

The following was adopted by the Faculty at its meeting held Monday, March 18, 1929:
"That absences on Friday, April 19th, and Monday, April 22nd, be counted double."

The Ring-tum Phi

BY THE STUDENTS, FOR THE UNIVERSITY

Seniors wishing caps and gowns for the Commencement exercises should sign the pad placed at the Corner as soon as possible as orders must be forwarded immediately to the furnishing company.

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Situation Of Missing Books Is Unimproved

One Book Is Returned As Another One Disappears; Condition Bad.

PRACTICE CALLED BREACH OF HONOR

Librarian Asks That Blot On Honor System Be Erased.

One of the missing library books has been returned and one more added to the list of those gone, Miss Blanche McCrum, head librarian, announced today. This leaves the situation unimproved.

Taking books without library permission is a breach of the honor system, and notices have been placed in the library and published in the library handbook clearly stating the rule. A letter to the editor from Miss McCrum and an editorial on the subject of missing books appeared in the last issue of the RING-TUM PHI, but only one book has been replaced.

Two books, "Historie Illustrée de la Littérature Française," by Aaby; and "Appleton's New Spanish-English and English-Spanish Dictionary," by Arturo Cuyas, are missing from the Romance language seminar.

Four Missing. The education seminar is missing four books: "Social Psychology," Allport; "Modern Methods in High School Teaching," Douglass; "Outline of Psychology," McDougall, and "Psychology," Woodworth.

Three volumes have been taken from the history seminar. They are "Statesmen of the Old South," by Dodd; "History of the Roman People," by Seignobos; "A Study of the Causes of Rome's Wars from 343 to 265 B. C.," by Spaeth. "Modern Marriages," Popenoe, has been taken from the Biology seminar, and "Dwellers of the Nile," by Budge, and "Our Hellenic Heritage," by H. R. James, are missing from the reserve shelf.

Blot On System. "The Golden Bowl," by Henry James; "Limehouse Nights," by Thomas Burke, and "Opera Synopsis, a Guide to the Plots and Characters of Standard Operas," by J. W. McSpadden are also gone from the shelves.

Miss McCrum said that it was imperative that all these books be returned immediately, in order that the service of the library be not impaired, and so that this blot on Washington and Lee's honor system might be wiped away.

Trend To Color Is Interesting Dress Feature

Chicago, March 20.—Imagine tough Will'um, football captain, prof rider, hard-guy, in the show-room three or four years ago, stepping from a pair of sky blue shorts that blended with perhaps a navy blue athletic shirt!

Today, if he didn't have on shirts and shorts of color he'd be more conspicuous than that. The trend to color in every phase of men's apparel industry is the most vivid feature of the trade. Especially is this true in the new spring merchandise. Springblends and sportblends of tans with contrasting green, black and scarlet combinations, pastel shades of blue. The idea is to wear a tie not because it's a good-looking tie but because it becomes the wearer and blends with other haberdashery.

For the male of the species is stepping out of drab apparel into becoming and distinctive colors.

Fifty-five seniors in the College of Engineering kissed the Blarney Stone in a knighting ceremony, which has been a tradition on the campus of Missouri university since 1906. Seven hundred have thus far been knighted.

Rube—What makes your daughter so talkative?
Boob—I think she and her mother were both vaccinated with a phonograph needle.—The Pathfinder.

Voters in Radio Debate Praise Washington-Lee

Widespread Interest Shown In Recent Contest With Chicago School—Won By Plummer, Platt and Conn.

The ballots sent in by radio "listeners in" on the recent debate between Washington and Lee and Chicago Kent School of Law were received recently by Professor Marvin G. Bauer, coach of the team and head of the Department of Public Speaking. The final result was 150 to 84 in favor of Washington and Lee. Letters were received from a great variety of men: lawyers, doctors, bankers, ministers and general business men, including chamber of commerce members, lumbermen, railroad men, and several others.

The interest in the debate was widespread as is shown by the extent of territory from which comments were received. A few of the towns which wrote in were: Jasper, Ontario; Elmira, New York; Steventon, Texas; Ellen-

dale, North Dakota; Magnolia Springs, Alabama, and Huletown, Maine. Most of them came from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, but many were received from Missouri and Michigan.

Washington and Lee argued the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved, that congress should pass uniform marriage and divorce laws, constitutionality waived," while Chicago Kent School of Law upheld the negative.

Praise Debaters. A good many of the letters brought in the religious phase and the debate aroused a great deal of discussion in some of the ballots to WMAQ, over which station the debate was broadcast. Many of these letters not only spoke well of the individuals on the Washington and Lee team but (Continued on page four)

Four Students Are Entrants In Speech Contest

Plummer, Platt, Venable And Moore To Speak In Competition.

On April 12 an oratorical contest will be held in Lee chapel to pick the man who will represent Washington and Lee in the Fifth National Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest on the Constitution. At present there are four entrants: W. A. Plummer, Harold M. Platt, J. R. Moore, and W. W. Venable.

Plummer, who is a member of the Sigma Chi social fraternity, represented Washington and Lee in the oratorical contest two years ago, while Platt, who belongs to the Arcades club, won the Virginia state contest last year. Both are members of Delta Sigma Rho, a national fraternity for distinguished success in intercollegiate debating. Moore, who is a freshman and member of the Kappa Alpha social fraternity, won the national high school contest last fall and placed fourth in the international competition. Venable competed in a previous national intercollegiate contest. He is a transfer to the law school and is a member of Chi Phi.

The winner will go to Los Angeles, where he will compete in the finals if he is successful in two other contests. This annual affair is carried on by the Better America - Confederation of California.

Joe Clower, who represented Washington and Lee last year, won the state contest but was defeated in his final competition before going to Los Angeles. Those desiring to enter can still do so, and are requested to see Professor Marvin G. Bauer of the Department of Public Speaking immediately.

To Name Court Captain Soon

Leader Of 1930 Basketball To Be Chosen At Banquet In Week.

The basketball banquet will be held sometime next week, according to Manager Allen Morgan. Only the seven letter men, the new senior and junior managers, Manager Morgan and Coach R. A. Smith, will be present. The affair will be very informal, and no program has been arranged. The captain for the 1930 Generals will be elected, and there will be a few impromptu talks from various members of the 1929 team.

The basketball team loses only two letter men from the stellar aggregation of this season, but these are veterans of many hard fought contests and the Generals mark the departure of Captain Jim Lowry and H. T. "Heinie" Groop as severe losses.

Many Senior Lawyers Have Picked Posts

Twenty-eight Members In Class. All Have Made Statements.

There are twenty-eight applications in for the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Although all of the prospective graduates have not definitely decided where they will locate they have declared that they will begin the practice of law next year. Two members of the senior law class have withdrawn from school and one has transferred from the law school to the academic school and will get his degree from that department. None of the graduates will travel to foreign fields next year but will be located from New York to California. Several members of the class probably will not secure their degrees this year and will have to return next session to get them. It is of interest to note that several of the men who live in other states will remain in Virginia to practice. It is very unusual that so many seniors should have definitely decided by this time as to where they will be located after they finish school. Following is the list of the law seniors and their probable fields of practice:

P. R. Becker intends to practice in Dayton, Ohio. L. C. Beirne, Jr., will practice law at Cobham, Va., along with his duties as mayor. W. R. Clark states that although the date of his graduation is doubtful he will attempt the hole of a promising young attorney anywhere that he isn't sufficiently discouraged.

C. L. Claunch will practice law somewhere in this state, although he is not certain as to the town. W. J. Dorsey will practice somewhere in Virginia but has not decided as yet in what town he will locate. Harry Fozzard is undecided as to what he will be doing next year but will probably be practicing somewhere. S. A. Giuffra is going to enter the law profession somewhere in New Jersey.

C. W. Hamilton will enter legal work at Norton, Va. M. M. Heuser will become a law partner of Mr. Hamilton who has decided to make his headquarters in Norton, Va. J. M. Holt will practice law somewhere in the state of West Virginia, probably in Charleston. S. W. Lancaster will become an aeroplane corporation lawyer and will probably be located in California.

J. T. Lowe is undecided as to the place but will practice his chosen profession. R. M. McLane will practice law in Florida. A. H. McLeod will become an attorney somewhere in the state of Florida also. M. H. McBryde, Jr., will enter the legal work in North Carolina. R. D. Powers, Jr., expects to practice law either in Norfolk or Portsmouth, Va. W. S. Price will practice his chosen profession in Rocky Mount, (Continued on Page Four).

Early Entrants Received Here For Convention

Already responses have been received regarding entering the fourth annual S. I. P. A. convention sponsored by the Lee Memorial School of Journalism from high schools, according to information received last night from L. W. Hill, in charge of publicity and applicants.

John Marshall, of Richmond, has indicated its intention of sending six representatives, while the Asheville (N. C.) Senior High school has written asking permission to have twelve delegates present for the two-day session.

The Southern Intercollegiate Press association was formed by Professor Roscoe B. Ellard in the spring of 1926 and since its inception, four years ago, it has grown to be one of the biggest events in the life of the high school editors and business managers while they are in the college preparatory ranks.

This time last year not a single application blank had been returned, while last night two had found their way to the Journalism office, and last year was the largest convention ever held. Those acting in promotional departments believe this convention will exceed all former meetings in number and variety of programs.

As last year, several girls will attend the meetings as well as scores of boys, and several faculty advisers.

Letter Asks Students To Hollins Show

College Beauties To Parade In Latest Spring Fashions, March 23.

"You Washington and Lee students are invited to come to the Ninth Annual Fashion Show at Hollins this year with a twinkle in your eyes, a dollar in your jeans (nothing on your hips), and with the great and worthy purpose of selecting your dates for Finals from among the best looking girls that Hollins has to offer," by a letter sent the RING-TUM PHI by those sponsoring the show.

The show this year will include the usual fashion promenade and musical comedy. It will be presented on March 23. Eighteen girls will have parts in the production which is being coached by Mary Shepherd Gray and Evelyn Gray.

The eighteen "well-dressed women" represent many types of beauty and many sections of the country, coming from seventeen cities scattered from Norfolk in the East to Chicago in the West, and from New York in the North to Louisiana in the South. Atlanta is the only city claiming two representatives. Suzette Heath and Marion Wolff are from the Georgia metropolis.

Others taking part are listed as follows: Sallie Barret, Richmond, Va.; Jeanette Gilmer, Big Stone Gap, Va.; Virginia Welton Crocker, Portsmouth, Va.; Alys Lavender, Bristol, Va.; Elizabeth Platt, Monroe, La.; Virginia McClamrock, Greensboro, N. C.; Mary Louise Mayo, Chicago, Ill.; Virginia Robertson, Charleston, S. C.; Margaret Huffard, Douglaston, Long Island; Mary Stoakley, Norfolk, Va.; Ann Cucule, Lynchburg, Va.; Dorothy Towles, Roanoke, Va.; Martha Huguley, West Point, Ga.; Shirley Newbould, New York; Anne Brown, Albany, Ga.; Eleanor Wilson, Chester, Pa.

Virtually all of these girls are well known at Washington and Lee, having attended University dances here.

Frosh Ineligible

Freshmen who have been anxiously awaiting news as to whether high grades would enable them to make the dean's list were doomed to disappointment today. Mr. E. S. Mattingly announced from the office of the registrar that no members of the freshman class would be eligible to this privilege.

Gilbert Makes Further Plans On Spring Play

Business Manager Of Troubadours Names Two Assistants To Make Trip.

DRAMATIC PART NEAR COMPLETION

Collison And Lindsay Working On General Direction Of "The Haunted House."

Two assistants to both business manager and property manager will take the Easter trip with the Troubadours through West Virginia, Tennessee and Virginia, W. Van Gilbert, business manager, announced today.

With "The Haunted House," the dramatic end of the production, just about rounded out, Al Collison, president, expects the spring presentation to be a success in every way. Dan Lindsay, who is taking the heavy role in Davis' comedy, has spent a great deal of time developing the character, besides assisting Collison in the general direction.

Advance publicity, under Louis Powell, will be sent out to those towns in which the Troubadours will appear. Cuts of various scenes of the play will accompany the write-ups. The publicity will be started two weeks in advance and will be followed up constantly with further reflections and informative matter.

The troupe of thirty men, as hitherto announced, will take the trip in a chartered bus. Several others have expressed a desire to accompany the players. A faculty member will also go with the show.

Rehearsals were held over the week-end, and President Collison said he hoped to have dress rehearsals within a few days. Joe Broadus with his assistants are arranging the costumes.

The property management, under Tom Fitzhugh, is working steadily on various lighting and sound effects in conjunction with Fred Collette, electrician. Various new theater phenomena are being planned and constructed. "It will be the first time any such effects will have been shown in Lexington," said Gilbert.

The show will leave Lexington in time to make their first appearance the night of April 1. A tentative itinerary has been arranged by Gilbert and awaits only the approval of the dean and the faculty committee on dramatics. "The Haunted House" will not be shown in Lexington until after the Easter trip. Announcement as to the local presentation will be made at a later date.

Imaginations Run Riot As Odorless Jars Are Smelled

Washington and Lee students are liars.

Professor Marvin G. Bauer proved this last week to his public speaking classes.

He brought a vial of Oriental appearance to class with him. "In this jar, gentlemen, I have placed materials with an exceedingly queer scent. Now when I remove the top I will take out my watch and time you to see how long it takes the first man to catch the scent."

They Smell It.

Off came the jar top; out came the watch. A half minute passed. The class sniffing industriously. From the second row a hand suddenly went up over the head of a student who chirped, "I smell it, Mr. Bauer." Other hands began shooting up all over the room.

"Some of you gentlemen certainly have well developed imaginations, Mr. Bauer finally remarked dryly, "because this bottle is empty and odorless and if you don't believe it have a smell."

Later in the day Mr. Bauer met another section of public speaking. He placed on his desk before the class three bottles, one containing a pinkish liquor, another a greenish liquor, and the third, a Listerine bottle, containing that familiar liquid.

Another Test. "Gentlemen, this bottle contains

Freshman Night To Be Celebrated Friday, March 29

Freshman night will be held this year on March 29, the Friday night before Easter. The date for the meeting of the freshman class to receive instructions from the council has not been set but will be held in a few days, according to Joe Holt, president.

On freshman night a parade is held through the town followed by the burning of the hats. Then the show is crashed and George's statue above Washington College is painted. Most of the rules go off this night but the ones about not walking on the grass and the speaking rule have been kept in the past. Freshmen are also required to wear a hat or cap for the remainder of the year. It is strictly against custom to paint the library or deface any property.

Frank Parker Chosen As New Vice-President

Committeeman To Fill Unexpired Term; Seniors To Elect His Successor.

Francis Troost Parker, Jr., senior in the Commerce school, was last night chosen to fill the unexpired term of H. C. Rand as vice-president of the student body by the executive committee. Parker was executive committeeman from the Commerce school and his appointment will necessitate another election in this school.

Frank Parker is from Mobile, Alabama, and is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity. He is also a member of Pi Alpha Nu, ribbon society, and Pi Delta Epsilon, honorary journalistic fraternity. He was at one time vice-president of the Glee club.

The new election in the Commerce school will be held Friday night, March 22, at 7:30 o'clock in Newcomb hall.

The executive committee, commenting on the appointment, stated that the committee thought it best to select one of its present members to the vacated post since it was so near the end of the present school year and that before an "outsider" could thoroughly familiarize himself with the duties of vice-president that it would be the end of the year.

The newly elected representative from the Commerce school will resume his duties immediately upon election and will serve until the close of the present school term.

Imaginations Run Riot As Odorless Jars Are Smelled

rosewater, this one mint, and this one Listerine. I am going to remove the top from these bottles and I want you to let me know which is the predominant scent."

The tops off. The class sniffing. One student, evidently dreaming of that girl and moonlight and roses, held up his hand. "I smell rosewater." Others followed. All smelled the rosewater but none the Listerine and the mint.

"Now, gentlemen, this is just too queer," Mr. Bauer observed, "because this rosewater is nothing more than pure water mixed with a little odorless coloring matter. And for that matter the mint is water mixed with blueing; the Listerine is weak tea."

Mr. Bauer says he conducted these experiments in order to show his classes the power of suggestion. He explained that his suggestion of a scent in the bottle started the imaginations of the first class working and with mob instinct they followed their leader in suggestion. In the second class all believed they smelled rosewater because of the first man choosing it.

Through these experiments, tricks which caught everyone in the class, Mr. Bauer attempted to show the prospective speakers the power they might wield in suggesting rather than urging pure exposition.

Baseball Team Opens Current Season Here

Lynchburg College Tossers Coming To Avenge Football Defeat Last Fall.

GENERAL LINEUP STILL UNCERTAIN

White Expected To Pitch, Fields To Catch; Many Substitutions Expected.

Tomorrow afternoon Washington and Lee will pry off the lid of the current baseball season here with Lynchburg college furnishing the opposition. Coming unheralded and with the memory of a severe lacing on the football field last fall fresh in mind, the invaders are expected to extend the untried Generals to the limit before a verdict is reached.

Captain Dick Smith has not decided on a definite line-up as he has had very little time to see his men in action. This game will be more of a test for the newcomers on the squad, who are almost certain to break into the line-up if the Generals get off to a good lead.

Of the new developments of the past week one had Leigh Williams doing duty on the rubber for the first time. The lanky first baseman has an awkward stance and seems to throw the ball plateward with a strained motion, failing to put his arm and body into the pitch. Should more rhythm be gained in his pitching the big first baseman should sail the ball past the batter with a world of speed. It is not likely that Williams will take the mound unless the Generals get off to a sufficient lead to warrant the experiment.

White To Pitch. Captain Gene White will more than likely start the contest in the box with Fields doing the receiving. Atwood, Radford, and several of the other mound candidates will face the barrage before the game is under way very long with Littman and Taliaferro receiving their slants.

For the infield Williams is almost a certainty at the initial corner, Jenkins at second, Jacobs at short, and Thibodeau at the "hot" corner. Stone, Vance or Wright may relieve Williams; White returns to second when he has been released from his mound duties, with Riley or Cox substituting for Thibodeau at third.

Many Outfielders. In the outfield Hank Slanker, "Apie" Lowdon, and Wright have the first call. Slanker cavorting in center with Lowdon guarding left field and Wright playing the field back of Williams.

From this game Captain Dick can make the task of picking his first nine much easier. With the squad cut down to a smaller number more individual attention can be given to the men before Princeton and Colgate come to Lexington the last week-end of this month.

Expert Declares College Men Are Style Leaders

New York, March 20.—Evidence that college men are leaders in adapting new styles for themselves, wearing them, and making them generally popular is seen in the present nation-wide demand for solid-color satin neckwear, thinks Tom Leslie, nationally known men's apparel expert and member of Wilson Brothers style committee. This tie first became popular in Eastern colleges. Gradually the style spread to all college students, and is now passing also to the public at large. The popularity of the satin tie is expected to hold sway all through the spring.

Many young men have been wearing this satin neckwear with soft collar attached shirts, using a collar pin. In Eastern circles, however, because of the small knot in which they should be tied for best appearance, they are worn usually with stiff collar to match or attached. Careful blending with related haberdashery is imperative, too, because of the glistening sheen of satin.

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We are always glad to publish any communications that may be handed to us. No unsigned correspondence will be published, however, we shall gladly withhold your signature from print upon request.

If the choice were left to me whether to have a free press or a free government, I would choose a free press.—Thomas Jefferson.

THINK OF THE BOOKS.

An Englishman writes to The London Times, suggesting that Lent be made the occasion for returning borrowed books. The idea is disparaged by "The Bookman" of the Manchester Guardian, but there are many strong points in its favor.

It would be a great thing if here we might set aside a day for returning books, especially since so many have disappeared from the Library recently.

Just think of the plight of these books, forced to stand on some thoughtless person's shelf "doomed to the ignominy of never again revealing their richest to the world," all because some inconsiderate has removed them from their proper places. No real lover of books would ever exclude a book from further circulation because he wished to read a few hours of it and then be unwilling to return it after he had sneakily removed it from the Library shelves. Stop and consider fair-play and have consideration for others, to say nothing of respecting your honor and family pride.

W. & L.—CO-EDS!

Co-eds at the University of Detroit will be expelled if they are detected conversing with any male students on the campus, according to a recent announcement by President John P. McNichols. The men are greeting this proclamation with acclaim, if the words of John S. Malley, associate editor of the student paper, may be taken as representative.

Malley says: "The co-eds waylay and harass the male students. They destroy the studious and scholarly atmosphere of the college with their blandishments."

But one fair co-ed ascribes Malley's expression to malice and a desire "to get even." "Malley," she says, "hates girls because he can't dance. He asked me to teach him how. He can't dance and the girls can't be annoyed with him."

Such news falls queerly on the ears of Washington and Lee students, safe in their monastic atmosphere. Here the "deadly species" are seldom seen and the studious and scholarly atmosphere is undisturbed. But there was a time when this school was in danger of co-education. The woman whose generosity built Newcomb Hall, offered a large sum to the University on the condition that it become a co-educational institution. The trustees debated long and seriously. G. W. Custis Lee, son of General Robert E. Lee, was president, having succeeded his father a few years before.

Finally, by the closest of margins, the trustees decided to refuse the offer and remain a strictly male school. And so, since 1748, Washington and Lee has been free from contamination by co-eds. That time, back in the '80's, saw the only threat of such an invasion.

Girls do come here, often, and in large crowds. But they are invited, and are welcome when they do come. How they would be accepted as daily campus associates would be a perplexing question. Idle speculation is often interesting and it would be indeed difficult to imagine any speculation more interesting, and at the same time,

more idle, than the possibility of Washington and Lee's being co-ed. Meanwhile, our sympathy goes out to John Malley at Detroit.

AMERICANS DETEST SNOOPING.

"The conquered Saxon with a bow and arrow that he copied from those of archers who dropped their Norman shafts on Harold, kills a deer deep in the forest. A treacherous snooper betrays him to the Normans. And by his own bowstring the Saxon is hanged by the neck until rather definitely dead. The Saxons resented that, and if they had had their way, the snooper would have gone down to the foul dust from whence he sprung, upwept, unhonored, and unsung."

Other European countries have seen the terrors of the spy system. There's Russia. She knew it under the czar, and under the Bolsheviks. Germans knew it, and Frenchmen, too, especially when the guillotine was symbolical of revolution. A great part of the American population today is composed of descendants of people who escaped from tyrants who employed spies.

It is a fact that true Americans do not detest spies during war times, rather they honor and respect them. Major Andre Nathan Hale and Miss Van Lew are not looked upon with scornful disfavor, but with pride by their countries. It was possible for others to distinguish themselves and accomplish great things for their countries during wars by serving in the role of spies. But we Americans inherently detest a snooper.

Youth of today, especially, detests the name snooper. One of the lowest curses a person can have is to be labeled a snooper by the younger Americans. Everything that goes on should be in the open, youth thinks.

In Washington, Mrs. Willebrandt is speaking for snoopers in federal prisons; Senator Borah is loud in his damnation of this practice. Mrs. Willebrandt is again creating laughter and jeers and causing male voters to be convinced women have no place in the administrative powers of our government; Senator Borah is claiming more followers, for the American mind will not tolerate a snooper, even though it be in a federal prison. "The American gullet just will not accept the indigestible tincture of peace-time spydom." And if our next administration at Washington wishes to make American citizens hot around the collar it has simply to continue snooping in federal penitentiaries.

BE PROGRESSIVE.

We read of Chief Sitting Bull and Chief Tushkalusa tormenting the "pale faces" for amusement. We read in ancient histories how the earlier Greeks would punish their captives for the same reason. It all comes to our mind that these people were not civilized—they were still victims of barbarism. Today our civilization has progressed. If one were to say that we were barbaric or had tendencies towards barbarism we would immediately take issue. Enough evidence could be produced to prove the speaker incorrect.

Yet, there still exists in many American colleges a tendency towards barbarism. There is the gross paddling of fraternity goats. Is it not somewhat barbaric to "beat" a person your subordinate in years just because you happen to be his senior? Sometimes a little "reminder" is most beneficial to a freshman, but drastic "reminders" are unnecessary; public shames are unnecessary.

Colleges all over America are taking steps towards the abolition of public fraternity shames and severe rough-house initiations. Every year some fraternity loses a good pledge because of rough ceremonies. Undesired publicity is heaped upon the fraternity and the college involved.

It is gratifying to learn that opinions of leaders on our campus are against public shames and rough-house initiations. The day should not be far off when Washington and Lee will fall in line with other progressive universities in forbidding public demonstrations and severe horse-play.

Washington and Lee is considered a modern university in many educational lines, but we are behind in abolishing public shames and rough-house initiations, though it is true all fraternities this year had a tendency to "slacken-up." Definite action might be taken by the Interfraternity council towards abandoning the ancient barbaric custom. If this body, representing all the campus fraternities, does not make some recommendations and suggestions while the matter is fresh in the members' minds it is likely that Washington and Lee will grow more and more to be a back number in taking up progressive fraternal ideas.

Over the Coffee Cup

WHAT CAME NEAR BEING a world record occurred the other day in Hoboken when a show, the Black Frock, made its first appearance and lasted until nearly 2 o'clock. It happened that no dress rehearsal was held before the premier and a lengthy show resulted. Two hours were clipped off the performance the next day.

FRANCE HAS at last become indignant over the philanthropic aid given it by America and England. Americans and Englishmen have announced they will raise 2,000,000 francs (about \$80,000) to help print the catalogue of the French National Library. A French journalist has come forward with a severe criticism of the condition which has seen Versailles remodeled by Rockefeller, the medical college at Lyons reconstructed by another American and the catalogue of the Bibliothèque Nationale printed at expense of British and Americans.

NEW YORK optometrists believe they have a theory which when put in practice will eliminate about one-half of the nation's eye trouble. By muscular movement of the eyes these optometrists believe they can cure near and far sightedness, and cross-eyes unless caused by paralysis or injury to optical nerve centers. If the theory proves practical it will not only be appreciated by those who wear glasses, but also by those who have to gaze at the apparently increasing number of tortoiseshell circles.

FIERY TOM HEFLIN, senator from Alabama and "admiral" of the navy which shall protect America from a papal invasion, is unappreciated in Massachusetts, and as a result subjected to a bombardment of stones and mud. Citizens of Brockton failed to agree with his attack on the Pope, Mussolini, the Knights of Columbus, and Roman Catholics. A rock was thrown through a window of the hall where he spoke to the Ku Klux Klan, and mud was thrown on the gentleman as he stepped into his car. If his life had been taken Admiral Tom he said he would have been avenged by thirty-seven men, representing three fraternal organizations. He added, "It ought to be avenged."

There are signs of spring in Texas. The president of the University of Texas has issued a bulletin saying that if the students and the professors will take the small amount of trouble necessary to throw waste paper in the baskets provided they will help keep the campus beautiful.

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Church Is Not On Trial Says Former Rector

Dr. O. D. Randolph Speaks To Seventy-five Episcopal Students.

"The church of God is not on trial," the Rev. Oscar D. Randolph told seventy-five student members of the Lee Episcopal club last night.

Dr. Randolph, who is head of the Virginia Episcopal school, Lynchburg, was speaker at the annual club banquet in the Lee Memorial Episcopal church parish rooms. He referred to the church as an "invisible symbol" to be handed on through the ages.

"The church of God is not on trial, it has stood the test of time," Dr. Randolph said, discussing college criticism of religion. "It is not the church, but we ourselves who are on trial. Christ has endured, and scoffing at religion is not new. Both have withstood the test of time."

As a visitor in a European art gallery passed before exhibits of famous paintings he passed disparaging remarks about each work, the speaker said, illustrating his point. These remarks were heard by the guide, who became exasperated and turning to the visitor, said: "Sir, these paintings have been admired and appreciated for years. They are not on trial."

"The church and religion likewise have been admired and appreciated," Dr. Randolph said, "they are inspiration towards right."

Dr. Randolph asked club members to transfer loyalty to their home church to their college church. Through this, he said, they may help carry on the link connecting men with the church invisible.

The speaker was rector of the church from 1912 to 1917, when he resigned to become a captain in the army. Dr. D. Benjamin Easter was toastmaster. Dr. Glover D. Hancock of the senior vestry and F. T. Parker of the student vestry also spoke.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to Editor
Ring-tum Phi.

Dear Sir:—May I compliment the stand which the Ring-tum Phi has taken on the question of "Hell Week" and fraternity "horseplay?" It seems to me that the spirit which those practices manifest is one not only out of tune with the spirit of a university, but also vicious.

Reactionaries who stand for "horseplay" because of precedent are being deluded by a stupid sentimentalism which leads them to brutality. For "horseplay" is, say what you will, a form of brutality. It makes no difference that many freshmen expect such treatment, and feel cheated if it is omitted from their curriculum. If freshmen are as silly and stupid as that, they should be educated.

The whole matter of "horseplay" rests, in effect, on retaliation. Those who have been beaten desire to inflict the same punishment on the newcomers. As to the argument that it helps make men of freshmen, that is so much "bunk." Its single effect is to make the freshmen only more anxious to become sophomores, so they too can enjoy themselves.

In a university whose purpose, ostensibly at least, is to subject young men to a certain amount of learning, I fail to see why fraternities consider "horseplay" as an important branch of learning. It makes of a scholastic atmosphere one akin to the Elks' lodge on Saturday night initiation, when husbands who have been dodging their wives' plates and vases all week take it out on the

"goats."
I wish the Ring-tum Phi all success in eliminating this abhorrent feature of our campus life. "STUDENT."

Oberst Replies.

March 15, 1929.

Mr. H. P. Johnston, Editor, Ring-tum Phi, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.

Dear Mr. Johnston: Your words of good wishes and assurance of the whole-hearted support of the entire Washington and Lee student body and the Ring-tum Phi heighten the importance I had attached to the position as head football mentor of Washington and Lee University.

Please accept my thanks. Very truly yours,
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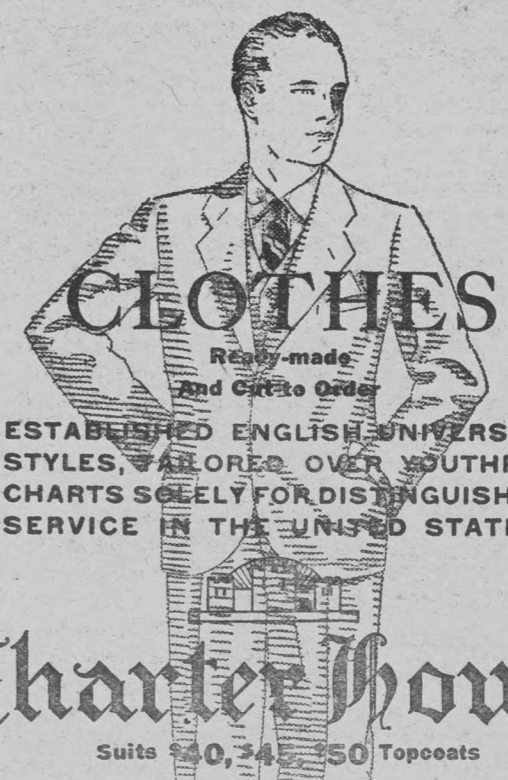
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Fast Matches Decide Championships in Boxing and Wrestling Intramurals

Athletic Circus Held Last Night Sees Good Bouts

All Varieties Of Fights Witnessed In Mat And Ring Intramurals.

BY BOB CHAPIN.
The circus has come and gone. Those lucky ones who happened to witness the intramural boxing and wrestling bouts saw a show that ought to have been saved for Broadway. It was farce, slapstick, tragedy and bloody murder all in one. Even some of the wrestling bouts were interesting, and the boxing was a knockout. The breezes—not zephyrs either—from some of those swings are still playing around the rafters of the gym, and it is calculated that the energy expended in such playful pokes would supply the University with hot water—or hot air—for at least two months.

The festivities started with some kind of a wrestling bout. Rosenberg and Tonsmeire went round and round keeping time to a series of melodious grunts from one or another of the aesthetes, we just couldn't tell which. They were a little off tune, but the spizzicato effect and the tremolo were perfect.

Sanders and Raymond then went through the motions of a four-round bout, and it was a good one. Raymond gave the shag with variations—also some nice punches.

Mat Contortions.

Johnny Faulkner and another Rosenberg, in lovely blue tights, went through a series of contortions on the mat, and Johnny got a body scissors. Rosenberg wasn't sure for a moment just which way his liver had been squeezed, but finally seemed to locate it under his right lung. Tight squeeze for Rosy.

Young Elias and Kid Slosberg started to put on a bang-up boxing match, but the Kid's left banged up against the chin of Elias and he was assisted from the ring. When interviewed by a reporter, Slosberg attributed his long life and dynamite punch to total abstinence, and said, "I always aim for nonchalance, and always reach for a Roi-Tan instead of a sweet."

Close Head Work.

Osterman and Halpern wobbled around the mat for eight minutes with their necks in close contact. Osterman in a flying finish, crashed through with a nine-second time decision. Osty

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Initial Tennis Workout Draws Large Number

The tennis team held its initial workout of the season Tuesday afternoon under the direction of Captain Len Jacobs. The courts were in fairly good condition, but lacked the firmness that playing can give them. A large number of men reported, and from this number it is hoped that a team worthy of the difficult schedule, which Manager Gooch has arranged, may be molded.

The squad will not be cut for sometime yet, but it will finally be pared down to only eight men, who will remain all season as a nucleus from which the team will be selected. Daily practice will be held from now on whenever the weather permits, and all those who expect to come out for tennis are urged to do so in the next few days, so that Captain Jacobs can begin to get a line on the new men.

attributes his victory to a superior knowledge of the waltz step, and to brilliant head work.

Red Jones apparently doesn't like to do his wrestling in public. Three times he picked his opponent up, walked off the mat, and started for regions unknown. Each time the victim was saved by the referee's intervention. Red had a very elevating influence on his opponent, but in the end the opponent got Red down.

Beautiful Fight.

Rhett and Langley put up a beautiful fight that went to an extra round. Both boys went in for murder and total annihilation, and the result was not a boxing match but a real fight.

Harris and Hewson gave an imitation of two inspired windmills, with the referee playing the role of Don Quixote. At times it seemed that both fighters had agreed on the obliteration of the referee.

The three-cornered bout was broken up, but the two corners were plenty. The law of conservation of energy was temporarily repealed, and five onlookers caught chills and fever from the wind of the flying mits. Hewson's knowledge of the gentle art of the pugilist gave him the decision over the battling Harris.

Whirlwind vs. Hurricane.

Guyol and Bledsoe put on a pretty scrap, but the latter was too smart a boxer. Bledsoe was a whirlwind; Guyol was a hurricane, but he couldn't land.

Tilson and Fulton put on a beautiful three-round bout that was plenty close. Tilson had a little more science, but both of them were fighting as if they were fraternity brothers. It was a pretty fight—give and take, and each did both.

Tonsmeire and Rosenberg, wrestlers, ended the boxing with a desperate bout. Their reactions weren't scientific, but then, neither are a mule's. The former woke up five minutes later and asked "Are we going to box any more?" We sincerely hope he has not sustained a cauliflower ear, as was reported.

Good Material Reporting For Frosh Baseball

Experience And Ability Evident Among Contenders For 1932 Team.

Approximately 35 freshmen reported to the East Lexington island Tuesday afternoon for the initial call for baseball candidates, issued by Coach E. P. Davis. The past few days of warmer weather has put the island field in shape and Coach Davis has begun his outdoor work in earnest for the coming season.

Several of the frosh diamond candidates have been working out with the varsity battery men in the gymnasium for the past few weeks under Assistant Coach Twombly, and Coach Davis should find most of his material in fine shape for the outdoor workouts.

The infield expected from the wealth of material reporting is the most promising department the frosh mentor will have on hand this season. Of the former prep and high school players who are trying for this department, Martin, an experienced player with years of high school and fast amateur playing should prove a tower of strength, both in his fielding and work at the bat. Smith and Rounton along with Burke look promising and should come through for a share of the infield duty. Mattox, former Fishburne Military school shortstop, will give most any of the candidate a hard fight for this position.

Tilson and Burke look the most promising of the crop trying for the first base position and if these two men come through pre-season workouts as it is expected, the initial sack will be well taken care of.

Little is known of the pitching material on hand. Martin has seen some service on the mound and he may be used as one of the fingers along with other infield duties.

With Cremmin and Tignor on hand, Coach Davis has two men who can well take care of the backstop position. Both are good receivers with strong arms and are exceptionally good hitters.

A wealth of material is on hand for the outfield and with most of the candidates for the outer department being good hitters, this department is expected to be strong.

Dean Bessie Leach Priddy in a talk to Missouri house presidents recommended that the girls be reminded that they should be in their own houses by 12:15 on Friday and Saturday nights and at 10:30 on other nights.

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Average Of a Meet a Week Is Prospect Facing Trackmen

Six Dual Meets, A State Meet And SIC Competition On 1929 Schedule.

Six dual meets, a state meet, and the Southern conference championships will attract Washington and Lee varsity tracksters this spring.

Opening their schedule April 1, against University of Maryland here, the thinclads will launch a program that calls for an average of a meet a week. Fletcher takes his runners into Tarheel territory for their first invasion. April 13 the Generals encounter North Carolina University and two days later they meet North Carolina State.

Home fans will have a chance to see their favorites in action against Maryland, April 1; Richmond, April 20; V. P. I., April 27; and Duke, May 11.

The annual state meet which is expected to draw entries from V. M. I., V. P. I., Virginia and William and Mary and Washington and Lee is carded for May 4 at Virginia.

May 17-18 the Blue and White will be represented in the Southern conference championships.

Schedule follows:
April 1—Maryland (H.)
April 13—N. C. U. (T.)
April 15—N. C. S. (T.)
April 20—Richmond (H.)
April 27—V. P. I. (H.)
May 4—State meet (Va.)
May 11—Duke (H.)
May 17-18—Southern conference meet.

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Williams Gets West Virginia All Star Pick

Center Placed On All-Opponent Teams By Mountaineers.

Leigh Williams, center on the Washington and Lee basketball team, has been placed on the West Virginia university "All-Opponent" team in two selections made public in Morgantown today.

The Mountaineer monogram men in basketball chose Williams as the best center that played against them the last season from among such teams as Pitt, Georgetown, Army, Geneva, Virginia, Allegheny, and Grove City. Their choices follow:

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Ryan, Grove City, guard.
Baker, Pitt, guard.
Harris Cox, General forward, along with Millen, Virginia center, and McCarthy, Georgetown guard, was considered in the voting but did not get enough to place him on the honorary team. Morgantown coaches, officials, and sports writers voted separately and they, too, placed Williams on the honor team. Their selections:
Hyatt, Pitt, forward.

Paulsey, Geneva, forward.
Williams, Washington and Lee, center.
Ryan, Grove City, guard.
Baker, Pitt, guard.
Both selections were based on the performance of the various men against West Virginia university only. Their feats in other games were not considered. Washington and Lee was one of three teams that won from the Mountaineers this year. The other two were Pitt and Geneva.

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also of the way in which they presented their arguments. "It can easily be seen that the affirmative presented the better, more feasible, and earnest arguments," said one letter.

The following quotations are from some of the ballots which were sent in:

"I believe the more effective debating was done by the Washington and Lee team. Both teams are of exceptional strength, but Washington and Lee seemed in my judgment to have edge on four or five cardinal points." Congratulate Plummer.

"In rebuttal I figured that the affirmative speakers scored six points and the negative on the other hand didn't score a one. Will you congratulate Mr. Plummer for me? I think he was the best speaker of the debate." This came from the captain of a junior college debate team.

"Gentlemen: By all means let us declare Washington and Lee the victors over Chicago Kent in the debate this evening. This presentation of the point at issue could not help but convince open-minded listeners in the affirmative."

Clear and Convincing.
"The arguments of the affirmative were clear cut and convincing. You could exactly follow their trend of thought and obtain a decided viewpoint."

"After hearing each side it is very easy to make a decision. While Kent school put up a very good argument they fell way short and I would give the decision to Washington and Lee without any doubt."

"I desire to vote most heartily in favor of the affirmative—Washington and Lee. Their points of great importance were surely well defined."

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Negro, Born Forty Years Before Lee's Surrender, Relates Occasion

A new and different story of the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox was told by Uncle David Blair, 106-year-old Rock-bridge county negro, who was present on that Sunday in 1865 when the Confederate leader offered his sword to General Grant.

Uncle Dave, said to be the oldest man in Virginia, lives with a 25-year-old wife in a log cabin on a mountain overlooking Natural Bridge. During the war he drove a Confederate supply wagon. It was from this wagon he observed the preliminary meeting between the two generals on a road near the courthouse.

Lee Had Sword.
"General Lee had his sword in front of him with the point stuck in the ground," Uncle Dave said. "He offered it to General Grant, who hemmed an' hawed, an' finally said, 'I can't take your sword, General.'"

"Then Grant turned away for two, maybe three, minutes, a'chewin' on a black cigar. Finally he turned back and said real quick, 'Set it up against that tree.'"

"General Lee stuck it in the ground under an apple tree, an' the last I saw it was still stickin' there."

"By this time the Yankees and the Southern soldiers were minglin' and talkin' to each other kind of friendly like. They didn't seem to hate each other then."

Comes to Lexington.
Following the war, Dave spent several years in Lexington working for General Lee. President Lee of Washington College, now Washington and Lee University.

"The General was a mighty fine man, and mighty nice to everybody. Course, I don't know how he was in the army, 'cause it's when I used to do jobs for

him in Lexington that I'm talkin' about.

"But all his soldiers loved him, the army, too. I didn't see anybody that didn't like him. If there was anybody he kept still about it."

Born 106 years ago March 1 in Amherst county, Dave was a slave until the end of the war. During the struggle he was a strapping middle-aged man, 6 feet 2 inches high, weighing 220 pounds. He served three masters before the war, and always got along well with them, he said, because "I allus did my best to do just what they tole me to do."

Likes His Dram.
War times were hard and food was scarce, the old negro remembers. Rations consisted often of no more than corn pone and meat. "Many of the soldiers were bare-foot that Sunday you asked me about," he said.

Uncle Dave, a republican because he wants to repay those who freed him, considers his advanced age nothing remarkable. A temperate man, he smokes little, takes a "dram just now an' then, an' only then when it's good—not this mountain stuff," believes the prohibition law a good one, and looks forward to spring and the garden he intends to raise on the mountain slope back of his cabin. Last year he helped thresh wheat, but this year the flu caught him. He exhibits with pride an old Bible, on the yellow flyleaf of which is recorded the date of his birth.

The young woman living with Uncle Dave is his second wife. Sixty years ago he married a young slave who worked on a plantation adjoining his master's farm. But this woman was sold to a Georgia trader six months later and that was the last Dave saw of her. A few years ago he married again.

Frat Tourney Opening Today

Same Rules To Be Observed
In Frat Basketball As In
Past Years.

The annual interfraternity basketball tournament will begin this afternoon in the Doremus gymnasium.

The interfraternity council committee, consisting of J. T. Lowe, T. L. Bauer and G. R. Ladd, have made the drawings for the elimination games, as well as the schedule to be followed.

The rules adopted by the committee are the same as those of last year. No man is eligible to participate who has received a numeral in basketball this year, or who has received a monogram in the sport, or has played in any varsity game this year.

The games are to have four six-minute quarters with six-minute rest between the second and third quarters. Each team is allowed to have six minutes time out during the game.

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N. C. W. P. Ritchie has a position in the legal department of the Cotton Belt railway and will be located either in Arkansas or Texas. S. C. Strite is going into the practicing of law somewhere in Maryland.

S. J. Thompson could not be located. J. B. Towill has secured a job with a law firm in Augusta, Ga. Cooper Turner, Jr., will practice somewhere but is not even certain as to the state. G. L. Warthen has secured a position in the legal department of a New York brokerage firm and will leave in a week to begin work. G. W. White will practice in Lexington. J. C. Wilbourn will begin his career as a lawyer in Meridian, Miss.

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Wayne Mathis and James Osterman will represent the Blue and White grapplers in the annual Amateur Athletic Union matches this Friday and Saturday in Baltimore.

Mathis will fight in the 155-pound division and Osterman is entered in the 135-pound class. Strongest competition is expected from independent city teams, and the Y. M. C. A. squads of Washington and Baltimore. Entries are also expected from colleges and universities in the District of Columbia.

The number of matches in which each contender will have to participate will be decided within the next few days and entries immediately notified. If last year's elimination can be taken as any indication, each wrestler will probably grapple four times.

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