

## Ellis, Ganong, McDowell Head '46-'47 Publications As Ring-tum Phi Returns

### Publication Board Elects Mosby, Watson, Witte New Business Managers

At the last regular meeting of the Publication Board, held on Wednesday, May 12, the following men were appointed to the various student publication posts: Marshall Ellis as Editor-in-Chief of *The Ring-tum Phi*, Jack Ganong as editor of *The Calyx*, Charles McDowell as editor of *The Southern Collegian*, Bob Mosby as Business Manager of *The Ring-tum Phi*, Jim Watson as Business Manager of *The Calyx*, and Roy Witte as Business Manager of *The Southern Collegian*.

At the same meeting, the officers of the Publication Board, which supervises all student publications, were elected for the scholastic year beginning next September. Roy Witte was chosen President; Jim Watson, Vice-President; Bob Mosby, Secretary; and Charley McDowell, Jr., Executive Committee Representative.

Ellis, as Editor-in-Chief, will be putting out the first copies of *The Ring-tum Phi* since the war. It was, before the war, one of the most renowned college papers in the United States and Canada and was issued twice a week, containing all the news of the university and other news of general interest. This semester, Ellis, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, was News Editor of *The Columns*. He was also Editor-in-Chief of his high school paper and is at present a member of the Washington and Lee Glee Club.

### Editor of Calyx

Jack Ganong, Phi Kappa Sigma, is a former student at Washington and Lee where he was the Managing Editor of *The Calyx*. Very interested in photography, he is now employed part time by Andre Studios here in Lexington. *The Calyx* is the college annual, and it, like all other student publications, was suspended during the war. It was previously issued every May.

Charley McDowell, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, is well known for his literary talents in *The Columns* where he was Feature Editor and wrote his column "Reporter at Large." *The Southern Collegian* is a college magazine which is published four times a year, usually at the time of the dance sets.

Bob Mosby, Delta Tau Delta, has worked on the business staff of *The Columns* for the past semester and is well known in Lexington through his connections with the Chamber of Commerce and other similar civic organizations.

Jim Watson, Pi Kappa Alpha, has had other experience on college publications, being Editor-in-Chief of the paper at Lynchburg College. He was president of Washington and Lee's mid-winter dance set, and is now a member of the Dance Board.

Roy Witte, Pi Kappa Phi, has filled the position of Business Manager of *The Columns* for this past semester. He is also well known for his weekly column, "Men About Town."

### Christian Council Elects Patterson New President

Tuesday, May 14, the Christian Council held its final meeting for the year. At that time, the following officers were elected for the 1946-47 session: President, R. G. Patterson; Vice-President, W. T. Brotherton; and Secretary, J. S. Sullivan. Seven men were elected to the Executive Committee of the Council; five more will be added in September. These seven included T. R. Dodson, E. S. Epley, L. R. Shamhart, D. V. Guthrie, W. W. Kingsbury, U. B. Puckett, and C. Van Vliet.

It is doubtful that the Council will function during the summer months, but this fall it will resume its activities on a regular peace-time basis, with a full-time Director of Religious Activities on the campus.

## Epley, Bouldin Gain Victory in Heated Debate

### Win Over McWhorter, Potter on Question of Continuance of OPA

The first debate since 1943 between the two literary groups brought a victory to the Washington Society over the Graham-Lee Society last Friday night at Washington Chapel. The subject, "Resolved, that the Office of Price Administration should be continued for one year," was upheld by Walter Potter and John McWhorter for Graham-Lee, and opposed by G. R. Bouldin and Emmett Epley for Washington.

Potter, sketching OPA's history and "Hold-the-Line" order of 1942, pointed out that an extension of at least one year was an absolute necessity to our economy. "Manufacturers are withholding goods from the market now, hoping that OPA will expire," he said, "and if price controls are lifted, there will be a general rise in prices, approaching inflation."

Stating that an excess of buyers and a lack of products, paralleling conditions after World War I, obviously now exists, Potter emphasized that only price controls can keep this condition from upsetting markets. "OPA was created in 1942 when there was a shortage of goods, and things are no different today."

Emmett Epley, who with Bouldin argued for the negative, brought out the fact that OPA was a wartime measure—and a good one he granted—to keep prices stable while industry was turned to war, but that no such situation exists in this country now. OPA is holding back production, he stated.

Figures quoted by the negative concerning black markets in meat, lumber and building materials were used to show that OPA is directly responsible for sending goods into illegitimate channels. Said Epley, "Over half of the lumber now available is being sold over ceiling prices."

The affirmative countered by charging that this is a direct indication of the economic chaos that would result if OPA was entirely abolished. McWhorter insisted that a cycle ending in mass unemployment would come about from the inevitable skyrocketing of prices. Production would decrease rather than increase if controls were abandoned.

Bouldin cited figures concerning everything from children's underwear to jelly beans to prove that not only would OPA be a hindrance in the future, but also that its regulations have been ineffective so far in "holding the line."

Judges for the event were Professors Fitzgerald Flournoy, George C. Jackson, and A. R. Coleman.

T. Ryland Dodson, President of the Washington Society, presided over the meeting as chairman.

No further debates between the two societies are planned for this semester, although one this summer may be possible.

### IFC Decides: No Rushing Until Fall Term Opens

At its last meeting for this semester, the Inter-Fraternity Council voted to have no rushing during the summer terms. In accordance with this vote, the IFC also agreed to help relieve the housing situation by assigning men to the various houses at the beginning of the fall term if the administration deems it advisable to do so.

At its meeting last week the IFC voted to accept the new list of suggestions, in its entirety, which was presented by the faculty committee to the IFC.

### LHS Offers Typing Class For W-L Summer Students

The Lexington High School will offer a special typing class this summer which will be open to Washington and Lee students and their wives. The class will meet six days a week for 7 weeks beginning June 11. Although each class will last from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, students may come for any part of that time. Thus a student could report for instruction and practice from 10 a.m. to 11:30 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday if that is his only available time.

No specific schedule is necessary and students will be instructed whenever they are able to meet with the class. The fee for the course is \$25. All those interested are urged to call Mr. Bell at the High School, phone 809. The enrollment will be limited to the first twenty-five applicants.

## Close of Year Sees Return of W&L to Normal

### Increased Enrollment, Intercollegiate Sports, Bring Back Former Spirit

By Dick Hubbard

As the last strains of "Good-night Sweetheart" echo through Doremus gym, and the last dance of the 1946 Finals draws to a close, so ends another year at Washington and Lee. For some it will be the end of happy years at W & L, but for many others it will be the beginning of much happier years. As we stop and look back on this last semester of college life there are many memories that come rushing to our minds.

### 400 Students Enrolled

The semester opened with a bang as four hundred men, newly enrolled or returning students, came to Washington and Lee. Then it was realized that peacetime was really here. The largest dance set since 1943 was held in February, and who will forget the crowning of the Queen of Hearts, "Nappie" Benton of Macon, who was with Art Birney? During February the Inter-Fraternity Council was reorganized after a three year lay-off. The Student Union opened on the twelfth after having been occupied by the School for Personnel Services since 1942. Right around this time the inimitable Charles R. McDowell, Jr., instituted his famous campaign for modern conveniences at Mary Baldwin College. According to results he won his fight.

### Politics Come Back

In the March 1 issue of *The Columns* the headlines stared and said "Peacetime Politics Resumed on Campus; Fraternity Rushing May Be Inaugurated this Spring." That was big news to all and the word "fraternity" was on everyone's lips. Then there was that last basketball game of the season with Davidson. Led by George Wood, the fighting Generals held Davidson to a 51-49 win in one of the most thrill-packed games ever played on the floor of old Doremus.

That a tentative rushing period had been set up by the Inter-Fraternity Council was the next piece of big news. That, coupled with the fact that the Cotillion Club and the two Literary societies had reorganized, certainly pointed the way to "Peacetime Politics."

### Spring Practice Starts

Then on that fateful day of March 16, the Lexington fire department was summoned to put out a roaring blaze in the dorms. Ask Bill Kirk if he remembers that day. Football talk was beginning to be heard as spring practice began, and the names of Frank Masters, Abe Addams, and Jack Roehl were among those men you heard spoken of by grid-iron fans. Later on in the month an old favorite was back, the Corner Store, operated by Jim Humphrey, and the "Corner" has since become the mecca of all W & L men.

Then came the lull in campus activities as the Minks journeyed homeward for a short rest, otherwise known as spring vacation.

## Wood Appoints Roehl, Gates, Johnson as Committee Officers In Charge of Finals Dance Set

### 'No Smoking' Rule, Corsage Ban Will Be Strictly Enforced

It was announced today by the President of Final Dances that, because of the inflammability of the dance decorations, smoking shall be prohibited at the Final Dance Sets except in certain designated areas. A smoking room will be provided on the main floor in the Physical Education lecture room, and this shall be the only room on the first floor in which smoking shall be allowed.

On the second floor, the smoking area will be the lobby around the soft-drink stand. It is especially asked that students do not smoke along the track.

The cooperation of all students is requested in observing this necessary ruling.

It has been further requested that the ban placed on corsages for Finals be observed. Although some students have expressed hesitation in complying with the ban, it was put into effect for the students' benefit, and it is hoped that there will be no breach of the uniformity which is the aim of such a regulation.

The University Dance Regulations will be in effect at the dance set this weekend as at all other Washington and Lee dances, the Executive Committee announced today.

### The regulations are:

1. All Washington and Lee dances shall be free from intoxicants and the effects thereof.

2. Any person attending a dance in violation of Regulation 1 shall be removed from the gymnasium immediately and suspended from attending further dances until his case has been tried by the Executive Committee of the Student Body.

3. The penalty for the first infraction of Regulation 1 shall be exclusion from one half of the dances of the session, commencing with the date of the offence; provided that for drunkenness or other disorderly conduct or for any second offence or for the possession of intoxicants anywhere within the gymnasium during the dance, the penalty shall be exclusion for not less than one calendar year. For visitors and alumni the penalty shall be not less than those provided for students under similar circumstances.

4. No visitor shall be admitted to any dance unless vouched for in writing by a student or by some person officially connected with the University. If a visitor is found violating Regulation 1 a student vouching for him shall be excluded from one or more sets of dances.

5. Smoking is prohibited at all times on the dance floor and in the balcony.

6. General conduct shall conform to the generally accepted standards of good society.

7. The Dance Floor Committee is vested with full authority and accepts the responsibility for the enforcement of these regulations.

Back again, everyone made plans for the spring dance set, sponsored by the Cotillion Club and Pi Alpha Nu. The dance was a great success, but we still would like to know what happened to Roy Cole.

### Rush Week

Then came Rush Week. Who will ever forget that rush week? Ten days of fraternity dates, and then came that Sunday morning when you walked down to the Student Union to pick up that little white card inside the sealed envelope. One hundred and seventy-three men were pledged by seventeen fraternities, and plans were being rushed for house repairs, parties, etc.

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### Summer School Starts On Monday, June Tenth

The Summer Session will begin on Monday, June 10, and all students must be here by that morning. All new students, or old students who failed to register on May 2 and 3 will register on that day, and students who did register on May 2 and 3 will complete their matriculation procedure. Failure to register on that day will make student subject to fine unless an excuse acceptable to the Executive Committee of the faculty is submitted. Classes for academic and commerce students will start Tuesday morning, June 11. Law school classes will start on June 10, and law students will register on the afternoon of that day.

The first term of the summer session ends on Friday, July 19. The second term is from July 20 to August 30.

## Cotillion Club Elects Officers

The Cotillion Club held a meeting Wednesday night, May 15, to elect officers for next year.

The Club has gone back to the pre-war set-up with two presidents; one will lead the Fall Dances, and the other to take charge of the Spring Dance Set.

Charlie Belcher, SAE, and Jack Schuber, ATO, were elected co-presidents. Belcher will act as president of the Fall Dances, and will lead a figure; and Schuber is to be president of the Spring Dances, when he will give the "forward march" to one of those figures. Shep Zinovoy, Secretary-Treasurer, will act in that capacity for both affairs.

The retiring officers are Bill Allison, President; Ad Lanier, Vice-President; Charlie Belcher, Secretary; and Dick Heard, Treasurer.

## De Boer Elected Glee Club Head

The Glee Club held its meeting for the election of officers for the coming year, 1946-47, on May 16. Bill Rattner, president, called the meeting to order.

After the smoke drifted away from the "campaigns," it was found that Pete De Boer was elected President. Bill Flanagan made Vice-President, Dave Caldwell was Secretary-Treasurer, and W. W. Kingsbury won out for Business Manager.

It is rumored that the newly elected officers' first job will be to have the glee club sing at the Commencement Exercises on June first.

### Graham-Lee Constitution Revised at Final Meeting

The main bulk of business taken up by the Graham-Lee Literary Society in its final meeting for this school year involved a discussion of the revision of its constitution, this revision being the final step which was necessary to prepare for a resumption of old activities in the Fall. The services of the Censor and Society Reporter were deemed by the members to be unnecessary henceforth, these duties have either been abolished or delegated to others, and the provisions for these offices and duties were struck from the Constitution. The procedure for initiation and passing of amendments was considerably cut down, since, the members decided, this procedure was more involved and lengthy than is considered necessary. After a few more minor corrections had been made, the meeting adjourned, having decided to meet early in the Fall term.

## Students' Wives To Help Decorate; Aid Of Students Needed

The President of Final Dances, George Wood, made his appointments tonight to the Finals Week Committee which shall assist in the final preparations for the approaching affair. The newly chosen officers are: Clancy Johnson, Business Manager, and Jack Roehl and Bob Gates, Vice-Presidents. Other committee members include Roscoe Stephenson, Gus Stombeck, Wise Kelly, Cullen Wimmer, T. Ryland Dodson, and Bud Keland.

These committeemen together with two men from each fraternity and several non-fraternity men shall form the figure at Friday night's Final Ball. The figure will begin at 11:45 and shall be led by George Wood with Miss Ruth Metzgar of Erie, Pennsylvania, assisted by Roscoe Stephenson with Miss Adelaide Butler of Florence, South Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Clancy Johnson of Lexington, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roehl also of Lexington.

At Thursday's Senior-Alumni Ball, there shall definitely be a figure made by the Alumni; however, whether or not a Senior figure will appear has not yet been decided. The decision rests with Ryland Dodson, Senior Class President. Because of the especially small graduating class, this figure may be eliminated.

Decorations for the dances were worked out by Mr. Jack Mertz and George Wood, and they have announced that the scheme shall be predominately blue and white. Decoration of the gym will begin on Sunday afternoon, and it is hoped that it will be finished on Wednesday. In answer to a plea by President Wood to the Wives' Club, the wives have generously offered to aid in the work of decorating, and they will be on the job each afternoon and evening. There is a severe lack of man power affecting the decorating; therefore, all students who have the time are requested to give aid. Decorating hours are from 2-5 p.m. and 7:30-10 p.m.

## Tucker Speaks To Graham-Lee

The first banquet in Graham-Lee's post-war program was held last Friday night, and proved a successful initial social function for the coming year. After a steak dinner was served to those invited, Doctor Tucker, an honorary guest, and member of the Society, made a short survey of the activities of the Washington and Graham-Lee Societies since the time of Henry Ruffner, a president of Washington College. Mr. Jackson was also present at the banquet, and Walter Potter, president of the Society, served ably as official toastmaster.

The plans for the debate recently held between W & L's two literary organizations, The Washington Literary Society and Graham-Lee were also made at the banquet. Walter Potter and John McWhorter were chosen by the members present to represent Graham-Lee in the debate. These gentlemen assumed the affirmative in the debate held last Friday evening in the Student Union. They spoke ably, defending the retention of OPA Price Control for one year, but were defeated by the speakers for the Washington Society, Epley and Bouldin.

### NOTICE!

At a meeting of the Publications Board on Wednesday it was decided to continue a small-size edition of *The Columns* during the summer session. There are numerous openings on the staff. See Reporter-at-Large for details.



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## '30'

And so the last issue of Volume III of *The Columns* goes to press.

It is a volume which has seen three increases in the size of the paper, and a 300 percent increase in the size of the student body which the paper serves. It is a volume which has seen a non-existent staff come into being, and has seen two of the editors on that staff go on to lead two of the publications in the first complete post-war year. It is a volume which has progressed from the time when news had to be manufactured to fill the front page, until the time when news was to be crowded off an enlarged front page. It is a publication which has sometimes led, sometimes followed, in part of the track back to normalcy.

Not all of the contributions of the paper have been limited to the mere reporting of the news. When the Monogram Club was still dormant during the first semester, it was *The Columns* who organized a pep rally at the Virginia basketball game. Not the least contribution of the paper, or of one of the columnists therein, was the successful crusade concerning a rather delicate addition to the facilities at Mary Baldwin. A printed list of fraternity pledges was made available to all students, at the expense of *The Columns*. We have also been gratified from time to time to see suggestions in our editorial columns come into reality—the lengthening of the library hours, for instance.

From the beginning it has been the position of *The Columns* that Washington and Lee is in a plastic state at the present time, a state when any changes that are to be made should be put into effect, a time in which any policies that are established are here to act as signposts in Student Body policies for the next decade. This policy has been objectionable to some who are repelled by the thought of making any changes; it means nothing to some who care neither one way nor the other. We trust that there is also a third group who have taken it in the spirit in which it was meant—namely, at its face value.

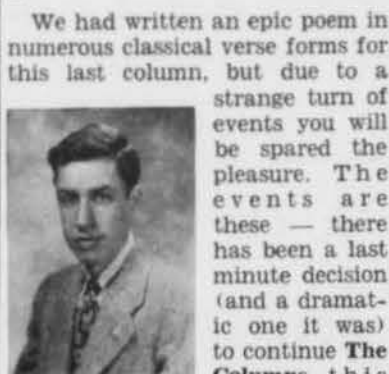
This being a "30" editorial, it is only appropriate that thanks should be distributed where they are due. To Marshall Ellis and Charley McDowell and Don Moxham go thanks for helping very much in establishing a co-ordinated group, a team with which it was a pleasure to work. To Bill Burton, the first semester Sports Editor, goes a special vote of thanks for starting from scratch and working up a sports staff. Other former members of the staff are certainly worthy of mention with appreciation, also, particularly Dick Walker, who co-piloted the paper from its diaper stages through the beginning of this semester. Thanks, too, are due to the members of the staff as a whole, who have cheerfully contributed their time and energy, in the publication of a school paper. And finally, and perhaps most important of all, the thanks of the staff go out to Mr. Lauck for his perseverance in publishing the paper in spite of an under-staffed office and the difficulties of dealing with an unexperienced staff.—RGP

## No Smoking

The purpose of this editorial is merely to call attention to the fact that smoking is prohibited at all Washington and Lee Dance Sets. There has been a tendency at some past sets to forget this rule, and it is hoped that in this respect as in all others, 1946 Finals may be on a par with pre-war sets. The reason for such a ruling are rather obvious. Decorations at the dance are inflammable; and smoking on the Dance Floor does not make for the best atmosphere, any more than cigarette butts lying around on the floor help matters. A smoking lounge has been provided on the first floor of the gym, and smoking is permitted in the concession and coat check area on the second floor; but smoking is not permitted on the Dance Floor or on the balcony surrounding the Dance Floor.

## Reporter-at-Large

By Charley McDowell



McDowell

We had written an epic poem in numerous classical verse forms for this last column, but due to a strange turn of events you will be spared the pleasure. The events are these — there has been a last minute decision (and a dramatic one it was) to continue *The Columns* this summer with none other than your reporter at the helm. Your reporter has never been at a helm before and what will happen can neither be predicted nor anticipated.

However, there will be an issue of *The Columns* each and every Friday (within a few days either way) during the summer session, providing we can round up a staff. So far, we have an editor and a sort of double-barrelled business manager in the persons of Roy Witte (who at present is writing dirt somewhere on this page) and Jim Watson (who at present is selling things to people). This potent team will do, it is hoped, whatever it is a business manager does, twice as well. As to the rest of the staff, there isn't any. We hope to adjust this situation at a meeting Tuesday night, June 11, at the Student Union. This is the second night after summer school starts.

First of all, a Managing Editor is needed. As we understand it from those who know, the Managing Editor is the big wheel on a newspaper. He has a corps of reporters to whom he gives assignments and from whom he extracts stories. Then he supervises proof reading, makeup, and headline writing. (This latter task threatens to replace night baseball as number one on the annual "Most Fun There Is" poll.) If it makes the applicants feel any better, the editor plans to assist immeasurably in the aforementioned joy-

ous chores. So, anyone who wants to be the Managing Editor had better show up at the big meeting. If you have had experience with the New York Times or have edited a modest daily, you can be assured, at least, of our consideration.

Next, we need a Sports Editor. There won't be many sports to edit but the editor will get to write a column with his picture beside it. There will probably be a few intramurals, and prophecies of next year's gridiron success will about fill up the space. The main requirement is style—we want our sports editor to know the parlance. For instance, if the Lambda Chi basketball team should beat the Phi Psi's, you can't say, "The Lambda Chi's beat the Phi Psi's 38 to 26 last night." No, sir—you say, "The Lambda Chi cagers edged a faltering Phi Psi five on the Doremus hardwood last night with a last period barrage that swished the nets for countless tallies." And misspell every fifth word.

That takes care of the biggest wheels—now we need reporters. The Managing Editor will need six good reporters, and the Sports Editor one or two. With a summer's experience behind them, these boys should be in line for good spots on *The Ring-tum Phi* come next fall.

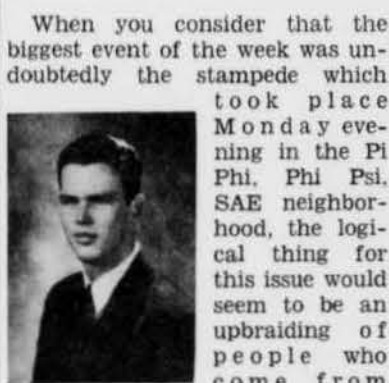
As far as we can tell, we will need two columnists, so all you aspiring journalists who can write anything that resembles a column, flock to the meeting. We would go so far as to say that anyone who makes good will be reasonably sure of a column on the fabled *Ring-tum Phi*, which Mr. Ellis plans to unwrap next fall.

We repeat—Tuesday, June 11, after supper, at the Student Union.

And now we want to sign off for the year with the hope that you've had as much fun as we have with Reporter at Large. Thanks for listening.

## OUT ON A LIMB

By Marshall S. Ellis



Ellis

When you consider that the biggest event of the week was undoubtedly the stampede which took place Monday evening in the Phi Psi, Phi Psi, SAE neighborhood, the logical thing for this issue would seem to be an unbraiding of people who come from Texas and wear cowboy boots—but run from two poor, old, heifers who have broken their moorings and want nothing but to get back home. Drake, however, is still insisting that they were Texas longhorns intent on goring anyone who might come near them.

But what we are going to do is speak about gentlemen of the press; more specifically in favor of gentlemen of the press; and more specifically in favor of the Washington and Lee gentlemen of the press. Our persecution complex has been giving us a lot of trouble lately, and since this may be our last chance to sound off, we're going to speak our piece now so that it won't be so uncomfortable holding it forever after.

Perhaps the most amazing thing about our efficient little staff is that, aside from the fact that they are newspaper men, they are perfectly normal. The composite *Columns* man for instance is 19 years old, 5' 9" tall, and much heavier than he should be. He has light brown hair (already showing some grey) and chartreuse eyes. This mind you is only an average: *Columns* man come in all shapes and sizes.

The original idea was to initiate a "Be-Kind-To-Newspaper-Men-Week" but it was finally decided that newspaper men only needed understanding, not sympathy.

The median in reporters is probably the most unappreciated species of fauna roaming the earth. He is not only compelled to cover the weekly meetings of the Society for Promoting Tolerance of Wahos and Other Noxious Beasts, but when he writes it up he is not allowed to editorialize; which means that he can't say what he thinks. The ambitious journalist finds this particularly trying; but if he can turn in copy about John

L. Lewis without any parenthetical remarks the journalistic world considers him very promising indeed. The only people who know that reporters are reporters are the editor immediately over him and the linotypist who sets up the masthead. Only the most hardy bear up under this gruelling obscurity for very long, and it is just before they crack up completely that the decision is made to become a columnist—which at the time seems the perfect panacea.

In newspaper business however, as in anything else, the best way to keep out of trouble is by keeping your mouth shut—but the columnist, who is invariably a reactionary, seems to have the art of opening it at the wrong time down to a fine art. It's very easy to write stuff that people will read; but if you do you usually end up sued, blueed, and tattooed. It's hard to be entertaining and accurate at the same time. Opposed to the columnist who seeks to entertain his readers is the one who is always crusading for something or somebody. But crusaders are a minority group and since people have a hard time getting fired up about the issue unless it affects them directly, these columnists never have their stuff read by anyone except the proof reader.

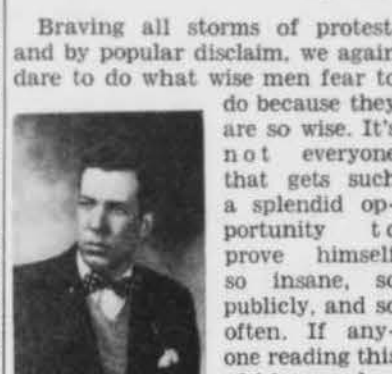
So the columnist, seeing that he is doomed either to ruin or oblivion decides to become an editor.

Although it is the smallest, probably the most difficult task a newspaper editor has is that of writing editorials. And while it is considered good policy to write controversial editorials, people get mad if you don't agree with them. And if you do agree with them, people won't read your editorials. Thus, the editor discovering that he can't please all of the people even most of the time, decides that he isn't going out of his way to please them any of the time. Consequently, because they have to speak their thoughts publicly, the editors often offend people they don't even know... and who don't know them.

All of this may sound contradictory to what we said earlier about wanting sympathy—but if it does, you mis-read. Newspaper men really like it (the business) a lot. In fact, the only thing which most of us love more than writing is sleep. We just want to let you know what it's like.

## Men About Town . . .

By Roy D. Witte



Witte

Braving all storms of protest, and by popular disclaimer, we again dare to do what wise men fear to do because they are so wise. It's not everyone that gets such a splendid opportunity to prove himself so insane, so publicly, and so often. If anyone reading this of his own free will (frankly, we don't believe it's possible) and believes he can prove himself to be a more complete fool than your reporter (we don't believe this possible, either) and do it as consistently as the aforementioned same—you should have been at the Publications Board meeting one Wednesday night, and now you're too late, so forget about the whole thing . . .

It might be the lack of transportation, or possibly the lack of energy, or even the lack of other necessities that drove the looser livers (this has nothing to do with Carter's famous household remedy) but a few steps away to the hallowed halls of our back door annex the famed and inflamed, Sem, one weekend past, but whatever the cause, our boys were there in droves . . . Brightening up the Friday evening engagement was the reception tendered all the sundry by the dear, sweet, adorable, (next two words deleted) who acted as official greeter for the evening (and for the Seminary). We must have been classified as sundry, for we were promptly notified that, "All Washington and Lee men must leave at 10:30, all guests may remain until later . . ." So we ain't neat . . . Feature attraction of that Sem evening was a grand and glorious water ballet plus the unheard of opportunity of leaving that delightful front porch (at least long enough to walk to and from the swimming pool—par for the course being two hours). For those of us who have known and cherished the Sem through many a cold winter, the swimming regalia of our fair friends was indeed a revelation. Fully expecting a "Gay Nineties" motif, the current cascade costume, as modelled by a multitude of aquatic artists, left little to be desired (and less to be imagined). The advances of science are unbelievable. It seems incredible that so much could be held in check by so little . . . Before leaving the latest threat to Billy Rose's claim to fame, we must comment on the form displayed by Miss Jill Eustis in her diving exhibition. She dives well, too . . .

After much concerted mental endeavor, we have at last reached a conclusion as to who should be complimented the most on the magnificence of their May-Day spectacle. It was no easy decision to reach (in fact it took hard, fast, driving, and two days' cuts) but the Moscow kiddies did it again in New York's Union Square, so you're outclassed Sweetbriar, and you too, Macon. Wemple's boon companions put on a show that no dell-dancing splendor could possibly dim. Besides, you don't have any windows to break . . .

Up at Baldwin, one of those fantastic affairs, commonly known as a girl-break dance, found the back bone of the Kappa Sig Hostel (clean-living crowd of wayfarers like McDowell says) having an unusually hilarious time. For and away the most popular person present was, Reg, "Belle of the Ball," Pettus. Big ones, little ones, fat ones, thin ones, pretty ones, and ones not quite so pretty—they all wanted to dance with Pettus, and most of them did—even his date wanted to dance with him. We're afraid that popularity has gone to the dashing young fellow's head, for on last reports from brothers Davis and Heard, (who unfortunately proved to be nothing more than wallflowers, sad as it may seem) Reg no longer has a cheery word for every passerby, no longer does he spend his time revelling over a cleverly phrased bit of economics terminology—he doesn't even notice Bob Totty though to hurl a customary shoe, (not even out of habit). Instead, Reg spends his time (alack and alas, or vice versa) in front of his dormitory mirror repeating, over and over again, "You monster, Pettus, you Monster . . ." Dedicated to our boys who made the Staunton trip, Siple, Guerriero, Bouldin, et al, is a small, bronze plaque, firmly clasped to the Baldwin front door with the inscription, "It should have been

sixteen pieces, but only six arrived . . ."

We are wondering, as are others, just how many of our Finals dates will understand that this is a "Big, pre-war, Finals," just because we are going to have a big name band. At other schools (we hate to admit it, but at Wahooland, too) any old dance involves the normal custom of giving flowers to the lady escorted. Extravagant and wasteful as the custom may seem, it's still a custom (the same as formal attire for formal affairs—or presents at Christmas, for that matter) and the majority of the damsels of our acquaintance, not only expect flowers, but think ill of the lads who don't give them. Maybe Washington and Lee men are strongly individualistic enough to withstand social pressure, but that isn't the usual way with Minks. Conventional dress, gentlemanly conduct, and elaborate dances have always been the way with Minks, and if we are starting on the road back (as was previously announced by the Dance Board) why not do the whole thing up right and approximate the so-called pre-war dances? Cheapening W&L men in the eyes of neighboring women's colleges is not the way the majority of W&L men wanted it in the poll last fall, nor if it were put to the students again do we think they would encourage action such as that taken by the EC. Additional consideration should be taken of the probability that the many alumni expected back will be escorting ladies dripping in orchids, that many W&L men will ignore the EC ruling, and that such a ruling won't sell anymore tickets, anyway. Let's stop fooling ourselves about big dances, if we don't even know what a big dance means . . .

## The Lighter Side

By Bill Romaine

It might be a good thing to probe a little bit into the general developments of America's entertainment world during this recent post-war year, and since this is the last column for the Winter-Spring Term, it's now or never.

We've made it pretty clear in the past that we feel Hollywood's film contributions this year have been abysmally poor, and a generally poor reflection on the industry as a whole here in the United States. No scathing indictment of this glaring failure is necessary here, particularly since recent indications seem to point a decisive finger in the direction of concrete improvement. Whether this upward trend is to be of real and lasting importance is obviously a matter for conjecture, since Hollywood has proved in past years a consistently unpredictable element in the "show-biz." We'll just have to fall back on the old panacea, "wait and see," and watch developments.

The musical phase of American entertainment, however, has proved to be on the upgrade ever since V-J Day, and shortly before that, at least as regards popular music and its various and sundry purveyors, be they bandleaders or composers. It is not hard to notice, no matter how disinterested you may be, that record companies are increasing, almost apallingly, in numbers. Every day, it seems, new labels are coming on the market, and there hasn't been much decrease in this influx of new companies for the last four or five months. In some cases, of course, this factor of quantity has proved a detrimental influence on the more important factor, quality, but on the whole this increase in the business has served to introduce much new talent that is well worth hearing. The scarcity of good musicians during the war forced numerous bands to hire young and inexperienced musicians, and bad as this may have seemed two or three years ago, it has proved to be an invaluable agent in unearthing new talent which might not otherwise have been discovered at all, or at least which would not have been brought to the attention of the public for quite some time. Popular songs don't seem to be much different or much better than in the period just preceding the war, but the present influx of bandleaders into the publishing field may prove to be a boon in the next few months; time will tell. Because of its nature the field of classical music and musicians is more static, and doesn't seem to

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# Buck Leslie Tames Wahoos 2-1 in Season's Final

## Sports

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### Generalizing . . .

By Don Moxham

Hampered by ineffectual pitching during the early season, W and L's ball club finished fast for a good share of honors. The 2-1 decision over the Wahoos turned the trick. If Buck Leslie had reached his form earlier, the otherwise balanced Generals might well have been in the fight for state and conference championships. As it was, W & L's four and three record gave the Generals fifth position in the conference.

The season's most valuable player was undoubtedly Co-Captain Jimmy Humphrey. He batted a cool .450; hit safely in every game he started—ten; and until Wednesday when he was brought in to short to replace the injured Stu Smith, Jimmy had a perfect fielding average. Blake Atwood's belated surge tagged him as General's second most consistent hitter. Speedy Bob Tiechert was short on hits but the longest on runs with eleven, while catcher Johnny Bell drove in the most runs—eleven.

The Generals took a nice trip in vain to Washington for the weekend with a walk out and a rain out. The Georgetown episode would have justly evoked plenty of complaining, but the wisdom of the forfeiture is debatable. Cap'n Dick certainly wouldn't have gathered up the bats and balls unless he had all kinds of reasons for displeasure, but the disinterested newspaper reports, more or less, injected a flavor of sour grapes into their stories. Maybe Cap'n Dick saved the Ump's life, for the Generals were getting hotter by the minute and apparently homicide was justifiable. Anyway the Hoyas are neither a conference team nor a natural rival, so next year the whole thing will probably be forgotten.

Cy Twombly is planning a twilight softball league for the summer session. Each fraternity will enter a team, and the old blood and thunder intramurals will be underway.

Abe Addams, the fair haired prospect of W & L's spring practice who left here at Easter because of scholastic difficulties, has turned up at Notre Dame. Looks like the Generals are farming him out for a little more experience.

Although Washington and Lee's entries in the state track meet failed to disclose any Olympic

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### Snuffs Out Ninth Inning Threat; W and L Gets 3 Hits; Va. Errors Costly

It was a hot Wednesday afternoon at Wilson Field, but Graham Leslie was even hotter as he pitched the Generals to a 2 to 1 win over Virginia. Leslie's four hit pitching, plus some loose Wahoo fielding served as the margin of victory. The righthander was effective in the clutches, particularly in the ninth inning when Virginia filled the bases with one out.

In the opening frame Teichert walked and advanced to second when Atwood got on through first baseman Rowell's error. Jimmy Humphrey laid down a bunt which Wade threw to third base, forcing Teichert. But when Patton dropped the ball and the umpire failed to reverse his decision, the General dugout poured onto the field. The threat was surpassed when Via popped up and Boyda fanned to end the inning.

In the bottom half of the third W & L hit pay dirt. Teichert walked for the second time and advanced to second on Atwood's sacrifice. When Rowell and Wade pulled an Alphonse-Gaston on Humphrey's infield tap, Teichert took third. Via's long fly to center field scored Teichert with the game's first run.

Leslie, although he walked the first man up in the first, second and third inning, was never in trouble, giving up his first hit in the fourth inning. In the second frame Patton led off for Virginia by walking. Leslie whiffed Caine on a 3-2 pitch and Via's throw to Teichert doubled Patton who attempted to steal.

It was a quiet ball game until the Wahoo half of the sixth. Ellington laid into the first pitch driving it deep into center field. What was a home run in any man's league turned out to be just another out as far as Ellington was concerned. It seems that the lad failed to touch both first, second and third base. A roar from the crowd unofficially informed

Ev Schneider that Ellington had missed third base. Chalk up an assist for the boys in the bleachers!

The seventh inning saw the General's second and last tally. Schneider parked one on the right field foul line for two bases. Leslie bunted, and when Wade's throw, attempting to force Schneider at third base, sailed into left field; the second, and what proved to be the winning, run came across.

Thanks to some sharp infield play, Leslie got out of what promised to be a most rough fifth inning. With one gone, Carr singled for Virginia. Wade then grounded sharply to Humphrey to start a double play via Teichert, terminating in a very nice catch by Guy Chamberlain on first base.

The situation looked very nice going into the top of the ninth. Leslie had a neat three-hitter under his belt—up until the ninth frame. The ever-dangerous Rowell filed deep to Atwood for the first out. Patton walked on four pitches and went to second on Caine's single to left. When Leslie hit Derian with the first pitch the fans became nervous. Carr grounded to Humphrey who threw to Teichert forcing Derian; however, "Dutch's" throw to first base was too late to catch Carr. Patton, meanwhile, had crossed with Virginia's first run.

With two gone, the Wahoos on first and third, Pandak stepped in to pinch-hit for pitcher Wade. With the count at 2-2, Leslie slipped in a third strike to end the game.

The contest was held up for two minutes while V.M.I. saluted some Lt. General with what sounded to be atomic bombs. . . . Jimmy Humphrey looked right at home at shortstop. . . . Sugar Young entertained the fans with some acrobatics while chasing a foul ball. . . .

Jimmy Humphrey's scratch single preserved his record of having hit in every game in which he has started this year. W & L's center fielder has been selected on the all state team by the AP.

### Generals Sweep Series with VPI On Home Field

Behind Buck Leslie's five hit twirling, Washington and Lee walked away from VPI 9-2 in the first of a two game series here in Lexington on Friday, May 11.

Foltz' single, Marousek's sacrifice, and Kozelski's single produced a Tech run in the first inning, but from then on until the ninth Leslie was the big boss, giving up only one hit before Kozelski led off the eighth with a good blow.

After a slow first, the General's got their batting eye as Johnny Via smashed a triple into right center and Stu Smith brought him in with a one bagger. Smith went to second on an error and tallied a moment later on Leslie's safety to put W & L out in front 2-1. Johnny Bell's double gave the Generals another run in the third. The Generals really found their eye against pitcher Poole in next inning when they rapped out nine hits good for six runs, rendering the Gobbler's cause all but hopeless.

#### W & L 8—VPI 5

With a burst of five runs in the sixth inning, W & L made a clean sweep of the two game series with Virginia Tech reversing exactly the results of an early season series between the two schools. The Generals rapped out ten hits in their 8-5 win over VPI, Saturday, May 11, at Lexington.

Washington and Lee took a one run lead in the third when Boyda singled and was forced at second by Tiechert. The speedy lead off man then took advantage of

the Gobbler's loose infield play to steal around to third from where he scored on a wild pitch.

Up to the sixth frame, Mike Boyda had the visitors eating humble pie, allowing nary a hit while fanning five, but in that sixth the accumulated wrath of Tech's lineup broke loose. Marousek led off with a one bagger. He appeared harmless enough when the next two men went out, but then came two successive singles and a brace of doubles and four big runs had clattered across the plate for VPI.

Trailing 4-1 the Generals staged a comeback in the home half of the sixth. Tiechert drew a base on balls and advanced to second on Atwood's single. Humphrey was also passed to load the sacks. Bell drove home the first run on a fielder's choice. Via singled, Smith walked and Schneider got his second hit of the day. Three walks and three hits had produced five runs to give W & L a 6-4 lead and they were never headed.

### Va. Swamps Netmen 8-1

The Washington and Lee tennis team was drubbed by Virginia 8-1 in their final match of the season to make their total record three wins and four setbacks. Bob Gaines won the only point for the Generals in first singles.

Don Moxham and Shep Zinovoy were selected to lead next year's squad.

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### Lambda Chi Wins Softball By Nosing Out Lawyers

Lambda Chi won this semester's Intramural Softball Championship last week, by edging out the team from the Law School 7 to 5. Dick Vierbuchen, pitching for Lambda Chi, allowed Lawyer batters only four hits. Ed Berlin sparked the winners' offensive with two hits.

By virtue of a big four run first inning and a single tally in the second, the Lambda Chi's took a lead which they never lost. Two more tallies in the fifth inning put the game on ice.

The Lawyers went hitless until the fourth inning when they put together a single and an error to score their initial tally. A lone run in the sixth, plus a three run rally in the last inning accounted for the Law School scoring. Craddock started for the Law School and was relieved by Toole in the sixth inning.

### The Lighter Side (Continued from Page Two)

have changed much, since most of the men here continued in their peacetime capacities as before. Suffice it to say that this phase of American music, (aided and abetted immeasurably by the efforts of legion foreign-born performers and composers), is, as always, doing its all-important part.

The American legitimate theatre has had its goodly number of "flops," as always, and will undoubtedly continue to do so; these failures are an integral part of its trial-and-error system. We don't mean that the stage here in this country is completely haphazard in its productions, but such productions live and die on their life-blood, the whims and fancies of an ever-fickle public, and more so than possibly any other phase of entertainment, since it depends on individual enterprise of a smaller scale than other entertainment facilities. Maybe the Old Vic Company productions in New York will have new influence on our fluctuating tastes in entertainment.

So ends a survey based mainly on opinion, and surely not authoritative opinion.

### Golfers Gain Tie

After being blanked in Washington, the W and L golf team came back to tie a favored George Washington 3-3 on the home course Thursday afternoon.

Bud Keland and Bob Carr won their individual points, while Crist and Keland picked up another in best ball play. Bob Carr shot a 72 for low score.

### Close of Year (Continued from Page One)

The next piece of news was George Wood's announcement that Ray McKinley had been signed to play for Finals. Big news that was, and everyone began to look forward to the night of May 30.

Then came the first big elections that W & L has had since the war. With posters all over town and loud speakers blaring the qualifications of each man, Washington and Lee went to the polls to elect John Fox, Add Lanier, and Ryland Dodson to head the student government. There were also so hotly contested class elections.

And now things are quieting down on campus as everyone is getting ready for final exams. Lights can be seen burning brightly at all hours, and everyone has that groggy look in their eyes.

When the last exam is over, everyone will rush over to the bus station or the hotel to pick up their dates, or else they will be at their fraternity houses getting ready for the big parties to be held that night. And they will be parties!

The dance will be swell, and the afternoon concert will really be something, with the band going all the way on everything. But when the dances are over, the Minks will soon be moving out of Lexington, some never to return, some to return in the summer, and some in the fall, but with all goes the memory of a great year at Washington and Lee.

### Generalizing (Continued from Page Three)

prospects, one of the team entered W & L's hall of fame. Presenting Tony Lee who won one half point with a fourth place tie in the pole vault—the only Washington and Lee trackman ever to account for all the General's points during the entire season. Tony Lee and Johnny Gannon have been named co-captains for next year's thinclads, by the way.

The show at the Lynchburg club last week was a big success for everyone, but the finance committee. The day's play had a price tag on it of 750 bucks, and the necessary crowd of between five and six hundred fell a little short; however, it was well worth the difference to the club's name, which is so well known in other activities, usually staged on Saturday night. The Budge vs. Riggs match appeared to be for blood.

Riggs certainly moaned enough. Every so often the more dignified patrons received a shock when one of the pros would miss an easy shot and let ride with a few choice phrases. They must have run out of sugar, for the lemonade developed a saccharin taste. Budge, a tee-totaler, thought his lemonade was spiked and asked a few questions to determine if his game was being sabotaged. When asked how he liked his first alcoholic drink, he said swell and promptly belted one off the fence for extra bases.

Early this week the Washington Post carried a little article to the effect that Sam DiBlasi, property

of the Boston Red Sox, had been farmed to their Lynn, Mass., team. DiBlasi was a freshman here in 1941-42, earning numerals in football, basketball, and baseball. He hooked up with Harry Harner, Dick Working, and Jack Tucek to give the baby Generals the best freshman backfield in the state that season.

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