

# LES BROWN SIGNED FOR FANCY DRESS

## Russian Expert, E. H. Carr, To Speak Here

### To Be Here On Feb. 5 For IRC Week

Edward H. Carr, noted British political scientist, historian, and author, will speak at Washington and Lee on February 5 as a part of the third annual International Relations Week.

Dick Anderson, president of the W&L International Relations Club which is again sponsoring the three-day conference this year, said that Dr. Carr will keynote the week with an address entitled "Bolshevism in Asia."

Considered an authority in the field of Russian affairs, Dr. Carr began a thorough study of Soviet history in 1946. His comprehensive work, *The History of Soviet Russia*, is a multi-volume study, of which four volumes were published from 1951 to 1953.

Since October of this year he has been in the United States, during which time he was a lecturer at Brandeis university for two months, and has done research work for the later volumes of his master-work at the Wagner Library of Harvard.

His visit at W&L will be one of his very few outside lectures, ac-

### 19th Annual Lit Seminars Begin Monday; Dr. Carlos Baker To Speak on Hemingway

By RANDY KILMON

The 19th annual Washington and Lee Seminars in Literature series will begin on Monday, December 10 when Professor Carlos Baker, chairman of the English Department at Princeton and authority on Hemingway, will speak at 8:15 in du Pont Hall auditorium.

Dr. Baker, a nationally known authority in the related fields of modern American and English literatures and a penetrating student of educational problems, will speak on "Hemingway and the Emotionated Landscape."

In the fall of 1952 Dr. Baker gained wide recognition with his publication of the first full length study of Ernest Hemingway, entitled *Hemingway: The Writer as Artist*. The second Edition published earlier this year, is enlarged and includes a long chapter on *The Old Man and The Sea*.

Professor Baker, a native of Biddeford, Maine, compiled a remark-



DR. CARLOS BAKER

able record as a member of the Class of 1932 at Dartmouth, where he won scholastic honors and participated in a variety of extra-curricular activities ranging from president of his fraternity to the managership of the hockey team.

From Dartmouth he moved on to Harvard for his M.A., and then entered the teaching profession. Before concentrating on the college level, he spent three years teaching in secondary schools. He earned his doctorate at Princeton in 1940, three years after he started teaching in the Department of English. He is now Woodrow Wilson Professor of English and was appointed chairman of the English Department after 15 years of service on the Princeton faculty.

Free tickets for the Seminars may be secured a few days before each speech from Professor Pusey, du Pont 203, or Professor Perry, Payne 24.

### Saturday Night Orchestra To Be Named Next Friday

Les Brown and "his Band of Renown," rated as the nation's number one dance band, will play for the Fancy Dress Ball here on Friday, February 1, Fancy Dress president Alex Platt announced today.

Platt also said that the name of the Saturday night band for Fancy Dress, "which is considered a very popular modern group," will be released next Friday.

### Tucker Lectures To Be Published For Corporations

The Washington and Lee Law School achieved national recognition through its annual Tucker Law lectures when an order for 30,000 copies of the 1956 lectures was recently placed with the University Print Shop.

An order for 15,000 copies to be distributed to the board of directors of the New York Stock Exchange has been received, with the remaining 15,000 being requested by the Ford Foundation.

Last year's lectures, the eighth in the annual series which have been given in the spring, were presented by William T. Gossett, vice-president and general counsel of the Ford Motor Company.

Bound volumes of the lecture are published every four years, with this publication being made at the special request of the Stock Exchange and the Ford Co.

For the over-burdened University Print Shop, the order represents another of the gigantic tasks received this year.

Laboratory Press director Harold C. Lauck said, "It's quite a nice thing for Washington and Lee for these lectures to be so widely distributed, but," he continued, eyeing the mounting work in the print shop, "it's a terrific printing job. I don't have any idea when we'll get it done."

### Choirs Present 'Messiah' Today

The Washington and Lee University Glee Club, together with the Sweet Briar College Choir, will present selections from Handel's *Messiah* in the Lexington Presbyterian Church at 8 p.m. today.

The two groups, conducted by Edmund P. Allison, director of the Sweet Briar Choir which constitutes a hundred voices, will be performing the second of a two-concert series, the first having been presented in Sweet Briar's Nanson Hall last Sunday evening.

The program consists of the Christmas portions of Handel's work, including solo passages, and two additional choruses—"Lift up your heads," and "Hallelujah." In all there are eight choruses and ten solos in the program.

Bill Greene, senior from Birmingham, Alabama, will sing the opening tenor solos. Soloists connected with the Sweet Briar Choir include sopranos Mary Harrison Coke and Julia Oliva Craig, both students, contralto Mrs. Lea Booth, and tenor G. Noble Gilpin.

The choir will be accompanied by John E. Poeil, organist and director of music at the First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg, at the organ.

### COLLEGIAN STAFF TO MEET

There will be an important meeting of the business staff of *The Southern Collegian* on Friday, December 7, at 7:15 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Union. Any new interested students are invited to attend.

Brown's orchestra will play from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. for the famous costume ball, which will highlight the 1957 Fancy Dress weekend. The dance has come to be known as the "South's Most Outstanding Social Event," and the theme this year will center around "Mozart's Don Giovanni" in observation of the 200th anniversary of the famous composer's birth.

Les Brown and his orchestra are recognized, by dance band agencies across the country, as the nation's top band. However, his contracts for TV, radio, and cinema productions have severely curtailed his personal appearances at college dance sets for the past several years. He plays the

### Costume Sales High

FD Costume Manager Farris Hotchkiss said today that "sales are moving very rapidly. The first day that costumes were put on sale," he said, "more costumes were rented than usually are over the whole first week period, if I may judge by the sales of the past several years."

Costumes will be on sale every weekday afternoon from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the basement of the Student Union. The measurements needed for rental of costumes are: Girls—bust, waist, height, weight, skirt length from waist to ankle, and hat size; Boys—chest, waist, trouser length, height, weight, and hat size.

### Innovation To Be Released

Details of the new Fancy Dress innovation will be published next Tuesday, Farris Hotchkiss and Tom Litzenburg, FD vice-presidents said today.

Final arrangements, according to Litzenburg, are being settled this week with the university administration and several student organizations. It is believed that the final contract will be signed today.

Litzenburg said that "because the nature of this innovation will probably revamp all fraternity social plans for the weekend and will also increase the sale of costumes, the information will be released as soon as possible."

major dance set weekend at Duke annually, despite his heavy schedule.

It was at Duke that Brown, as an undergraduate in 1937, started his first band whose name, the Duke Blue Devils, is still famous on that campus. From there he went into the music field as a free lance arranger.

He then organized his second orchestra. It was this group, known as the "Band of Renown," which became so familiar on the Bob Hope radio and TV shows. During the second world war this orchestra was sent by the government, with Hope, on an extensive overseas tour of armed forces centers.

The famous "Les Brown Concert at the Palladium," recorded by Coral records on Labor Day in 1953, established the group, as music critics say, "as not only a great dance band but a superlative jazz orchestra with several top grade soloists."

Platt commented that "in the light of the magnitude of the theme and the extensive Fancy Dress plans, we realized, that the student body would

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### Annual Corn Bowl Classic To Be Held In The Stadium Saturday At 2:30 P.M.

The annual football feud classic between the Red Kernels and the White Cobs will be renewed tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 p.m. when the 1956 edition of the Corn Bowl gets underway.

Admission to the game, which will be played on Wilson Field, will be 50 cents.

The Red Kernels team, comprised of members of the Red Square fraternities and the KA house, will be coached by Al Platt, with Dan Geiger acting as his assistant. The White Cobs are under the direction of Pete Doyle. Fred "Bear" Heina, Andy "Uncus" McThenia, Jim "Toothless" Lewis, "Wee Willie" Wright, and P. Preston Pate are serving Doyle as assistant coaches of the White Cob team. Moose "Tad Weed" Schafer may be used in the kicking and conversion department for the Cobs if matters become desperate.

Doyle announced today the names of his 11 storm troopers. His lineup consists of Dick "The Brick" Currin and Derek "Killer" Schoen at ends, "Thriller Bill" Burns and Dick "Dynamite" Cummings at tackles,

Ted "Chuckle-Head" Shields and Rod "The Clod" Dana at guards, "Bullet Bill" Jackson at center, Ace "The Face" Huffard and Sheldon "The Bruiser" Clark at halfbacks,

"Corncob Bob" Fleming at quarterback, and "Lunatic Dick" Belden at fullback.

In keeping with his hush-hush (Continued on page four)

### Religious Conference Closes; Speakers Praise W&L Program

The 10th annual University Religious Conference closed here yesterday as Dr. Emerson C. Shuck, Dean of Bowling Green College of Ohio and one of a quartet of conference speakers, urged students not to rely on the church too much.

He said, in the closing convocation in Lee Chapel, that the church is not equal to religion but was only a "form," while the individual is the "force" of Christian religion.

Dr. B. F. Hall, keynote speaker of the conference, and the other three speakers all praised the conference, its planning, and the high level of student interest.

The Wrightsville, North Carolina, Presbyterian pastor, said that it was

his hope "that the impulses set in motion here this week will go on after our departure. Cells of concerned individuals, reinforcing the interest and resolve of individuals, can further the good begun in the Conference."

He went on to encourage "an increase in student Christian activity through denominational fellowships. Some mental stimulation should result from the Conference, and general discussion and reading follow," he said.

In concluding, Dr. Hall expressed the hope that "perhaps some men will feel the call of God to submit life to his will—to become 'Isotopes of Humanity,' new men in Christ."

### Student Travel Program

A program on student travel in Europe, featuring color slides from eight different countries, will be presented by the International Relations Club at 8 p.m. next Wednesday, December 12 in du Pont auditorium.

John Marsh, a combination freshman law student from Purcellville, Virginia, will speak shortly before the slide program on the differences between independent and group travel and the advantages of student travel.

A question and answer period on any aspect of student travel will follow. Marsh will then show slides from his 76-day trip last summer in Europe when he was on a tour sponsored by the United States National Student Association.

Pictures of scenes in Holland, England, Scotland, France, Italy, Denmark, Sweden and Germany will be shown. Marsh, in the past five years, has accumulated more than 2100 slides in North America, Asia, and Europe.

According to Dr. J. Harvey Wheeler, faculty advisor to the IRC. Dr. Wheeler went on to say that Carr "is one of the leading intellectual fellows of Britain today."

After graduating from Trinity College at Cambridge University, Dr. Carr distinguished himself in the British foreign service for 20 years. He resigned from this work to become the Wilson Professor of international politics at the University College of Wales.

With the advent of World War II he returned to the foreign service and following his work there, he was chief editorial writer for the *London Times*, one of the largest dailies in England. He is now a Fellow of All Souls College at Oxford, which is composed solely of research fellows.

For a long time during his foreign service career, Dr. Carr served in the British Embassy in Moscow, and it was during these years that he gathered original documents for his later work.

When last in the United States in 1951, Dr. Carr gave a series of lectures at Johns Hopkins university, from which was published a book entitled "German-Soviet Foreign Relations."

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MISS COUGAR is the subject of discussion between Lt. Col. Charles Coates, PMS&T, Lt. Comm. F. R. Rooney, and two other officers of the Naval Air Force. The jet plane was on display in front of the gym on Tuesday and Wednesday as part of a recruiting program. (Photo by Kressler.)





### Absence Regulations Surveyed At Nation's Other Universities

(Continued from page two) In regard to the more stringent cutting systems, the survey indicates that seven colleges and universities grant either no cuts at all, one free cut, or a total of ten overall cuts to undergraduates. This group comprises a very small percentage of the total number of universities and colleges consulted.

An investigation of the pertinence of absence regulations with regard to pre- and post-vacation cutting in American colleges and universities throughout the country as uncovered the following information: Seventy-four colleges and universities do not alter their absence regulations to penalize students for cutting around vacations, 34 provide penalties for pre- and post-vacation cutting, and one college grants a 24-hour leeway in cutting around vacations.

If Washington and Lee's system of absence regulations has been under heavy fire now for several years, the system deserves careful scrutiny. It is all the more justifiable when the colleges and universities that grant unlimiteds and those that provide for a week of cuts or some similar system of absence regulations, at the same time allowing all students some cutting privileges, are seen in a contrasting light with our own system.

This edition's survey of absence regulations in other colleges and universities is by no means an indication of the need for revising

Washington and Lee's present system of cutting regulations. The survey does indicate, however, that it would be wise to investigate the reasons for the very marked deviation between our own system and other systems where the two differ in so far as they discriminate between "C" average students and students below "C" standing.

### The Nutmeg Shelf

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We're sure that we'll never see clearly whatever A second lieutenant should do.

The plans for the military ball and the presence of a jet plane on the campus almost made me forget what we were emphasizing this week.

MISCELLANY: Stu Barber has added a floor show in his place and those who watched TV in the front room Wednesday night missed it...

Everyone reads Trump... no one knows what month it is and the shetland sweater sales have dropped considerably... everybody pretends to forget the shortened classes... and every fraternity is having a party this weekend...

There are lots of people saying they wouldn't see the Elvis Presley movie on a bet... most of them will be there... people who talk most in fraternity meetings have the least to say... the Troubs presented a very enjoyable play this week... finis.

### E. H. Carr To Speak Here

(Continued from page one) Anderson announced that Carr will also meet with three other classes during IRC week to give lectures dealing with the current theories of history and outlining his principles of research.

Several other prominent speakers are scheduled to participate in the International Relations Week program, Anderson said. The names of these speakers, the complete schedule for the week, and the theme of the conference will be announced at a later date.

### Applications for Danforth Scholarships Now Open

The Danforth Foundation, of St. Louis, has announced that 60 Danforth Graduate Fellowships worth from \$1800 to \$2400, will be awarded for graduate study this year.

These fellowships are awarded annually to men preparing for college teaching, who, at the time of applying, have had no graduate study.

Selection is made on the basis of outstanding academic ability, personality congenial to the classroom, and integrity and character, including serious inquiry within the Christian tradition.

Financial assistance is offered according to individual need, limiting the annual maximum grant to \$1800 for a single man and \$2400 for a married man.

Further information about applications can be secured from James D. Farrar, liaison officer for the foundation on this campus.

### Les Brown To Play FD

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expect the biggest name band possible; we believe that we have obtained that band in contracting Brown."

He added that "the Saturday night band which will also play the concert is undoubtedly one of the most publicized contemporary groups in the country."

### SWMSFC Corn Bowl Set

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pre-game publicity policy, Platt would release only the names of four men on whom he is heavily counting. These men are fullback Dick Gower, quarterback Jack Groner, guard Bill France, and tackle Jack Lester.

A feature highlight of the classic will be the announcing and interviewing of the famed "golden throated orator of Mock Convention fame," Stu Barber. Barber will announce the game over the public address system at the game Saturday and will roam the crowd for interviews during halftime.

### CALYX STAFF TO MEET

There will be a meeting of the Calyx business staff in the Calyx Room of the Student Union at 5 p.m. Monday, December 10.

### W&L Cut System Criticized

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be more correct to say that if the number of eliminations went up, the reputation of Washington and Lee and its graduates would also rise. A more liberal cut system would place the responsibility squarely on the students, it would tend to eliminate the irresponsible and give us a student body more dedicated to the primary purpose of college.

The problem of all colleges and universities is the vast increase in applications for admissions due before 1960 and continuing for an indefinite time thereafter. If Washington and Lee, here in the South and Amherst, in the North are typical of the smaller, private colleges in the country, there appears to be a marked reluctance to increase enrollment. What then is to be done about these college-eligible students? Will it not be for the colleges to insure that only the best students, those most responsible are allowed the privilege of a college education. It is not my contention that a more liberal cut system which places the responsibility on the student will by itself eliminate the problem. It is but a step in its solution. Higher requirements will also be needed. The higher eliminations of present students will be temporary, lasting only until the higher standard is reached. The result will benefit the University.

JOHN D. MARSH

### 'Joe Smith' Defends Miller

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Well, we of the lower rank have this to say, Mr. "State Chairman, Virginia College Young Republicans," you should have upheld your policy.

You referred to Miller as a "pseudo-political writer." What is a "pseudo-political writer"? A writer who writes on "pseudo-politics," maybe? What are "pseudo-politics"? I'm confused and so is Mr. Wilkerson's wordage (or verbage). "JOE SMITH"

### At the Flicks

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graveyard and walk toward the old homestead.

Forewarning: To those devout Presley fans, take heart; to those who can't stand the guy, tough luck. He will be back.

Elvis recently signed a contract with R.C.A. that is indicative of his popularity; he is to receive \$1,000 a week for the next twenty years. He appears next in Hal Wallis' "The Lonesome Cowboy" and should work again for 20th if they ever settle the contract differences. Last week they offered him \$150,000 plus 50 per cent of the profits to appear in "The Way to Gold." Elvis declined. He wants \$250,000 and 50 per cent of the profits.

### Life with the Troubs

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This behind-the-scenes excellence greatly enhanced the sometimes slow performance. "The Tempest" does have one or two dull, dragging bits, but they are not important enough to cause the audience more than momentary pain.

If the actors could have overcome their tendency to pose with an unnatural and cramped look, could grasp Shakesperian dialogue a little more deftly and could get two or three years experience in a night (all of which is impossible), "The Tempest" would have been something more than the good amateur production that it was. And that is all it was.

And my highest praise to the two truly unsung heroes of the campaign, Jim Moffatt and Mike Norell, who managed to make up the entire cast of inexperienced actors with a great deal of dexterity.

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