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MOZART'S 'DON GIOVANNI' IS FD THEME Address by Dr. Hall "Inspires" Conference!

By Peter Lee

Dr. B. Frank Hall, Presbyterian pastor of Wrightsville, N.C., opened the University Religious Conference yesterday with an address entitled "The Word and the Situation," given before a University Assembly in Doremus Gymnasium at noon.

The assembly was called to order by Bob Miller, Christian Council President, and the Rev. Richard Gelwick gave the invocation. After the singing of a hymn, President Francis P. Gaines expressed in his opening remarks that faith always needs refreshing, and that while "the faith we cherish is a fixed star," that star sometimes becomes clouded and experiences of refreshment are needed to clear away the mists that develop.

In reference to the theme of the week-long conference, "The Bible and the Modern Mind," Dr. Gaines asserted his belief in the need for every age to interpret age-old truths in present-day terms, and he declared his hope that the conference might aid in finding "faith for the modern world." Dr. Gaines presented two of the conference speakers, Doctors Shuck and McAllister, and then introduced the main speaker of the assembly, Dr. Hall.

In his opening statements, Dr. Hall declared that "Everyone knows that something's wrong." He described mankind's situation as a precarious one, but man doesn't seem to know what to do. "If we are seriously concerned with the future of the world," he continued, "it is time for all educated men to turn to this problem." In bold, forceful terms, the Presbyterian cleric assailed modern society's failure to adjust to material and scientific progress. He asserted that the basic problem of our age is the lack of control of ourselves, ethically and spiritually.

Dr. Hall exhorted the student body to consider the situation seriously and to wrestle with the possibility that Christianity might have a "word" for the situation. He developed the theme of the "word of Christianity" and said that the dismal situation of modern man stems from the earliest choice man ever made. Dr. Hall described this choice as being between a "willing son of God and a servant of reality" or a "master of one's fate and captain of his soul." Man, asserted Dr. Hall, rebelled against God and has now become a slave to his own self-made environment.

The basic message of Christianity, according to Dr. Hall, is that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself and re-establishing man's shattered relationships. Analyzing Christianity's message, he stated further that the Christian faith is intellectually and reasonably acceptable in the light of modern science. Dr. Hall declared that the reconciliatory Gospel of Christ is the only answer to man's dilemma.

Spiced with humor, yet carrying

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SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 4
6:00—Dinner at fraternity houses for all speakers with discussion to follow dinner.

6:30—Faculty Dinner. Dr. Seeger. Subject: "Whither Education?"

Wednesday, December 5
7:45—Breakfast for all speakers.

9:20—Class: Sociology 211. Dr. Shuck. History 263. Dr. McAllister.

10:15—English 155. Dr. Shuck.

Subject: "The effect of the Bible on the Romantic Movement in England."

Comparative Religion 207. Dr. Hall.

Sociology 201. Dr. Seeger. Subject:

"Religion and Science in America Today."

1:15—Lunch for all speakers.

2:00-4:00—Class: Philosophy of History Seminar. Dr. Seeger. Subject: "The Theory of Time." Personal Conferences. Dr. McAllister.

6:00—Dinner for all speakers. R. E. Lee Hotel.

7:00—Panel Discussion. Dr. Shuck, Dr. McAllister, Dr. Hall, Dr. David Sprunt. Subject: "Toynbee's Idea and the Biblical Idea of History."

10:30 Freshman Vespers. Dr. McAllister. John Peale presiding. "Putting First Things First."

Thursday, December 6
7:45—Breakfast for all speakers.

8:25—Class: Religion 103. Dr. McAllister.

9:45—Convocation in Lee Chapel. Dr. Shuck. Subject: "Form or Force."

10:45—Class: Religion 201. Dr. Hall.

Subject: "History of the Early church."

1:15—Lunch for all speakers.

EC ON ATHLETICS

As a result of last week's Athletic Forum, the Executive Committee authorized an athletic committee whose purpose will be to formulate a course of action to be followed by the EC in studying the present athletic policy of the University.

In a statement the committee said, "Realizing the importance of this problem, the EC has been studying this matter for some time and is seeking to act in the best interest of the student body."

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Troubadours Open Their Season At 8 Tonight With 'Tempest'

The Washington and Lee Troubadours will open their 1956-57 season tonight at 8:30 p.m. with their production of Shakespeare's *Tempest*.

The play, which will run through Thursday night, is under the direction of Mr. Jack Lanich and will be presented at the Troub theater. The play will have several new scenery and casting highlights that should add considerably to the effect. Mr. Lanich indicated that the technical resources have been pushed to the limit in order to meet the demands for successfully producing the play.

The Tempest is a tragic comedy and it is believed to be Shakespeare's last play, and one of his most popular. The cast is largely new to Washington and Lee theater. However, such names as Mel Meekins, Mrs. Marshall Fishwick, Arthur Grove, and Kemp Morton are well-known to most W&L students.

Meekins, a junior, has appeared in *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Desire Under the Elms*, and Moliere's *Physician*. He had leading roles in the latter two. In addition to his appearance here, Meekins was selected by the Jamestown Corporation to fill the valuable role of general understudy for *The Common Glory*. In this position, he had to learn the entire script for the well-known summer production.

Mrs. Marshall Fishwick has long been active in the Troubadours, sometimes acting and at other times helping with the costumes or scenery. She has appeared in leading roles in *The Male Animal*, *My Three Angels*, and *The Detective Story*.

Arthur Grove played in *Much Ado About Nothing* and Kemp Morton appeared in the Troub production

1956 CORN BOWL SHOWS PROMISE OF BEING A SPECTACULAR AFFAIR

The 1956 Cornbowl classic, sponsored annually by the SWMSFC, will get underway at 2:00 p.m. this Saturday afternoon at Wilson field and promises to be one of the best ever played. The coaches announced today part of their plans and strategy for the football event which will pit the Red Square fraternities and the KA's against all of the other houses on the campus.

Pete Doyle, Delta junior from Pensacola, Florida, will coach the White Cobs and Alex Platt, senior Phi Delta from Greenwich, Connecticut will coach the Red Kernels, the latter being the team composed of the Red Square fraternities and the KA house.

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Mozart Theme Marks 200th Anniversary

"STARTLING" FEATURE IS ADDED

"Fancy Dress Presents Mozart's Don Giovanni" will be the theme for the 1957 Fancy Dress Dance Set it was announced today by President Al Platt, and by Vice-presidents Farris Hotchkiss and Tom Litzenburg. The complete details and descriptions of costumes was also released today.

Especially important this year is the fact that the theme of the Fancy Dress Ball will observe the 200th anniversary of Mozart's birth," stated Tom Litzenburg. "In doing so the atmosphere will be completely congenial to the theme because costumes, decorations, figure arrangements, programs, and a special added innovation are especially integrated to give a totality of effect that has not been witnessed this far," commented Hotchkiss.

Washington & Lee University



Fancy Dress Ball
Presents
MOZART'S DON GIOVANNI
FEBRUARY 1-2, 1957

COSTUMES

"Due to the exquisite and intricate nature of the theme of the 1957 Fancy Dress Ball, it was of paramount importance to insure that costume designing and supply be meticulously integrated with the overall atmosphere and significance of the occasion, commented Farris Hotchkiss, vice-president in charge of costumes.

As is true with the theme and decorations, the costumes were specifically designed to portray, realistically, the magnificent fashions of the period." In addition, stated Hotchkiss, "we had to be particularly careful in correlating the already exquisite every-day dress of the aristocracy with what they would have worn to a premier of such regal import."

Work was done on the costumes during the early summer with cooperation of the research and design departments of Van Horn and Son of Philadelphia. As it was found that the company had very few costumes in stock that would completely fulfill the stringent requirements of the theme, many new ones will be made. These new costumes will be available to the students at no additional cost.

"The mere physical nature of the costumes themselves is in accord with the general atmosphere of the dance set. Rich colors have been selected to combine with the decorations and to portray the lavish tastes of the period," stated Hotchkiss.

The costumes will go on sale Wednesday, December 5, in the student union. The rental office will be open from three until five thirty, Monday through Friday.

All costumes will be rented for \$7.00 each, to be paid on receiving the costumes in January. Any stu-

THEME

The Opera, *Don Giovanni*, presented in Prague in 1787, is considered by many as the finest expression of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's operatic ability. The work itself portrays the intense emotion and psychological depths along with the lust, and the tradition of honor, that have become synonymous with the accomplishments of Mozart.

"The significance of the theme," stated Litzenburg, "is its authenticity and its reserved and extremely stately nature. It represents, I feel, the quality of a theme usually associated with the concept of a fancy dress ball. The setting of the theme, historically, in the 1780's, in Prague, allows us to recreate authentically the dress of that period when formal attire was so exquisite and taste was the by-word."

An actual description of the decorations to be used for the FD dance set was also released. The nature of the art work is that of the gargoyle late 18th century. Much of the detailed work is being reproduced with as much historical accuracy that local artistic talent can provide.

Of central importance will be the one-hundred-foot mural completely inclosing the east end of the gymnasium. This mural depicts in complete and grave detail a reproduction of a very ornate and lavish opera house of the period. Incorporated in this particular mural is a three dimensional effect in the central portion which will bring to life "the rather awe-inspiring architecture of the 18th century."

The colors used are of a deep and realistic nature and were selected for many reasons, the most important of which being their close similarity to the rich colors of the costumes.

The side walls will also be of a

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RADIOACTIVE CHRIST

"Be ye therefore isotopic as your Heavenly Father is fissionable, and go ye into all the world and start chain reactions."

Closing with this rather striking analogy, Dr. B. Frank Hall delivered a truly inspiring opening address to what indicates to be a most enlightening University Religious Conference.

Any comment we would make here would be inadequate in describing the very favorable reception of the conference's theme that Dr. Hall instilled in the university family at yesterday's noon assembly.

Speaking with a clarity and insight that was undisputable, Dr. Hall presented the format of the week's purpose. With the well chosen thought and vocabulary of a true scholar and the vigor, sincerity, and simplicity of a beloved evangelist, this man has hearken all unto the "radioactive Christ."

Dr. Hall and his companion speakers have not come to this campus to initiate a pedantic theological study of Christianity rather they wish to direct the concerned mind to the "problems" at hand and the possibility of the resolution of the "Situation" and the "Word."

If this week is resultant in the conversion of a few to the concept of the necessity of a faith in the spiritual evolution of man or the arousing of thought in the minds of many concerning the perplexities of our age then the conference has more than achieved its goal.

—T. V. L.

A SHAM

The widely-publicized athletic forum was unfortunately the disheartening failure which we had anticipated. Basically the Tuesday edition is in complete support of the existing athletic policies as dictated to the Administration by the Board of Trustees. However, the arguments over this point are lengthy and numerous, and it is not from the standpoint of which particular side of the fence you happen to be on, that the "forum" ended in failure and futility.

First of all it has been reiterated on practically every occasion when athletics has been discussed, that the Administration is only following the policy as outlined by the Trustees. For this reason we find it a rather useless gesture to subject the Administration officials to Perry Mason style cross-examination, when the ones who actually formulated policies should take the stand and defend non-subsidization. (For as much as we admire their position it seems destined to be defended rather than accepted.)

Secondly and of much more consequence was the almost complete absence of respect to the school officials, a mule-headed stubbornness born out of blind prejudice, and a pathetic display of ignorance whose origin lies somewhere between apathy and mass stupidity. That the students in general were stubborn or even that they were solely in need of facts could, we suppose, be justified to some extent, however weakly. But we can hardly excuse or justify the gross discourtesies dealt to any of the five speakers, representing the policy of non-subsidization. We sincerely hope that this tragic display of dis-courtesy will not deter future attempts to correlate faculty-student opinion on such pertinent matters.

—J. R. E.

DISCUSSION OF ADDRESS LED BY HALL

Last evening Dr. B. Frank Hall, who addressed the student body in assembly yesterday morning, held a discussion group in the Student Union to discuss his morning talk and answer any questions which might be put to him. Cal Conger of the Christian Council presided. Much enthusiasm was shown by the approximately thirty people present and many timely and intriguing subjects were considered and discussed.

The gist of the topics taken mainly constituted a continuation of Dr. Hall's morning address, "The Word and the Situation." He outlined for the group various means by which we can save ourselves and the entire world from being destroyed by "creations of our own intellect" and becoming like the dinosaurs of the

Caskie Makes Serious and 'Unique' Plea! . . .

We have been bombarded of late with a great deal of religious instruction: the Christian Council Discussion Groups, Dr. Wice's lecture on "Science and Faith," the current Religious Conference. Next Friday the Glee Club, together with the Sweet Briar College Choir, will perform from several parts of Handel's *Messiah*. A Christmas program is also in the offing.

While a number of superficial idealists may claim that their theoretical freedom is being impinged upon when they are forced to attend a religious talk like the one given yesterday, and while they may agitate for a realization (their concept) of a truly non-sectarian university, still I wonder how many people they are convincing; and more, I wonder whether they are convincing themselves.

WASHINGTON AND LEE University, it says in the catalogue, is a non-sectarian school; it doesn't say an irreligious one. The catalogue goes on to say: "The obligation to inculcate the Christian ideal is hereby acknowledged." The university never promises to avoid religion, only to avoid partisanship in presenting religious topics.

Avoiding partisanship does not mean adhering to a religious program composed entirely of colorless and directionless arguments in favor of religion versus Atheism, but

rather it means a long-range balance in and equation of several varied approaches to faith, the Judaistic as well as the Christian, with as little bias as possible towards any one of these viewpoints. The impartiality may be seen over an extended period of time, not in any one second of time.

But far more serious than the cries of favoritism are the objections to the presentation of any religiously-oriented program, especially to that point at which student attendance is compulsory. It is a hue and cry raised every year. And why? Most of us have classes late in the morning anyway, classes which were shortened on Monday. It can't be the loss of time.

Fear of boredom is a poor excuse too: you can always sleep (if you're situated towards the rear), or simply become occupied with your own thoughts (whatever and whenever they are). And how anyone could have been bored by Dr. Hall's talk is beyond me (the critics of whom I speak would call this a rare exception).

The real reason, I believe, is intellectual cowardice. Who are the people that complain most bitterly about being forced to attend anything religious? There are quite a number of them; they call themselves variously "skeptics, deists, agnostics,

and atheists." By and large those in the first two categories are juniors and seniors. The sophomore class is replete with agnostics. The freshman seem fairly evenly divided between atheists on one side and religious fanatics on the other. This division runs by dorm section units.

THESE PEOPLE WHO are either actively opposed to religion or apathetic towards it, have for the most part acquired their opinions during their college careers, some by listening to bullsessions, others by a labored introspection, a few by reading Bertrand Russell.

They feel that they have shed their old "superstitions," and, having exposed the fallacies of the popular opiate, emerged into the sunshine of immaculate reason. They defend their proposition by pointing to their inexorable logic, as compared with the unreasoning faith of a religious believer.

It is a viewpoint, taken on its own terms, that is pretty hard to refute, but the viewpoint is dishonest.

How many of these sceptics, deists, agnostics, and atheists will maintain that they know everything there is to know about the theory and facts behind every religious faith? Is it entirely reasonable to arrive at a conclusion, based supposedly upon logic, while you are not in possession of all the

available information? How do you know that you haven't overlooked the one point which will undermine the entire structure of your proof?

It is my personal opinion that people who deny religion do so with more emotion than logic, the same sort of emotion that they condemn in others. Their "proof" is nothing more than a rationalization of their attitude; it's vulnerable, and they sense that it is.

THAT IS WHY YOU will find them avoiding religious discussions (by more perceptive or experienced or better schooled than themselves); they are afraid to subject their point of view to an intensive scrutiny, even if this scrutiny takes place wholly within their own minds. They might encounter something to shake their mental security.

There's a vast distinction between having no faith in religion and having a faith in no religion. The first leads to a honest and unending search for the truth, characterized by a readiness, even an eagerness, to hear anyone who has something to say about religion, in the hope of arriving ultimately (perhaps) at some conclusion; the second leads to a superficial rationality which shrinks back from a contact with anything which may destroy it.

"The Spectator and the Tatler"

'Lust for Life' Well Received If You Are Really Liberal-Arty

By Phil Brown

A decade or four ago Hollywood couldn't have collected a handful of viewers for a movie based on the life of Vincent Van Gogh, but like the development of free thinking in aeronautical circles, the American public is now just ready to accept a flight to the moon in other fields once bound by academic formulae. This open-mindedness unfortunately, occurs only after a dozen pioneers die of frustration trying to convince the general public that beauty, like flight, may have various and distinctive manifestations.

YOU DON'T HAVE to understand aeronautical thermodynamics to appreciate the possibilities of rocket travel, nor do you have to understand the intricacies of the plastic arts to appreciate a canvass by Van Gogh—which all goes to say—most should have enjoyed *Lust for Life*. To those of you who didn't I can only sympathize: "Be very happy with your concrete facts and statistics" and I must add, "What are you doing at a Liberal Arts College in the first place?"

Except for some interesting underwater photography, *The Sharkfighters* bobbed along on a sea of indifference, dragged, and finally plunged me into a deep weariness. What little entertainment I garnered was wrought by the Blue Caribbean, the Blonde, and my memories of Havana.

I wonder how long Dr. Behrman would last if we billed him as *The Fastest Blackjack Alive*? Glenn Ford (who they're considering for oscar possibilities in *Teahouse*) as *The Fastest Gun Alive*, proved that a good western is yet possible given the right dash of coreography, comic-relief, and co-stars.

Mark Smith, of *What Price Glory?* fame, took a nasty tumble on the intermural field the other day, a concerned buddy rushed over and asked, "You O.K. Mark?" "I'm O.K." he coolly answered, "but how are the fans taking it?"

ESOTERIC SWEET BRIAR LETTER PERPLEXES

Editor's note: The following letter is being reprinted from the *Sweet Briar News*. The editorial staff of the Tuesday edition of *The Ring-tum Phi* would gladly welcome enlightenment concerning the possible esoteric nature of the symbolic "hitching post" mentioned herein.

To the Editor:

Straight from the horses' mouth: the freshmen are victorious!

Last Thursday night the hardy Pooh-Bears gave me a beautiful new golden coat and bravely withstood the slaughterous attacks of the Piglets. Through the long and arduous night they staunchly stood-by and protected me.

The Pooh-Bears were fighting enthusiastically at midnight—not only with their hands, feet and teeth, but also with water, which was dumped liberally on both the piglets and any unsuspecting date who happened to be wandering near my vicinity.

Piglets and little Poohs, in shifts from the dorms, had skirmishes through-out the night. However, the most important onslaught began about 15 minutes before the zero hour of 7:00 a.m.

The valiant Pooh-Bears ingenious-

ly formed themselves in circles around me and since the piglets were unable to break through by 7:00, I have the honor of having a gold coat for the rest of the year.

After this hard-fought battle the Piglets treated the Pooh-Bears to a sumptuous banquet of doughnuts and coffee at the Date-house.

The Hitching Post



DR. RAMOND SEEGER
of the Religious Conference team

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



"THAT DIDN'T TAKE LONG—HOW'D HE LIKE YOUR TERM PAPER?"

UNIVERSITY NOTICES

The Red Kernels will start practice Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. All interested students are encouraged to give to the glory of Red Square.

Anyone who may have picked a "Burberry" raincoat by mistake in Turner Hall, Hollins College on Friday night of the Hollins Dance Set Weekend, please return to Nick Seible at the Sigma Chi house or Ellen Kennedy at Hollins College.

There will be a meeting of the Editorial Staff of the Calyx at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, in the Calyx

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General Comments

By JERRY SUSSKIND

As a well known Washington and Lee Professor said the other night the athletic policy followed by this institution is a disgrace for a school over 200 years old. This remark was made at an athletic meeting called to discuss what seems to be a very real problem to 88 per cent of the students at this school.

THE PROBLEM to be considered is that of subsidization of athletics and of football in particular. At the close of the 1953-1954 school year W&L ended its policy of subsidization and dropped football for a one-year period. In 1955 the sport was again put on an intercollegiate level this time on an amateur basis against third rate teams. The results of these last two years of "simon pure" football are all too well known to the students and alumni of this school.

When a discussion on subsidization arises it is necessary to define what is meant by the term or how it is interpreted by the user. As in everything else there are degrees to which one can go. In our situation it would be virtually impossible to attain a level where we could compete with teams like Oklahoma and Georgia Tech. To do this a school must lower its academic standards and place athletics above everything else. A policy of this type can ruin a school or hurt it badly as in the case of Maryland.

There is a middle of the road policy, however, that could be used here at Washington and Lee. The Ivy League can hardly be looked down upon for its academic standards, yet these schools play good football and have a well balanced athletic schedule. I am sure that the administration of this school and the board of trustees would find it hard to say that Yale and Harvard have lowered their standards and dropped the college boards to play football. Neither have they seemed to be bothered with two classes of students. Men like Dick Kazmire and Claude Benham along with a host of others at these schools have hardly lowered the grade standards of their schools or harmed their moral fiber in any other way.

THIS SCHOOL is faced with a real problem in that the teams we now meet are too powerful for us and in the main have outclassed us. Our one win is hardly an indication that things will be greatly improved next year. If these teams tear us apart who can we play? The schools we face next year are at the bottom of the football ladder. We must give some sort of aid to players just to meet these teams much less to face a stronger schedule. If this doesn't happen the next step could well be to drop football altogether. The only school we play that does not give some sort of aid is Washington U., of St. Louis, a school with an en-

rollment of several thousand students in a big city.

Another pressing problem lies with the Southern Conference itself. If some year the schools rule freshmen ineligible to play varsity sports we would be crippled and forced out of the conference.

One other problem is that of basketball. After the next two seasons this sport will fall to the level of our football team in the caliber of teams faced. We cannot hope to compete in the SC with out giving aid to the players. Since scheduling takes place in advance this must be faced now and some sort of an answer made.

A possible idea would be a program of giving aid for athletics through the scholarship committee. In the past the aid was handed out through the athletic office and by doing this it was argued that the boys taken in were not on a par with the rest of the students. This seems odd as they still had to pass the college boards and other entrance requirements. Through this new idea a certain average could go with the aid and it could be awarded on the basis of need. By doing this it would be a type of endowed scholarship idea and would enable the school to help more boys to attend this school that otherwise could not. They would meet all the requirements of the school and be a great help to this institution.

This would help to increase the general spirit at W&L. It would bring in a few of the so called hungry men that want to do something. Whether this administration wants to face it or not there is no spirit here now.

IT WOULD be an enlightened policy if in the near future this school could give enough aid to once again compete in the SC against such teams as Furman, Davidson and the Citadel and maybe even U. Va. It is terrible to watch this team get killed by third rate teams. One tends to associate a school with its athletic record to some extent; this may be too bad but it seems to be the truth. This University should not be associated with the poor schools it now plays as they are far out of its class in all respects. We should meet our natural rivals, teams with a reputation and well-known schools like Lehigh or Bucknell. The publicity could help this school a great deal and would help get more well-rounded men to come here to school.

One big come back here is where will we get the money for this pro-

Generals Drop Game To Kentucky 94-66; Meet HS Tuesday

Washington and Lee's "Five Star Generals" met fast-breaking Kentucky on Saturday in a game won handily by the Wildcats, 94-66.

WITH the score tied 4-4, Kentucky held W&L scoreless, while scoring 13 points themselves. Featuring a wide open running attack, the Wildcats soon lengthened their lead to 58-25 at half-time.

The lone bright spot for the "Blue and White" was the fine shooting displayed by their center Lee Marshall, hitting on soft hook shots and tap-ins, scored 30 points.

DOM FLORA, who had a bad shooting night, wound up with a 15 point total, while the only other General in double figures was Barry Storick with 10 points.

Vernon Hatton led the speedy Kentucky five with 26 points, 20 of which he picked up in the first half. Gerry Calvert, who also saw little action in the second half, helped out with 14 points.

Kentucky shot for a 61.7 field goal percentage in the first half.

gram? If possible the Generals fund could be started again and the money put into an endowed scholarship idea and would enable the school to help more boys to attend this school that otherwise could not. They would meet all the requirements of the school and be a great help to this institution.

Two big things would be needed to make this work, one would be a strong and effective scouting and recruiting system and the second would be a good and well-known coaching staff. When a weak department or one that was just being developed came into existence in another part of the school the head of the department would probably be experienced. A double standard seems to be used in the athletic area of this school.

The vast majority of the student body wants some sort of aid to be given to athletes to develop a better sports program at Washington and Lee. The students must press their demands or sit back and see this school turn slowly into a Sewanee or Slippery Rock.

Conference Basketball Preview

By DICK MAUTER

It looks like the same old story. At least, in the Southern Conference basketball race.

WEST VIRGINIA looks like a sure bet to win its third consecutive title, and George Washington is picked by most experts for the second place in the conference.

The big surprise of the conference should be the Washington and Lee Generals, who may have a lot more to say about the final outcome of the race than they did last year, when they finished eighth in the conference.

Amazing **ROD HUNDLEY**, better known as "Hot Rod," is again a good bet for everybody's All-American team. Last season Hundley poured in 798 points in 30 games. Along with Hundley, Coach Fred Schaus will have Clayce Kishbaugh (6-3), Loyd Sharrar (6-10), Don Vincent (6-1), and Joedy Gardner (6-1).

The West Virginia attack this year will be adjusted to fit the changes in the offense. Hundley and Kishbaugh, natural guards, have been moved to the forward positions, and the Mountaineer's strategy will be changed accordingly.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, picked for the second slot in the conference, will be minus the services of Joe Holup, the backbone of last year's ball club, Joe Petcavich, Jay Manning, and George Klein.

Coach Bill Reinhart's team will be composed of mostly sophomores this season. Soph Gene Guarilia (6-6) will get the job to replace Holup in the lineup. Bill Telasky, a 6-2 sophomore, will be another key performer in the Colonial's bid for the Conference title. The rest of the starting team will be composed of John Jolly (6-6 junior), Bill Fackler (6-4 sophomore), and Howard McDonald (6-2).

The experts seem to feel that GW will be a better shooting team than the one that led the nation in field goal accuracy. Rinehart's hope is that the sophomores can maintain team strength in rebounding and defense.

WASHINGTON AND LEE will go into this season with four starters,

who have had three years of experience. Warren Mitchell, 6-2, will be back to bolster Les Hooker's club.

Last season Mitchell averaged 9.3 points per game as a guard. The rest of the team will probably be composed of Phil Morris (6-2), who averaged 6.3 points last year, Larry Raupius (6-3), Curt Adkins (6-5), Roy Peschel (6-3) and Theryl Willis (6-6).

The main weakness of this ball club is depth. The bench contains many untested freshmen. Hooker is also worried about rebounding and outside shooting.

The question with the **FURMAN** ball club is whether Dick Wright, a 5-11 sophomore, can replace Darrell Floyd, last year's highest individual scorer. Wright averaged 16.7 points as a freshman but can he maintain Floyd's former hot pace?

Coach Lyles Alley has to replace playmaker Fred Fraley and center Bob Thomas also. All three men played on last season's club that averaged 89 points a game.

At the other forward for the Purple Paladins will be letterman Jimmie Herring (6-6). At center will be Steve Ross (6-9). Bob Gaines, Steve Benya, Joe Cooper, and J. C. Rhine will be battling it out for the other two posts on the squad.

If Wright, Ross and Herring can attain their potential Furman may be trouble. There is little doubt that they won't be the scoring club they were last year.

Virginia Tech, coached by Church Noe who did an excellent job in his first season there winning 14 and los-

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Operatic Theme Gives FD Dance Brilliant Setting

(Continued from page one) highly classical nature. They will be a series of stage settings individually distinguished by an artistic effect of separation by deep velvet curtains. Each stage setting will be of a completely different nature. Some will be scenes from the opera while others will be such subjects as the scored page of a symphony, gigantic reproductions of various musical instruments, and scenes depicting the dress of the period.

The band-stand will be decorated to give an actual opera stage effect. Appearing at the furthest recess of the stage will be the 1957 Fancy Dress Ball Emblem, which, stated Litzenburg, "we feel will be familiar to Washington and Lee students long

before the dance set weekend."

To complete the decorations, formal and elaborate entrances, congenial with the theme will be constructed.

Alex Platt, President of Fancy Dress, stated "I feel that the success of an authentic reproduction of this historical, musical, and cultural event depends, in the long run, upon the taste and talent of our artists, Bob Neunreiter and Tom Litzenburg. Also, without question, the careful arranging of costumes and the figure by Hotchkiss and Candler respectively, with an eye towards complete integration in the theme will have much to do with the overall success.

Platt also added, "There is no doubt in my mind that with the combined effort of these men and student co-

operation, we will present a Fancy Dress Ball that will long live in the memories of W&L students."

Litzenburg added that "the completely new innovation to be added this year will have a culminating effect that should astound and impress both students, dates and faculty alike. This innovation is being made possible through the combined cooperation of surrounding girls colleges, the university administration, Van Horn's, and the members of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. I cannot release the nature of this innovation at this time because all details have not been arranged and several contracts have yet to be signed."

to become adjusted to eternity, we need a "new humanity."

Concluding his address, Dr. Hall challenged the students to come "face to face with the revelation of the invisible God." He outlined the task of educated men with an analogy, "Be ye therefore isotopic as your Heavenly Father is fissionable, and go ye into all the world and start chain reactions." Dr. Hall completed his address with the hope that all students will take advantage of the opportunities during this week to become exposed to the 'radioactive Christ,' and climaxed his stirring talk with a prayer in the words of the hymn, "Lead on, O King Eternal."

Last night Dr. Hall continued the discussion of "The Word and the Situation" in a discussion session in the Student Union. Throughout the

day, he and the other speakers have been addressing classes, seminars and a group of housemothers. Tomorrow, classes and seminars have been scheduled for the speakers and a panel discussion on Toynbee's ideas and Biblical history has been arranged.

FD COSTUMES

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dent who orders a costume and fails to pick it up must pay the full price unless he notifies the costume office of his intentions to cancel his order before January 10. All costumes will be returned on Monday following the dance set, with a two dollar fine per day for all sets of costumes turned in late.

BASKETBALL

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ing 11, will lose the backbone of its offensive attack of last season, Bill Matthews. He averaged 20.08 points last year, more than double of the total of Terry Penn, the team's second leading scorer last season. Besides Penn the Gobblers will have Jim Settles (6-0), Dave Kuhn (6-4), Clayton Coates (6-6), and John Quillen (6-6) returning.

The team should be considerably weaker than last year's squad, who scored 76.2 points per game and gave up 69.1 points.

DAVIDSON is another team that will lack experience and a solid scoring punch. Coach Tom Scott will miss All-Conference Hobby Cobb, who averaged 22.5 and was very strong on the boards, and Ray Hardin, who averaged 14.9.

Returning to the squad will be senior Richard Weeks, and 5-11 Sonny Ferguson. Semi Mentz, a star in his freshman year will probably have the best chance, along with Weeks to take over the scoring honors. Dave Hollingsworth, and Joe Milner will round out the team. Both are sophomores.

VIRGINIA MILITARY Institute has the same problem as most of the other conference teams, that of inexperienced personnel. Coach Jack Null has only two seniors on his squad. The team will probably be made up of Bill Coupland (6-4), Jim Lowe (6-3), Chuck Cotton (6-4), Chuck MacLeod (6-1), and Ralph Lawson (5-10). Don Nyman, who averaged 11.5 last year is the only man lost because of graduation.

VMI will probably do no better than last year, when they lost 19 and won 4 in finishing ninth in the conference ahead of The Citadel.

THE CITADEL will have Norman Sloan as its new coach this season. Sloan played for Everett Case at North Carolina State. Larry Lawson (6-3), Mike Moran (6-4), Jerry Records (6-4), Bob Blackledge (6-8), Dick Harmening (6-3), and Dave Meitin (6-5) are expected to be the best of the returnees.

The Bulldogs will probably do no better than seventh, if that.

That's how the Conference looks on paper; how the teams will do on the court against one another is another story. We'll have to wait and see.

CORN BOWL

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counted upon are Derek "Killer" Schoon, Sheldon "The Bruiser" Clark, "Bullet Bill" Jackson, Jeb Rosebrook, and Dick "Tiger" Brickman. These men, according to Doyle, "will rip apart the team fielded by the Red Kernels."

He added, "We have an unusually strong team this year that has a keen killer instinct. The game should be a complete rout and slaughter of the Red Kernels and my only worry at the moment is how to hold the score down." The two teams engage each year in a spirited game of tackle football, complete with proper padding and gear and with various kinds of entertainment.

Both teams will use a T-formation offense; however, the White Cobs will use a loose six defense (6-2-2-1) while Platt remained mysterious about the Red Kernel defense, only saying that his team will use an "extended" defense. Platt didn't elaborate on the meaning of this term.

A more detailed announcement listing the starting lineups, the half-time entertainment, etc. will appear in the Friday edition of **The Ring-tum Phi**.

Platt seemed more concerned about the outcome of the game. Apparently realizing the threat presented by Doyle and his band of storm troopers, Platt declined to reveal the number of men on the Red Kernel squad or the particular men on whom were placed the burden of his hopes. He preferred to wait until Friday when the starting lineups of the two teams will be announced. This, he pointed out, would not allow The White Cobs to plan their drills against the top players on the Red Kernel outfit.

He said, "We have a secret weapon this year that we expect will break the game wide open. This weapon will not be unveiled until game time in order to prevent the White Cobs from holding special sessions to consider how to stop the Red Kernel secret."

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a vital message, Dr. Hall's speech was continued as he vigorously attacked man's slavery to his environment. "We are a nation and a world that do not control the things we possess, but are controlled by them," he said. He claimed that mankind began his "mechanical millennium" as master of the forces it set in motion, but instead society has been enslaved by these very forces. First enslaved by these forces, Dr. Hall declared, man now is in a good position to be destroyed by them. Quoting Arnold Toynbee, Dr. Hall said that "man needs to come in line with reality." He further stated that



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