

Board of Trustees Approves Extra Holidays In Unexpected Answer To Students' Petition

Peg Tomlin To Be Fancy Dress Queen

Nicholson To Attend With
Miss Gould; O'Connor
With Miss Pimm

M. C. A. Promises Taylor
Kemp Or Better
For Set

Hal Kemp or better was promised by Music Corporation of America for Washington and Lee's Fancy Dress in a long distance telephone conversation today with Cecil Taylor, set president, who said he hoped to have a definite agreement by early next week.

Taylor had previously announced that Miss Margaret Alexander Tomlin of Sweet Briar college would lead Fancy Dress ball with him. She will take the part of Anne Butler Bryan of Westminster in the pageantry.

While the president would not disclose just what orchestra possibilities were being contacted, he said that matter seemed to be working satisfactorily through MCA and that the overnight booking agent had told him he could do no worse than Hal Kemp.

Ring-tum Phi Wire Gives Promise Weight

He said The Ring-tum Phi wire to MCA three weeks ago naming Kay Kayser, Eddy Duchin, and Kemp the three favorite student bands might give the promise meaning.

Another leading lady in the ball to be announced today was Miss Virginia Gould of Quantico, Virginia, who is a student at William and Mary college. She will attend the ball with vice-president Robert Nicholson.

A third lady in the ball to be announced was Miss Rhoda Pimm of West Hartford, Connecticut, who will be escorted in the ball by vice-president Frank O'Connor. Miss Pimm was formerly a student at Oxford college in Hartford, Connecticut.

Miss Tomlin Is Sister Of Former W-L Student

Miss Tomlin, who will reign as queen of the ball, lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, and is the sister of Mike Tomlin, former Washington and Lee student. She is a sophomore at Sweet Briar.

Arrangements on costumes will be completed by early next week, Taylor said. The costumer is expected to visit Lexington and discuss the design of the costumes this week-end. The president declared that putting the whole ball in period will cost the set more but that students will be furnished the costumes at the customary prices.

Sketches on decorations are now being worked out by Fred Lynch of Philadelphia and Taylor said he is confident that all the details for the ball will be completed by the opening of the holidays.

Dr. M. H. Stow To Deliver Paper At Science Meeting

Dr. Marcellus H. Stow, head of the Washington and Lee Geology department, will deliver a paper on "Sands of the James River" at the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Richmond December 28.

The paper will be a study of the relationship between the sand, river, and rocks of the drainage basin of the river from Clifton Forge and Goshen Pass through Lexington, Lynchburg and to Smithfield.

Dr. Stow will deliver his paper Wednesday morning, December 28, at the Jefferson hotel.

Several members of the student body here will assist at the meeting by showing the delegates around the city.

Fancy Dress Queen



MISS PEG TOMLIN

Collegians Add New Features For '13' Club Dance Saturday

Advance tickets sales for the "13" club dance Saturday night have not been large, president Bucky Stoops said today, but prospects are favorable for another excellent university dance with a large attendance.

Stoops pointed out that this is the first time that such a dance as this has been tried, and for that reason its success will be considered carefully. He said, "The '13' club hopes that the students will support this dance as it will lead to more frequent dances of this type in the future."

For this regular university dance many girls are expected to once again make that long trek from over the mountains. Members of the club declared that "since this is a university dance there should be no complications due to restrictions of nearby girls schools."

Charley Steinhoff and his Southern Collegians orchestra are going to furnish the music for the

Government Ousted From Long Control Amidst Confusion

Forensic union members were in confusion last night as the parties on the floor attempted to confuse Bob Van Wagoner chairman pro tem for regular union chairman Bill Burner.

In the closing moments of the meeting the whole room was in a state of uproar as the topic for two weeks hence, "Is there such a being as Santa Claus?" was proposed by the new government, the liberal party. Debate was rampant as a third light subject for the year was proposed only to be voted down by the "anti-light" topic faction. Questions of parliamentary law were frequently disputed.

The union will not hold a regular debate meeting next week, but instead will have its picture taken en masse. The following week's debate will bring the system of political bosses to the fore.

The conservative government which has been in power most of the year, lost last night when they cotted that Japan should be boycotted. Leading speakers for the government were Richard Anderson and Stan Sater; the opposition was supported by Robert Campbell and Sam Hottle.

evening's dancing, this being the first time that the Washington and Lee musicians have ever played for a university dance. Steinhoff announced today that another extra feature has been planned for the entertainment of the dancers. Paul Thomas, star soloist on the trumpet, is going to be featured in a number which will show off to the best ability his remarkable musical versatility. On one number, Paul will play every instrument in the band.

Other specialties of the band include instrumentalists as Billy Gunn and Gene Seraphine, and a "swing" quartette of Bob Fuller on the piano, Gene Seraphine on the sax, Bobby Boatwright on the drums, and Paul Thomas on his hot trumpet.

For the first time, the orchestra will boast a girl singer of considerable fame. Martha Phelps, a star over any Virginia stations, will lend her beautiful voice to making the evening's festivities a success.

The dance will be informal, but the University rules of conduct will prevail and the student body floor committee will be in attendance. Hours of the dance are from nine to twelve, in Doremus gymnasium. Admission will be one dollar.

Four House Parties Keep W-L Awake Until Wee, Small Hours

The Sigma Nu's, ATO's, Pi Kappa Phi's and Phi Kappa Sigma's parties held forth into the wee hours of Sunday morning.

The Sigma Nu's entertainment was a dinner-dance affair which got under way at seven. Dancing activities were confined to the use of recordings and according to Harold Gaddy, it was a "quiet party." Nevertheless, 21 girls from Mary Baldwin, Hollins and Randolph-Macon kept the boys busy until late hours. The "canned music" proved quite a success. Sweet Briar, it is understood, was not represented.

One of the inmates of the ATO house revealed that music for their rug-cutting jamboree was provided by "a bunch of colored fellows" whom later investigation proved to be "Moby Dick," torrid skin-beater and several artists of the local colored gentry. Fifteen of

Student Poll On Coaching Maybe Taken

Beale Intimates Executive
Committee May Sound
Opinion

Lynchburg Alumni Again
Seek Change Among
Football Coaches

Members of the executive committee this afternoon hinted that they would ask for a general student body vote on the present university coaching situation which was vigorously attacked again yesterday by the Lynchburg alumni association.

Several committeemen said they would urge such a vote at the meeting of the committee tonight. "It is time that student sentiment—one way or another—be known," was the comment of one member.

The action of the committee is believed to be prompted by a desire to clarify the position of the student body on the much debated coaching question which has come to a head since the announcement of the renewal of Tex Tilson's contract in the last two weeks.

Shows Students' Position
Vaughan Beale, president of the committee, said this morning that he felt that the sentiments of the student body should be known and a poll of the students would be definite evidence to all concerned of the actual student body position.

He said that all groups had been making assertions about the student body attitude but that none had an accurate report on which to base their arguments and assertions.

Several other members of the committee echoed Beale's sentiments. "We are not personally concerned with the question whether the student body is behind or against Coach Tilson and the present athletic set-up," they said. "We merely want to let everyone know and to find out ourselves just how the students feel."

Echo Beale's Sentiments
Beale at first suggested that The Ring-tum Phi conduct the poll on the coaching situation but Bob Nicholson said that he felt the matter one which the executive committee should sponsor since it was promoted as a vote to indicate student body sentiment on a vital question.

In the past week the Lynchburg alumni have twice slapped at the athletic policy of the University, while Tilson has already signed a two-year contract renewal, subject to the approval of the board of trustees.

Beauty Contest
The Calyx beauty contest closes Friday night, it was learned today.

Backs Trustees



DR. GAINES

Honor System Library Rules Are Explained

Students Reminded of Regulations
Concerning
Use of Books

Use of the library is granted to students subject to the rules given below and is operated on the basis of the Honor System as stated by the Executive committee in The Ring-tum Phi of March 23, 1920:

"We, the student body Executive committee of Washington and Lee University, notify the student body that we shall assume jurisdiction and shall punish offenses in the following cases below. We give this notice with the understanding that it shall not be taken in any way to limit or define the Honor System, but shall be considered merely a partial list of cases or applications which the Executive committee will handle thereunder, to-wit:

Use of libraries:
Removal, concealment, or mutilation of books or any other printed matter, contrary to the rules of the respective libraries. Such recommendation shall be construed to cover all libraries including the Carnegie library. (Signed) The Executive Committee.

Browsing Room Pledge
I accept the fact that the Browsing room is under the protection of the student who use it, that it must be used as directed below, and that willful violation of these rules is also a violation of the Honor System.

1. A daily attendance sheet will be kept at the circulation desk, and all persons who use the room are to sign there in order to secure the key for admission.
2. Books are not to be handled with soiled hands, or marked or defaced in any way.
3. The key is to be returned to the desk by the last person to leave the room.
4. Lights are to be turned out when not in use.
5. The furniture is to be used as in a private home.
6. The room is exclusively for the use of persons reading the five editions shelved there and no other studying is to be done in it.
7. Books are to be read in the Browsing room and not taken from it.

The student's pledge of honor at the beginning of the school year as regards the library is as follows: I hereby pledge my word of honor as a gentleman that I will obey the rules of this library and safeguard its property.

Rifle Club
The Washington and Lee Rifle club will hold a meeting in the VMI gymnasium's rifle range tonight at 7:30.

Decision on Request Deferred By Faculty

In an unexpected announcement this afternoon, President Francis P. Gaines revealed that the Board of Trustees had granted the petition of the student body to begin the Christmas holiday on Saturday, December 17.

The announcement was a definite slap in the face to student body comment in some quarters that certain faculty members were passing the buck in the hope of defeating the motion against the majority sentiment of the faculty and the student body. Dr. Gaines said in releasing the announcement that he was very glad that the Board of Trustees had acceded in the

Graham Composition Presented by Virginia Symphony Orchestra

"Carol for Strings," a composition by John A. Graham, W-L associate professor of Romance Languages, was presented Monday in the Lexington high school auditorium in two concerts by the Virginia Symphony Orchestra.

The concerts were sponsored by the Lexington Philharmonic Society, of which F. Sidney Walls, assistant professor of Romance Languages, is president. The Richmond orchestra played Monday afternoon in a program for the school children of Lexington, and Monday night at 8:15 presented their second concert. Both performances were well attended.

The engagement of the orchestra on Monday was dedicated to Professor Graham; and was the first of a series of three engagements that the orchestra is to play here, two more being scheduled for later in the school year. For the past two weeks, tickets to the three appearances have been on sale to university students at reduced prices.

Dr. Laird Waller is conductor of the orchestra, which consists of some fifty-odd members.

An interesting incident occurred in the preparation of Professor Graham's composition for presentation. He sent the score to Dr. Waller, who copied the parts in manuscript form. But when the number was first tried by the orchestra, the violin part was found to be written in the wrong clef.

Mr. Graham is at present working on another composition, a madrigal.

Lexington May Acquire Short Wave Radiophone Connected With Airport

There is a possibility that Lexington police will have a short wave radio system before long.

Chief of Police King said that if the state police install the radio station in connection with the proposed airport just out of Lexington as had been considered, Lexington would receive the advantages of this station and would have a branch short wave station installed here.

Chief King pointed out that this would be a distinct advantage for Lexington, for it would enable them to have up to the minute news and warnings at a minimum of cost. He pointed out that messages would be received over the short wave system from the state police patrol stations in all sections of the state. The equipment would also be used for sending messages.

In the event that the proposed airport is built, it is probably that the state police will establish the patrol station equipped with a radio station near Lexington immediately, Chief King stated. The local station would hook up with the state police patrol station and each patrol car in the city will be equipped with a receiving set.

Chief King said that the matter had only been talked about by a few of the city officials, and no action had been taken. The proposal has not been discussed by the city council at all.

faculty's and students' wish. He pointed out, however, that it was approved with the condition that future Christmas holidays will not begin on Monday or Tuesday and that the holidays would not exceed two weeks.

The petition was yesterday approved by the faculty in their monthly meeting and was recommended to the board of trustees for a final vote. It had previously been passed by the faculty executive committee before submission to the faculty.

Faculty Favored Holiday
Administration members this morning explained that, while the faculty would have liked to have granted the holiday outright, they were bound to refer it to the board of trustees under a rule of 1926.

The rule empowers the faculty to grant a Christmas holiday up to twelve academic days. Any holiday including more academic days technically requires the authorization of the board of trustees.

The petition was first presented by Jack Robinson, president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, to the Interfraternity council, who submitted it to all the fraternities on the campus. The students gave it unanimous backing.

Although not expected to go through the faculty executive committee, it received unexpected approval by that group two weeks ago and sentiment in favor of the petition had grown ever since.

In the faculty meeting yesterday the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of permitting the request of the students, but the technically intervened to prevent the faculty from actually sanctioning the extra two-day vacation.

Administration's Announcement
The announcement of the administration reads as follows:

"In response to a petition from the students and in accord with the wishes of the majority of the faculty, the administration announces that the Christmas holidays will begin on Saturday, December 17, at 1 p. m.

"This arrangement for the current session is made with the understanding that hereafter the Christmas holidays will not be scheduled to begin on Monday or Tuesday and that these holidays shall not exceed two weeks in length."

N. F. U. Men To Effect Permanent Organization

There will be a meeting of all non-fraternity men in the Forensic union room of the Student Union building Wednesday at 7 p. m. A permanent organization for social purposes and participation in intramural athletics will be effected.

All non-fraternity men who have not been contacted personally concerning these plans are urged to see Clinton Van Vleet as soon as possible in addition to making it a point to be present at the meeting.

Hospital Notes

A mild epidemic of influenza has confined seven W-L students to the Jackson Memorial hospital this week. Allen Macaulay, Robert Dement, James Fristoe, Latham Thigpen, Donald Carnahan, John W. Stowers, and Palmer Ogden are those undergoing treatment at present.

Officials also announced that Edward Haislip is rapidly recovering from his fall.

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PASSING THE BUCK

Passing the buck is a very old game which has come down to us from time immemorial. It is played in many different ways by many different people, but its highest manifestations are reached when the buck is an important decision of one sort or another, which a group deign not to make and dare not to refuse.

There have been many suggestions in the last twenty-four hours that certain members of the faculty have had resort to this age-old and interesting game. Without proof, we can hardly give credence to such suggestions or criticisms. Needless to remark, however, the trail of the student Christmas holiday petition from the faculty executive committee to the faculty to the board of trustees does have an interesting savor.

The Ring-tum Phi is confident such has not been the case. We prefer to support the belief that the faculty executive committee felt the question too important to be decided by a small committee and that the faculty honestly favored the move but were caught in the bind of legal technicalities requiring the approval of the board of trustees on the measure. The faculty's overwhelming vote in favor of the petition is significant of their position in respect to the petition.

The student position, of course, remains unchanged. While they are necessarily concerned over the actual question of having the matter settled one way or the other. They do not feel that such questions should be left suspended in mid-air like the game of passing the buck on which we commented earlier.

Whatever action the board of trustees may take is speculative—since it customarily has been the general practice of the board to support only those measures which have unanimous approval of the members. But we hope, if they do not approve, that the rejection is the whole-hearted opinion of the men on the board and not the wish of an individual.

The petition thus far has followed an interesting course, but no group or groups deserve censure for their conduct in respect to its approval or rejection. We are amused at the church ladies who want the boys to stay to fill their Christmas choirs, we are respectful of those faculty who conscientiously disapprove of the extra two days on scholastic grounds, and we are enthusiastically behind all who favor the petition.

While naturally favoring its passage and approval, we earnestly hope that the question may be settled as soon as is humanly possible and that the faculty are not accused of passing the buck.

INTEREST IN MARRIAGE

That student body interest in marriage and the aspects of life after college is not entirely lacking was evidenced by the capacity turnouts last week-end for the lectures and forums of Mrs. Mildred Morgan. We should almost say that for the first time in four years, students have not had to be driven to an assembly with a presidential edict.

Fortunately Mrs. Morgan was here

long enough to more than scratch the surface of the subject, and after her opening address in Lee Chapel, she broke the ice to get down to real solid questions. We were particularly impressed with her thesis of not ruthlessly exploiting personality in any relationships.

It is too often that college men—supposedly from the better group of American families—are not soundly informed in matters that are most close at hand to their future happiness and because of ignorance and mis-directed wants or desires tend to such exploitation.

To this reality Mrs. Morgan threw up a more strong reality in an appeal to reason and temperance and the advantage of long run happiness over present joy, and she suggested the Kantian thesis that humanity should be the end and not the means of all relationships.

Philosophy was not Mrs. Morgan's only forte, however. She objectively presented the difficulties and complexities in twentieth century life which make happy marriage a greater problem than ever before and which make successful marriage more satisfying than ever before. She did not design to skip over moral or sexual facts where such were necessary to clarify her discussion.

The policy of The Ring-tum Phi is neither for nor against the establishment of a regular university course in marriage; but we do feel that such discussion as presented by Mrs. Morgan are a worthwhile addition to the university life—and they bring enlightenment to the minds of many.

Support this drive and that is the watchword of nearly every local or national organization at this time of the year. While we do not favor unbridled support for all those who request it, we do believe that the students should get behind the Fancy Dress drive, the Calyx picture drive, the "13" club dance, and the national drive of the Tuberculosis association.

Other organizations may request and gain your support but these are worthwhile activities

THE FORUM

Against Secret Senate Meetings

A senator criticized The Collegian last week for its effort to give the campus the facts on the request to charge students for admission to a proposed basketball game with the University of Pittsburgh. That, he said, was discussed in a "secret meeting" of the senate. Should there be a secret meeting of the senate?

When the senate of Richmond College meets, it is as representatives of the student body, to discuss matters of interest to all the students. We elect a senate because it is impractical for the whole body to meet to transact business, not because we consider the senators any more capable than we of governing ourselves. We are governing ourselves—or are supposed to be. Each senator has the responsibility of expressing the opinion of his constituents, not forming it. How can he voice the feelings of those whom he allegedly represents, when they are not even informed of the matter up for discussion, when the senate meets behind the barred doors of secrecy?

There is no provision in the Constitution or By-Laws of the Student Government Association for secret meetings of the senate. There should be none. Any student of Richmond College should have the privilege of hearing the deliberations of those whom he has elected to serve as senators. The By-Laws do require that a monthly record of the senate's activities be posted. A notice of any measure before the senate should also be posted. We want to know what our representatives are planning to do as well as what they have done.

Especially is this true because a majority of the senate is made up of seniors, who by reason of the fact that they can have no further political ambitions may have gotten out of touch with their constituents.

If we are to continue the pretense of democratic government in Richmond College, there must be no secret meetings, and each man must have the opportunity of knowing what is going on and expressing his approval or disapproval.

—Richmond Collegian.

Personal OPINIONS

Somewhat startled by the sudden realization that a test was gnashing its nasty teeth at him, my friend Dave, out of breath and possessing only a fragment of his customary sense of humor, rushed in to inform me that I was to render a demand performance on the typewriter. Under such circumstances, and disclaiming any prowess whatsoever as to touch-system virtuoso, I reserved the right to wear football togs and a catcher's mask in case I am the recipient of an over-ripe fruit and vegetable shower. Anyway, I have the consolation of knowing it can't be as bad as that stuff in the next column.

If some pretty girl walks up to you, or beckons from behind a little table in McCrum's, and asks for a contribution for the relief of Chinese sufferers, you had better ask a few questions before you feed the kitty. To be sure, the cause is a worthy one and deserves all the support you are able to give it, but sometimes those nickels, or quarters if you are in the upper income brackets, get just as confused as they sometimes do in a pay telephone, a nickelodeon, or an automat. I shall attempt to reconstruct the exemplary case in mind.

A few days ago a group of thread-bare war victims gathered at a relief station in China. Before them were a number of boxes for which they had waited for days. They contained clothes from America. But, when the boxes were opened several dozen Chinese mouths simultaneously opened. The boxes contained, of all things, SILK UNDERWEAR. How were they to know the order had been for woollens?

Hey, Moses—you and Muldoon move over—it's gettin' kinda stuffy on this page.

Every time I pick up a newspaper I run across a continuation of the old feud between Socialist Norman Thomas and Jersey City's Mayor Frank Hague. The headlines seem to alternate. One time it will be Thomas Denounces Hague; the next Hague Denounces Thomas. Thomas, as you know, accuses Hague of being the political "boss" of Jersey City, with all the trimmings. Hague maintains that Thomas is a little more than "pinkish" and is opposed to democratic principles. So what? Everyone knows that they are both right and both wrong, which means that until someone makes a move to terminate the juvenile bickering it will continue. That's where I come in. As I see it, there are two alternatives for the situation:

- (1) They should be presented with genuine three-ply paddles approved by the A. A. U. and allowed to fight it out on the ping-pong table.
- Or,
- (2) Each should be presented with a new pair of knee breeches and a bright red stick of candy.

Keep it up, GOVERNOR. You're doing fine.

A college professor's job is to take something simple and complicate it with big words and lengthy explanations so that it will be impossible to understand. If you want to get the basic facts, just go out and ask any farmer.

For four years I have been taking important sounding courses and have had professors attempt to explain political and economic theories to me time and time again. However, it was not until several days ago that the differences of the more important economic theories were made clear to me. Here is the home-spun explanation I received:

Suppose you have two cows and your neighbor has none.

- (1) Under Socialism you would have to give your neighbor one of them.
- (2) Under Communism you would have to give both cows to the government, and in return the government would give you and your neighbor the same amount of milk.
- (3) Under Fascism you would keep both of the cows, but give the government all of the milk.
- (4) Under the New Deal you would have to shoot one of the cows, milk the other—and pour the milk down the sink.

Note: My worthy contemporary, batting for me this week demanded anonymity. Being one of the super-personalities on the campus, he is as modest as he is charming. And anyway, he has the consolation of knowing that his stuff can't be as bad as that stuff in the next column.

DAVID MAULSBY.

Campus Comment

By TOM MOSES and PAUL MULDOON

Week-end Notes . . .

The week-end of the 3rd of December will remain indelible on the minds of most of the students of Washington and Lee University, for it was the first week-end in the school year of 1938-39 that there hasn't been an excuse to dress up and go somewhere. In saying this, we naturally except those glamor boys, who once again in full regalia swung out at the Randolph-Macon Christmas formal.

It was a delightful relief to light up the pipe and putter about the estate, without being palled by the thought of a party that night. A romp with the dogs in the afternoon and an evening with Chaucer wound up a perfect day.

Monday, however, the weather and the faculty in action hung rather heavy and we imagine that it was a bad day for the professors who had quite a tussle before succeeding in passing the buck. We notice that one of the editors viewed this accusation with a great amount of circumspection, and hesitated to say that the burden of action had been shifted. As this column is called Campus Comment we do not hesitate to say that the comment on the campus has been that the buck had been passed in a rather grandiose manner with appropriate gestures and whereases.

Pipes at Mason . . .

Fort Pipes was read the riot act by a red-headed miss from Randolph-Macon, when he showed a definite preference for the free and easy atmosphere of the College Pharmacy over the limited confines of the dance floor. It was our misfortune to be in the role of the informer as to his whereabouts. We still insist that it was completely unintentional, but nevertheless we apologize.

Turkey Hunter Philpott . . .

Harry Philpott, marksman par excellence, bagged a tame turkey the other day when on safari out at Dr. Flick's farm. If Harry will inquire at the proper sources he will find out things about that turkey that he never knew.

Frank Hankins when bearing down on his thesis, looks like he is marooned for the winter behind his stacks of books. He is working on wireless communication with the outside world, and the few feeble signals that have been picked up so far seem to be a cry for food. A mercy ship will fly over tomorrow.

Wheeler, the caricaturist, is cleaning up a small fortune from us. We know that in one fraternity alone he grossed well over forty dollars and the final returns aren't in. He is clever and interesting to watch so all in all it may be worth it.

Of the recent radio programs our nomination goes to the Old Gold effort that comes on at 10 o'clock Sunday. Featuring Bob Benchley and the music of Artie Shaw it was made to order for jitterbugs with a strange sense of humor.

Some hot dope from our correspondent in tin pan alley says that the Southern Collegians are going to be in the groove next Saturday night at the "13" club informal. (This is not an advertisement.)

Our All-American . . .

Since the season of second guessing has set in, and everyone seems to have an all-American selection, it is not amiss that we should pick an all-American team. Since we have seen more movies than football games it follows that our choice should come from the cinema rather than the gridiron. Here is the line-up:

- L. E.—The Lone Ranger.....Texas Tech
- L. T.—The Lone Ranger.....Texas Tech
- L. G.—The Lone Ranger.....Texas Tech
- C.—Hedy Lamarr.....X Tex C (Get it)
- R. G.—Tonto.....Texas Tech
- R. C.—Tonto.....Texas Tech
- R. E.—Tonto.....Texas Tech
- Q. B.—Simone Simon.....U. of Paroe
- L. H.—Moe Stoooge.....U. of Va.
- R. H.—Curiy Stoooge.....U. of Va.
- F. B.—Larry Stoooge.....U. of Va.

The Governor Says

Whoever reads proof in The Ring-tum Phi missed his cue last Friday or else had a sense of humor. We liked "as well as Gene Seraphine on the sex." We thought he played on some other instrument.

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, reporting the choice of Williamsburg as the theme for the Washington and Lee Fancy Dress, said "the students will be retired in period costume." Several sleepy people, eh.

Mr. Mattingly was not in his office last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Morgan was giving personal interviews last Thursday afternoon. Who is the lucky girl, Mr. Mattingly?

Mrs. Morgan also advises to marry early. Those were always our sentiments while we repented later.

Chi Gamma Theta may affiliate with national society. For once this is a step in the right direction.

Jack Watson says that Arthur Mann was struck by a crate of tomatoes last Saturday night. We don't see how Watson knew, because our reporters say he was stooping to late date a freshman. Some fellows, these Phi Kaps.

The Troubadours turned in a fine performance. The author of the article wrote this before he saw the play, we find out.

Cecil Taylor reached maturity yesterday, for which we are very thankful. His girl sent him a wire telling him he was no longer a mouse. We wonder if that's an invitation to a slam.

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.)

Lynchburg On Coaches

Lynchburg, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

You have doubtless received a letter giving an account of the action of the Lynchburg Alumni association at a special called meeting on the night of November 30, and seen press notices of the reply thereto by R. A. Smith, graduate manager of athletics, advising that the request of the alumni association came too late.

The Lynchburg alumni held another meeting this morning and, upon such investigation as was possible under the circumstances, ascertained that there was at least a very serious doubt whether or not the statement contained in the press notices and attributed to R. A. Smith, to the effect that Coach Tilson had been signed up for the coming two years is correct. It was definitely ascertained that before the coach's contract could be executed, the same had to be approved by the Faculty Athletic committee, as well as the board of trustees and that if any action had been taken by the Athletic council towards retaining Coach Tilson, that fact had not been communicated to either the faculty committee or the board of trustees.

Over a period of several years, there has been a growing sentiment among the Lynchburg alumni that, although the football material yearly being obtained through the joint action of the alumni and Cy Young, was far better than it had been in a great many years, the teams have decidedly showed a lack of capable handling and training.

The Lynchburg association concurs in the feeling of the University authorities that the mere winning of football games is of secondary consideration, and that the standards of Washington and Lee students should not be lowered for the sake of obtaining successful teams. However, they do believe that Washington and Lee teams should carry on Washington and Lee traditions of being fighting machines, bringing into play all the courage, aggressiveness and ability available; that this cannot be true of Washington and Lee football teams in recent years, largely because they were not properly coached. Anyone who saw the spiritless performance of Washington and Lee against Hampden-Sydney, University of Virginia, V. P. I., and Maryland this year when they were greatly superior in weight, speed and ability, could scarcely escape this conclusion unless they were blind or did not care.

It is noteworthy that for the past several years, Washington and Lee freshman teams have been greatly superior to the freshman teams of any of the surrounding colleges and that for the past two years, Washington and Lee varsity teams have scrimmaged VMI varsity teams in spring practices when neither team had been groomed for actual competition, and Washington and Lee varsity has shown great superiority over the VMI outfit. Year after year, brilliant freshman backs have become mediocre varsity backs, or failed to make the varsity.

While this is true particularly as to football, it, to a large extent, applies to other branches of athletics, except wrestling and swimming. You doubtless recall the past baseball season with a schedule of seventeen games played and seventeen games lost.

The Lynchburg alumni being close to Lexington and with an opportunity to follow the teams closely have naturally been intensely interested and have been contributing from \$500 to \$1,000 a year towards scholarships and athletics in general. With very few exceptions, if any, they feel that it is useless to continue their efforts to bring promising material to Washington and Lee and see it sink into mediocrity. There could be little doubt in anyone's mind who has seen them play that Ochsie, Boisseau, Hogan, Dobbins and others would have gained recognition had they been playing upon a well-coached team.

Despite the interest of the Lynchburg alumni, their contributions and support, they find, when they seek to investigate, all the evidences of a closed corporation controlling Washington and Lee athletics and athletic policies. Their search for information discloses the fact that, even in Lexington, few people know just who is the power behind the throne and to whom one might go to voice disapproval or to offer assistance. Its recent request to the Athletic council that the alumni be consulted was met with silent contempt, except the terse newspaper statement of R. A. Smith that the request of the alumni "came too late."

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Prompt action on your part is essential. The Lynchburg chapter requests that you call a meeting immediately and determine whether you wish to join the movement which it is undertaking.

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Instead of beefing around why don't you and the rest of your connoisseur friends give Bob Watt the kind of support he deserves? If the Calyx Beauty Section does not measure up to your own "epicurean taste" in women then you can have the happy feeling that you helped make it so.

Naturally, the editorial staff of the Calyx is interested in seeing that the most representative beauty at Washington and Lee is in the Yearbook—so why should they throw in "lemons" as you might call them because after all it reflects back on them.

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SAM P. McCHESNEY, JR.,
Editor 1938 Calyx.

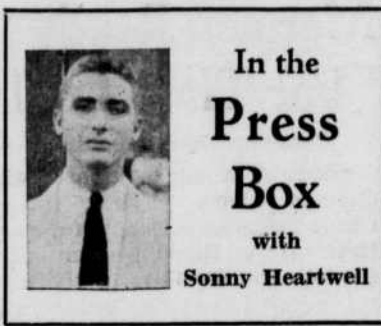
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Tilson Will Stay . . .

The recent controversy over the head coaching situation at Washington and Lee is getting to be pretty much involved. The newspapers report that Tilson has signed a new two-year contract and will "definitely" remain here as head coach.

In the meanwhile the progressive Lynchburg alumni have other ideas. Only a few hours before it was announced that Mr. Tilson had signed a contract, the wolves at Lynchburg met and decided the coaching staff, in their opinion, was all wet, and steps should be reported to get a new one. They reported they would contact every W-L alumni chapter in the United States and attempt to solicit their help in blocking the Tilson appointment. They went as far as to announce that they would even take their proposal before the executive committee, who must ratify the new contract.

The Students Do Some Thinking . . .

While the alumni and the old guard battle it out, the students have been doing a little "discussing" in every habitat, hangout, and corner on the campus. The majority seem dissatisfied with the team's showing—a team that was picked at the first of the year by most sports scribes to win the state title. This school of opinion would like a revolutionary shake-up and a new "regime" installed. These men are not necessarily radicals but sincerely believe a change would help and would be just what the doctor ordered.

Still there is another group who are strongly attached to Mr. Tilson and think he has been the victim of bad breaks. They belong to the school of opinion that believes the present state affairs are satisfactory and de-emphasis is fundamentally better for a school than manufacturing good football teams. And these men have good arguments here. They believe in a coaching staff that would develop a boy's character rather than develop a football team. The only flaw in this argument is coaches are paid to teach football.

It was also announced that certain committees had been appointed to study the situation concerning the assistant coaches. A good assistant coach takes money and from all recent reports that is not available just now. One thing seems pretty certain—that a winning team will play before a crowded audience.

Students Helpless . . .

There is simply nothing the students can do about it. Their feeling for or against Mr. Tilson will certainly bear no influence on the situation. At least it certainly doesn't look that way so far. There are some vital issues involved that students don't stop to consider in the heat of argument. These issues must be treated with delicacy by those in charge. Such issues as financial setup, open subsidization, jeopardy of scholastic reputation, and several others must be considered seriously before any action is taken. It is not a question that can be decided, clarified, and corrected overnight. Such a question takes plenty of wrangling and time.

What can the students do? Nothing, they only go here. What can the alumni do? Nothing, they only went here. Every student wants to see his school have a winning football team. The majority of the students will back their alma mater even when the going is rough. But still the students do not like to be hoodwinked about their own school's team. It is the eternal drifting they abhor. They only want to know if a school is going to follow a certain road or another—subsidization or de-emphasis on football.

It's nothing to get too excited about. What will be done won't be done by students. They realize, just as the coaches, that coaches are paid to be on the spot—that it is part of their job. Which is the road to take? The progressives want a change and a return to the days when W-L was always on or near the top of the state heap. The conservatives are more than willing to stick by Mr. Tilson. It seems each and everyone would be satisfied if W-L could compete respectably with the leaders in the conference.

Finally, one bad year should not necessarily throw things out of line. Not unless the line continues to sag at the end and face a southward direction—going down. This is 'n' Thata . . . Bobby Stein and younger brother Tommy, candidates for the varsity and freshman team, respectively, both had never played any high school basketball before com-

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'New Coach' Is Lynchburg Alumni Plea

Alumni Group Hopes Trustees Will Not Sanction New Contract

Organization Seeks National Cooperation To Block Tilson's Renewal

Undaunted by the news of Warren E. (Tex) Tilson's acceptance of his two-year contract renewal as head football coach at Washington and Lee, the Lynchburg W-L alumni chapter is continuing its efforts to secure his replacement with a new grid head.

Previous to the announcement last Thursday morning of Tilson's signing, the Lynchburg alumni had, by letter, made the "suggestion and request" that time be allowed for other W-L alumni organizations to be heard from on the subject before coaching contracts for 1939 were made.

Alumni Protest Late

Tilson had already been signed up for two weeks when the Lynchburg alumni expressed themselves, and R. A. Smith, director of athletics, stated that he had disclosed the fact to avoid any possible controversy which might have resulted from the Lynchburg chapter's protest.

The Lynchburg alumni are carrying on their struggle to displace Tilson because the University board of trustees and the faculty committee on athletics have not yet given their approval to the renewed contract, it was brought out in a recent meeting of the chapter.

R. E. Graves, president of the Lynchburg group, appointed a special committee to convey to the faculty committee the chapter's request that sanction be delayed until other alumni chapters can be heard from.

Nation-wide Campaign

Letters were mailed to W-L alumni organizations throughout the country by the Lynchburg chapter in their campaign to block Tilson's reappointment.

The protests against Tilson's being granted an extension of contract followed on the heels of a football season in which Tilson's Generals split even in their schedule, winning four games, tying one and losing four.

The W-L grid mentor has been coach of the Blue and White forces since the fall of 1933, when his team captured the Southern conference championship.

Smith stated that a committee chosen from the Athletic Council is at work with a view of strengthening the staff of assistant coaches, which at present consists of only two men.

Delts Overwhelm PiKA, Moving To Semi-Finals Of Volleyball Tourney

A crack Delt team went into the semi-final bracket of the intramural volleyball tournament by defeating the PiKA team Monday night.

The Delts started off fast in the first game, which they won by the lopsided score of 15 to 1. They were complete masters all the way. The second game was also taken by the Delts by the score of 15 to 8, but they did not show the power they had displayed in the first one.

The lineups follow: DTD—Ford, Nielsen, Wyson, Reinartz, Funk, and Cuttino; PiKA—Gourdon, Bruce, Howard, Keller, Avent, and Humphrey.

The game scheduled between the Beta's and the Pi Kappa Phi's was postponed until Tuesday night.

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Art Glaser Says Grid Team Was Victim of Bad Breaks This Year

General Trainer, Who Has Used Eight Miles of Tape This Year, Says Ronnie Thompson's Head Injury Is Worst Yet

By SONNY HEARTWELL

Take it from a man who knows—Art Glaser—being a trainer for a university is no soft job. Art's "art" calls for anything from treating a broken bone to taping a sprained toe and he's really wrapped up in his work. Art holds sway in his "office" on the ground floor of Doremus gymnasium and is often consulted by Blue athletes for advice on personal affairs as well as remedying their physical needs.

The deluxe bruise soother hails from New York City and is in his second year as trainer at Washington and Lee. Before coming to Lexington he was trainer at St. Francis Xavier prep school in New York. Washington and Lee is "tops" as far as Art is concerned and he thinks this year's football team and staff "was one of the finest group of men I've ever had the pleasure of working with."

Is Hard Loser

Art is just a fool about this game of football. He takes defeat pretty hard and said he believed this year's team worked harder than any team he has ever seen. "The breaks were all against the boys," he explained. "They should have had a much better year. I've never seen a team work as they did at the Centre game. They really deserved to win that one."

Artful Arthur thinks the Generals have been very fortunate on injuries the last two years. He said trick knees gave him a lot of trouble but this was to be expected in any contact sport. The head injury Ronnie Thompson recently sustained in the William and Mary game is the worst since he has been here.

42I-M Handball Matches Played

Fittipoldi, Trice, Torrington, Spindle, Patterson Win In First Round

Intramural handball competition continues as the tournament advances into its third week of play. The matches so far have been featured by the rise of several potential winners. Bl Fittipoldi, Phi Psi ace, won his first round match as did Trice, SAE; Torrington, Beta; Spindle, DTD; and Patterson, KA. Approximately 42 matches have been played, and a large number of matches are scheduled for the coming week.

Charlie Guthrie, last year's runner-up, Burkholder, and Charlie Gilmore, all excellent players, have not seen action as yet, but expect to get underway sometime this week.

Although still in the first round of play, interest is running high as each match has been hotly contested.

Other winners during the past week were: Gourdon, PiKA; McCausland, Pi Phi; Ours, DTD; Bradford, SAE; Petrey, Pi Phi; Saltsman, Beta; Jasper, Beta; Shannon, Beta; Park, DTD; Skarda, KA; Duncan, Beta; Thurman, DTD; Garfield, PEP; Jamieson, Beta; Stewart, SAE; Witt, DTD; Levy, Phi Psi; Danahy, DTD; Reed, KA; Weidmann, SAE; Longan, DTD; Moses, Beta; Barrie, Beta; Mallory, DTD; Winter, ZBT; Shafer, Beta; Pipes, KA; Woods, Beta; Carter, SAE; and Porter, KA.

Camera Club The Camera club will meet at 7:15 tonight.

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When asked in which game the physical beating, Art said there was no special one. When this writer mentioned the Duke game of last year in Richmond, he took a puff at his cigar and exploded, "Bah, the boys weren't beaten physically. It was that Richmond water. It gave them the cramps. Spesard's six feet seven was tied in several knots."

W-L Men Not Sissies

W-L athletes are no sissies in Art's estimation. They don't even bother him with slight bruises and sprains, although he thinks it's best "to look over and nip such injuries in the bud."

Now that football season is over does not mean that Art is a gentleman of leisure. Quite the contrary. Winter track, wrestling, and basketball all keep him even busier than he was during the gridiron season. Wrenched muscles, pulled ligaments, trick knees, and weak ankles are all turned over to his expert care.

"Those weak ankles take the tape," Art explained. "I've used over eight miles of tape already this year. Eight miles of tape! No, sir, take it from a man who knows—being a trainer is no soft job."

Houses Will Select All-Star Wrestlers After Tournament

The all-university wrestling gathered momentum with the announcement by manager Tom Bradley that at the end of the competition each house will be asked to turn in selections for an all-star team, members of which are to receive a gold medal.

Two new entries augmented the list of competitors to fourteen. The Phi Gams and a non-fraternity group put teams into the field late last Wednesday afternoon.

The weighing in for the second annual affair will take place on December 9, but things will not get under way until December 12.

On Monday night the Phi Delt's will take on the Lambda Chi's, the non-fraternity will engage the Phi Psi's, and the Pi Kappa Phi's oppose the PiKA's. Tuesday night the Delts wrestle the Phi Gams, the KA's oppose the Kappa Sig's, and the ATO's take on the Phi Kaps. The Beta's and the DU's drew byes. The winners of the first round will oppose each other Wednesday night, and the semi-finals will be held Thursday night. The finals will be held Friday night.

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Cagers Ready To Scrimmage VMI Thursday

Generals Meet Bridgewater Next Tuesday To Open Season

Coach Young's squad of 22 varsity basketball prospects will scrimmage the VMI cagers in Cocke '94 hall Thursday afternoon as a preparation for the opening of the season against Bridgewater college here on December 13.

Practice was continued with renewed vigor this week as the General basketballers drilled on defensive work and passing, the two departments which appeared weakest in last Saturday's scrimmage.

Stress on condition also began yesterday with the signing of the pledge and the coach's warning again winter colds.

Of the 22 men team Jack Read, Ronnie Thompson, Leo Reinartz, Bob Hobson, Dick Pinck, Nellie Park, Howard Dobbins, George Gassman, Bob Stein, and Bob Gary comprise the group which has been getting most of the attention daily.

Other Squadmen

Bob Georgerson, Bill Soule, Bud Kerr, Bob Keim, Fred Farrar, Dick Smith, Jack Gillespie, Sid Lewis, and Jim Lindsey are the other men who outlived a recent cut of the squad.

Dodo Baldwin and Ed Cuttino are expected to join the Blue and White in January. Baldwin is confined to the hospital with a severe cold while Cuttino is being kept away by ineligibility rules.

Tuesday's game with Bridgewater is expected to prove nothing more than a warm-up contest, with the primary purpose of getting the team into the spirit of things before the Christmas holidays begin.

Lack Of Experience Hurts Frosh Basketball

Trying to get a line on all the candidates in his large freshman basketball squad, Coach Bill Ellis is using various combinations in scrimmage to find out who will survive the first cut.

Despite the size of the squad, experience is largely lacking. Unless Ellis can do the impossible the Brigadiers seem headed for only a mediocre season at best.

Since the frosh do not have a game until after Christmas, Ellis will have plenty of time to determine his team. Several boys are already looking good. In Stan Carlson, big center from Manlius Prep in New York, he has a potential star. Bobby Pinck, who has

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Boisseau Is Awarded Honorable Mention As AP All-American

Richard Winfield "Dick" Boisseau, towering Big Blue tackle and one of the finest linemen in Washington and Lee's grid history, was awarded honorable mention on the recent Associated Press All-American football team. The Petersburg, Virginia, junior was the only W-L footballer and one of the four Virginians to gain positions on the mythical squad.

Pounding Paul Shu, VMI's great triple-threat back, became the highest ranked Old Dominion gridder in the past decade when he was nominated for a halfback post on the third team. The other Virginia men to receive recognition were Jim Gillette, a back from the University of Virginia, and Red Echols, a guard on Pooley Hubert's Flying Squadron, both receiving honorable mention.

Chosen Over Teammate

Boisseau was chosen in preference to such outstanding state tackles as his teammate Joe Ochsie, Virginia's Lee McLaughlin, Dick Strickler of VMI, and Richmond's sophomore sensation, Andy Fronczak. Ironical as it may seem, Boisseau's name was omitted from the AP's all-state selections. Ochsie and McLaughlin carried off first team laurels while Boisseau was named to a second team berth.

In the Richmond News-Leader's recent All-Virginia choices, Boisseau was again given second team honors along with Ochsie. Captain Bill Bruiser" Brown was named to a guard job on the first team chosen by the capital paper.

Mermen Ready For Time Trials This Afternoon

Twombly Refuses To Comment On Team Until First Meet

Ending their fourth week of practice, Washington and Lee's Big and Little Blue mermen are making preparations for their initial time trials of the season, which are slated to be held today.

These time trials will mark the first time that either the varsity or freshman swimmers have tasted real competition this season. Upon the outcome of these timings, Coach Cy Twombly, swimming mentor, hopes to get some idea of what his varsity and freshman swimmers are capable of doing.

Varsity In Shape

Although nearly two months remain before the varsity encounters its first bit of intercollegiate swimming competition, every man on the squad appears to be in pretty good shape.

Coach Twombly stated that he did not want to give his opinion as to the Generals' chances in Southern conference swimming until the opening meet of the Big Blue with VPI rolls around. However, he said that whatever the Generals do, they will have to work harder than ever, as this season's team looms as one of the weakest in the past few years.

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W-L Debaters Meet Anglo-Irish Orators

Subject Tonight Concerns Relations Of Britain, America

Opponents To Contend That U. S. Owes Her Progress To Britain

Two typical Britons, William Thomas Williams and William Beers, arrived in Lexington today to debate William L. Burner and Stanford L. Schevel, of W-L's debate squad, on the subject: Resolved, that all her assets America owes to Britain, her faults are her own.

The debate was scheduled to begin at 7:30 and a large crowd was expected to be present. A number of professors have offered extra credit to students attending.

Each man is to have twelve minutes for presenting his argument, and six minutes will be allotted each team for rebuttal. It is a non-decision debate.

Both of the visiting debaters are recognized as among the best in British colleges. Williams has won forensic honors during his student career at the University of Wales and the University of London, while Beers has been honored at Dublin university.

Both W-L debaters have also had much experience in intercollegiate debating. Burner, a junior from Warren, Ohio, is captain of this year's debate squad and chairman of the Forensic union. He was formerly president of Graham-Lee literary society and is a veteran of 18 intercollegiate debates.

Schevel, freshman lawyer from Lynchburg, Virginia, has participated in 25 intercollegiate debates. He is a former president of Wash-

ington literary society and a former manager of the debate squad. This debate is one of the highlights of W-L's 1938-39 schedule. The visit of the Anglo-Irish team to Washington and Lee is a part of its country-wide tour of 22 colleges. Among the other colleges to be visited are Penn State, University of North Carolina, University of Georgia, University of Florida, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and George Washington University. They will also participate in a number of broadcast debates.

Mrs. Hodapp Sings Leading Feminine Part In "Messiah"

Mrs. LoRean Hodapp, soprano soloist of the Westminster Choir, will sing the leading part in Handel's "The Messiah," which will be presented at the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening, December 13, at 8 o'clock. Also participating will be the combined choirs of the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist churches and the Lexington high school glee club.

Mrs. Hodapp's voice has been praised by music critics throughout the world. In addition to appearances in Albert hall, London, she has been a featured soloist in 837 concerts with the Westminster choir in this country and Europe.

Last season Mrs. Rodapp appeared five times as soloist with the Philadelphia symphony orchestra. Leopold Stokowski, conductor of the orchestra, says of her: "I am very enthusiastic about her voice and her style of singing. Her voice in the upper register is most beautiful and round and full."

Ernest Neyman of the London Times said of her performance: "Mrs. Hodapp is so fine an artist that if mere voice is the least of her qualifications, I am lost in speculative admiration for the first of them."

Students are particularly invited to attend the program. Faculty members and students participating are John A. Graham, George J. Irwin, C. H. Lauck, G. A. Steer, Lewis D. Williams, Don Carnahan, Fred Bartenstein, Paul Thomas, Jack Akin, and Gardner Derr.

Six W-L Students Visit North Carolina Colleges

Six Washington and Lee men visited the major colleges of North Carolina this week-end in a Christian council inspection tour of Christian work, activities, and student body organization on other campuses.

Led by Professor Harry Philpott, who is in charge of Christian work on the campus, the group visited the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State college, Duke university, and the Greensboro Woman's college.

Accompanying Philpott on the trip were Ed Shannon, vice-president of the student body; Bill Read, president of the Christian council; and Charles Hobson and Bob Lee, members of the council.

Oxford Group Head To Talk To Peace Club

Dr. J. B. Belk of Richmond Will Discuss World War Thursday

Dr. J. Blanton Belk, pastor of the St. Giles Presbyterian church in Richmond, will speak to the Peace club Thursday night in a special meeting in the Student Union building at 8 o'clock. Charles Hart, president of the club, announced this afternoon.

Dr. Belk, leader of the Oxford Group movement in Richmond, will address members of the club and visitors on "my experience in the World war, my change of attitude, and the reason why I feel war is so futile."

Two students from the University of Richmond will accompany Dr. Belk here and will take part in the meeting, which will be open to the public.

Dr. Belk, former pastor of the Grove Avenue Presbyterian church, one of the largest churches in the city, resigned his position after becoming affiliated with the Oxford Group, and taking many of the members of the church with him, started the St. Giles church.

Dr. Belk, in a letter to Hart, said that he and the University of Richmond students had come to the conclusion that "there can be no peace in the world until individuals find peace through their experiences with God." The theme of his speech will probably be based around this.

Hart also announced that the club had tentatively secured Miss Gladys Boone, of Sweet Briar, to speak here December 13. Miss Boone, of the Sweet Briar department of economics and sociology, will probably speak on "The Policy of Appeasement."

"At the present time I am strict-refusing all outside engagements," Miss Boone said in a letter to Hart. "But I feel a rather special obligation to do anything I can to help in the cause of international peace."

Fraternalities Are Asked To Buy Christmas Seals

Mrs. Dave Maulsby, member of the Christmas Seal committee in Lexington, announced recently that the drive is now underway to raise funds from among the students for the aid of the T. B. patients.

Mrs. Maulsby announced that each fraternity has been asked to contribute but a certain amount to the fund, and that the Christmas seals would be taken around to the fraternity houses as soon as members of the committee are notified as to the amount with which the fraternities wish to subscribe. The seals have been placed at the postoffice and several business houses for those who wish to contribute there.

Medical Aptitude Test

The medical aptitude test, designed to aid medical colleges in selecting students, was given last Friday afternoon to 24 students.

The test is given all over the country at exactly the same time, to the hour, and then the papers are sent to a board who grades them and sends the results to the

It's 'Hard To Get,' an Outmoded Comedy Plot With New Twists



Ronald Colman as Francois Villon, demon lover, demon poet, and all-around deming at the State today.

By HAROLD GADDDY

"Hard To Get," a comedy with an old plot but new twists, will appear at the State theatre for one day only, Saturday. Dick Powell plays the part of the poor but honest and hard-working young man; Olivia de Havilland plays the part of the opionated but beautiful and lovely young heiress. Inevitably she assumes the guise of her maid in order to win her man, and eventually, of course, her efforts are rewarded with success.

This conventional plot, however, presents many amusing and clever variations. For example, Actor Housman's portrayal of a very inebriated young man attempting to stand erect in a moving subway train is as funny a sequence as one is apt to meet in any film.

Charles Winninger scores a hit as the dour, but exceedingly rich and generous father of Olivia de Havilland; and Allen Jenkins is always enjoyable.

Were it not for the presence of Dick Powell, the success of "Hard To Get" would be assured—even in Lexington. However, the producers have been kind enough to limit his warbling to only two songs, and perhaps the charm of Olivia de Havilland more than offsets any objections to her leading man.

"Vacation from Love" plays at the Lyric on Wednesday and Thursday. Appearing in it are Dennis O'Keefe, Florence Rice, and Reginald Owen. It's the story of two wacky married people, whose lives are devoted to the pursuit of

fun. Parts of it are amusing, but Florence Rice is the sole positive charge therein.

America's most popular western hero, Gene Autry, captures the Lyric on Friday and Saturday with his "Gold Mine in the Sky." Autry has been a godsend to the producers of western pictures, who two years ago were practically on the rocks. Unbelievable though it may seem, his popularity now exceeds that of many of the leading film stars.

"Gold Mine in the Sky" presents him in the typical range exploits, dangers, fights, and romances, out of which he always emerges victorious due to the influence of his sleepy, baritone voice and his deadly six-gun.

Gaines Talks

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Continued from page three ing to W-L. Both were members of the famous "back yard league" in Louisville where the boys start firing away at a hoop from the time they are old enough to hold a basketball. . . . The varsity is cutting fancy capers in early practices. Coach Young is stressing ball handling and passing so far. . . . Roanoke, who soundly drubbed the Blue for the State title last year, will not be met this year. The Maroons have all of their championship team back this year. What a chance for a game . . . and a box office success. . . . Bill Ellis' problem this year is not to pick five starters but to find five starters.

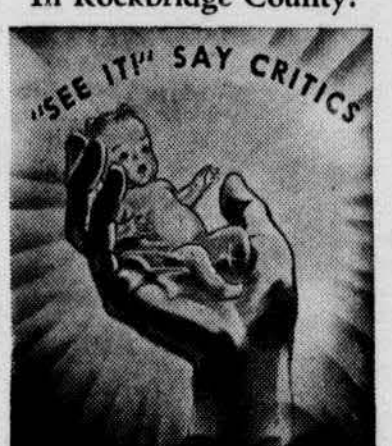
Mermen Ready For Time Trials

Continued from page three About 20 varsity swimmers will undergo time trials today. Coach Twombly is looking for good times from Brent Farber, and Captain Charlie Hart in the distance races. In the dashes Bill Keeler, Charlie Gilbert, Bob Watt, Brent Farber, Gary Hiers, and George Vanta are expected to turn in good pre-season times. Also, he is depending on good showings from sophomores Herb Friedman and Jack Crawford in the 150-yard backstroke event, and Bert Schewel and Jack Akin in the 200-yard breast stroke race.

Frosh Cagers Hard At Work

Continued from page three just reported, is also expected to be a leading light. Those whom Ellis is satisfied with and will survive the first cut include: Carlson, Floyd, Cavanna, Searfoss, Stein, Sater, LaMotte, Littlepage, Deyo, Spinde, Mallory, Tolley, Boileau, Boyd, Bascher, Nelson, Jennings, and House. Reporting for the first time yesterday, Pinck, Yager, and Clark also showed up well, while Pres Brown, highly reputed by the Cop circle, has not yet reported.

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