Nerr who asked him to be a group leader for one of his tours. In return for a free trip the professor was to take care of the necessary arrangements for interested students. As credentials, Nerr showed a credit endorsement from Dunn and Bradstreet and offered a great deal of authentic-looking literature concerning the proposed tours. The literature was professional in type, having many references in it, including Pan-American Airways, none of whom report any knowledge of the man. To aid in his campaign the "super-salesman" sent advertising to The Ring-tum Phi, using the name of the local professor to authenticate his plea. The Ring-tum Phi was never paid for the advertising.

Two Men Appointed To Law School Faculty

The appointment of two professors to the Law School faculty for the session beginning in September was announced yesterday by Dean Clayton E. Williams.

In addition to the appointments, a year's leave of absence has been granted to E. McGruder Faris, Jr., assistant professor and law librarian, Dean Williams announced. Faris will attend Duke University for graduate study.

Julius Wilfred Ritz, a present member of the Wake Forest faculty, will join the faculty as an associate professor next semester, Dean Williams said. Ritz received his A.B. degree from Washington and Lee in 1938, his LL.B. from the University of Richmond in 1950, and was awarded an LL.M. degree from Harvard in 1951.

Replacing Faris on the faculty, Dean Williams stated, is J. W. H. Stewart, who graduated from the Washington and Lee Law School in 1952. Stewart gained Phi Beta Kappa honors and was graduated summa cum laude. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Alabama.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Troubadour Gyp

Troubadour official said today that several faculty wives who held Student Activity Cards had been mistakenly charged to attend their last performance. "We are very sorry about this mistake and will refund these admission prices if the wives will call Larry Levitan at 6105," they told "The Ring-tum Phi."

Sophomore Party

Sophomores are now laying plans for a closed class party to be held Apr. 24. Place of the outing has not yet been disclosed.

Larry Levitan, class president, said all sophomores attending the party would be assessed 50 cents. "We feel this is a small amount in relation to the benefits derived from such a party," Levitan said. Sophomores are asked to pay their fraternity class representatives or any class officer.

Varsity Show Postponed

The Student War Memorial Scholarship Committee's Varsity Show eliminations, originally scheduled for this afternoon, were postponed for two weeks.

Law Directors Meet

The first meeting of the Board of Directors of the newly formed Washington and Lee Law School Association, alumni group of the law school, was held last Saturday.

Eleven alumni met with law school faculty to plan future projects concerning library, curriculum and placements of graduates in jobs. Three committees were appointed, one for library, one for bar review, and one for curriculum.

A luncheon was held at the Robert E. Lee Hotel after the business meeting.

The law alumni formed a separate organization from other W&L alumni in April at the annual John Randolph Tucker lectures sponsored by the Law School. The next meeting will be held at this year's Tucker lectures, April 28 and 29, at which time the committees will report their findings.

Chief Justice of 5th Circuit Court To Speak at Tucker Law Lectures

The fourth series of John Randolph Tucker law lectures will bring the Hon. Joseph C. Hutcheson, Jr. to Washington and Lee Apr. 28 and 29. Judge Hutcheson is Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Theme of the lecture series will be "Law and Liberty Reconciled: The Principle of Our Free Society, the Spirit of its Laws."

Judge Hutcheson's first talk, "Laws as Consent and Will of the Governed and Their Fealty to Such Laws: The Principle and Price of Order," is scheduled for Tuesday, Apr. 28 at 8 p.m.

The other two speeches are set for the following day. At 12:19 p.m. Judge Hutcheson will talk on "Laws as Restraints upon Government and Governors and Their Fealty to Such Laws: The Principle and Price of Freedom," and at 8 p.m. on "Laws as Means and Struggle for Laws: The Principle and Price of Living Law."

All three sessions will be in Lee Chapel, and the Series is open to the public.

CLASSES IN the Law School will run on assembly schedule Apr. 29, ending before the 12:10 speech. Dean Clayton Williams has announced. Other parts of the University will follow regular class hours, but any student with a free period then is welcome at Lee Chapel, Dean Williams said.

State of the University

Fraternities Increase in Size Following War

(Editor's Note: Hank Turner continues his appraisal of the fraternity system which he began in Friday's RING-TUM PHI.)

The fraternity system has, since 1930 and after a brief slump in membership due to the Great Depression, been undergoing a process of reduction in the number of houses and an increase in the average numbers of members in the chapters. This process was especially noticeable after World War II when the average number of members rose to 51 with some houses reaching seventy and over. The percentage of men in fraternities has also shown a tendency to rise and has now reached its peak of 81 per cent or over. At present the average size of chapters at W&L is 46 men.

It is obvious with such a huge

percentage of the Student Body belonging to fraternities a person not in a fraternity has little or no chance of full participation in campus life, especially with the fraternity house system in operation. As a result, many persons probably pledge fraternities at W&L out of social necessity rather than with a desire or inclination.

It is certainly true that what has happened to fraternities on the Washington and Lee campus has also happened on many other campuses and that it can be called an outgrowth of historical causes which could not be avoided. However, it is true that many other colleges and universities have found other solutions for the problem of fraternities, for instance, the lodge system whereby students live in dormitories and eat in col-

lege dining halls and have the lodges for recreation. This system allows a normal non-fraternity life.

THERE HAS BEEN much talk this year about why Washington and Lee men seem so disinterested in their school and why they seem to break up into little groups. Perhaps the fraternity system needs to be considered in this light, and perhaps we need some reevaluation on this point. Then, too, the fraternity system is generally acknowledged to be at the core of campus politics about which too much has already been said.

In view of all these facts it would seem logical that some objective criticism of the fraternity system at W&L and the University's policy toward it might not be out of order when we are discussing the State of the University.

Judge Hutcheson is a native of Houston, Tex., and lives there. He was born in 1879, the son of a Confederate Army captain. He was educated in Virginia, attending Bethel Military Academy and the University of Virginia.

He received his LL.B. from the University of Texas in 1900. Since returning to Houston, he has been a practicing lawyer, the city's chief legal adviser, and mayor. He was also U. S. District Judge, then U. S. Circuit Judge from 1931 to 1948. Since 1948 he has been Chief Judge of the Fifth Circuit, which includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, and the Canal Zone.

Judge Hutcheson is also a member of numerous honorary, legal and civic organizations, and is author of two books on law.

THE JOHN RANDOLPH TUCKER LECTURES were established by the Board of Trustees of W&L in honor of Tucker, a former dean of the School of Law. John W. Davis, W&L graduate and trustee, U.S. presidential candidate, and former U. S. Solicitor General, spoke at the first series in 1949.

Succeeding year have brought Arthur T. Vanderbilt, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey; John J. Parker, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; and John Lord O'Brian, member of the Bar of the U. S. Supreme Court, here for lectures.

Wutopial Ideal University Has Diverse Faculty, No Grading System

By Hugh Glickstein

What will the teacher of the real Wutopial be?

Not only will there be all shapes and sizes as now, but also the teachers will represent different schools of ideas and beliefs. The diversity will be limited only by the different ethnic and ideological factors that compose our society.

There are certainly Negroes in our society. Therefore, this racial group will be represented on our faculty, thus disposing of the idiotic supremacy feelings and, more important, bringing into the community of this institution diverse backgrounds of experience in order that we may understand one another as people.

The professors' capacity for work will be an inspiration for their students. Their perseverance will be dedicated to creative enterprise in order to constantly enlarge the sphere of their understanding. They will dispose of the unnecessary paperwork and other mechanics such as grading to their better students in order that they may engage in more important pursuits.

Grading will be disposed of as the criterion of student success and in its stead will be substituted recognition because of the student's interest and efforts.

The professor will be able to determine the interest and efforts of his students because the school will remain small, the professor will be the counselor and encouragement to his students, and he therefore will know the individual student personally. The professors of course will continually recognize their own ignorance, and any feeling of superiority will give way to a more genuine understanding of their relations. Haughtiness, aloofness, and dignity borne from false security will give way to friendliness, human sympathy, and interested participation.

AS TO THE PROFESSOR'S subjectivity, there will be no sermon makers, each with his doctrine, because he will be aware as to the importance of other points of view and fields of knowledge. He will discourage his blindly fascinated students, because he will realize that with their added knowledge disillusion must be avoided in order to preserve their genuine interest. In its stead, he will attempt to maintain interest in his course by his encouragement of different points of view and personal suggestions which can hasten understanding in the particular field without unnecessary distortion.

There will be no sterile fact presentation either, for the professor will have an engaging personality, which he will develop, limiting himself only by self-subjection to his course. The facts will demand interpretation, but not dogma. The professor will be an individual human being rather than an object of study. Because his students will be colorful and stimulating, he must be, also.

The interests of the professors and students will not be separate lines but, on the contrary, will constantly coincide. The life will be centered around the university; the goals of young and old will express themselves in the synonymous efforts of both. Interest of the faculty in student life will not take the form of regulation, but

instead, participation. This will be possible because the professors will serve in an advisory capacity.

THEY, HOWEVER, will recognize that age does not necessarily bring wisdom and therefore will see no justification in the rule-setting that lesser institutions will be undergoing. Bachelor professors will take their meals with students in common eating halls, and the married teacher will place the life and growth of student only secondary to the welfare of his own family.

Both groups of men will not be expected to follow any set exemplary behavior and therefore rather than having restricted examples of propriety or rightness will encourage the student's personal adjustment in keeping with the needs of the latter in order that he may affirm his belief in the institution's way of life, to which each shall add by his individuality but also by his common participation.

T.N. Page Centennial Committees Named

Dr. Marvin Perry announced last week the names of the members of the Thomas Nelson Page Centennial committee.

Honorary and executive capacities are filled by a number of outstanding men and women representing all phases of business, religious, and cultural life in the South and East.

The list follows:

Honorary members include: Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia; Right Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, of Richmond; Right Rev. Beverley D. Tucker, of Cleveland; Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman, of Richmond; Mr. Barron Black, of Norfolk; Mr. D. Tennant Bryan, of Richmond; Mr. Virginius Dabney, of Richmond; Mr. Mark Etheridge, of Louisville; Mr. John Temple Graves, of Birmingham; Very Rev. Francis Sayre, Dean of the National Cathedral, Washington; Mrs. Alfred I. du Pont, of Wilmington; President George Modlin, of the University of Richmond; President Edgar Gammon, of Hampden-Sydney College; President William Quillian, of Randolph-Macon Woman's College; President Earl Moreland, of Randolph-Macon College; Bishop F. D. Goodwin, of Richmond; Right Rev. Henry W. Hobson, of Cincinnati; Rev. Arthur Lee Kinsloving, of New York; President Pendleton Gaines, of Wofford College; Miss Ellen Bagby, of Richmond; Miss Annie Stewart, of Richmond; Mr. Lewis Williams, of Richmond; Mr. Charles Scribner, of New York; Dr. Fred Collier, of the University of Michigan; Mr. William Castle, of Washington; Mrs. James L. Coker, of Hartsville, S. C.; Mrs. Arthur B. Collins, of Richmond; Mr. Frederic Curtiss, of Boston; Mr. Dowell J. Howard, of Richmond; Mrs. John Bell Williams, of Richmond; Admiral Charles R. Train, of Washington.

Executive committee members include: Mr. Randolph Church, State Librarian, Richmond; Professors Amistead C. Gordon, Jr., and Archibald B. Shepperson, of the University of Virginia; Dean

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Gems from the Mailman

Editor, The Ring-tum Phi

Dear Sir:

Conditions at Washington and Lee mark a period of what we might call a pleasant transition from the old high school "daze," but mixed into this new period of life comes the sense of accomplishment and sincerity that is lacking on this campus. This can and will be brought forth for the rude awakening of each student at our esteemed institution.

Our feelings are not hurt when we see something that may not agree with us; and we may turn our heads when a problem is taken up before our eyes, but how are we able to rid ourselves of the god-awful taste within our mouths when lastly the recent political situation comes to mind.

How often we all saw the posters put up by the Political Advisory Committee torn down, marked through, or unclever cartoons drawn in their place. And how many times did we hear false front discussions, faked speeches, and meetings called for the pros and cons of the plan. So why don't we grant its bad; its unfair; or we think it "stinks." Because no one is capable of doing that, because it is not perfect, no it is a try; a step in the right direction.

We are Americans, of our heritage, of course, we are proud; look at how we practice pride. Washington and Lee, a symbol of the South, heralding the methods of injustice, coupled with a thought of a few big "boys" who think they are learning about American politics.

YES, IT IS TRUE that we have seen all this in action, but it is the guilt of each student who has taken no interest in the political problem. Like a raging tide, the black robe of dishonest policy surrounds us each day. We laugh at the unimportance that this situation may be to us; however, do we laugh at the way this injustice

may be treated around the world?

Now what we need is action, not by fourteen men, representing all of us; we need each and every student to help either bring up a new political plan as the mentioned in this letter or rejuvenate the one recently defeated.

The forty-nine students who never placed their votes are not this day about to feel the penetrating pang of rule by a few, but we can see how long they would remain in peaceful spirits without democracy surrounding them.

Our new system, known as the Free-All Plan, has been developed from the amendment recently released by the Political Committee. In order to simplify the form of the system the most important characteristics will be brought forth to show the compromise between the two existing voting groups.

The POLITICAL ADVISORY Board, made up of the president of each fraternity house will not be used, but instead all matters relating to political deals or policy will be taken before the non-partisan Executive Board, representing the core of the Washington and Lee Student Body.

The second change would balance the unwieldy power of the non-fraternity union by setting up a two-party system with the Campus Club whose membership is but a fractional percentage of the total men not associated with so-

cial fraternities. These men not classified in the two political parties would then be given the right to vote at the time of elections without previous party connections. The parties would be divided with nine houses in each one including the Campus Club.

The stage is set; the time is right; its up to us to accept the FREE-ALL PLAN or immediately form another, better political system for Washington and Lee.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew B. Greeman
Edmund W. Nulton
Michael R. Durbin
Samuel A. Syme
John M. Buckley

What's Happening?

Editor, The Ring-tum Phi
Dear Sir:

What is happening to Washington and Lee?

I have noticed, as have so many people, the lack of conformity to the traditions laid down by the founders of this institution.

I believe that conventional dress is definitely on a down grade. You ask me why I believe this? Take a look at some of the students who are seen in town. Do you see all of them dressed as they should be? No. Some are even sloppily dressed in overalls and sport shirts.

And what about the manner in which we are supposed to speak? This is really fallen by the way-

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IM Plan Gives Points For Varsity Members

By DAVE BARE

Last night the Intramural Council voted 9-8 to adopt the new plan of including I-M points for participation in intercollegiate athletics.

On the basis of this, a man participating in intercollegiate athletics can earn I-M points for his fraternity.

Just as each winner of an I-M sport receives 100 board points, so does the house with the best intercollegiate athletic record in the same sport.

To say the house with the most intercollegiate athletes in a certain sport would win the 100 points can be misleading. This is because the "raw score" is awarded on the basis of letters won and value of men to their teams as well as participation only.

In other words, a fraternity with two lettermen in a sport will probably receive more points than a fraternity with five non-lettermen in the same sport.

AT THE SAME TIME, this fraternity with five non-lettermen will naturally get more points than a fraternity with no men whatsoever participating.

"This," says Norm Lord, director of intramural athletics, "will accomplish two things. It will encourage those men of varsity caliber who hold back because they think they can do their fraternity more good than they could the University to go out for intercollegiate sports.

"At the same time," Lord declared, "this will leave a vacancy on the team to be filled by an eager novice who was formally pushed out by the man of varsity material."

"After all," he says, "intramurals should be for those who cannot excel in intercollegiate competition but have a desire to participate in sports."

AN INTRICATE explanation at this point will serve to prove that the larger fraternities do not necessarily have an advantage over the smaller ones by the new plan.

The standing a house receives in intercollegiate athletics is determined by dividing its "raw score" by its "potential" to get the "percentage potential."

The "raw score" is awarded on the basis of quality of performance as well as participation only. Quality of performance counts 60 per cent of the "raw score" and participation 40 per cent.

The quality of performance will be determined by the number of letters each man has won in a certain sport and his general value to the varsity team.

THE "POTENTIAL" of a house is determined by multiplying the number of seniors by eight, juniors by six, sophomores by four, and

freshmen by two and adding the products.

In other words, a large fraternity having a "potential" of 440 and "raw score" of 220 will have a "percentage of potential" of 50 per cent.

At the same time, a smaller house having a "potential" of only 220 and "raw score" of 110 will also have a "percentage potential" of 50 per cent, thus tying the larger house in board points.

The argument against this plan is that a large house has more possibilities to obtain the better athletes.

Stickmen Look For First Win

Washington and Lee's lacrosse team will be out to bring their record up to the .500 mark when they play host to Swarthmore College Thursday on Wilson Field. Game time is 3 p.m.

The Generals will be attempting to bounce back after the 13-2 defeat suffered Saturday at the hands of Maryland. W&L will also be hoping to begin to live up to the third place Southern Conference finish predicted by the pre-season pollers.

To do this, however, would mean a considerably sharper defense and a smoother working offense than the one that faced the Terps over the weekend.

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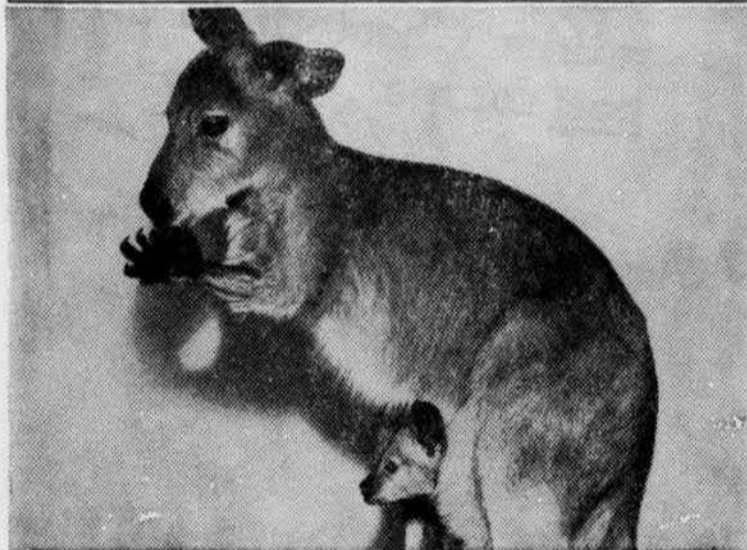
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IM Spot

By COLLINS

Handball fanatics are invited to enter the Virginia 1953 AAU Fourwall Handball Tourney in Richmond, Apr. 17-18.

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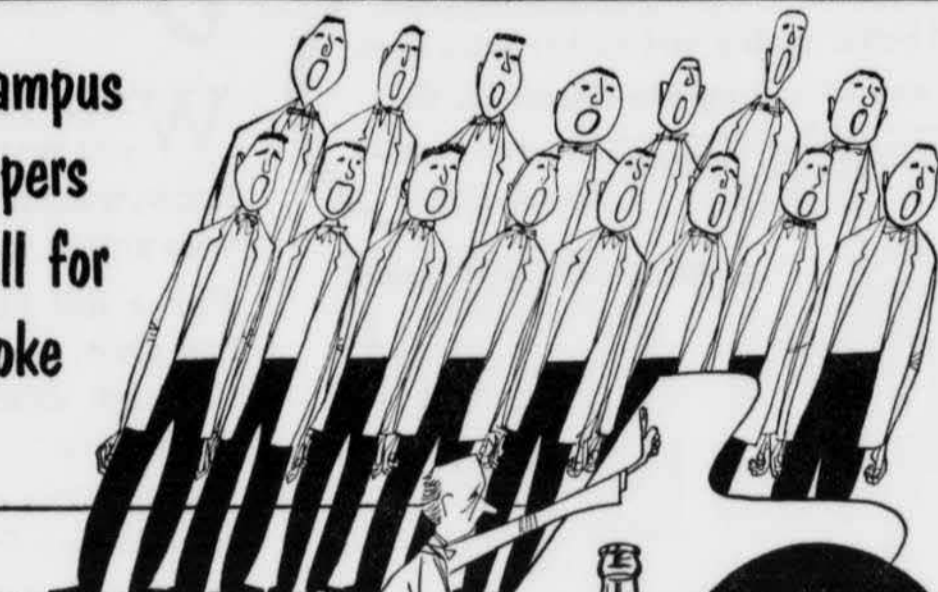
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Letters to the Editor

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side. If you speak to somebody on campus, it's more than likely that you will not even get an answer.

This is not just one person's opinion, but the opinion of many students and townspeople.

There seems to be only one solution to this problem: that is, to try to inject some respect for these wonderful old customs into the students themselves.

What do you think?

Sincerely,
Rudyard C. Abbott

Page Centennial

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Frank Gilliam, of Washington and

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