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## Class Officers Are Chosen In Close Ballot

Sophomores Cast Nearly 200 Votes to Elect Owen and Day

### SENIOR LAWYERS HAVE CLOSEST RACE

Ewell and Davis Elected in Balloting of Intermediate Lawyers

The closest class elections in years were held Monday night when the freshmen, sophomores, freshmen lawyers and intermediate lawyers, elected their officers for next year.

The largest vote was cast when the sophomores met in Newcomb hall with nearly 200 men present out of a class enrollment of about 220. A second ballot was necessary for every office except that of historian, for which E. A. Nix was unopposed. Wilbur Owen was elected president over two opponents; Dave Stowe was elected vice-president; Fred Barron, secretary-treasurer, and Charlie Day, executive committeeman. Owen belongs to Phi Kappa Sigma social fraternity, Stowe to Lambda Chi Alpha, Day to Sigma Chi, and Nix to Alpha Chi Rho. These men will be officers of the junior class next year.

The freshmen met in the geology lecture room, and had a light vote of 135 ballots from a class that numbers over 250. A number of votes were thrown out because of errors in writing the names of candidates in the wrong spaces. C. B. Vickers, Lambda Chi Alpha, was elected president; C. B. Fulton, Pi Kappa Phi, vice-president; M. H. Kempton, secretary-treasurer; E. R. Wilson, Phi Gamma Delta, historian; J. W. McLaurin, Delta Tau Delta, executive committeeman.

The intermediate law class voting for next year's senior class met with twenty-seven men out of thirty-two present for the closest election. M. W. Ewell, Pi Kappa Alpha, was elected president; Montague Rosenberg, Zeta Beta Tau, vice-president; R. G. Franklin, secretary-treasurer; M. J. Arnd, Phi Delta Theta, historian; Leonard Davis, Kappa Alpha, executive committeeman.

The freshman law class met for the quietest election of the day. Only fifteen men were present out of some forty, and there was no opposition for any of the offices, the successful candidates being chosen by acclamation. A. M. Vickers, Lambda Chi Alpha, was elected president; F. W. McCluer, Sigma Phi Epsilon, vice-president; G. S. Pearce, secretary-treasurer; O. J. Wilkinson, Phi Kappa Psi, executive committeeman. J. A. McVay was elected for a third term as historian of the class. McVay is an Alpha Tau Omega.

## Sound Movies Coming Here

Sound equipment is being installed in the New theatre, and the opening date for the "talkies" has been set for Monday, May 13, according to Ralph I. Daves, manager of the local theatre.

The name of the first picture that will be shown with the new system has not been definitely decided, but it is probable that it will be "The Singing Fool," with Al Jolson and Josephine Dunn. This picture has made a big hit in every place that it has been shown, and is known as one of the best of the singing and talking pictures.

An excellent line of pictures has been booked, and all of the best Warner Brothers, Fox, and United Artists productions will be shown, Daves said. Among some of these which will be shown at an early date are: "Show Boat," "Broadway Melody," and "Syncopation."

Daves stated that, except for the unusually big productions, the prices would remain the same as they have been.

ROBY SUTHERLAND



## President Of '30 Finals To Start Early

Plans to Begin Subscription Drive Early in Fall—Committee Added

A campaign to secure all of the Finals subscriptions for 1930 will be started early next fall, Roby Sutherland, president-elect of Finals stated yesterday. He desires to get all the money to put on the dances in as early as possible so that the success of the dance set can be assured and the contracts made early in the spring.

The platform which he placed before the students in the recent campaign will be carried out to the utmost, he said. The publicity committee which will be one of the new features he will add is to start to work next fall. The duties of this committee are to get all of the possible publicity for Finals through the country. It will work all during the year. Due to the fact that memorial day comes between the last day of exam and the first day of the dances there will be six days of exams and the first day of exams years, Sutherland states that he will endeavor to provide some sort of entertainment on this day, and that he would like for it to be of such nature as to be pleasing to all patronizers of Finals.

The dance music furnished by the orchestra which plays for Finals of 1930 will be broadcasted over the radio if the arrangements can be made.

Sutherland, who comes from Pulaski, Virginia, is a member of the Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity, and is a junior in the commerce school. He is also a member of Sigma Upsilon, "13" club, 11 club, and Pi Alpha Nu.

## Students to Hear Tobacco Interview

J. H. Van Landingham, of the British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd., will be here Friday, May 3, at 2 o'clock, in room 105 Newcomb Hall, to interview students who might be interested in learning the tobacco business.

Students who are interested in such employment either at the end of this school session or some time in the future may find it to their advantage to attend this meeting.

## Tucker Hall Built of Grey Limestone Because Bricks Were Too Expensive

A visitor to Lee chapel glances up over the campus to Washington and Lee and admires beautiful Washington College. His eye shines with delight as it takes in the perfect symmetry of the building. The snow-white pillars stand out in contrast against the red bricks. Then as his gaze travels across the building towards the right it stops. Here is a building that doesn't exactly "click" with the rest of the architecture of the campus. Unlike the colonial buildings surrounding it, it is of gray limestone with bulging sides and bevelled glass windows.

A natural question comes from the visitor's lips. "What building is that? Is it a part of Washington and Lee?"

## Annual Expert Says '29 Calyx Best In Years

Bateman Describes Book As "Most Outstanding Of Years"

The 1929 Calyx will be the "best ever" is the opinion of college annual experts. Mr. Bateman, vice-president of the Capitol Engraving Co., who is in charge of the Calyx work, says that it is the most outstanding book that his company has handled this year and one of the most distinctive books that they have ever published. The editor and staff have stated that they are well pleased with the results of their work.

All picture proofs have been returned and are judged the best pictures that have been taken in the past five years. There are four-page borders which were done by Marion Junkin, '27, and these have also turned out very nicely. The entire art theme is unusual, having never been used in a college annual before and has caused much favorable comment.

There are very few copies left. Any student wishing to order one may do so through Ed Ould, business manager.

## McEver and Dodd Volunteer Stars, Leave Tennessee

The drone of the professor's voice in the class roll-call at U-T today was followed by a deep and profound silence as those two names were called.

Both Bobby Dodd and Eugene McEver have withdrawn from the university. They handed in their resignations to Dean F. M. Massey yesterday and no more this year will the names of the two most prominent athletic figures in the school be heard at classes.

Still Eligible  
The withdrawals, in case you have become frantic, do not mean that the two are lost to Tennessee football next year. Both will be eligible when they return to school next fall; as they plan to do.

However, the volunteer baseball team was hard hit when the two left. Both were regular members of Coach Billy Harkness' infield, Dodd playing first base and McEver playing shortstop.

Needs money  
McEver resigns, he states, because he felt that he would need funds to carry him through school next year and for that reason decided to obtain a job either here or in Bristol.

Dodd withdrew because of the illness of his mother, who lives in Kingsport, Tenn. Bobby missed a good bit of scholastic work last quarter when the seriousness of his mother's illness called him home.

The names of Dodd and McEver have figured prominently in University of Tennessee sports as any athletes who ever enrolled under the Orange and White standards.

## Plummer Goes To Convention Of Federation

Represents W. & L. at 8th Meeting of Southern Federation of Students

W. A. Plummer, vice-president-elect of the student body, represented Washington and Lee at the eighth annual convention of the Southern Federation of College Students. This meeting was held on April 25, 26, and 27 at North Carolina State college.

Twenty-seven colleges, located in all parts of the South, were represented at the convention. On comparison with this group the student government and honor system of Washington and Lee was seen to be far in the lead, according to Plummer.

The delegates registered on the afternoon of the twenty-fifth and were assigned to fraternity houses during their stay, by the Blue Key honor society which was in charge of the convention. The address of welcome was delivered by W. P. Albright, president of the student body of North Carolina, and the response was given by R. M. Hill of the University of Alabama, who is president of the federation.

Open Discussions.

At each session of the convention several addresses were delivered by different delegates and an open forum discussion was usually held after each one. Some of the most interesting ones were: "The Value of Extra-Curricular Activities," by Dr. C. L. Cloyd, dean of students, North Carolina State college; "Faculty Attitude Toward Students," an open forum discussion led by Herbert Osborne, University of Alabama; "The College Y. M. C. A.," E. H. Magill, Atlanta office, Southern Y. M. C. A.; "Needed Reforms in Student Government," Dr. Carl C. Taylor, dean of the Graduate school; and "The Honor System," an open forum discussion, led by E. L. Honts, University of Richmond. The convention was concluded by a banquet held at the Carolina hotel, in Raleigh, given by the Student Government association of North Carolina State college. Judge N. A. Townsend was the chief speaker on this occasion.

Public Speakers Hold Novel Class On Tuesday Night  
The public speaking class in Forms of Public Address recently at the Dutch Inn at formal banquet. The object of the banquet, according to Prof. M. G. Bauer, was to give the class actual experience in after dinner speaking.

Professor Bauer acted as toast master and each of the students and two visitors gave very interesting and humorous talks. H. G. Morison talked on Progress. R. D. Hamilton gave his impressions of the Gentle Art of Pledging. R. O. Morrow talked on Classroom Strategy. I. T. Sanders spoke on Contacts.

Mrs. Bauer spoke on Forty Years of Married Life. Many family secrets leaked out during her short discussion whose theme was bills, babies, and battles. The young men of the class received much good instruction on the ins and outs of married life from the professor's wife. H. P. Street, Jr., followed with a discourse on American Exaggeration. R. K. Sutherland gave some interesting hints on How to Keep From Making Phi Beta Kappa.

Professor Fitzgerald Flournoy ended the talks with instructions on How to Be a Perfect English Gentleman. W. B. Lot, who was to speak on How to Be a Perfect Southern Gentleman, was not present. T. F. Sugrue's who is in a hospital in Washington, was to have spoken on "The Orator's Twenty-one Points."

Professor Bauer stated that he was highly pleased with all of the speeches made. Many of them will be repeated to the other public speaking classes because of their excellence.

## DATE FOR ANNUAL MOCK TRIAL NEAR

The mock trial which is given annually by the goats of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity will be held some time next week, it was announced by Joe Holt, president of the chapter. It will be held in the Lyric theatre but the subject, as usual, is kept a secret.

Posters will be placed about the campus and town notifying the students as to the exact date of the production. The performances in the past have always attracted much interest, and this year's is not expected to be an exception.

## Moore Second Highest Man In State Contest

J. R. Moore, representing Washington and Lee, won second place in the state contest of speakers on the Constitution, held last Friday at William and Mary college.

The competing schools in the order that their representatives spoke follows: Roanoke college, University of Virginia, Hampden-Sydney college, Emory and Henry college, Washington and Lee, and William and Mary college.

The representative from the University of Virginia was the victor. The next contest which he will enter will be held in Asheville, North Carolina, on May 17. If he is unable to compete, Moore will serve as alternate. The winner is a transfer student and a senior while this is Moore's first season of intercollegiate competition. The man who won attended his first two years at the University of Denver where Professor Bauer received his training. His third was spent at Iowa.

The judges made a statement to the effect that Mr. Moore was the best speaker but the decision was given to the Virginia representative on the merits of his speech. The contest was held in the Phi Beta Kappa Memorial hall in Williamsburg, Virginia.

## Explorer of West Attended College

An examination of the catalogue of officers and alumni of Washington and Lee University reveals the fact that Merriweather Lewis, one of the explorers of the West, is an alumnus of Washington College. For the session of 1789-1800 the following record appears in the catalogue: "Merriweather Lewis, Albemarle county; private secretary of President Jefferson; explorer of the Rocky mountains with Clark; governor of Louisiana territory; died in 1809."

From this record it will be seen that Mr. Lewis was from Albemarle county, Virginia, and attended old Washington College. In 1804 when President Jefferson with the consent of congress sent an exploring party to the unknown regions of the West, Jefferson chose two of his neighbors in Albemarle county to head the expedition and these were Merriweather Lewis and William Clark.

## Ulric Moore of Cornell Coming Here In Fall To Take Charge of Dramatics

The Washington and Lee Troubadours will have an active faculty director next fall when Ulric Moore, now taking his masters degree in dramatics at Cornell university, arrives in Lexington as an assistant professor in the public speaking department. Mr. Moore will also teach courses in English composition.

Moore has for three years been coaching the productions of the Cornell Dramatic club, and will be business manager of the New York Little theatre this summer. He is now coaching plays at Cornell, and has had wide experience in the type of productions which the Troubadours have been staging. He visited Washington and Lee this spring, and met many mem-

## Lexington Disturbed Over Pet Cat Situation

Anonymous Contributor to Town Papers Accuses Students of Stealing Toms and Tabbies For Lab Purposes

Why don't Lexington's wandering tom cats come home? Around this question a heated discussion between the Washington and Lee and V. M. I. biology departments and townspeople is taking place with the columns of both eminent town papers furnishing the battlefield. The Ring-tum Phi was dragged in this week

when the editor received a letter from Miss M. M. Withrow on the subject.

The first volley was fired in last Tuesday's Gazette when a letter to the editor told of the "annoyed and distressed" citizens who have had their cats disappear during the last few weeks. It intimated that they (the cats) were being used for "experimental" purposes.

Poor Old Tabby.

The writer who is termed "A Lover of Pet Animals," says: "Neither Tom nor Tabby can pech upon his own fence post without placing himself in imminent danger, for it is the pet cat that is the victim. Strays are seldom captured."

Although no specific mention is made of the University or the Institute, they are brought in with the following: "We are not criticizing or accusing our institutions, for we are sure that they do not approve of, nor are they aware of, the existing facts, but as this recurs each year we feel that something should be done about it for two reasons at least. One that the citizens may enjoy security in owning a pet. The most important reason is that this practice has a decidedly bad moral effect upon the youth of our community. These young people are tempted to secure these specimens in any way possible."

Dishonest and Cruel.  
The writer then discloses how Lexington's future business giants will sell even their own pets for "experimental" purposes, provided the necessary incentive is offered. This causes them to become "dishonest, avaricious and cruel," the writer says.

Dr. W. D. Hoyt of the University biology department has accepted the challenge thrown down by Lexington's "pet lover." He says that every time a cat disappears the townspeople immediately come to him with accusations. These are false, he claims, as the department has instructed students never to obtain pet cats for laboratory experiments, and the students are abiding by the law.

Only During April.

From the opening day in September until commencement in June, Dr. Hoyt has had complaints of missing felines, although his students are engaged in dissecting only during April.

Complaints grew so numerous that the biology department has begun to save skins of dissected cats. These are displayed to those who accuse students of killing their pets.

"I have shown these people, who have accused us of using their cats, the skins and I have never had a case to arise where the owner was able to leave the laboratory with the knowledge and belief that we had used the missing cat," Dr. Hoyt said.

From Miles Around.

Most of the cats used are obtained from country stores, the professor continued. He told of a boy living near House Mountain, who when the necessity for cats arose, phones his father at the latter's store. The conservation ended in six cats being offered.

The "pet lover" in closing the letter suggests that rabbits and guinea pigs be used for experiments. It is impossible to use rabbits, Dr. Hoyt says, because of the skin disease, tularemia, which may be contracted from infected rabbits, and has proved fatal to human beings. So Lexington's citizens are still puzzled. Why don't the town's wandering cats come home?

Mason H. Dobson, managing editor of the Beloit (Wis.) Daily News, was the guest Tuesday of Professor Roscoe B. Ellard, head of the Lee Memorial School of Journalism.

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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.

## STUDENTS LIBELED— WE DEMAND A SHOW-DOWN

There is nothing new in townspeople falsely accusing students—it was begun centuries before Shakespeare sat under the big oak tree in his yard at Stratford-on-Avon and formulated plots for his tragedies.

Since then townspeople have been falsely accusing students. Probably a thousand years from now townsmen will continue their false accusations. Lexington is not and never has been free from such accusations—it is most unlikely that she will ever.

Since the beginning of the school year the RING-TUM PHI has endeavored to form a closer understanding between "town and gown." We believe this had been practically accomplished until last week when a letter from Margaret Withrow reached our hands making accusations against students.

Students have been accused of stealing cats!

Miss Withrow states in her letter, "It seems to me that you boys of the two schools are the ones to find a satisfactory answer to this problem. Ladies are getting stirred up over losing their pets in this manner and are going to see what can be done to stop the present practice."

It seems to us that Miss Withrow has been a little hasty in these "suggestive" remarks. Accompanying her note is an article written by some person—a person evidently ashamed of signing his or her name, and we presume it must have been a "her," name to the article. We would like for this person, be he male or female, to take his stand in the open and "fight like a gentleman."

One of the first canons of journalism, and of a respectable citizen, is never write or do anything which you are ashamed to have your name attached to. This person evidently has forgotten this law, for there is no proof, we believe, of such accusations.

The article accompanying Miss Withrow's letter withdraws all accusation upon the biology departments and faculties of the two institutions, but lays the blame directly upon the students.

In discussing the reasons why this uncut habit should be discontinued the article continues, "the most important reason is that this practice has a decidedly bad moral effect upon the youth of our community—the temptation of the money paid causes our children to become dishonest, avaricious and cruel. Surely it is cruelty to submit a pet cat for laboratory work, and it is an actual fact that some have actually sold their own pets for this purpose! How distressing when loving-kindness, especially toward dumb creatures, is the keynote of all our school teaching and boy scout movements!"

We can see no moral effect of cats being used in laboratory experiments and see no reason why this should affect the youth of Lexington. Certainly we should like to

have the author explain what moral affect this would have.

Why the sum of fifty cents would encourage dishonesty among Lexington children is beyond us . . . and it is only fifty cents that the biology department pays for cats. Then, too, isn't this an admission that after all it is not students who are stealing cats, but the townspeople themselves?

Anyone knowing the effects of drowning, starvation or any of the more common deaths for animals will immediately say that death from ether is far less painful.

Is it inhuman to use a cat for experimental purposes which may some day prove an indirect route to saving thousands of lives? Did these Lexingtonians stop to realize saving thousands of lives? Did these Lexingtonians stop to realize thousands of human bodies are used each year in medical schools over America to further the teaching of medicine? Biology and the experiments are only fore-runners for the later medical courses.

"How Distressing," yes, how distressing it is when a few people have to "bite the hand that is feeding them."

We are happy to believe that the majority of Lexington men and women do not make such charges and accusations against students. Governor Letcher once told a group of people in this town, "if it were not for the students and cadets grass would be growing down our main streets." How true this might be, and yet some bigoted pedantic citizens of this town spend hours in a secluded spot with pad and pencil figuring up something unpleasant to say about students or cadets.

We challenge the author to prove his charges against students stealing pet cats. If they can prove students are guilty, and can furnish their names to the executive committee, we assure them proper action will be taken.

If students are found guilty they'll be punished—what we want is a showdown from Miss Withrow and her correspondents—otherwise we'll continue to believe these accusations are malicious and unfounded.

### MAY IT CONTINUE!

It was with genuine pleasure that more than a hundred Washington and Lee seniors accepted the bids given them to attend the Easter hops at the Virginia Military Institute last week. And genuine pleasure was again experienced at the dances.

V. M. I.'s magnificent gymnasium was the scene of the dances. It has been transformed into a dance floor of beauty by the Hop Committee of the Institute. The decorations were beautiful, the music, furnished by Kay Kyser, was far above his usual standard, and the girls were an unusually fine "lot."

Such courtesy as was shown their visitors by the Cadets is rarely seen anywhere. They left no stone unturned to show the Washington and Lee students a good time. To say that they were successful and that the students appreciated it, goes without saying.

The First Classmen had been invited to Fancy Dress this year, and the invitation to the seniors was to some extent, a reciprocating measure. Such actions on the part of the student bodies can not but serve to further cement the feeling of good will now existing between them.

The RING-TUM PHI expresses the appreciation of the students and strongly endorses the policy of the graduating classes of both schools to invite each other to one set of dances each year. May it continue!

While domestic consumption of cigarettes has doubled in the past ten years, the consumption of all classes of cigars, except 5-cent ones, has declined steadily. The cigar makers attribute the change partly to the increased demand for a "quick smoke" and partly to the fact that since women have taken up cigarettes smoking in earnest, more men have preferred to smoke cigarettes rather than cigars in their company.

Only one honorary degree has ever been conferred by Mississippi A. and M., and that was to Wayne C. Welborn who graduated in 1886. The degree Master of Progressive Agriculture of the Philippine Islands. Later, he was agricultural editor of th Kansas City "Star."

Col. Ira C. Welborn, brother of Wayne C. Welborn, was decorated with the Congressional Medal of Honor in the Spanish-American War. During the World War, Welborn was the head of the Tank Corps.

"A man who will learn to notice what a woman wears need never be in a panic about running out of interesting conversation."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Henry P. Johnston,  
The Ring-tum Phi,  
Lexington, Va.,  
Dear Sir:

I have been asked to send the enclosed to my papers. It seems to me that you boys of the two schools are the ones to find a satisfactory answer to this problem. I understand some of the ladies are getting stirred up over losing their pets in this manner and are going to see what can be done to stop the present practice.

Yours truly,  
MISS M. M. WITHROW.

### "THE ENCLOSED"

Citizens of our community have been much annoyed and distressed within the past few weeks on account of the disappearance of their pet cats, due to the fact that cats are in demand for experimental purposes.

It has come to the point that one cannot hope to keep a pet cat without exercising the strictest vigilance. Neither Tom nor Tabby can perch upon his own fencepost without placing himself in imminent danger, for it is the pet cat that is the victim. Strays are seldom captured.

We are not criticizing nor accusing our institutions for we are sure that they do not approve or, nor are they aware of the existing facts, but as this recurs each year we feel that something should be done about it for two reasons at least. One that the citizens of our town may enjoy security in owning a pet. The most important reason is that this practice has a decidedly bad moral effect upon the youth of our community. These young people are tempted to secure these specimens in any way possible. The temptation of the money causes our children to become dishonest, avaricious and cruel. Surely it is cruelty to submit a pet cat for laboratory work, and it is a fact that some have actually sold their own pets for this purpose! How distressing when loving-kindness, especially toward dumb creatures, is the keynote of all our school teaching and Boy Scout movements!

We feel sure that these fine institutions, as well as some of the citizens who have overlooked this practice in the past, have not thought of the case from this angle and we are certain that they will do all in their power to co-operate in solving this serious problem, and will agree that something should be done.

May we suggest one solution—probably it may be the simplest. Let the Biological departments use guinea pigs, rabbits, etc., as specimens. These are plentiful, cheap and not hard to procure. In this way both our children and our pets will be safe.

Mr. Henry Johnston,  
Editor of the Ring-tum Phi  
Dear Sir:

The recent complaint regarding the use of cats in our laboratory is an example of a common practice. We work on the dissection of cats for only four

## Dares Fate for Favorite Pipe Tobacco

Darby, Pa.,  
November 12, 1927

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I have a mania for crawling through a number of unexplored caverns between the towns of Woodstock and Mt. Jackson in the Shenandoah Valley. One cave was exceedingly dangerous with its tight passages, etc. I spent three hours in this cavity, groping blindly with a "dead" flashlight and a severed guiding string.

To cut my story short, I was finally rescued by a searching party after a terrible experience. It was a wonderful feeling as I sat at the mouth of the cavern telling my friends that I would not go back in there for love nor money. I meant it—until I reached or my man of Edgeworth. It was gone, and I recalled dropping something during the excitement in the cave.

It is queer what a man will do when his favorite tobacco is concerned. I realized that without my tobacco it would be as bad as being lost in the cavity—so I crawled back.

It was a grand and glorious feeling as my hand came in contact with the Aristocrat of Tobacco.

Yours very truly,  
Joseph P. Fink, Jr.

## Edgeworth Extra High Grade Smoking Tobacco

or five weeks of each year, but any time that any one in town misses a pet, he or she immediately jumps to conclusions and blames it on our Biology department. Most of the cats used are given or sold to us by their owners who wish to dispose of them, and many of them are gotten miles out in the country. The others are usually homeless strays that should be destroyed. Whenever a complaint is received every opportunity is furnished for a full investigation, and in not a single case has there ever been found the slightest evidence that we were responsible for the losses reported to us. While we cannot say that no pet cat has ever been brought to us, every precaution is taken to avoid this by both our staff and our students.

I am told that many of the fraternities require each "goat" to obtain a cat, and some of the losses may be due to this cause, since the "goats" may not be as careful in getting their cats and in their treatment of them as we are with our specimens. Other losses may be due to the cats leaving home or dying from poison or natural causes. I sympa-

thize with those who lose their pets and appreciate their feelings if they think that these have been stolen for laboratory use, but I must refuse to be held responsible for every pet that disappears in the town.

Very truly yours,  
W. D. HOYT

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### Four Quarterbacks Running New Shift; Hoffman Working With 30 Linesmen

"Hike! one! two! three! four!" is being barked by four quarterbacks on Wilson field every afternoon as Head Coach Oberst, who took charge of the football squad Monday, is instilling the famous Notre Dame shift into a quartet of prospective backfield combinations. Line Coach Hoffman, who also made his initial appearance Monday afternoon, is teaching some thirty candidates for the forward wall positions the fundamental tricks of their jobs.

The practice sessions during the first part of the week have been accompanied with a dash and vigor which have been conspicuously absent for several years. Both Oberst and Hoffman are entirely business, and business has been the keynote even in these early workouts.

Both coaches believe not in telling what they want done but getting in the mixup themselves and showing the men how to do it. Coach Oberst has been devoting most of his time to work with the ends and backs, personally demonstrating to each wing candidate the proper way of "taking his man out" and giving the ball carriers some simple plays on which to practice the famous shift.

**Hoffman Works On Line.**  
Hoffman has been working chiefly with the guards and centers, teaching the men how to pull out of the line for interference and the proper way of hitting the opposing tacklers. On Monday afternoon he stationed himself at the end of the long line of candidates and made each man pull out and hit him to be sure that the form was exactly right.

Coach Oberst has inaugurated a definite program for the afternoon workouts. The session begins with a vigorous round of calisthenics followed by practice in the recovery of fumbles. The backs are then placed under the supervision of Mike Palmer, who directs his energies toward the teaching of the shift and other fundamental tricks. The guards and centers come in for their share of specialized instruction under Hoffman, while ex-Captain Fitzpatrick has charge of the working of the tackles. Because of the lack of an instructor for the ends, Coach Oberst is giving them much of his time in addition to looking over the rest of the squad.

**Oberst Throws Javelin.**  
The daily practice is concluded by dividing the squad into four teams, each running plays up and down the field under the direction of one of the coaches.

After practice yesterday afternoon Coach Oberst spent a few minutes in showing the Washington and Lee javelin throwers something of the form which brought him a record in the Penn relays. A couple of 175-foot tosses concluded his opening day efforts.

## Sophomores And Frosh to Clash In Intra-Murals

Final preparations are being made now for Washington and Lee's annual intra-mural field meet to be staged on Wilson field by the Physical Education department the last week-end before the beginning of final examinations on May 21.

The meet will be a contest between the sophomores and freshman gymnasium classes. Coaches Mathis and Twombly are using the periods for instruction in these classes. Now to train the men for the events of the meet.

Eligibility rules regarding competition in the meet will be the same as the eligibility rules used in intra-mural competition in other sports. No man who has won a monogram or numeral in this sport will be eligible for competition. The meet of last year attracted a good deal of interest and this year's meet promises to be equally as successful.

## OBERST'S RECORD IN JAVELIN IS BROKEN

Just prior to his arrival in Lexington on Monday Coach Oberst may have read in the papers that his javelin record set in 1924, while he was competing under the colors of Notre Dame, was broken at the Penn Relays last Saturday by 1-8 inches. Myers, husky New York University heaver of the ancient Greek "palton" had never thrown the javelin more than 190 feet previous to the meet at Philadelphia Saturday when he reached beyond the 190 foot mark on three different tries. He last heave went 196 feet 3-4 inches breaking the record set by Oberst in 1924 of 196 feet 2-8 inches.

## Navy Wins One From Generals

### Midshipmen Pound Blue and White Pitchers Hard; Usual Errors

Navy's crew of diamond exponents further submerged the Washington and Lee representatives of the national pastime by walloping three General hurlers for 11 runs while their mound ace, Wilson, was holding Gene White and his cohorts to 2 runs at Annapolis last Saturday.

The midshipmen got to Radford in the first inning for one run, skipped the second frame to come back with one more tally in the third, three in the fourth, two in the fifth, two more in the sixth, and ended their scoring in the eighth when Gertner collected a home run with a man on the sacks ahead of him. W. & L. scored in two frames getting one run in the sixth and another in the ninth.

The Generals continued their

miscues by "bobbing" on five opportunities Saturday while Navy committed but one misplay. Gertner led the mishipmen attack with two hits, a homer and a triple. Lowden with three safe hits in four trips to the plate led the Generals offense. Captain White got a single and a double in four attempts, in addition to completing an unassisted double play.

Score by innings:  
W. & L. 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 2 9 5  
Navy 1 0 1 3 2 2 0 2 x 11 11 1  
Batteries: W. & L., Radford; Noyes, Mount, and Taliaferro; Navy, Wilson and Gubbins.

## State Champions To Be Crowned At Track Meet

The state track championship will be at stake Saturday when both the Generals' varsity and freshman combinations travel to Charlottesville to enter the quadrangular meet with Virginia, V. P. I. and V. M. I. Over 500 athletes will participate, the competition being divided in prep school, freshman and varsity divisions.

Having idled for two weeks, with the exception of the entrants in the Penn relays, the cinder pounders should be in fine fettle for the most important meet on their schedule. The competition will mark the first meet with Virginia this year and the first athletic relationship with V. M. I. for many years, and Fletcher is anxious to see his proteges make a good showing.

The bitterest race of the day promises to be between Captain Backus, W. & L., and Captain Penn, V. P. I., when the two start in the half and mile runs. Both captains are closing their college careers in a flashy manner on the track this spring, running the 880 and mile.

## Duke Golfers Trim Generals At Lynchburg

### Score Second Victory Over Locals On Oakmont Course 12 to 6

The hard driving golf team of Duke university took their second triumph of the season over the Washington and Lee golf team at Oakwood course in Lynchburg Monday afternoon by a 12 to 6 score. Outscored three to one in the four singles matches the Blue and White showed better in the two foursomes to get an even break.

In the first singles match Randel of Duke turned in a card of 71 for the course to better the 75 made by Eicholtz of Washington and Lee. Cooke, the only Washington and Lee entrant to win a singles match, turned in a card of 78 against a 79 by Bevaqua of Duke. Horton of Duke was five strokes better than Munger of the Blue and White with a 74 to the latter's card of 79. Captain Jennings of Duke was pitted, in the next singles match,

against Captain Chandler of the Washington and Lee squad. Jennings was one stroke better than the Blue and White captain with a card of 74 against a 75 for Chandler.

The two four ball contests were divided between the two squads. Bevaqua and Horton of Duke were credited with cards of 78 and 77 respectively, while the Washington and Lee players, Cooke and Munger, had a 79 and 77. The second match of the foursome play went to the Blue and White with Captain Chandler and Eicholtz having scores of 74 and 77 against the two scores of 75 turned in by the pair of Jennings and Randle of Duke.

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## Frosh Trackmen Lose to Cadets

### Goblets Use Two Men In Piling Up 73 1-2 to 43 1-2 Victory

It was almost a two-man track team of V. P. I. that defeated the Little Generals at Blacksburg Saturday by a 73 1-2 to 43 1-2 score. Rhinehart of the Goblets won the century, 220, and placed third in the discus to collect 16 points while his teammate, Swart, was taking honors in the field with firsts in the discus and shot.

After Hartgrove won the pole vault, the Blue and White came within six points of knotting the

score but there the hopes of the visitors were subdued as the Cadets scored heavily in the quarter, javelin and shot. Timber-toppers were the strongest entries for the Fletcher coached machine. Finklestein, after bowing to Rhinehart in the dashes, walked away with the low hurdles. Bennan and Biddle, W. & L., placed one-two in the high sticks.

Broderick, W. & L. flashy middle distance runner stepped away from the field in the half mile to beat his nearest competitor by fully thirty yards. He was clocked 2:6. Exceptional time was registered in the mile and 440. The V. P. I. distance runner won the mile in four minutes 44 1-2 seconds while Rhinehart circled the 440 in 51 seconds.

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## Wolfpack Is Foe For Next Baseball Tilt

### Generals Trying to Chase Jinx Which Has Followed Season

After having routed the jinx which has pursued them for nine consecutive games with one exception, the Delaware contest, the Generals will try to repulse the North Carolina State "Wolfpack" invasion tomorrow afternoon.

North Carolina State was the first team the Generals encountered when they made their invasion into North Carolina several weeks ago and the "Wolfpack" handed Smith's men a neat lacing, 21-14, included in which was one inning when the Raleigh lads went on a spree that resulted in eleven runs being scored before the side was retired.

Rainer faced State at Raleigh and was followed on the mound by Atwood and Mount. With the exception of Atwood neither of these hurlers have seen much service in the past few games so that they are ready to assume the duties of the hill should they be called upon to avenge the barrage of blows that they were subjected to on the previous meet-

ing of the two nines.  
Probable line-ups:  
W. & L.: Jacobs, ss.; Thibodeau, 3b.; Slanker, cf.; Richardson, rf.; Williams, 1b.; White, 2b.; Lowdon, lf.; Taliaferro, c.; Rainer, Atwood, or Mount, p.  
North Carolina State: Meade, 3b.; Kerr, 2b.; Hargrove, lf.; Woodworth, cf.; Baggett, rf.; Eatman, c.; Furtado, ss.; Clarke, 1b.; Averett, Hunsucker, or Harris, p.

### Law Building Built Of Stone

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### Three Initiated Into Custis Lee Plan Banquet

Initiation of three new members, R. R. Sleeper, F. D. Livingston, and M. R. Bishop, and discussion of plans for the annual formal banquet to be held early in May featured the meeting of Custis Lee Engineering society

last Friday in Reid hall. T. G. Cooke, vice-president, presided in the absence of Jim Lowry. An informal discussion followed the initiation, and a talk by C. G. McElroy on "The Conquering of the Cascades by the Great Northern Railroad." McElroy went into details of the

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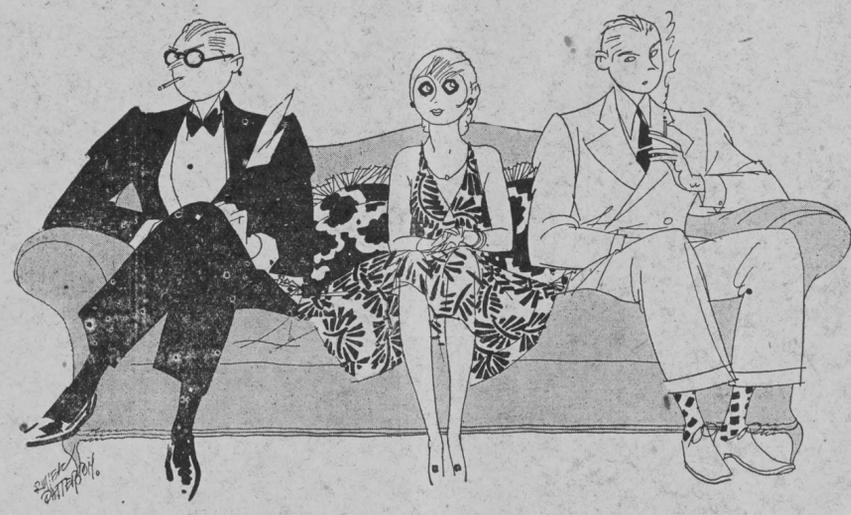
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