

Political Science Classes Polling Lexington Area

Faculty To Be Polled On Congressional Reports

Several W&L students will start this week with their polling of the Lexington townspeople to determine whether the public thinks the printing techniques of the Congressional Committee Reports should be changed.

This poll is being carried out under the guidance of Dr. Harvey Wheeler of the Political Science department.

Fifty copies of the report on Small Business and Procurement have been obtained for use in this poll. They will be used as examples by the students making the poll.

Faculty To Be Polled

The members of Dr. Wheeler's two classes will also poll several of the members of the faculty for their opinion. Here special emphasis will be placed on the departments of English, journalism, history, language, law, commerce, philosophy, and military science.

Mr. C. Harold Lauck, of the Journalism Laboratory Press will be consulted for what Dr. Wheeler calls an "expert" opinion.

The offices of *The Rockbridge County News* and *The Lexington Gazette* will be visited. Here too an analysis of the format and type size will be obtained.

Dr. Wheeler said that this project is constructed to show his students how a proposal to Congress is drawn up and how a "random poll" is carried out.

WREL Solves Exam Puzzle

Do you know who "Bracy the Bard" is? Well, neither did anyone else in English 155.

A favorite question of Dr. Fitzgerald Flournoy on English 155 exams, "Bracy the Bard" wasn't too well-known.

Joe Knakal, an ex-student of Dr. Flournoy's, wanted to know who this "Bard" character was. He second-guessed that Dr. Flournoy would have this question on the exam (Ed. note: He did.) and on the Thursday morning "Alarm Clock Club" over WREL Joe asked Bob Bradford for help.

Bob Bradford didn't know, but he was curious. So, over the air went the plea for anyone who knew just what or who "Bracy the Bard" was to call in.

Dr. Arthur Borden, also of the English department, knew the answer and immediately phoned Bradford. Bradford then read the answer over the air.

More than one person got "Bracy the Bard" right on Dr. Flournoy's final—thanks to the team of Knakal, Bradford, and Borden.

Incidentally, "Bracy the Bard" is a female character in *Carstabel* by Samuel T. Coleridge. You sophomores in English 152 might as well cut this out and save it. If you have Dr. Flournoy, you'll have "Bracy the Bard."

Lost:

Two daguerreotypes, a miniature and a colored tatype, disappeared off the wall in the housemother's living-room in the Phi Delta Theta house Saturday night, January 29. Reward is offered for their return or information of their whereabouts. They are valuable to the owner because they are likenesses of her ancestors. Phone 951.

Duke Representative

Dean James G. Leyburn announced today that Duke University is interested in presenting its offerings in any graduate field to the students of Washington and Lee.

Professor Charles E. Ward, Chairman of the English Department at Duke, will be in the Browsing Room of the Library on February 8 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. to talk to any students who are interested in graduate work.



AND THE GODS LOOK DOWN. Fred Easter, as Jupiter, and Miss Synda Rustin of Hollins, as Juno, are pictured as they entered the gym last Friday night to open the 46th annual Fancy Dress Ball.

—Roanoke Times Photo

Fraternities Elect New Officers

Several fraternities held elections for house officers for the second semester, preceding examinations.

Kappa Sigma: Dace Jones, Grand Master; Skip Reid, Grand Procurator; Jerry Hopkins, Grand Master of Ceremonies; Dave Dunton and Burt Tyler, Guards.

Delta Upsilon: Paul Muller, President; Tony Valen, Vice President; Bill Boggiano, Secretary; and Jim Lunger, Pledgemaster.

Pi Kappa Phi: Bill Fishback, President; Morgan Shelor, Treasurer; Ken Starling, Secretary; Jim Roan, Historian; Al Nixon, Warden; Bob Wood, Chaplain.

Sigma Chi: Forney Daugette,

President; Harry Kennedy, Vice President; Jack Friedman, Secretary; and Joe Banks, Treasurer.

Pi Kappa Alpha: Bob Cullers, President; Bill Schuler, Vice President; Mark Davis, House Manager; Hubert Marlowe, Treasurer; and Charles Watson, Secretary.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon: Ed Givhan, President; Mike Earp, Vice President; Al McClain, Secretary; and Dudley Rogers, Treasurer.

Sigma Nu: Lem Hough, President; Bill Merrick, Vice President; Charlie MacIntosh, Pledgemaster; Bill Yager, House Manager; Hal Hamilton, Treasurer; and Henry Morgan, Reporter.

44 W&L Men Are Affected By Automatic Rule

Registrar E. M. Howard announced today that forty-four men have fallen under the automatic rule at the end of the first semester. This is less than last year's total of fifty men for the same time.

Howard also stated that eight new men are entering school for the second semester and eight men have returned to school after an absence.

The new men are Thomas Elred Bradford, Jr., Birmingham, Alabama; Charles Henry Colvin, III, Birmingham, Alabama; John Earle Baylis, Birmingham, Alabama; Howard Carroll Packett, Montross, Virginia and Samuel Barnett Tannahill, Birmingham, Alabama. Transfer students are: John Sheridan Coleman, Lansing, Michigan (Michigan State College); Randal Fink Robinson, Paducah, Kentucky, (University of Louisville) and Thomas Cover Stipes, Flint Michigan, (University of Michigan).

Returnees are: Rabun Lee Brantley, Jr., Bristol, Va.; John Thomas Evans, Jr., San Antonio, Texas; Hugh Curtis Newton, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.; William Thomas Pace, Franklin, Va.; Jed Edgar Steffee, Baltimore, Va.; Richard Allen Lankow, Forest Hills, N. Y.; A. O. Jones, and Cecil Edmonds, Wytheville, Va.

Howard reminded students that the Automatic rule is applicable under several sets of circumstances. 1 Failure to pass 9 hours work; 2. failure to earn net of 3 quality credits; 3. receiving F in 6 hours without receiving a net of 9 quality credits on 9 hours work.

Jack, Smith Awarded Composition Prizes In Freshman English

Dr. James S. Moffatt of the English Department announced today that two freshmen, Whitefield Jack and Raymond P. Smith, have been awarded cash prizes for excellence in English 1.

Jack was awarded first prize of \$40 and Smith received a second prize of \$10. The awards were made on the basis of themes submitted to the department from a number of students.

Tom Akin, Jack Lackmann and Max Caskie received honorable mention.

This is the second year that the Department of English has made such awards—the prizes are the result of Dean Gilliam's appearance last year on a nation-wide radio-TV program. The sponsors of the program donated \$100 to be used, as Dean Gilliam directed, for some Washington and Lee cause.

The prizes were awarded after the entire English Department had read the themes that were submitted.



Eugene List

Eugene List Plays Here Tomorrow Night

Eugene List, world renowned American pianist, will appear in Lexington tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in the High School auditorium. He is the second presentation of the Rockbridge Concert-Theater Series of the current season.

Born in Philadelphia, Eugene List spent his boyhood on the West Coast where his father taught school. When only ten, he made his debut with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, playing Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto.

In March, 1942, List volunteered for active duty and as a Special Services sergeant, he later added a colorful note to his career when he won fame as the "Potsdam Pianist." He was summoned to play privately for the Big Three—Churchill, Truman and Stalin, and before the conference was over, he was asked to play four more times.

Played at White House

During the Truman Administration, he was asked to the White House on a number of occasions as one of the President's favorite artists.

List's post-war career started in the radio spotlight of Harvest of Stars, which recreated the Potsdam incident. Shortly afterward, he flew to Prague at the invitation of the Prague Government to play at the International Music Festival. He repeated his success there in seven other European countries.

List is married to another star of music, the violinist Carroll Glenn, with whom he appears on special occasions in joint concert, here and in Europe.

Three More Presentations

In March, the Concert Series will (Continued on page four)

'Hell Week' To Keep All Pledges Busy

Many Of Activities Appear Ridiculous

By BILL MILLER

The Tuesday Edition of *The Ring-tum Phi* has carried on a special survey to discover what interesting ideas have arisen in the minds of the actives during the past weeks in preparation for the final five days of pledging.

Some of these stunts are the following:

The Kappa Sig pledges will participate in several races on Friday, the last night of the pledging activities. Among these races are a mothball race (a variation of the olive game), an alum water race, and a tobacco spitting contest.

They are also required to duck-walk up the front steps while quacking loudly. Cold water, hot water, tobacco sauce and rotten eggs will supplement the abnormal everyday activities of the week.

The Phi Deltas are near the top with some of the more ingenious activities. A night road race (relay type) between Buena Vista and Lexington is the coolest idea on their program.

Climbing a greased pole on the intramural field is another idea. But the burlap underwear and the overripe onion eating session may top the list of freshman fun.

The Phi Kappa Sigs also have a B.V. to Lexington run with the pledges carrying a lighted candle to light the way.

Matches, chewing gum, cigarettes and eggs must be carried at all times. Water drinking contests, air raids, and mealtime songfests are also featured attractions.

The ZBT pledges are also carrying cigarettes, matches, candy, etc. A personal slave system, a "fun night," and a treasure hunt are scheduled.

Paint brushes must be carried around the neck and demerits are being given for failure to carry out all instructions properly.

Last night the Phi Eps conducted a treasure hunt but not in the conventional manner. The pledges knew where the treasure was but not how to get it. A small object was buried under four tons of coal—the pledges had to dig it out with their hands.

The scavenger hunt and the phone answering recitation are nothing compared to the interesting mealtime activities. Food will be eaten only after a proper amount of begging.

The Phi Psi's have an interesting penny game. Each pledge starts with one penny. If he is caught without it, he gets two; then up to five. From there it goes to eggs and finally live chickens.

The Delt pledges also are enjoying a penny game with the added (in)convenience of duckwalking up the front walk.

One of the mealtime entertainments, spaghetti will be eaten without hands and directly from the plate—pig style.

The Pi Kaps have a trip planned to the different girls' schools Thursday night to play Dr. Kinsey. A few of the questions on the survey are: "Do you wear falsies or have you ever? If so, why did you quit? What was your favorite brand? What is your natural bust size and the altered size?"

The PiKA's last night had a female-type survey with two pledges going to each girls' school to get a single pair of panties. Those who stayed and slept received the ammonia treatment.

A Hell Night drill and a climb up House Mountain to find a lantern are also planned. This year the pledges will all reach the top, the pledgemaster said.

The Betas have reported that they intend to devote the first three days strictly to constructive work but with the housemother already gone on her week's vacation the outlook is not as good as it may be wished.

Eating soup with a light bulb and greasy food without silverware are contrary to social etiquette but nonetheless planned. There seem to

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BEAU REDMOND and Miss Sue Toledono of Randolph-Macon, who led last year's Fancy Dress, are pictured above at Friday night's Ball.

—Roanoke Times Photo

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Greece and Rome

February first—A new month, a new semester, a new start. A good time for everyone to turn over a new leaf. And we are even agreeing with the Friday Edition.

Fancy Dress this year was outstanding. From the decorations to the costumes, from the music to the weather, the entire weekend was one of which we can all be proud.

Even to the untrained eye, the work that the Fancy Dress officers put into the decorations of the gym was obvious. The faithfulness and effectiveness with which the motif was accomplished gives ample proof of the hours of time and gallons of sweat that went into the project.

Nor must we overlook the costumes for this year's dance—Van Horn can be well proud of the variety and yet the unity it achieved in costuming Washington and Lee men and their dates. Although Fancy Dress without Confederate uniforms did seem unusual, it was by no means unwelcome.

We agree, too, that the "Fabulous Dorseys" are truly fabulous, and that the Dance Board made an excellent selection in Tommy and Jimmy. Since the players could really play, and the singers could really sing, both the concert and the dance following were outstanding successes.

Saturday night, however, was marred by several questionable traditions—the Junior Class wasted twenty minutes of dancing as it proceeded, traditionally, of course, to wander around the gym and "form a figure." The spectacle accomplished little more than to mash the freshmen, sophomores, and seniors into the scenery.

Then, as usual, that fine, old, secret, Senior society, Sigma, presented its ridiculously simple exhibition of absolutely nothing. Tradition, too, of course.

From the standpoint of dance set, however, Fancy Dress for '55 was amazingly successful.

February and a new leaf—

As the Friday Edition noted, "the set president, Fred Easter, and his vice presidents deserve praise for the thought and effort they put into Fancy Dress this year."

And as the Friday Edition prophesied, the weekend did live up to every letter of its reputation as the "South's Outstanding Collegiate Social Event of the Year."

Eggs and Alum

Excluding the Freshmen, whom we realize are much too busy this week sliding down stairs on their collective bellies, swallowing raw eggs, etc., to read this column, we shall aim our somewhat futilitarian remarks at the vast body of upperclassmen who still enjoy time for reading and contemplation.

Hell Week is an old institution—one that has survived many attacks over the years. Its success is partially due to its novelty and to the entertainment which it provides for the actives. There is obviously a satisfaction of some authoritarian need provided by Hell Week.

Attempts at curtailing or restricting the initiation of pledges by faculty or IFC usually meet with vigorous opposition in the fraternities by men who cry "usurping power." In some instances this is justified as in the recent IFC proposals which were passed and then abolished in a grand fiasco.

It should be clear to those of us who have passed through Hell Week on both ends that: first, after three or four days the novelty wears off and the brothers become passive in enforcing the rules. Secondly, unless very well organized, an intense program is impossible for six days and thirdly, that the relative effectiveness of the week depends on good organization and active support by the brothers.

It is evident that after about four days the pledges get tired and their enthusiasm and spirit soon expires as it turns into a drudge. (Unity in the pledge class is supposedly achieved through their common disgust and gripes.)

Thus it seems that six days presents a challenge for organization which most pledge-masters and fraternity groups are unwilling to meet. The first four days or so are usually the most effective—so why not restrict Hell Week to four or four and a half days? This would allow better planning of activities, a more intense but less drawn out week, and more enthusiasm from brothers and pledges.

We thus urge the IFC to consider the shortening of Hell Week in the light of the defects which now exist and we ask that they act in accordance with what seems to be logically beneficial for all concerned.

—B. W.

"The French Line"

Sweet Monday Catches Labro By Surprise

By Philippe Labro

It was a sweet Monday morning. After the fever of the exams period and the "South's Outstanding Collegiate etc..." event of the year, the campus was quiet and lovely. I met many upperclassmen. They were smiling and looked more friendly than ever. We spoke about our new teachers, our grades; we exchanged our impressions of the Fancy Dress Ball. I tried to be sarcastic and cruel, noticing how people looked uglier than usual in their Roman Costumes, but they did not ask me if it was the reason why I did not want to get a costume.

EVERYTHING LOOKED perfect. Once in a while, I could see a charming date crossing the campus. I did not wonder too long what school she could come from. After all some girls' colleges are not very tough. And then it was such a nice spot in the landscape....

I went down to the House, whistling to myself an air from "Carmen Jones" (incidentally it is a great motion picture), with the belief this coming week would start the second semester smoothly and peacefully.

I opened the door and suddenly everything changed. In the corner of the dining room, there was a bunch of boys dressed with old women's clothes. They were the pledges. In front of them, I could see about thirty "brothers." Their sociable smile had strangely turned into a sadistic sneering. They were roaring like a group of fierce beasts escaped from "Green Fire" or "Duel in the Jungle." They started throwing beans, hot dogs and mustard. The pledges who obviously did not want to waste all this food crouched and liked it. Every ten seconds, a senior, out of his mind, I believe, jumped over the tables to fling a pitcher full of water upon the heads of the resigned freshmen. The most privileged boys were crowned with jelly or peanut butter.

An hysterical junior shrieked: "It's Hell Week! It's Hell Week!" I may be a slow thinker but I already had guessed it.

I tried to make my way to the door across the room, walking between some crawling freshmen, avoiding the flying bowls of gravy, slipping more or less on the milky floor. I was going to leave when a shaky hand grabbed my shoulder. I turned back. It was the president of the House. He asked in a breathless husky voice:

"What d'ya say, Phil? How'dya like that?"

I was lucky enough to notice a dish full of juicy red beans in his left hand and though I don't have anything to do with these Greek manifestations (since that's what you call it) I thought it was cautious to answer with enthusiasm: "I liked it, a hell of a lot"....

THE WORLD WE LIVE IN

* About Fancy Dress Ball—When you have been to the Saturday night Dance, you have to consider the problem seriously: it was a success and it was so crowded that you could not move very easily. Since the Ball is improving every year and since the student body is getting bigger and bigger, I believe the only simple and reasonable solution is to build a new gymnasium.

* * * To those who did not have a date Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock and who still were trying hard, here's the Scoop of the Year: there were 25 (twenty and five) girls from Mary Washington College down in Lexington for the week-end. They did not have any date and were anxious to. This news is copyrighted and was not discovered by Andrew Greenman.

* * * From Paris—The Seine is still pretty bad. However, the Folies Bergere and the Moulin Rouge are now safe. So you can go ahead and reserve your boat tickets for next summer: you will still enjoy yourself. The starved Parisians can only survive by their new habit: drinking milk for breakfast. (I think they have kept enough sense to drink wine for dinner and supper.)

(Editor's Note: Mr. Labro is receiving an all-expense paid trip to Paris this summer in return for his publicity work.)

* * * Do not miss "Mr. Hulot's Holidays." I have already seen it four times in France. Tomorrow will be the fifth.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



Make Mine Music

Shanley States His Five Points —Reasons Why Dorseys Are Great

By Brian Shanley

Saturday afternoon and evening the greatest dance band in the United States appeared on the Washington and Lee Campus. Those who attended either the concert or the dance could attest to the fact that Tommy Dorsey is the best.

Why is this orchestra great?

1. It has the greatest leader the band business has ever seen.

2. It has two of the most respected musicians playing their respective instruments. Tommy Dorsey—trombone; Jimmy Dorsey—clarinet and alto.

3. It is fortunate in having top drawer arrangements. Scores done fifteen years ago sounded as fresh as they did the day they were made. ("Swanee River," "Without a Song.")

4. It has in its rhythm section the greatest dance band drummer in the country in the person of Buddy Rich.

5. It has top flight side men to give the band personality. These men are not only great musicians, but also they are well known and respected. I.e., Lee Castaldo—trumpet; Gail Curtiss—tenor.

TOTALLING THESE five major points gives us the best in the country because not one orchestra can claim even one of these. What respect can musicians have for a leader who never played anything higher than third chair for a big name band as Ray Anthony or Billy May did. Yet the public thinks they are great just because they are something new. I can see the girls going for Anthony's looks, but Billy May...

Compare in your minds for a moment the dance bands of past sets at W&L with that of the Dorseys. Only Thornhill and The Duke even came close to the wonderful dance beat of the Dorseys, and after all that is what they are hired to play—a dance beat, not show off the talents of a graduate of Schillinger's arranging school.

Another thing which I noticed that made the Dorseys so outstanding was the fact that they were not exhibitionists. They did not have to parade through the audience playing "The Saints" in order to put over the music. The Dorsey orchestra played their music as professional musicians should and let it speak for itself.

THIS IS AN ORCHESTRA in which its members take pride. It

Riding Club To Be Formed

All students interested in forming a W&L Riding Club have been requested to meet in the Student Union on Thursday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m. All those interested but cannot be present at that time are asked to call Lexington 2177 during the day or Lexington 3104 in the evening before that date.

Semester Fees

Second semester fees are due and payable in the Treasurer's office. They must be paid at once.

Visitors Are Impressed By Junior Figure

By Robert C. Nunnally

A middle-aged gentleman in the lobby of the Robert E. Lee swore from here to Abyssinia he wouldn't set foot in another Fancy Dress Dance.

"ALL NIGHT LONG," he explained, "I expected them to turn that horse around so we could see it from the front. When they didn't, that put a damper on things right then and there.

"But the Junior Figure—Lord, what a figure! When the juniors joined into fours, then broke up into twos, then back into fours and kept going around in circles, I thought the band would break into 'Wagon Wheels' and the thing would never end.

"It did though, and everybody formed a big aisle. The band played "Pomp and Circumstance" as though it were another academic procession but it wasn't—just Mr. Borthwick. There they were, like the Tsar of Russia was coming, "Pomp and Circumstance," and everything, and who came down the aisle? Mr. Borthwick.

"I had left just as the Junior class officers had to dance for the crowd. Two of them were out of step and one of the dates got hiccoughs."

SPEAKING OF Mr. Borthwick, it seem he had a little trouble during the dances. His camera wouldn't work either night. When it did work the lens was pointed in one direction and the flash bulb in the other. Then his flash attachment broke.

It doesn't matter though—they're renaming one of the paintings at the art exhibition "Scenes from Fancy Dress" and hoping no one will know the difference.

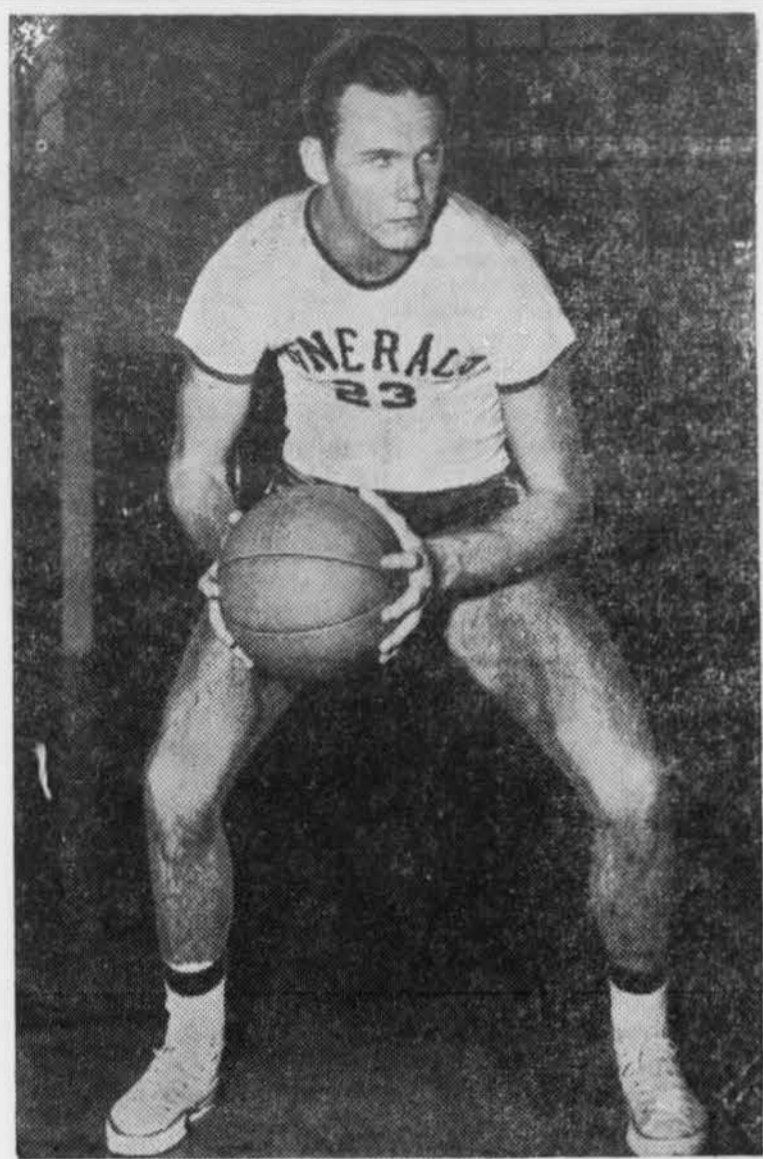
Sacco and Vanzetti wanted baths for Fancy Dress but didn't get them.

INCIDENTAL NOTE ON academics: Look for a new course beginning next year—Conversational ROTC.

A date at the Delt cocktail party collects spiders. She says she has nearly every variety.

"You have no idea how fascinating it can be to watch the mating habits of the various species. Some of them have to dance for their females. If they don't perform exactly right, the female won't have anything to do with them. Some of them have to make sure their mates are well fed, and some of them even have to make cooing noises in the females ear. An angry female can be fatally dangerous."

I suppose she got into spiders after I left.



LEE MARSHALL, Blue and White sophomore scoring star, who brought his average up to 21.3 points per game with a 37 point effort in the Generals' last game against Virginia before exams. He ranks sixth in the state. Sophomore Marshall and freshman guard Dom Flora have accounted for 50 points between them in the Generals' last three games. Flora's average is 18.7.

General Courtmen Hoping To Move up in SC Standings In Davidson, Citadel Contests

Hitting the hardwood trail again after a three-week examination lay-off, Washington and Lee's basketball team journeys into the Carolinas for weekend games with Davidson and The Citadel on Friday and Saturday.

Coach Billy McCann's youngsters could just about clinch a Southern Conference tournament berth with a pair of victories. Davidson is tied for third with George Washington with a 3-1 conference record, but the Wildcats' wins have come against the league's weak sisters and the team's only conference loss was administered by VPI, a team Washington and Lee routed by 25 points. The Citadel occupies the SC basement and has made the headlines this season only by virtue of

their record 154-67 shellacking by Furman early in January.

Coach McCann is looking for some scoring help for his two teen-age point producers, Lee Marshall and Dom Flora. The big sophomore center and spectacular freshman have been responsible for over 50 points between them in the last three games and have 21.3 and 18.7 averages for the season, ranking them sixth and 11th in the state scoring derby. A return to scoring form by Bob McHenry, Milt Winawer or Barry Storick would lessen the load on Marshall and Flora.

Tickets for the W&L-W.Va. game at Fayetteville, West Virginia can be purchased at the Athletic Office (Continued on page four)

THE RING-TUM PHI Sports

W&L Nine Picks Hamric, Kops

Seniors Lowell Hamric and Dick Kops were elected co-captains for the 1955 Washington and Lee baseball team yesterday.

Hamric, a mainstay at third base for the past two years, is a local product, having played high school baseball for Lexington. The red-headed hot corner guardian hit only .239 last year, but more than half his 17 safeties were for extra bases.

Kops, who has played the outfield, first base and pitched at Washington and Lee, is from Manhasset, New York. His defensive play at first last year bordered on the sensational in spite of his five-foot-nine stature.

Varsity pitching and catching candidates will get a head start on the rest of the aspirants when they begin workouts next week.

Indoor Track Season Starts With VMI Winter Relays; Jaber, Duffy in Three Mile

Indoor track practice will get underway this week with all men interested drawing equipment between 2 and 4 p.m. Wednesday. Coach Norm Lord has scheduled practice from 4:30 to 5:45 at the VMI Fieldhouse.

Washington and Lee will enter two men in Saturday's Winter Relays in the VMI Fieldhouse. Bob Jaber and Chuck Duffy will represent W&L in the three-mile event. Aside from Big Six and Little Seven schools, the star studded field will include Navy, Duke Maryland and others. Maryland ran away with scoring honors in last year's meet.

Coach Lord will enter men in the Southern Conference and Mason-Dixon Conference Indoor games which will be held at VMI on Feb. 12 and the team will travel to Chapel Hill on February 26 for the Carolina Relays.

Varsity Grapplers Face Citadel, JVs Vie With Granby

Washington and Lee's wrestling team will be looking for its third win in a row Saturday night when it meets The Citadel in Doremus Gym. The Generals' match will follow the VMI-North Carolina meet which will start at 7:30.

The Blue and White Junior Varsity grapplers will try to post their first win in two matches when they meet a strong Granby High team at 4:00 Saturday in Lexington. Granby has been beaten once this year.

The probable varsity lineup will include:

Bob Neunreiter or Jim Van Cleve at 123, Dick Whiteford—130, John El-

lis—137, Don Fowler—147, Bill Northrop—157, Bob Miller—167, Gibby McSpadden—177, and John Hollister or Gill Holland at heavyweight.

Football Practice Begins

New Washington and Lee head football coach Bill Chipley won't know much about the team he's signed to coach this season until late this afternoon when "spring" football practice begins.

Shipley expects about 50 men to come out for W&L's amateur grid squad. Employment of the Split-T formation should help utilize what promises to be a fast backfield.

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Nature of Grid Contracts Suspect

By PAT SULLIVAN

For various reasons, some obvious, some not so obvious, athletics both collegiate and professional have been taking quite a beating for the past few years and in particular the last few months. One of the most recent blasts against college football has been directed against the attitude of too many college coaches toward signed contracts.

If you recall, not long ago Bowden Wyatt jumped a contract at Arkansas to take over the helm at Tennessee. The same situation surrounded the breach of contract perpetrated by Jack Mitchell who also switched colleges in the middle of a contract.

Contract Binding

To my mind, a signed contract is as binding as any other civil procedure possibly could be but many college coaches seem to think differently. A term agreement makes little or no difference when a football coach sees an opportunity to make a little bit more loot or increase his prestige on the national sports scene. It is true that coaches of this type are in the minority, but even a minority of one in such instances is too many.

Former W&L coach Carl Wise though not jumping a contract did take a leave of absence last fall to coach in Canada rather than stay and try to put football back on its feet here on the campus. That job was left to Boyd Williams who, despite the inconvenience to himself, gave his own time and efforts to W&L in order that football would not die completely.

Furthermore Coach Wise resigned at W&L even before he was sure of another position. Apparently he felt that he would rather go anywhere than stay at W&L and give us a winning amateur team.

For this reason, I wonder if possibly Wise made his statement with

tongue in cheek that he could not serve the best interests of the University by staying. I'm not quite convinced that he was primarily concerned with the interests of Washington and Lee.

However, I am convinced that Coach Chipley will do a better job than Wise could have done under the circumstances. Chipley has the benefit of Boyd Williams' year at the helm of a strictly amateur squad. In addition to that though, and perhaps even more important, is the fact that Chipley is here at W&L because he loves football as such, not because of what he's going to get out of it.

Goodbye, Carl Wise! Welcome Coach Chipley!

SHORT SHOTS: Belated congratulations to Cy Twombly and the Athletic Department for rewarding Ronnie Statome's honesty at a recent basketball game. The youngster returned the W&L football he had found on the IM field and in appreciation was awarded a brand new football... It was disappointing to learn how short people's memories are. Not one mention was made in the R-T P about Scotty Hamilton's heart attack and subsequent hospitalization in Harrisonburg. Scotty was head basketball coach here only a couple of years ago... Rumor has it that Tulane will drop bigtime football in 1957. The New Orleans school denies it but smoke often means fire. I wonder if W&L has started a snowball toward amateurism?... E. C. Glass High School has a pretty fair center in H. W. Row-

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Fleecing the Mink

'Charlie' Sees FD From Different Angle Than Sacco and Vanzetti

By Charlie Makinson

I'm Charlie Makinson and if you are interested in the column this week you will have to accept me as a substitute for Sacco and Vanzetti. You see both of them had a little trouble last week when they were caught going to an out-of-state flick between two exams. S&V have been fined and temporarily dropped from the rolls.

"Ye Ed" asked me to give you my own impression of what Sacco and Vanzetti would have found in Lexington had they been able to be here to substitute "Toga Day."

It was the morning of the 28th that the two ventured out of their fratry lodge into the open air. It was just after the two-week exam period and they saw Lexington for the first time in 72-hours.

Eager with anticipation they grabbed their old friend Dildoe, and headed for the gymnasium where they could supervise preparations. Walking into the gym the superintendents saw the almost perfect reproduction of the Greek and Roman Empire. The sight swelled them and Sacco breathed, "Et Tu Brute."

Dildoe Looked Pale

After checking preparations with the President of Fancy Dress who had already assumed his role of Jupiter, they quickly left the scene. Dildoe looked a little pale after his interview with the King of the Gods.

Together they went over to Doc's, sat down, and ordered a "Red Herring"—their favorite drink, which Doc serves up so well for them. After the drink and a few glasses of orange juice, another favorite, they headed for a trip around the campus to look for the "Best-Dressed Mink" on Toga Day.

For many many hours they covered the area with no luck and were about to give up when they spotted a rather battered looking sailor walking down the street. They turned to him—his Toga was perfect—a special color scheme too. Bright white, with a touch of midnight blue. The fellow offered to stop and talk for a while. He admitted being

a Washington and Lee alumnus of a few years back who had returned for the "Odyssey." He said his name was Bob M-O-S-C-O-W. Looking in an old Calyx the three found he was O.K. and Bob was made president of Toga Day and **The Ring-tum Phi Man of the Week.**

After the ceremony in the PiKA lounge the four went off together in the direction of the bus terminal. There they were to meet their dates. The bus arrived, and out came a group of seasoned veterans. All of them rushed for cabs and waiting mugs, but a small group was left standing next to the porter.

On the Make

Sacco, Vanzetti, Dildoe, and Bob approached them. They were four girls—and all good-looking—it couldn't be true. Sally, Gladys, Robert, and Mel. No the names didn't match for two of them. After checking identification bracelets against social security tags, an understanding was reached. The Robert was Roberta and the Mel Melaine. Now it was perfect.

Later the group found themselves in the Pine Room of the Mayflower, where everyone was getting pretty friendly by the time the eight new friends arrived. And that's just about the time I lost Sacco and Vanzetti. For you see I only drink milk straight and someone slipped me something over the rocks.

But that's what Sacco and Van-

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between now and Feb. 7 at 12 noon. Tickets for the game, which will be played on Saturday, February 12 at 8 p.m., are \$2 each. Very few seats for the game are left.

Fayetteville is located about 145 miles west of Lexington. The easiest way to get there by car is to follow route 60 until you reach cut off No. 82. This is about 10 miles outside of a town called Lookout. Make a left turn on No. 82. It leads right to the town of Fayetteville.

zetti would have done if they had been here. It's just as well though; they're good party-boys and I got two beautiful babes.

Unfortunately none of their suggestions were used in the 1955 version of Fancy Dress. Their idea was "A Night in a Roman Bath" and would have been ridiculously easy to organize. Sacco and Vanzetti said few costumes would be necessary for "the Bath Theme." Those in the figure would wear colorful towels while the rest of the dance participants would be conservatively clad in nothing.

"Decorations are another problem entirely," said the two. Atomic Architects of Buena Vista could be called on to supply any needed scenic color. "Plumbing installed with pipes protruding everywhere would give just the effect."

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be quite a few amateur lumberjacks on campus lately...also Beta pledges.

The DU pledges are carrying light bulbs on a pole and are wearing lamp shades. They are also wearing blue and yellow socks and ties.

The Phi Gams are having their pledges wear pajamas at all times when in the dining room in addition to being required to carry a lemon and an onion around their necks at all times. The latter two objects are "lunch and dinner" said one Fiji spokesman.

The KA's are going to carry the traditional "yule" log around this year. They have also organized a toga race from B.V. to the house

carrying a lighted torch. For this the pledges will be standing about a half mile apart.

The SAE pledge class started off with a scavenger hunt last night and have planned for the remainder of the week little stunts like sucking eggs, milk chugging contests, burlap underwear, and baby clothes. They will also have the opportunity to see how long they can keep an egg in their mouth without breaking it.

The Sigma Chis have said that in order to appease **The Ring-tum Phi** and the IFC all "Greek Week" proceedings will be kept hush-hush.

The Lambda Chi pledges are being required to wear their clothes backwards during mealtime. They are also carrying a "purple shaft" (complete with feather) around with them all week.

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ick. It might pay Coach McCann to investigate the situation down there in Lynchburg. One strange thing though, in four quarters against Covington H. S. Rowick didn't fire one hook shot...The biggest sports event by far of the past week though, was the Southern Invitational "Toe-Stomp" in the gym last Friday night. Some called it Fancy Dress, but the former title suits it better.

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