

Airport Plan Is Submitted To Congress

Field Is One of 500 Considered As National Defense Measure

New Department of Aeronautics May Be Had
By V. M. I.

Definite decision as to whether or not Lexington will have a modern airport will be made by the United States Congress when it reconvenes next January, stated Colonel Robert A. Marr of VMI yesterday.

The proposed field is one of 500 that the federal government may build or improve throughout the nation as a part of the new national defense program.

Should Congress approve the national defense bill, which seems practically certain, Colonel Marr believes that the bill providing for extensive development of the nation's airport facilities will also be approved. The defense bill calls for the construction of 10,000 airplanes in the immediate future and adequate landing fields must be provided for the planes.

Marr, who is in the engineering department at VMI, was unable to say whether or not VMI would have any connection with the field or just how it would be managed. He added that the whole plan was in the preliminary stages now and legislative action was necessary before any funds are appropriated for the project. Eventually, a new department of aeronautics may be set up similar to those now existing in England and France.

The site for the field which is located six miles west of Lexington on U. S. 60 was surveyed by VMI cadets for the government. Tentative plans, according to Colonel Marr, calls for a "Class Three" field. The plant would consist of two 2500-foot macadam runways, each five hundred feet wide, a hangar and workshop, lighting facilities and a short-wave radio station.

The Lexington airport is part of a state-wide aeronautics program conducted by the Civil Aeronautics authority and the State Division of Aeronautics which have made extensive examinations of suitable sites around Lexington. Lexington is one of nine cities and towns in the state recommended for the nation-wide development.

The airport would be constructed with federal funds which Congress will vote on at this session. The town, however, would have to furnish the land for the field.

Applications Due Monday For Cap, Gown Agency

Vaughan Beale, president of the student body, announced today that all seniors desiring to be agent for caps and gowns should make application in writing not later than Monday afternoon, and turn them in to Sydney Ammermann.

Beale stated that the only qualifications for cap and gown agent was that he must be a senior and an applicant for a degree.

Selection of the agent will be made by the Executive Committee at their weekly meeting on Tuesday night.

Students, Faculty Will Assist At National Science Meeting

Members of the student body and faculty members of the Chemistry department will take an active part in the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which convenes in Richmond December 27 to 30.

Students from Richmond have been requested by the Chemistry department here to assist in showing delegates at the convention around the city, and several members of the faculty are planning to attend the national convention.

Outstanding scientists from all over the country will be in attendance, and guiding the delegates around will give students an excellent opportunity for important contacts, officials of the Chemistry department pointed out.

Highlight of the convention will be an address Friday, December 30, by Sir Richard Gregory, editor

Martha Phelps, Radio Vocalist, Will Sing for '13' Club Dance

Star Soloist Will Sing With University's Southern Collegians

Bucky Stoops, president of the "13" club, announced today that Martha Phelps, star soloist over many Virginia broadcasting stations, has been secured to sing with the Southern Collegians when they play for the club's informal dance Saturday, December 10.

According to Charley Steinhoff, director of the Collegians for several years, the orchestra this year is larger and better than it has ever been before, and many who have attended dances for which they have played this fall have declared that it ranks very favorably with any college band in the south.

Many new features have been added to the repertoire of the band this year, according to Stoops. It now boasts fourteen expert instrumentalists, the largest number it has ever had. A swing quartette has been uncovered that is said to hold one mean jam session. In this quartette Bobby Boatwright plays the drums, Gene Seraphine performs on his trusty saxophone, Paul Thomas hits hot lick with his trumpet, and Bob Fuller goes boom-boom on the piano. Those who have heard these boys play declare they're "in the groove."

The orchestra as a whole will specialize in "sweet swing," according to director Steinhoff. Orchestration feature the hot trumpet of Paul Thomas and the sweet trumpet of Billy Guinn, as well

Photography Club To Have Showing Of Color Movies

Color movies and projected still shots will make up the program at the next Camera club meeting, to be held Tuesday night at 7:15 in the journalism lecture room.

The photo contest, announced about a month ago, will officially end at the meeting, and no shots may be handed in after that time. Photographs entered need not be mounted, and may be developed and printed by commercial photographers. If they are developed by the owner he should so mark them.

Judges for the contest, announced yesterday by Jack Peacock and Bob Harris of the contest committee, will be O. W. Riegel, club advisor, Dr. M. H. Stow, and Professor T. E. Lothery.

All students and professors interested in photography are invited to attend the program, which will include projection of 35 mm. color films and still shots taken by Art Armstrong.

At the end of the showing members will discuss the pictures exhibited.

'Messiah' To Be Given By Church Groups Here

A performance of Handel's best-known and most successful oratorio, "The Messiah," will be given at the Presbyterian church Tuesday, December 13, at 8 p. m.

The choirs of the Presbyterian church, assisted by the choirs of the Baptist and Methodist churches, and the Glee club of Lexington high school will take part.

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Cast Praised For Dramatic Ability and Excellent Characterizations

By ERNEST WOODWARD II
Now that the Troubadours have successfully captured their "Criminal at Large," they can settle back comfortably and look upon a job well done.

For once again the players organizations has proved its ability to present to the student body delightful entertainment. Large crowds witnessed the production during the three nights, and each of the three audiences was enthusiastic over the success of the production.

The cast deserves great praise for its performance. Jack Stewart, playing Chief Inspector Tleuth, was at his best as the super-sleuth that finally unwound the evidence and found the culprit. His scene in the second act with Lady Lebanon, where he confronts her with the damaging evidence, was possibly one of the dramatic highlights of the play.

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James Faulkner, as the dastardly murderer, Lord Lebanon, played the maniac to almost too realistic perfection, the suspense in the last scene being kept up to the point it became hardly bearable. The theatre echoed to the sound of nerves popping as the gun went off in the last scene.

Deserving of praise was Dolly Burke's portrayal of Isla Crane, the neurotic fiancée of Lord Lebanon, an unfortunate poor relation who was being hounded into a hateful marriage.

James Clarke and Mike Watt gathered a large share of the laughs with their roles as the sergeants who were assisting or stooging Tanner.

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All-Pledge Debate Team Announced By Avery

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The debate Wednesday was one of the closest in the tournament, according to Hugh Avery, manager of the debate squad. The winner was first announced as the SAE team, but shortly afterwards a mistake in adding points was discovered and the decision was given to Phi Psi.

The subject for the finals was: Resolved, that the several states adopt a system of unicameral legislatures. The SAE team, debating the affirmative, argued that the present system is inefficient and permits a shifting of responsibility. The Phi Psi pledges on the negative side contended that the evils of bi-cameralism are not inherent in the system.

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After the debate Avery announced an all-pledge debate team, composed of men who have participated in the tournament. The following men are on this team:

First team: Allen Overton, captain, Russell Browning, Roger Peace, and Joe Ruffner. Second team: Price Wiswell, captain, Art Koontz, Sidney Isenberg, and Carter Refo.

Honorable mention: Tom Marshall, Scott Smither, Russell Kiser, Clarence Dupre, Jack Boschen, Leon Worms, and Ted Bruinsma.

Chi Gamma Theta May Join National Society

Chi Gamma Theta, honorary chemistry society, discussed plans last night for forming a student affiliate with the American Chemical society at Washington and Lee.

If this plan is carried out it means that members of the Chi Gamma Theta will, upon payment of their dues, become student members of the society.

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Jack Watson Announces Junior Prom Committees

'Marry Early' Recommends Mrs. Morgan

"You can't dance off a dance floor into a modern marriage that sticks," This was the opinion expressed by Mrs. Mildred Morgan, noted authority on marriage relationships, in Lee chapel Thursday morning, in the first of a two-day series of lectures delivered by her at Washington and Lee.

Mrs. Morgan explained that utmost care and preparation is essential in choosing a wife.

"Some men in choosing their mates turn off their intelligence and leap, and regret it the rest of their lives," she stated. "Marriage is above all else a partnership; we want to find a wife with whom we can share everything."

Plan For Children

"Modern children are over-mothered and under-fathered," said Mrs. Morgan; on the subject of children in the home. "Children should be planned for and wanted." Many modern fathers seem to have no time to spend with their children; but they should take time, if they wish to make their marriages successful, she explained.

"Early marriage and no sex experience before marriage will bring the most happiness," stated Mrs. Morgan. Early marriages tend to decrease pre-marital relationships by eliminating the long wait that most modern young people undergo while obtaining an education and accumulating enough money to get married.

Mrs. Morgan was introduced by Harry Philpott, W-L director of religious activities. A large audience was present at the lecture.

Private Interviews

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Morgan held private interviews for about four hours with students who were interested in securing her personal advice.

Immediately following the interviews she led an open forum in the main lounge of the Student Union. Advanced students and faculty members were invited to attend this discussion on the position of the college in educational preparation for marriage.

Last evening Mrs. Morgan conducted another open forum. This meeting was open to all and more than 125 people were present. Questions pertaining to marital problems of young men and women were principally discussed by the sepeaker.

W-L Speakers' Bureau Presents Three Talks

Three talks have been presented by members of the speakers' bureau this week, Professor George S. Jackson, director of the bureau, said yesterday.

On Tuesday Stanford L. Schewel gave a talk at the Buena Vista high school on the subject, "Is Democracy On Its Last Legs?" Yesterday Hugh Avery spoke at the Warrenton, North Carolina, high school on "Social Service," and on the same day Ernest Woodward addressed members of the Clifton Forge Hi-Y on "College Life."

Mr. Jackson stated that a number of inquiries have come in regarding the bureau, and that more talks will be delivered by student speakers in the near future.

Sigma Delta Chi Plans Lunches For Journalists

At their meeting Wednesday afternoon in the journalism library, Sigma Delta Chi, journalistic fraternity, made plans for the remainder of the school year.

The club plans to hold a monthly luncheon in the Robert E. Lee hotel. Prominent leaders in the field of journalism will be invited to address the chapter at these luncheons. The first one is expected to be held in January.

George Goodwin, who attended the annual Sigma Chi Delta national convention, recently held in Madison, Wisconsin, as the delegate for the local chapter made a report on its activities. In his talk before the chapter he told about the activities of the convention.

Lea Booth, Finance Group Head, To Start Ticket Drive Monday

Jack Watson, junior class president, took the initial step in arrangements for the Junior Prom today when he appointed forty members of the junior class to the various committees sponsoring the dance. Watson revealed that the subscription drive for the first dance of the Fancy Dress set would be launched Monday, when the finance committee headed by Lea Booth will canvas fraternity houses and non-fraternity meeting places for subscribers.



JACK WATSON

Graham-Lee Holds Smoker To Explain Activities and Plans

An honorary smoker for the purpose of explaining the activities and plans of Graham-Lee literary society to promising students of the Forensic union, was held at the Student Union lounge last Tuesday evening. About 25 members of the union were guests of the society, as were several alumni.

President Gus Bernd pointed out that Graham-Lee is awarding a cup to the new member of the Forensic union deemed most outstanding in Forensic work this year and greatly limiting the admission of new members.

Any student of Washington and Lee is eligible to membership for exceptional achievement in oratorical and literary activity on the campus. The cup award will be made next spring, at which time Graham-Lee and Washington will rush the freshmen.

Speakers who addressed the group were Dr. J. S. Moffatt, head of the English department; Professor Jackson, director of public speaking; Robert Van Wagoner of the W-L Speakers' bureau; Bill Burner, leader of the Forensic union, and Edgar Shannon, vice-president of the student body and a past president of the society. Moffatt, Jackson, and Shannon praised the recent revival in the literary societies here.

Many Students Found Murdered By Caricaturist Charlie Wheeler

In the week and a half that Charlie Wheeler, nationally known artist and caricaturist, has been on the campus, he has "murdered" the beaming countenances of almost 300 students at one or two bucks a clip.

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During the summer months he remains at the Versailles in New York city, where he often draws caricatures of movie stars and celebrities. Charlie has made some great likenesses of Katherine Hepburn, Greta Garbo, Don Ameche, and especially of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Wheeler displayed a caricatured Mrs. Roosevelt at local fraternity houses, and several students asked him if he had drawn War Admiral sniffing.

Assisting Booth on the important finance committee are four junior leaders who will attempt to push the drive over the one hundred mark by the end of the first week.

Members of the class who sign up for the dance by paying a Junior dues of three dollars will take part in the dance figure, during which their dates will receive class favors.

According to present plans, the drive will be an extensive one, and will probably last till Christmas holidays in an effort to "round-up" the maximum number of subscribers. Class officers Robert Hobson, executive committeeman, George Melville, vice-president, Louis Plummer, secretary, will take part in the drive.

Those named to dance committees are as follows:

Finance committee—Lea Booth, chairman, Arthur Mann, Grover Baldwin, Reid Brodie, and Leo Reinartz.

Invitations committee—Herbert Garges, chairman, Henry Braun, Harold Gaddy, Dick Boisseau, Lee Kenna, Bob Sommerall, and Ernest Woodward II.

Favors committee—Jack Jones, chairman, Hamilton Hertz, Ronnie Thompson, Harry Mason, Watson James, William Washburn, and George Braun.

Figure committee — Paul Muldoon, chairman, Gilbert Gardner, Marshall Picard, Thomas McCutcheon, Bill Buxton, James Roberts, and Bob Hutchinson.

Chaperone committee — Derrell Dickens, chairman, James Fristoe, Brent Farber, John Cleveland, Terry Blandford, Harrison Hogan, and Don Buck.

Social committee—Sidney Lewis, chairman, Jack Dangler, Mike Crocker, Sam Tyler, James Willis, Joe Billingsly, and Bill Ayers.

Hospital Notes

Stonewall Jackson Memorial hospital reports that there are seven students confined at present.

Robert Dementi, Allen Macauley and Latham Thigpen have influenza, while James Fristoe is confined with bronchitis.

Edward Halslip, who is recovering from his fall, is doing nicely. Others sick are Palmer Ogden and Alex Bratenahl.

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"My advice to you boys," Charlie said, "is to find something you like and are interested in. If you do this, the monetary side of life will take care of itself and you will be a lot happier in the long run."

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SUPPORT THE INFORMAL

Dances have seemed to appear with monotonous regularity on the social horizon this fall. When there hasn't been one at Washington and Lee, VMI has celebrated with Hops. And in between have been sandwiched house parties of one sort or another, the SIPA, and local parties.

But the season has not stopped yet, for it's the "13" Club's turn to present an informal dance for the entire university in Doremus Gymnasium next Saturday night as an experiment as to the advisability of filling out the holes in the social calendar with occasional informal dances.

To some this constant social program seems a disconcerting whirl to active student life. It is distracting from the work that the men at the university should be doing and is a country club element in what is presumably a college of higher education.

Fortunately, however, this is the opinion of the few. For while we must certainly admit that large university dance sets are distractions from study, we must also argue that informal hops of the nature suggested by the "13" Club are an interesting diversion after a week of study, and that they do serve to bring young ladies here as guests instead of sending Washington and Lee students scooting madly over slick mountain roads.

The Ring-tum Phi is definitely behind a planned program of informal dances and at the same time the abolition of fraternity house parties. The experiment of the "13" Club may well prove a guiding point for a future university policy in respect to informal university dances and house parties.

The advantage of the all-university dance as a substitute for house parties are many. First of all it is more democratic and provides the opportunity for all to entertain in place of mere limited groups. Secondly, it is much less expensive to fraternities and fraternity members, who now must pay for orchestras as well as all the other arrangements necessary for a creditable house party. Thirdly, it could be better regulated. Fourth, it could combine several house party week-ends in one informal week-end for the entire school. This would not only provide a more scholarly atmosphere but would also enable the members of each house to enjoy more social privileges with less distraction than at the present.

The "13" Club dance deserves the support of the student body, not only as a worthwhile student function, but as a proof in an experiment on the possibility of such informals being substituted for house parties in the university's social system.

TILSON SIGNS

After a long period of uncertainty and debate, it has been finally announced that as coach of Washington and Lee's football fortunes for the next two years will continue Warren "Tex" Tilson.

To some of the Monday morning quarterback and alumni groups, this announcement will come as an unwelcome

—we should hardly say surprise. To others it will appear as the vindication of honest service and a good record of a man worthy of coaching Washington and Lee football.

In the coaching argument The Ring-tum Phi has refused to take any part. It gave praise where praise was due and criticized in a like manner. For those who wished to praise Mr. Tilson and for those who wished to debunk him, its columns have been open.

With the season closed, however, and the argument settled for a couple of years, it is possible to make some few comments apropos our football coaching situation.

The success of any coach depends not only on his personal ability but also on being provided with sufficient material for substitutions and for encouraging better play by competition for positions. It also depends on the backing and support of the student body and on the full cooperation of the football team.

Critics now or in the future should consider these questions before haranguing. That Wallace Wade could beat Pitt with Lexington Hi's football team backed by dead mens' spirit is a beautiful but illusory dream. Mr. Tilson is not Wallace Wade admittedly but he also does not have the material or backing necessary.

And even if we admit that backfield blocking on our team has not always been coached as it should, we cannot escape the inevitable conclusion that for Washington and Lee, the man who most deserves recognition as a real coach is Warren "Tex" Tilson.

IN RE: THE DRAMA

Interesting and encouraging has been the production of "Criminal at Large" by the Troubadours during the past three days. It has been interesting as a play presented entirely by students, and encouraging as the assurance that the drama will not be removed from the student activities available at Washington and Lee.

Too often student dramatic groups are dependent on the genius of an older individual, who makes them his hobby, so that the departure of this genius brings with it the folding of the show or the drying up of all the better portions of the group.

Today that group has produced its first play in five or more years without the services or direction of Mr. Watkin. It has been a success, particularly as a result of the constant work of Tom Tennant and Ken Moxley, indefatigable Troubadours.

It goes without saying that the production of "Criminal at Large" was definitely not professional; but as sound entertainment well produced by a student theatre group, it drew and deserved the applause of all who saw it. To the Troubadours goes our wish for a continued successful season.

THE FORUM

The Hop Committee's Businessmen

The Corps of Cadets of the Virginia Military Institute are by no means a group easy to please. With this in view, we undertake here to throw light upon a recent subject of debate among the cadets at VMI: Does the Hop Committee pay too high a price for the orchestras that play at the dances here?

Criticism has come with the premise that the Hop Committee, in years past, has left itself in the open as prey for vicious "music brokers." It is true that the orchestras engaged by the Committee must be engaged through a New York agency. However, and this is a fact little known or realized, the Committee, in turn, has its own agents who deal with the brokers not over long distance by telephone, as done in the past, but on the spot.

The Virginia Military Institute has, in New York, two prominent alumni who have taken interest in the one-time plight of the Hop Committee. Through their efforts and good will, VMI is able to obtain the orchestras for which her dances are noted. These men, acting on a tip, were able last year to obtain the music of Guy Lombardo for the Easter Hops, and it is because of these men that the Hop Committee is now able to do business in this field intelligently and without fear of being swindled.—V. M. I. Cadet.

Personal OPINIONS

Stories of Nazi activity are creeping all over the front pages. There are little items too that are insidious, choice little bits that serve more to stir up a loathing and a disgust for the Hitler regime than the blaring headlines. They are skillfully written and skillfully sought out.

We catch sight of a small item about a repulsive Nazi rape. There is a human interest story about the attempts of Nazi agents to wrest a bank account of some \$7,000 from an 18-year-old non-Aryan German girl in this country. There is the amusing information that all prominent Nazis who visit New York are guarded by a special corps of non-Aryan police. Captain Max Finklestein of the New York police has detailed a special non-Aryan guard for the German Consulate at 17 Battery Place. The day after the "program" against the Jews went into effect, many papers that I perused contained lists of Jewish Nobel prize winners and other German Jews of prominence. And the cartoons—the dirty cracks in the columns of opinion—the hint of boycott—all this leads me to wonder what the Germans will finally get out of this purge of the non-Aryan elements.

Flash: this column is about to reveal one of the most astounding, the most stupendous, the most colossal pieces of news that is imaginable. As I mentioned early this week, investigation of the sources of this "beat" must be carefully checked and rechecked—and this may take a great deal of time—but the news shall be printed—indeed it shall.

This column has never touched upon sports but it is necessary at this point to state that Duke ought to emerge with the roses out there in old California. Duke it seems has one of the best defensive teams in the country. Her coach is a miracle man at pointing a team for one game, and he is a coach who knows just about all there is to know about football. Tipton is an invaluable asset who can make the pigskin fly in the air and settle just about where he wants it to land. Therefore, I believe that a good defensive team, able to click when the opportunity presents itself has the edge over a team which constantly threatens, but when threatened itself, is in a spot. Another reason is the fact that I went to school with and played on the team with Robert (Black) Baskerville. And a pretty posey to Jimmy Jones for giving him such a nice little plug.

And speaking about guards of a football team—let us consider those behind the scenes men at the Troubadour theatre. Ken Moxley and his staff did all the dirty work, painting, etc. Tom Tennant gets a posy for his efforts, too. Of the actors and actresses of the amateur performance Jim Faulkner gets the posy. If you did not support your theatre by attending—you are a disgusting weed—the kind that has not the fragrance of sweetness.

Every now and then someone sends me an item or an idea for this column. I have several about educational problems and an idea or two concerning the negro (a result of my partiality to the anti-lynching bill). For these things, I am sincerely grateful. And now someone had handed in a poem in an envelope with no name attached. The poem could be termed appropriate, I daresay. It was probably written by a gentleman taking history for it is called "A Page From the Dark Ages." In the light of recent events, however, it would seem that we have not evolved from the dark ages. I reprint the poem for I consider it pretty good.

The victory is won
And the conqueror yields
The arms are collected,
The swords and the shields,
The dead and the dying are borne
From the fields.

The shouting is over,
The piercing alarms
The screams of the wounded,
The clash of the arms,
The men and the women return to
their farms.

He stood up to twenty—
Was fighting alone,
Then ten spear-heads pierced him;
He sank with a groan—
A little child stares at the statue
of stone.

In absolute silence
The fields stretch out far,
A cricket is chirping,
Twilight—the first star—
A nightingale sings and forgotten
is war.

The worms and the dust
Have crawled over an age
And all is forgotten,
Yea, even the sage
Who wrote in a history — one
bloody page.
DAVID MAULSBY.

Campus Comment

By TOM MOSES and PAUL MULDOON

Booth Bitten . . .

Lea Booth, who has picked Duke over the West Coast team in the Rose Bowl, stopped by the Co-op this morning to bet anything but cash on anything but Duke. Bob Barr began to take him for a ride about the Associated Press All-American, and finally agreed to bet Booth a dollar that he could pick three of the backfield of that team. Booth began to falter rapidly, and finally turned to Laird Thompson: "Shall I bet him or not, Laird?" "You better bet to save your face," Laird answered.

Ernie Woodward, an innocent bystander up to this point, cracked, "Tell him that if you want to, but I don't see any use in saving that face."

Est Vox Del . . .

The Vox Pop program, a Saturday night feature of one of the hook-ups, had the singular honor of presenting alumnus Stuart Collie for the first time on the air. Stew had quite a flair for the theatre while still a student here, and pursued this bent as a member of the Essex players during the summer months. It was with a great deal of pride that we learned that Stew, when asked his present occupation, said he was an actor on Broadway, no less.

Pictures . . .

If Bill Buxton hasn't got woman trouble he probably is broke, for last Tuesday he handed in three pictures for the beauty section of the Calyx. His actions typify what women will do for you. As we all know, Bob Watt is the editor of the Calyx and Bob Nicholson is the editor of The Ring-tum Phi. So far as we know The Ring-tum Phi is not running a beauty contest, but nevertheless Bill gave the pictures to Nick and said he wanted to enter them. The similarity of the first names might be a confusing factor and for this reason we cannot be too censorious or derisive.

The Play . . .

The Troubadours' "Criminal at Large" hit the big time last night and seems to be destined for quite a run. Mechanically it was not quite perfect but that may be excused by the nervousness of the actors before the critical first night audience.

The play packs a real punch and it has one of the best scenes from the blood tingling angle that we have seen presented here. (Act 3, Scene 1). Mrs. Dave Maulsby was exceptional, and Jim Faulkner, who carried the other heavy part, maniacs about to perfection.

Red-headed Mike Watt, a freshman, lightens a rather tragic air by his hazy comprehension and delusions of persecution, and Kelper is one of the better English butlers.

Ken Moxley has done a wonderful job on the sets with a minimum of cash and a minimum of work. It is amazing how the set of the English castle conforms to the real thing. Even the soot on the outside of the fireplace seems to be natural.

Director Tom Tennant certainly has made the most of a bad situation and deserves a great deal of credit not only for the work that he has done, but for an honest desire to keep the theatre on this campus from going the way of Traveler's bones.

ATO Hero . . .

We learned in a Southern History class the other day that there is a monument to one Bigfoot Wallace in the front yard of the main street A. A. It seems that Bigfoot was a Virginian who migrated to Texas, back in the early days of Texas history. He was noted for nothing in particular except his feet and a propensity for fighting. A memorial to a man of that calibre could not be placed more appropriately.

Wahoos . . .

The recent appearance of the Jefferson nickel has given the Wahoos something to write home about. On the front is a bust of the immortal T. J. and on the reverse a picture of Monticello, Marse Jefferson's old home-stead. This is a just retaliation via the United States government for the nasty things those old Harvard boys said about our state college chums.

What with a boxing team, a new football coach, and a shiny new nickel the boys from Charlottesville seemed to be well healed to stand the blasts of the cruel winds that blow south from Cambridge. (If you think that "well-healed" business is ambiguous the chances are that you are right.)

We also note with alarm that the Harvards have decided to call it quits with the townspeople of Cambridge. There will probably be a supreme court ruling on this in the near future, because anything emanating from that sector requires a constitutional decision sooner or later.

The Governor Says

Duke has been invited to the Rose Bowl. Compared to a few of the other bowl games, the Pasadena affair looms like a battle between Randolph-Macon and Sweet Briar; but then that would be quite a battle.

Charlie Steinhoff's little band is said to be featuring a young woman vocalist from Roanoke. If it's a woman, it's worth seeing if not hearing.

Oldsters are somewhat up in arms about the showing of "Birth of a Baby" in Buena Vista. They will be seen slipping into the back seats at every performance.

Tex Tilson Signs Again. Ho-hum, ho-hum, and ho-hum. Two more years of football under the pardon-me system.

Vaughan Beale will lead an investigation of dance invitations. This ought to clear up a question that's bothered me for a long time, how a few of the local merchants got first row seats without ever being issued invitations or paying at the gate.

Letters to the Editor

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

The Literary Societies Answer

Dear Sir:

It was with much surprise but more disappointment that I read your editorial, "A Note of Obscenity." From personal experience with your paper when I was associated with it, and from The Ring-tum Phi's record, I was under the impression that its editor and staff were efficient and accurate journalists. However, that article left vast doubt in my mind concerning the status of your paper. I appreciate the privilege of setting you aright on a few issues.

In the first place, your editorial was written from second-hand knowledge. All you know about the present Forensic Union or literary societies is what you learn through your reporters. In the second place, news reporters must respect confidences. Accuracy and efficiency are the two fundamental principles of journalism. Much of what goes on in the Union, like the details of any organization, is of no news value. It is also off the record. Your reporters have broken our confidence in them, which we asked them not to betray. We did not tell them they would be expelled if they "so much as printed a word," as you would have your readers believe. The Forensic Union meetings have not been obscene; but The Ring-tum Phi's accounts of those meetings have.

However, your greatest error, among the many, has been in considering the Washington and Lee Literary societies as synonymous with the Forensic Union. The latter is listed in the catalogue as public speaking 1-2; the former are separate honorary organiza-

tions which function individually and admit only those students who show exceptional ability in oratory and literary work. Their membership is by no means confined to the Forensic Union, which is a recently founded organization. Last year they opposed each other in the Union; but even then they were absolutely separate. This year they are not a part of the Union at all and are more honorary than ever before. Their programs have never approached obscenity. A news article in this issue of your paper is proof of my stand. The president of Washington Literary Society has authorized me to speak for him also in correcting you for your grossly inaccurate treatment of these two century-old, traditional, and rival organizations of Washington and Lee. The members of these two societies who are in the Union will continue to strive for better and better public speaking classes. We will be very glad to show or explain to you, Mr. Editor, anything you wish to know concerning the societies or the Union. GUS BERND, President of Graham-Lee Society.

More Literary Society

Dear Sir:

I observed in an article in one of your recent issues the point emphasized that at a meeting of the Forensic Union for discussion of chaperonage no faculty members were present. I believe the cause of this should be pointed out: namely, that a special faculty meeting that night prevented the adviser from remaining for the full session of the Union. GEORGE S. JACKSON

Examination Schedule

The following is the schedule for First Semester Examinations Tuesday, January 24, 1939, through Thursday, February 2, 1939.

Tuesday, January 24 9:00 a. m.	All classes in Block D—T. T. S. 9:20 except as otherwise scheduled.
Tuesday, January 24 2:00 p. m.	All classes in Block F—T. T. S. 10:15 except as otherwise scheduled.
Wednesday, January 25 9:00 a. m.	All classes in Block H—T. T. S. 11:10 except as otherwise scheduled.
Wednesday, January 25 2:00 p. m.	All classes in Hygiene 1 and Accounting 101.
Thursday, January 26 9:00 a. m.	All classes in Block J—T. T. S. 12:05 except as otherwise scheduled.
Thursday, January 26 2:00 p. m.	All classes in Mathematics 5 and Psychology 101.
Friday, January 27 9:00 a. m.	All classes in Block A—M. W. F. 8:25 except as otherwise scheduled.
Friday, January 27 2:00 p. m.	All classes in Mathematics 3 and Economics 101.
Saturday, January 28 9:00 a. m.	All classes in Block C—M. W. F. 9:20 except as otherwise scheduled.
Saturday, January 28 2:00 p. m.	All classes in German 1 and Commerce 205.
Monday, January 30 9:00 a. m.	All classes in Block E—M. W. F. 10:15 except as otherwise scheduled.
Monday, January 30 2:00 p. m.	All classes in English 1 and Political Science 101.
Tuesday, January 31 9:00 a. m.	All classes in Block G—M. W. F. 11:10 except as otherwise scheduled.
Tuesday, January 31 2:00 p. m.	All classes in French 1 and French 151.
Wednesday, February 1 9:00 a. m.	All classes in Block I—M. W. F. 12:05 except as otherwise scheduled.
Wednesday, February 1 2:00 p. m.	All classes in Spanish 1 and Spanish 151.
Thursday, February 2 9:00 a. m.	All classes in Block B—T. T. S. 8:25 except as otherwise scheduled.
Thursday, February 2 2:00 p. m.	All classes in Modern Civilization 1 and History 107.

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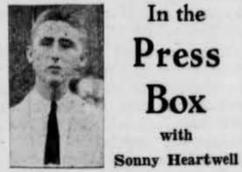
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In the Press Box with Sonny Heartwell

Tilson Signed Despite Alumni Objection

Grid Mentor Given Two Year Renewal

Announcement of Contract Renewal Follows On Heels Of Lynchburg Alumni Chapter's Request For New Coach; New Assistant Coaches Considered

Warren E. (Tex) Tilson, head football coach, has been definitely awarded a two-year renewal of contract, R. A. Smith, director of athletics, disclosed yesterday morning in a statement which put sudden brakes on the Lynchburg alumni chapter's demand for a "substantial change" in the varsity coaching staff.

The action of rehiring Coach Tilson, whose contract expires next June, was taken at a meeting of the Athletic Council on November 22; and the announcement, which the council had intended to withhold until a later date, was released only to settle a useless controversy which, it was felt, the Lynchburg protest might have provoked. Further business at the meeting consisted in the appointing of a committee to study the question of assistant coaches.

Committee Hard At Work

"This committee," Smith said this morning, "is hard at work right now interviewing men of outstanding caliber with the intention of greatly strengthening not only the capability but the prestige of our staff of assistants."

The members of the committee are: Harold Harvey, president of the Athletic Council, Dean Frank J. Gilliam, Matthew W. Paxton, local alumnus; Dick Boisseau, student member of the council; Coach Tilson, and the director of athletics, Gene White and Bill Ellis are the present assistants.

"We feel," Smith said further, "that the Richmond, Centre, and Maryland games should not have been lost this year; but we also realize that the coach can't play for the team, and that about 90 per cent of football success depends purely on the material. We are in a peculiar situation here and it seems to me that the Lynchburg men ought to consider that we are doing the best we can with the material and the money which is available."

Tilson Wrongly Criticized

He said that Coach Tilson had been wrongly criticized for the ineffectiveness of the W-L offense, because, "having learned under Jimmy DeHart, one of the South's greatest offensive coaches, and from Pop Warner, Tex certainly knows his offense." The essential of offense, according to Smith, is fundamental blocking ability; and that is what the new assistants are being hired for.

The principal part of the letter of protest from Lynchburg read as follows:

Lynchburg Alumni Protest

"It was the unqualified and fixed opinion of the Lynchburg alumni that the present varsity football coaching set-up is unsatisfactory and should be substantially changed; and that it is the suggestion and request of the Lynchburg alumni that before any contract is entered into for the varsity football coaching staff for 1939 all other alumni chapters be requested to voice their opinions in this respect."

Smith said that there had been no communications received from any other chapters.

Frosh Matmen Inexperienced

Coach Mathis Has Well Balanced But Green Squad

The Washington and Lee freshman wrestlers, although their first match is a month and a half off, are speedily rounding into tip-top shape. The Briggs will meet their test January 16 when they go to the mat against the Augusta Military academy grapplers.

Although there appears to be very few potential Duseks or Londoses on the horizon, Coach Archie Mathis believes that he has one of the best balanced teams that he has ever coached. "However," he added, "it's one of the greenest outfits that I have ever coached, also, and this is going to prove to be their biggest handicap."

"There are a number of first-year men on the squad, who have proven themselves to be willing workers and who should make fine grapplers some day, but right now they have a lot to learn," said Coach Mathis.

One of the more outstanding is Frank Yokura, a mammoth heavy-weight, and a certainty to win a first team berth. In the 165-pound class Shellenberg appears to have the situation well in hand. The 155-pound sector finds a nip-and-tuck battle being waged between Ted Bruinsma and Charley Lanier.

Down in the 145-pound weight Fuller and Davidson are at each other's throat with neither one having the upper hand so far. Jimmy Weber and Archie Puddington are staging quite a struggle for the 136 honors, and this, too, appears to be just about a dead-lock.

In the 121-pound territory, there is a wide open race between four aspirants. Morgan, Palmer, Forgy, and Sweeney are all neck-and-neck and as yet no one seems to have an edge.

So far there has been no one out for the team who tips the beams in the 175-pound class. Coach Mathis has issued an appeal for any one in school at that weight to report to him and try out for the team. The way things look now, there would be no competition.

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Quintet Works On Floor Play

Young Pessimistic About Team's Lack Of Height

Handling the ball has been stressed in basketball practice sessions this week.

That department was hit plenty hard by the loss of Bob Spessard and Bill Borries, two members of last year's Blue quintet. Spessard towered six feet, seven inches, and Borries six-four, and because of their work in taking balls off the backboard, the Generals fared pretty well from the possession angle. This season, six-foot-three-inch Howard Dobbins is the only member of the squad with any height.

"I wish I had four of him," sighed Coach Cy Young as he discussed the situation yesterday.

Young is trying to make this year's club "loose ball conscious." He pointed out that if two teams are evening matched in all other aspects of the game, the one that can recover the greater amount of loose balls will come out on top.

"You see lots of loose balls during the course of a game, and the

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Student, Faculty Nimrods Return With Little Game, Many Stories

ZBT and Phi Psi Reach Semi-Finals In I-M Volleyball

Zeta Beta Tau and Phi Kappa Psi were firmly entrenched in semi-final berths today as intramural volleyball competition came to a temporary halt for the weekend. Two important games Monday night will find Delta Tau Delta battling Pi Kappa Alpha and Beta Theta Pi taking on Phi Kappa Phi in the only remaining quarter-final tilts.

The Zetas last night took the Sigma Chi's measure to advance to the semi-finals while the Phi Psi's were whipping Kappa Sigma to stick right along with them.

PIKA Runs Over DU In Two Easy Victories

The PIKA team took the DU's into camp Tuesday night by a score of two games to none in intramural volleyball competition. The score in the first game was 15 to 9, that of the second, 15 to 4.

The PIKA's, last year's champions, were never threatened in their battle with the DU's.

The line-ups are as follows: PIKA—Booth, Avent, Humphrey, Howard, Gourdon, and Keller; DU—Kerr, Perry, Melville, Buck, Lawler, and Radcliff.

Delts Crush Phi Gams By 15-1, 15-9 Scores

Tuesday night, a smooth-working Delta Tau Delta volleyball team completely overpowered the Phi Gam six by scores of 15 to 1 and 15 to 9. In the first game the Delts started off with a rush and were never headed. Likewise, in the second game, the Delts started fast and after running up a score of 6 to 4, an entire new team was substituted. The second team finished the game.

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Philpott Bags Tame Turkey; Jones, Sutherland Riddle Borrowed Hat

By **BYARD BERGHAUS**
While Diana and Artemus, the ancient deities of the chase, look down benevolently from the heights of Mount Olympus, some 30 odd members of the Washington and Lee student body and faculty fare forth almost daily in pursuit of a great and time-honored sport, hunting.

About 25 students and six or eight professors are the proud possessors of Rockbridge county hunting licenses, considerable and laborious rummaging among the files revealed.

The season for squirrels, which opened on September 1, saw little action of the hunting fronts. The chasseurs really got going after November 15, when the season for all such game as rabbits, foxes, deer, bears and quail began.

Deer are very scarce, if not completely absent, in the county, local gunmen stated. However, "bars" are to be found in the vicinity of Hogback mountain, and small game—rabbits, partridges and the like—are reported to be plentiful in the vicinity of Brownsburg, Fairfield, Goshen and nearby House mountain.

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Williamsburg's New Deal . . .

A few weeks ago this corner stated that Branch Bocoek, head coach of football at William and Mary, would be relieved of his duties at the end of the season. This was no original prediction since it was a well known fact among sports circles in the state that Bocoek would get the well known "rap." His team failed to win a single major game and there was plenty of dissention among the players. All this trouble, which had been ignited and was threatening to explode during the first six weeks of the campaign, came to a head when Bocoek expelled Gus Twiddy, his only triple threat, from the squad as a "disciplinary measure."

Monday, Bocoek was released and Carl Voyles, Wade's assistant at Duke, accepted the position as Director of Athletics and head football coach. Voyles comes to William and Mary highly recommended by Wade and makes the second coach to take over a Virginia college in the last two years that was recommended by the old maestro at Durham. Pooley Hubert was the first when VMI signed him (on Wade's recommendation) to replace Bill Raftery.

Peculiar Setup . . .

The setup at William and Mary has always been a peculiar one. They have always been afraid to completely revolutionize their football setup and try and pull themselves out of a rut. At one time they had no less than three men doing the head coaching. Kellison held sway for awhile, then Bocoek came in and Kellison was demoted to line coach. When dissention broke out, Otis Douglas took over, although Bocoek remained head coach in name. It was worse than a jig-saw puzzle. They experimented the three and shifted them around with no result. Finally they realized (the alumni are respected in Williamsburg) a new setup was needed—that coaching staffs and their ancient ideas become stale when kept too long—and took the only road out.

The All-State Farce . . .

The Associated Press came out this week with their annual All-State football team, hand picked by the Virginia coaches. These mythical teams are beginning to be so much bologna as far as accuracy is concerned. The selections are often prejudiced and sometimes the players are "off" and "on," and are selected on the merit of one performance. There are so many good players in the country it seems foolish to pick an All-American.

The AP's first team selection ran pretty true to form as far as the public is concerned, with one exception. That was the choice of Wahoo Lee MacLaughlin over the Generals' Dick Boisseau. Joe Ochsie won the other tackle slot as expected, but MacLaughlin was an unpleasant surprise. Boisseau so completely outplayed the Wahoo soph in the W. and L.-Va. tussle that three newspapers commented on the fact the next day—one rather emphatically. What's more, two Virginia players told this corner last Thursday night, that Boisseau and Ochsie were the best two tackles that they had played against all year and that MacLaughlin was a trifle disappointing in his first year.

It could have been the publicity. MacLaughlin was a potential All-American the day he entered Virginia. It's nothing to get excited about, but one fact remains that is an established fact and not merely personal opinion—Boisseau wuz robbed.

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Ronald Colman Portrays Villon In 'If I Were King' at State

By HAROLD GADDDY
Playing at the State theatre on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday is a romantic tale of France in the 15th century—"If I Were King." Ronald Colman appears as the featured character, Francois Villon, one of the greatest French poets and renegades of the Renaissance period.

The film is decidedly more of a modern fictional drama than a true story of the life of Villon. The plot concerns itself mainly with the Duke of Burgundy, whom he eventually defeats, gaining the lovely Frances Dee as a reward. Woven into this story is every element of sword-and-cloak romance.

One of the highlights of the film is Basil Rathbone's portrayal of Louis XI as an unstable, peevish, and neurotic king. Frances Dee and Charles Winninger also contribute worthwhile parts to a worthwhile show.

"The Citadel," one of the best of the recent flock of men-in-white films, will appear at the State on Thursday and Friday. It has as its hero young Dr. Manson—played by Robert Donat—who is an earnest Scottish physician determined to better the lot of the poor miners whom he is required to treat. The role of his wife, a faithful and trusting young teacher in a South Wales school, is played by Rosalind Russell.

If this film reflects credit on Dr. Sweeney and Morrison Head French Club Here

Fifteen French students are meeting weekly in Robinson hall as members of a newly-formed French club.

The organization, presided over by Tom Sweeney, with Paul Morrison as its secretary-treasurer, is for the promotion of the use of the French language among interested students.

Voluntary in attendance, the club members, who call themselves "Panassee," carry on informal discussion in French. Sweeney, coming from Belgium where the language is widely spoken, is one of the more capable students in the group.

Troubadours' Play Is Praised

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only a spot in the first act, Ruffner managed very well to steal the spotlight during the minutes he was on.

Other minor parts were capably filled by Bill Burner, who received an ice treatment from Lady Lebanon; John Friedlander and Truman Donaho as the two "footmen"; Alan Britton as the smooth butler Kelder, and Evans Jasper and Richard Danahy as policemen.

But the lion's share of the praise for this production must of course go to director-president Thomas Tennant. Thrown upon his own resources and entirely responsible for the success or failure of the play, Tennant assembled the cast, directed the play, and was in complete charge of production. The results show what the Troubadours can do with a capable cast following their director and cooperating with him fully.

As a pleasant surprise to many spectators were the settings designed by Kenneth Moxley. Certainly the equal of any seen here in many years.

that "the woods aren't full of game," and W. C. Thomas beat the brush up toward Goshen in three or four excursions, and the best they could report was a meagre bag of several squirrels and a few rabbits.

The "fraters in facultate" of these gentlemen, Harry Philpott, and Bill Walker of the Phi Kappa Sig house boast more success at the art. Philpott, in company with Professors Moffatt, Flick and Paxton, ranges far and wide up on Dr. Flick's farm near Fairfield. In four trips Philpott announces a personal bag of eight partridges, ten cottontails and one tame turkey.

The latter was brought down, Philpott added, when a portion of his shot "ricocheted off a rock." Asked if they used dogs in scaring up game, the hunter replied, "No, Dr. Moffatt and Dr. Paxton smell 'em out."

Sidney Ammerman, who was fresh in from the field yesterday when interviewed, reported that he and his hunting companion, Professor C. E. Williams, had each bagged two birds "somewhere between here and Buena Vista." Asked about hunting these days, Am-

merman stated that it was not so good at present, but picking up. The pair use Professor Williams' dog, and restrict their bag to birds alone.

A four-man expedition was staged by "Hoiman" Ochsie, Jock Sutherland, Sam Jones and Johnnie Bosman out in the vicinity of Tex Tilson's farm, with the result that one rabbit was bagged by Bosman, one squirrel was shot by "the Osh," and one perfectly good hat (borrowed by Bosman from Ed Haislip) was blasted to shreds from a tree by the guns of Jones and Sutherland.

With the end of the shooting season now in sight—December 31—the W-L nimrods are all planning final trips to beat the deadline and get the most out of the gunning term. It is possible that a few more feathery and furry folk may bite the dust before that time.

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Quintet Works On Floor Play

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recovery of the majority of these might well mean victory," Young went on.

Drills in fundamentals—foul shooting, passing, and the like—and informal intrasquad scrimmages have constituted the week's practice sessions. In the scrimmage work Young has been pay-

ing especial attention to six men Dobbins, Ronnie Thompson, Leo Reinartz, Bob Gary, Dick Pinck, and Bob Stein.

Young revealed yesterday that Pinck, whose knee was injured during the late football season, will probably be able to play in the Generals' opening tilt against Bridgewater December 13. Pinck and Dobbins, sparkplugs of last year's sensational freshman outfit, are expected to lead the Generals in the point-making department this winter.

TKI Pledges Twelve Men; 'Bismarck,' New Biologist

At its meeting last Tuesday night, Tau Kappa Iota, honorary Biology society, pledged twelve new members for the ensuing year. Honorary memberships were given to Dr. W. M. Hinton and Professor L. D. Williams, of the Science department at Washington and Lee. Invitations will be held on January 5.

Because of his faithful attendance to Biology classes, Dr. "George" Bismarck, prominent campus canine, was also unanimously chosen an honorary member. Tan and husky Bismarck, now a sophomore at W-L, was non-committal when questioned about his unexpected election.

TKI meets every two weeks, and as a usual feature, has some learned speaker discuss phases of biology with its members. W. W. Grover, president of the organization, announced that at some meeting after Christmas Dr. A. Arnold, head of the state epileptic colony at Lynchburg, will be here as guest speaker of the club.

The new men pledged are: G. H. Baptist, G. R. Day, C. Eccleston, J. S. Friedberg, R. M. Gregerson, J. A. Gurkin, H. J. Kiser, A. McCaskill, F. T. Strang, C. Van Vliet, and Bismarck.

W-L Nimrods Unsuccessful

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The license, properly named County Resident Hunting and Fishing permit, sets back the gunner \$1.50, plus an additional \$1.00 a National Forest stamp if the applicant desires to cover the federal ranges.

Various W-L Adonises have gone gunning hereabouts and have brought in some interesting and amazing stories.

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