

Forensic Team Wins Charleston Tourney

The Washington and Lee Forensic Team won the 1955 Morris Harvey Forensic Tournament Trophy last Saturday in Charleston, W. Va., by placing first in the sweepstakes in competition with twelve other schools including Notre Dame, West Virginia, Penn., Ohio State, Kentucky, and Pittsburgh.

The W&L group had a total score of 71 compared to 65 for second place William and Mary College. Pennsylvania came in third with 62 and Notre Dame was fourth with a score of 55.

Rating Average Highest

The debate team won nine and lost one to place second behind undefeated Pennsylvania. The W&L debaters had the highest individual team point average of any team in the tournament. The affirmative team composed of Joe Ripley and Cliff Smith received a superior rating and certificates for winning all of their debates. Bob Shepherd and Jere Williams, debating negative, received an excellent rating for winning four and losing one. Shepherd tied for 3rd top speaker in debate with a score of 30 points. Each member of the other debates had a total of 28.

Noel Copen, intermediate law student, accompanied the W&L group and served along with the coaches of the other teams as a debate judge in the tournament. It was also announced that Copen has consented to

serve as a coach for the debaters during the times Mr. Lanich is working to produce a Troub play.

In other competition W&L made the finals in every event. Bob Shepherd went to the finals in impromptu, Cliff Smith in extempore and oratory, and Tom Akin in after dinner speaking.

Discussion Team Wins

The discussion team composed of Amzi Barber, Charles McCormick, Larry Mantz, and Bill Hughes placed first in the competition. They discussed the problem of "How can a program of desegregation of U. S. school be best carried out?" Each of the four received certificates and medallions for winning the event.

The delegation has been preparing for the last two weeks for the large annual event under the supervision of Mr. Lanich, Faculty Debate Director. The victory of the W&L delegation was publicized in the Charleston papers with pictures and articles in the Charleston Gazette and the Charleston Daily Mail.

Mr. Lanich stated, "This has virtually assured W&L membership in the TKA speech association that we are seeking. It is a very fine start and with all of the boys who participated being freshmen and sophomores, I think we can be optimistic enough to look forward to a winning debate season and added respect and prestige among the other schools in the field of forensic activity."

University To Triple Amounts In Scholarships

More Grants Are Open To Promising Freshmen

President Francis P. Gaines announced today that Washington and Lee University would virtually triple its scholarship funds available to incoming freshmen for the year 1956-57.

Dr. Gaines said recent benefactions have enabled the university to raise from \$8,400 to \$25,000 the scholarship benefits which deserving and qualified freshmen students may obtain next year.

The number of scholarships open will total 35, including 15 new ones set up under two large gifts received by the university during the past year. Among the new awards are the largest scholarships Washington and Lee has ever offered, ranging from up to \$1,800 in value per year.

Once the new scholarships are established on a four-year cycle, they will raise W&L's total yearly outlay on scholarships from approximately \$40,000 to \$90,000, Dr. Gaines said.

The funds making possible the new awards are a portion of Washington and Lee's share in the estate of the late Letitia P. Evans of Hot Springs, Va., and a gift of \$250,000 from an anonymous benefactor.

The Evans' Scholarships are derived from an endowment fund which provides for ten scholarships of \$1,250 per annum and 20 scholarships of \$650 per annum when the four-year cycle is established.

The major portion of the \$250,000 gift will be used to establish a series of awards to be known as the Robert E. Lee Scholarships. Eight of the Lee Scholarships, totalling \$10,000 for the year, will be awarded next year. Included are one scholarship each in the amounts of \$1,800, \$1,600, \$1,400, and \$800, and two scholarships each in the amounts of \$1,200 and \$1,000.

Recipients will be chosen preferably from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Georgia. The anonymous benefactor also stipulated that Lee Scholarship candidates must indicate expectations to enter fields that would mold opinion, such as teaching, public affairs, journalism, and law.

Dean Gilliam said he expected many young men of exceptional promise to be attracted to Washington and Lee by the new awards. At present, W&L is offering scholarship assistance to approximately 12 per cent of its student body. Under the new, expanding program the aid will be extended to from 15 to 20 per cent of the enrollment during the next ten years, university planners have predicted.

The scholarship expansion program was one of the top priority items which the university's recently-formed Development Council tackled headon.

NOTICE

The Modern Jazz Club will hold an organizational meeting in the Student Union, Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Heymann Names Five Men To Fancy Dress Veeep Posts



SHOWN EXAMINING COSTUME SKETCHES for the 1956 "Wizard of Oz" Fancy Dress Ball are the vice presidents of the dance set, Henry Heymann, president of the set and Jack McQuiggan, announcer. They are (l. to r.) Jim Lewis, Joe Chatman, Sandy Maslansky, Heymann, McQuiggan, John Candler, Butch Callaway.

Henry Heymann, president of Fancy Dress announced today the selection of the five vice presidents of the dance set, the costumes chairman, and the announcer for the figure.

Those chosen are: Butch Callaway, John Candler, Joe Chatman, Jim Lewis, Sandy Maslansky, vice presidents; Carly Greenebaum in charge of costumes; and Jack McQuiggan, the announcer.

Callaway, Beta senior from Westfield, New Jersey, will be in charge of publicity. Callaway has been active in the Troubadours and has served as historian of the sophomore class.

Candler, Phi Delt sophomore from Atlanta, Ga., has taken part in the Minstrel Show and is an active member of the Troubadours. He will be in charge of handling the light arrangements.

Chatman has worked on several of the past sets and served as a vice president of Openings Dances this year. He is a Sigma Chi junior from Western Springs, Ill., and will handle the decorations for the dance.

Lewis will handle the music and will be in charge of the Fancy Dress

Figure. A Delt senior from Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y., he has been active in chorus work and is director of the Sazeracs.

Maslansky is a ZBT senior from New Orleans, La. He has served as Business Manager of the Calyx and is the executive committee representative for the Publications Board. Maslansky will handle the invitations for Fancy Dress.

McQuiggan, director of the 1956 Minstrel Show and president of the Troubadours, will serve as the announcer of the Fancy Dress Figure. He is a Phi Gam senior from Xena, Ohio.

Greenebaum is a ZBT senior from Richmond, Va. He will be in charge of handling the costume arrangements for the dance set. He has served as vice president of Openings Dances and was in charge of costumes for the last year's Fancy Dress. He will be assisted by Ted Rich, ZBT sophomore from Elkins Park, Pa.

The theme for this year's dance set will be "The Land of Oz." Heymann and his date will be the Wizard and the Princess of Oz and the

vice presidents and their dates will be dressed as the Scarecrow and Dorothy; the Tin Woodman and Glinda, the Good Witch; the Cowardly Lion and the Wicked Witch; the King of Gnomes and the Queen; and the King of the Sky and the Queen of the Sea.

Decorations for the dance set will be most elaborate. The entrance to the gym will be through the Farmhouse and the yellow brick road will lead to the other end of the gym which will be the throne-room of the Emerald palace of the Wizard.

Les Elgart's band which was the first choice in the poll conducted by The Ring-tum Phi in September will play the first night of Fancy Dress on Feb. 3. Elgart's band, with its "sophisticated swing," has played at the Astor Roof in New York, The Serf Club in Atlantic City, and The Jersey City Gardens.

Signed for the concert Saturday afternoon and the second night is Johnny Long and his orchestra. He features many unique combinations and devices and his band is accompanied by his glee club. Long (Continued on page four)

S. R. Hopper Speaks Tonight on Spiritual Values of Modern Art

"Spiritual Values in the Work of Creative Artists" will be the subject of a talk by Stanley Romaine Hopper, Dean of the Graduate School, Drew University, tonight at 8 p.m. in duPont Auditorium.

The speaker, sponsored by the Philosophy and Fine Arts Departments and the Christian Council, is the author of several works including "The Crisis of Faith" published in 1914 and "Introduction to Riverside Poetry" published in 1953.

In 1943 Dean Hopper received the Abington-Colesbury First Book Award and he has served as the chairman of the Commission on Literature of the Department of Worship and Arts of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America since 1953.

Delegate to Celigny

Editor of "Spiritual Problems in Contemporary Literature," Dean Hopper was the American delegate to the first conference on Christian-

ity and Art held at Celigny, Switzerland in 1950.

He has served as Dean of the Graduate School of Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, since 1952. Previously, he held posts at



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Drew as an instructor of English and the Bible as well as several other teaching positions.

Free tickets for the talk can be obtained from Dr. Myers, Dr. Sprunt, or Dr. Junkin.

Dr. L. Barrett To Release Translations

Dr. L. L. Barrett has recently announced that he is to have translations of two Portuguese novels released in the near future. One, *Night*, by Erico Verissimo, who recently spoke at Washington and Lee, is to be published by McMillan in the spring issue. The other, *Memoirs of a Militia Sergeant*, by M. A. Almedia, is being published under the auspices of the Pan American Union. It is to be a part of a series for the Organization of American States. The date of release is undecided.

Night is a psychological novel, the action of which takes place in a twelve hour span, concerning the events that occur in the life of a man who suffers a complete aberration of character due to a severe shock. *Memoirs of a Militia Sergeant* is a nineteenth century novel of custom. The action is laid in Rio and it concerns the life of a boy to early manhood.

Dr. Barrett is at present at work on a translation of Vianna Modg's, *Bandeirantes and Pioneers*. This book makes a comparison of American and Brazilian culture.

IRC Meets Tonight

There will be a regular business meeting of the International Relations Club tonight at 7 p.m. in the Student Union.

Jordan To Speak to Lawyers

Mr. R. W. Jordan, Jr., Vice President and Counsel of Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation, will talk to the Student Bar Association at 8:15 Thursday evening in the Moot Court Room, it was announced today.

The subject of Mr. Jordan's talk will be "Real Estate Practices."

Mr. Jordan, who is a Washington and Lee University graduate, is Vice President of Lawyers Title In-

urance Corp. which has 25 branch offices throughout the United States and has its Home Office in Richmond.

He will discuss the methods employed to obtain evidence of title and real estate practices in most of the States and the part attorneys and title insurance companies play in the picture.

His talk is being sponsored by the Lawyers Title Insurance Corp.

Mr. Stewart Announces Concert To Be Held In The Gym Dec. 14

Mr. Robert Stewart, Director of Music, announced today that the annual Christmas Concert will be held on Dec. 14, at 8:00 p.m. in Doremus Gymnasium. Admission is free.

Consisting of varied selections, the band will present a program that is not of the typical Christmas nature. However, some Christmas pieces will be played.

In addition to traditional holiday compositions, the Band will present selections from the Broadway musical, "Show Boat." Also Leroy Anderson's "Christmas Festival" is on the program.

The band will present a solo of three cornets in the arrangement of "Three Jacks." This combination was used earlier in the year at the Fall Concert.

This year the Band plans to invite the winners of the IFC Song Fest to sing a few numbers in the middle portion of the program. This arrangement is being added in hopes of making the concert even more varied.

"Hedda Gabler" at Sem

The first performance of "Hedda Gabler" by Southern Seminary was held last night at Chandler Hall.

Featured in the cast are W&L students Dale Cornelius, Ed Hood, and Lloyd Dobyns. June Moffatt, who starred in "Much Ado About Nothing," is directing the play. Also Evelyn Bishop, who appeared in last year's Minstrel Show, and Joy Tharpe.

Who -- Stevenson, Harriman, or Kefauver?

By C. J. BALDREE

With the coming of the W&L Mock Democratic National Convention this spring, it will be the purpose of this column to focus attention on those men likely to be nominated as the Democratic Presidential nominee in the actual Democratic Convention in August and to discuss the major campaign issues of the Democratic Party.

Here it is nine months before the Convention in Chicago, but the challengers for the great political contest have trotted out on the field and have begun to warm up.

ADLAI E. STEPHENSON, the 1952 Democratic Party standard bearer, announced his candidacy on November 16th. This past Saturday night New York's Governor W. Averell Harriman said his name would be placed in nomination in the 1956 Convention. It is expected that a third leading contender, Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, will announce his intentions to try again for nomination the middle of this month.

Speaking at a Democratic National

Committee meeting in Chicago last month, all three confidently forecast Democratic victory in the 1956 elections.

In leading the assault on the G.O.P.'s record, Stevenson charged the Eisenhower Administration with failures at home and abroad and with being dominated by "big Business" to the exclusion of the public interest.

KEFAUVER, who is desperately looking for an issue, as he had in 1951 when he headed the Senate Crime Investigating Committee, and who usually attacks Eisenhower on domestic policy, charged that "we cannot sit idly by and see Israel engulfed in an unnecessary war." He also said the Administration was deliberately trying to liquidate small farmers by the millions.

Harriman pointed out the Democrats were making a "comeback" because of both affirmative Democratic contributions and Republican "in-grained habits of blind partisanship and opposition" which resulted in special interests taking over the Administration while Eisenhower was

busy appeasing the dissident factions in his party on Congressional Hill.

Looking at the strength these men have politically throughout the country, Mr. Stevenson is definitely in the lead with approximately 450 delegates apparently lined up. It will take a majority of 616 votes to win the nomination. He has backing him such men as Penn. Gov. Leader, Mayor David Lawrence of Pittsburgh, Tenn. Gov. Frank Clement, New Jersey Gov. Robert Meyner, Mayor John B. Hynes of Boston, Paul Ziffren of California and the strong California Democratic Council, Oklahoma Sen. Mike Monroney, Mayor Bob Wagner of New York City, New York Sen. Lehman, Minn. Sen. Humphrey, and Thomas Fineletter who is organizing a New York "Stevenson for President" Committee, to name only a few.

HARRIMAN is currently given 150 convention votes at a minimum by his backers. His supporters include Tammany's boss and New York Secretary of State Carmine De Sapio, majority leader of the House John

McCormick of Mass., Baltimore political leaders, and leaders in Utah, Idaho, and North Dakota.

As far as the number of votes Kefauver can count on now is anybody's guess, including the Senator's.

BY THE TIME the Mock Convention is held here several states will have conducted their presidential primary elections. A total of 18 states have scheduled such primaries for 1956, however, a majority of the states do not bind their delegation with the results of the voting in the primaries. In those 18 states 620 Convention delegates will be involved—four more than required for a majority.

In 1952 the Senator from Tennessee found such primaries much to his liking and entered about all of them and easily won them since there was really no opposition to him.

In 1956 these primaries will receive more attention and gain more significance than ever before. Although victory in these preferential elections has not meant too much in (Continued on page four)

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Georgia Tech and Gov. Griffin

For the second time inside a period of a week the racial segregation issue has become a matter of national concern. While the Virginia Senate deliberates on the necessity of immediate revision of the state public school system, the state of Georgia also has somewhat of a crucial decision to make in connection with the segregation issue.

Saturday evening Georgia's Governor Marvin Griffin intervened by telegram in the decision of Georgia Tech to fulfill its contract to play in the Sugar Bowl against the University of Pittsburgh regardless of the fact that Pittsburgh would have integrated rooting sections at the Bowl game and that the team roster would carry the name of a negro reserve back.

Governor Griffin said, "It is my request that the athletic teams of units of the university system of Georgia not be permitted to engage in contests with other teams where the races are mixed on such teams or where segregation is not required among spectators at such events."

The Governor's comment caused reaction from many quarters, the most noticeable being the demonstrations of 2, 600 members of the Georgia Tech student body in forms of marches on the Governor's mansion, a protest from the president of the student body to the governor, and several burnings of Governor Griffin in effigy.

While student sentiment on this issue may be termed only temporary, The Governor's action seems to have several more far reaching connotations. The state Board of Regents has found it necessary to call a meeting to see whether or not they are prepared to support the Governor's rather brash request.

If the Regents vote favorably to allow Georgia to carry out its Sugar Bowl contract it will not at all be a point in fact for this action will have only been provoked because the board feels that it would be all right to relax their staunch non-segregation position "just this once."

Herein, lies the fallacy and the weakness of the whole Georgia issue. A favorable vote by the Regents is in essence meaningless because as one lone and faithful member of the Board of Regents put it, "this will show the world that Georgia stands for segregation where there is no money involved but will sell out when it is."

However, should the Regents take action that dictates the future athletic policy of all schools in the university system then the state of Georgia will have, in effect, taken a positive stand on the racial issue. The stand taken by the Regents will represent whether or not Georgia is prepared to face the nation with a pro or con decision or whether more hedging and pigeon holing of the issue is deemed necessary.

We feel that more than just one Bowl game lies at stake in the Board of Regents decision. Our sentiment is not with Governor Griffin who commented that this reaction to his request was, "An orderly demonstration. . . and just a bunch of college boys having a good time and I never get excited about that."

T. V. L.

The Debaters Are in the Limelight

The men on the Forensic Team deserve a round of applause for the fine showing they made in the large annual forensic tourney in Charleston, W. Va. Coming from a last year's bottom place position in the tournament, they took first honors in major competition.

It has been brought to our attention that the team achieved this distinction under the handicap of the lowest expense budget in the state. The team now receives \$350 a year for travel and other expenses. Of this sum \$50 comes from the Student Fund (Activities Fee) and \$300 from the University.

This compares with a \$3500 budget for the University of Richmond, \$2500 for William and Mary, and \$800 for Bridgewater (with an enrollment less than half that of W&L).

Also, most of the other Virginia colleges competing in debate have a full time debate coach.

Thus, it seems that our debate team is working under something of a handicap. We would suggest a larger appropriation be made for Forensics at W&L. If we are going in for it let's support it adequately!

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



"The pencil sharpener seems harder to crank since professor Snarf moved it up front."



"Vive Le Cinema"

Labro Finds Films That Waken Him

By Philippe Labro

Bright spots. Sparkles of hope and interest. Once in a long while, they wake you up, and you sit here, in the dark house, in front of a screen, with something to smile at, to think of, to write about.

Then dullness and boredom takes over once again and you fall back in a state of passivity and steady disgust.

The bright spots last week were brighter than usual:

"The Tender Trap" at the State was a very funny show, fast and clever, in spite of a miserable ending. Sinatra was wonderful, as the successful bachelor who who throws himself in the trap (not so tender as the title suggested), while David Wayne and Celeste Holm showed off their talent and profession skill acquired during their years on the stage. The dialogues were particularly witty and rather sophisticated, with a nice satirical touch. The conclusion left me very disappointed: how could the director expect us to believe a happy man like Sinatra would abandon his freedom for such an annoying, highschoolish brat? (Debbie Reynolds). I guess Hollywood morals had something to do with it.

THE OTHER interesting films were presented at the Lyric by Mr. Syde, who gave us the same week a surprisingly good western, "Stations West," a great Hitchcock, "Suspicion," and a little masterpiece, "Marty."

"Suspicion" is an old Hitchcock, made long before he came to Hollywood. It offered the usual qualities of this amazing director: suspense, clever acting, constant mixture of humor and drama, social satire, and

excellent photography.

CARY GRANT, Hitchcock's favorite actor, dominated the show, in one of his subtlest, most exciting interpretations. He was helped, moreover, by a brilliant script and by a fine work of the camera. For example: the long and slow traveling of the camera above Grant, carrying a glass of milk in the dark, and, while shooting gets closer and closer, the intensification of the black and white contrast, suggesting something mysterious and frightening.

"Marty" finally fulfilled all my expectations. Not only did Ernest Borgnine demonstrate all the genuineness and intelligence of his acting, but the whole film was constructed in the most realistic, therefore, automatically poetical way. I shall not forget for a long time the beautiful shots of Betsy Blair walking in the streets of New York City, or the complete sequence of the Ball Room, where everything, second roles, music, lighting, was true, sharp, human, cruel. "Marty" is a striking movie because it does not belong at all to the American cinematographic school, but most certainly reminds one of the Italian realistic school of the post-war period.

THE REST OF THE WEEK was as sickening as ever. "One Desire," "The Girl in the Red Velvet Swing," gradually put me down to sleep and I dreamt of rich, golden, heavy fields of corn. Joan Collins is being spoiled by Hollywood. Her line, "If you kiss me, I'd like it very much" was painfully hilarious.

Thank God, "The Desperate Hours" and "Mr. Roberts" are coming. But for such rare gems, how many vulgarities do we have to stand?

Georgia's Gov. Griffin Condemned

Editor, The Ring-tum Phi
The Tuesday Edition

Dear Sir:

Last Sunday the New York Times printed an article concerning the recent moves of Georgia's Governor Griffin to prohibit Georgia Tech from playing in the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans because of a negro player on the University of Pittsburgh's squad and because of Pittsburgh's selling of unsegregated block tickets.

The Times says this racial protest was raised previously by Hugh G. Grant of Augusta and was ignored by Georgia's coach Dodd and Regents chairman R. O. Arnold, but that Governor Griffin intervened requesting that "no athletic teams of . . . the university system of Georgia" be permitted to play teams of mixed races or to play before unsegregated crowds. As a result of this statement, the Georgia Tech students had a demonstration typical of college students' reactions when anything exciting happens. A similar situation has arisen in Jackson, Miss.,

where there has been a racial controversy over whether Jones Junior College will play Compton Junior College in California which has five first-string negro players. Governor Hugh White wisely left it up to the school which decided to play.

Governor Griffin, however, has made an unnecessary gesture which will be correctly interpreted by many, as Regent representative Smith has said, as an example of segregation being used by a politician to insure his election. This, in my opinion is precisely the reason why the governor made such a petty and typically prejudiced statement. I suspect that, unfortunately, the opposition to his request is due more to football motives than to racial integration motives.

This sort of team and spectator contact will occur more and more as integration proceeds, and it will be interesting to see the reaction in each Southern state. Will segregation as a political issue grow even more because of such contacts? This could

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"In Media Res"

Cheeseland and Ratropolis Are The Haunts of 'Mickey Mouse'

By Ed Hood

"Really great! Really great!" squeaked Mickey Mouse rapturously. He referred, of course, to the holidays recently over, which he and numerous other grey mice had spent in Ratropolis.

NOW, a drizzly dull week later (enliven by a Hershey bar sprinkled with four nuts called Know-how, Go-get-it, Take-it, and Leave-it), he reclined in the rat cage that everyone politely called a lounge, swapping exploits with his beady-eyed brothers.

"We painted the town RED!" he insisted through clenched rodent fangs. "The Village Cheese-Barn, the Blue Cheese, Cheeseland, everywhere! Finally ended up at the Ratropolis—great bar—about 4 a.m., drunk, out of our minds. . . boy-o-boy-o-boy-o-boy-o!" He smirked inwardly as he relived a particularly wild moment of rubbing noses with a Ratcliffe sophomore whose nose was pink and moist.

"Oh, succulent!" he thought, dipping his long pointed head down a highball glass and relishing a few sips of Rat 69. He shook his head vigorously and sent spraying in every direction the drops that clung to his whiskers. Then he belched voluptuously.

A mousy freshman blinked enviously at such aplomb and gaped at him. Actually, he despised him thoroughly. But he had been home sick and had gone home for the holi-

days, and now felt rather out-of-it. Still, he did have a luscious cheese-cake which his mother had wrapped up for him to bring back to school. (She had also cautioned him about the alley cats who frequent the Greyrat Bus Station.)

"WHAT'S FOR SUPPER tonight?" grumbled a dapper senior rat. "Mystery meat?" He was very sophisticated and found Ratropolis boring, although he still spent the holidays there, nibbling the olives in left over martinis at P. J. Clark's. Now he thumbed through the fraternity centennial newsletter.

"This is odd," he announced. "The composer of our 'Sweetheart' song says there was no original sweetheart. The sweetheart is the symbol for the spiritual ingredient in brotherhood."

The other rats grinned and yawned. The mousy freshman looked even more perplexed. Why he wondered, had they made him memorize the drooling, sentimental lyrics?

Enough of this fable. I'll tell you the moral sometime.

ALL THOSE WHO HATE ME are invited to bring rotten tomatoes and eggs to Southern Sem tonight at 8:30 and hoot me off the stage of Hedda Gabler. (Mousy freshmen who want to avoid having to read the play also invited.)

STUPIDITY OF THE WEEK. Gov. Griffin's statement (see editorial).

"Across the Desk"

Student Responsibility Is Good; Much Improvement Is Possible

By Marvin B. Perry, Jr.

Students at Washington and Lee enjoy freedoms—personal, social, and academic—which are unknown in most American colleges. In addition, the voice of student opinion is more influential here, and the scope of student government broader, than at comparable schools. Such freedoms and privileges, we are often reminded, carry with them responsibilities. And when these responsibilities are ignored or shirked, the wisdom of the "freedoms" themselves is called into question. In most areas of undergraduate life at Washington and Lee, student responsibilities seem to me to be discharged reasonably well, in a few areas outstandingly well.

It has been my observation, however, that much of the credit for this responsibility belongs to a relatively small number of student leaders, not to the student body as a whole. There are noteworthy exceptions, of course (one of them is the functioning of the Honor System), but the sense of student responsibility is not as widely spread as it could and should be. I should like to discuss briefly, through the courtesy of The Ring-tum Phi, one means for strengthening and extending this sense of student responsibility. That means is the mature and responsible use of student opinion.

THERE ARE SEVERAL areas in which the power of student opinion could considerably improve academic and social life at Washington and Lee. I shall mention only a few of them. The first has to do with the amenities of social life. The maintenance of an Assimilation Committee ought to be unnecessary in a school which prides itself on the gentlemanly conduct of its students. Student opinion, not a committee with punitive power, ought to act in such a way that students will want to observe the customs that have come to be respected here. Student opinion, through the example and the expressed opinion of upperclassmen, should also be a force competent to deal with such unacknowledged customs as sprawling with feet on movie seat backs or library tables. By precept and example, too, student opinion could be a force in eventually weeding out such adolescent customs as excessive hell-week activities or the confusion of loyalties that tends occasionally to set the interests of a group ahead of those of the University.

IN ANOTHER AREA, that of the University's intellectual life, a mature, informed student opinion can be a tremendous force for good. Insofar as a college's chief function—its only unique and non-transferable one—is the training of men's minds, it ought to follow that activities of an intellectual and artistic nature (in and out of the classroom) should

have a central place in student interests. Student opinion should support such activities, directly and by fostering an atmosphere in which intellectual and artistic achievement is given top recognition. Specifically, the average Washington and Lee student, like his counterpart in most American colleges, takes all too little advantage of the intellectual and artistic offerings which this community provides: libraries for reading as well as study, musical and dramatic programs, lectures and informal discussion groups of all kinds. And student opinion does not normally make this average student realize that he is missing anything.

As an example, in a recent class of mine only four of 22 men saw the Troubadours' splendid production of "Much Ado about Nothing." For another, a pitifully small proportion of Washington and Lee men subscribed to the annual community concert series.

I am not saying that we lack an active interest and participation in things artistic and intellectual here, but I am suggesting that they do not characterize student life as a whole. The same might be said, I think, of the respect accorded by student opinion as a whole to intellectual distinction and achievement. Especially among the upperclassmen is there a real opportunity to develop student opinion as a positive force in this area. If it is not done in academic communities, where will it be done? It is the duty of the college to lead; education is a "leading out." The standards and interests of a university community should not be an echo but a criticism, in the most constructive sense, of the standards and interests of society as a whole.

We are no worse in these matters than many other colleges. Indeed, I think we are better than most. We have a flourishing intellectual and artistic life, with students who achieve real distinction in these fields. What I am urging is that respect for such distinction, that interest and activity in such things of the mind and the imagination, ought to reach and infect a major segment of the student body. In such a process of infection, the force of informed and intelligent student opinion can be the most effective carrier!

Yule Service Is Dec. 17

At 10:30, Thursday the 17th, the Christian Council will again sponsor the annual Christmas Candlelight Service. The ceremony will be held in Robert E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church.

Dr. Gaines will deliver his annual Christmas message to the congregation present at the service. The W&L Glee Club will sing.

Generals Face Richmond In Home Game Tonight

W&L Blasts Eagles 103-67; Flora, Marshall Pace Blue

By MAUTER and HUMMERS
The "Five Star Generals" fresh from a victory over Bridgewater last week, will meet the University of Richmond in a key Southern Conference contest in Doremus Gym at 8 p.m. tonight.

Washington and Lee defeated Bridgewater 103-67 at Staunton, Va. last Thursday. Suffering from early season jitters and sloppy passing, the Generals allowed the Eagles to make a contest of the game in the first half, but found their stride in the second half to win going away.

Flora High

Dom Flora was high scorer with 30 points, followed by Lee Marshall with 25. Milt Winawer, Barclay Smith and Frank Hoss also hit in double figures. Hoss coming in as a substitute, demonstrated a good hook shot and rebounded well. The Generals had a 46 per cent average. However, their rebounding was inept against the small Eagles and will have to be sharper against Richmond.

Richmond in its first two games won easily, but didn't look very sharp. The Spiders defeated Hampton-Sydney 81-39, pulling away late in the game after a poor first half. Ed Harrison was high scorer in this game with 14. Randolph-Macon also afforded U.R. little competition as it succumbed 96-53. Roy Peschel was high man with 19 points scored almost entirely on rebounds. Witt Daniel and Lysaght were also in double figures. In both of these games Richmond's strongest weapon was their powerful rebounding.

Improving Rapidly

Coach McCann's Generals have not reached their peak, but are improving rapidly. Flora and Marshall can be expected to improve in their scoring. Milt Winawer's passing has been a high point as have Captain Barry Storick and Barclay Smith's rebounding. The "Blue and White" is considerably stronger off the offensive backboards than of the defensive boards, and will have to improve in this department. Their defense, last year's weakness, has been improved, but still needs work.

Coach Hooker's Spiders will be spinning their web around the offensive boards. Their strongest asset seems to be their offensive rebound-

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General Comments

By JERRY SUSSKIND

The 1955 football season is over and the once fairly powerful Generals ended one of their worst seasons dropping seven straight games. Many excuse this saying that inexperience and youth caused the trouble and that everything will be all right in a few years. However, it is interesting to note that a large part of the '55 Generals will be graduating this spring. The line will be very hard hit. The mainstays of this year's team were leftovers from subsidization and when they go what will be left?

One of the reasons subsidization and big time football were destroyed at W&L was because many felt our team was meeting teams far out of our class with no chance of winning. Large scores resulted. Yet again it helps to look at the records. In 1953 the Generals met a great Maryland team and were crushed 54-0, this year a fair Davidson team smashed the Blue 54-0. In 1953 West Virginia won 40-12 while this season Southwestern rolled on 33-12. Although we are not playing "big time" teams the scores are not much closer. If teams like Sewanee and Southwestern are too powerful for W&L who is their left? The next on the list are prep and high school.

If we are to improve our schedule or even stay where we are some sort of subsidization is necessary. There are extremes in everything and a large scale program would overburden the school.

This season the Generals will field a fine basketball team which everyone can be proud of. Yet only a few years ago this school wasn't much better than a high school in this sport.

What will become of basketball in the next few years? When the men now on scholarships leave, there will be little left. We can put out

a team of good small men, but to land the tall star aid is needed. It is evident that it would be impossible to remain in the Southern Conference if we do not subsidize. The Conference is growing stronger all the time and we would be killed without a subsidized team.

One attack on this kind of a sports program is that the men involved in it are not of a high caliber. This is a rather stupid attack, and hard to back up. In the case of Washington and Lee, anyone offered aid must fulfill the same requirements both in character and scholarship which should guarantee the school getting men of good character. In the past, the majority of W&L's subsidized have graduated and been a credit to the University. West Point, with its well-known honor system, had trouble but came back to be a football power. It is hard to condemn something because over a period of years a little trouble is had.

Whether people like it or not, the best advertisement for a school lies with its athletic teams. This may be unfortunate, but it still doesn't change facts.

This school could receive many benefits from a form of subsidized athletics and could in return offer a great deal to those taking part in it.

Freshman Basketball

Washington and Lee's freshman basketball team dropped their opening game of the season to a strong Lynchburg College J.V. team, 85-72, at Lynchburg last night.

Jack Daughtrey led the Blue with 31 points while Chuck Broll hit for 12. The Junior Generals missed their big center Phil Palmer who was injured in a practice game.

Thursday the Brigaders meet the Hampden-Sydney J.V.

Grapplers Drop Opener To Virginia Tech, 26-6

The W&L wrestling team lost their first match of the year Saturday night to VPI, the defending Southern Conference Champions, by a score of 26-6. The Gobblers from Blacksburg won six of the eight matches with the Generals with John Hollister and Gibby McSpadden winning the only two matches for the Blue and White.

Four of the matches were pins with Ernie Piercy (VPI) pinning W&L Freshman Dennis Patton; Armand Taylor (VPI) pinning Butch House, another Freshman; Sherman Van Devender (VPI) pinning Bob Miller; and Heavyweight Jim Locke (VPI) pinning Joe Cambria.

The Generals' grapplers have a young and partially inexperienced team which should improve as the year goes along. Washington and Lee will be trying to improve upon their record of four wins and five losses last year, placing fourth in the final year's meet.

The Summaries:

123 lb. Ernie Piercy (VPI) pinned Dennis Patton (W&L) 6:40.

130 lb. Fred Pack (VPI) defeated Dick Whiteford (W&L) 5-3.

137 lb. Alfred Carson (VPI) defeated John Ellis (W&L) 15-2.

147 lb. Armand Taylor (VPI) pinned Butch House (W&L) 1:30.

157 lb. Sherman Van Devender (VPI) pinned Bob Miller (W&L) 1:03.

167 lb. Gibby McSpadden (W&L) defeated Don Vaughn (VPI) 4-0.

177 lb. John Hollister (W&L) defeated Bill Heineman (VPI) 2-1. Heavyweight Jim Locke (VPI) pinned Joe Cambria (W&L) 1:40.

Notices

A limited number of basketball perspectives will be on sale in Frank Parson's office in Reed Hall. The Booklets contain complete records and figures on the 1955 Generals.

I-M Roundup

Standing Remain Close; Four Sports Underway

Four intramural activities are being conducted at present. Handball results to date has two forfeits, Phi Gam over Law School and Faculty over PEP, and two matches played, Sigma Chi over SAE and Sigma Nu over DU.

Table Tennis

In table tennis the results are Phi Kap over Phi Gam, Kappa Sig, over Phi Psi, ZBT over Lambda Chi, Sigma Nu over Delta, Sigma Chi over SAE, DU over Law, PiKA over PEP, and Pi Phi over KA forfeit.

Basketball

On the basketball court PiKA beat DU, 54-32; Phi Gam beat Beta, 33-27; and Sigma Chi beat ZBT, 47-35. In the bowling matches PiKA and KA tied, Faculty defeated Kappa Sig, SAE won from Phi Psi, and DU beat Sigma Nu.

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Phi Gam, Beta, ZBT Leaders In Red Cross Blood Drive

The winners in the blood drive contest were announced last night at the IFC meeting by Joe Amato, who was chairman of the program. The Phi Gams, Betas, and ZBT's were the three fraternities which collectively contributed over 100 pints of blood.

A keg of beer will be awarded to each of these three houses.

Lee White, who had contacted the local welfare agency, said that the agency had asked that the number of needy children, to be entertained by the fraternities Christmas, be turned into their offices. Thursday afternoon, Dec. 15, was the suggested date. White said that the houses should furnish the children transportation back to their homes.

Also it was generally agreed upon that the fraternities would support the Christmas basket program sponsored by the welfare agency in addition to having the parties. Sid Kaplan, IFC president, said that \$20 toward Christmas baskets from each house was the usual donation.

A change in fraternity chapter meetings scheduled for Feb. 28, 29, and March 1, was requested by Jack Lackmann in order to avoid conflicts with the University Religious

Conference, which will convene then. All house presidents agreed to call off chapter meetings on those three days.

The Song Fest will be held in Lee Chapel tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. announced Montie Montgomery, who is in charge of the program. The contest will be held among 9 fraternities. The judges will be Dean Leyburn, Dr. Fishwick, and Mr. Farrar.

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be the case in Georgia. Has the flow of ideas changed enough so that the students will react favorably towards integrated teams and crowds? Prejudice may be de-emphasized for the sake of athletics as in the case of Mississippi. If so, is this any indication of a general racial tolerance growing in the South? For athletics are considered very important by Americans.

Possibly the Governor's narrow-minded, typically southern position offers evidence that the political factor in the South refuses toleration even in the limited field of athletics.

DICK CRUTCHFIELD

IFC Song Fest Tomorrow

The annual Interfraternity Song Fest will be held Wednesday night at 7:30 in Lee Chapel. Nine fraternities have entered their singing groups in competition.

Proceedings this year will differ from those in the past. The entire competition will take place in one night. In the past a preliminary competition was held with the final contest on a following night.

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Democratic Aspirants (Continued from page one)

the past, defeat can be disastrous as in 1944 when Dewey defeated Wilkie in the Minnesota primaries which virtually terminated the Wilkie campaign for President.

The first such primary will be held in New Hampshire on March 13 and the last one on June 5 in California.

Fancy Dress Veeps (Continued from page one)

attended Duke University and is a favorite for collegiate events in the South. He has also been featured at many of the top ballrooms, the Trianon in Chicago, the Hollywood Palladium, and the Pier Casino in Daytona Beach being listed among among his appearances.

Heymann stated that details concerning the costumes for the dance will be released soon.

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Stevenson has said he would enter the Minnesota primary on March 20 and possibly the one in Florida. Kefauver, knowing he may have competition in the '56 primaries, may be select in participating in this activity—assuming he will be a candidate at the Convention.

It is interesting to note that Harriman excused himself from engaging in the primaries by claiming he is not an "active" candidate. Thus the Harriman-De Sapio Co. will be standing on the sidelines hoping Stevenson and Kefauver destroy themselves in the primaries, so that it—the combination—can walk away from the Convention with the nomi-

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nation. The picture at present seems to be identical with that in the '52 Convention. The Democrats had to decide then whether control of the convention would be in the hands of the "moderates" or in the hands of the liberal element of the Party.

In the '52 convention both Harriman and Kefauver were on the side of the liberals in an attempt to head

off Stevenson who was backed by the moderates. Stevenson was nominated in spite of trouble with some of the Southern leaders.

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