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FLETCHER REPRESENTS SOUTH ON NEW OLYMPICS COMMITTEE

Washington and Lee Coach Is
One of Two Appointed
For Post.

OLE MISS CASE HEARD

R. A. Smith Named On Basketball
Tourney Committee; No Important
Rules Passed.

Coach Forest Fletcher, while at the meeting of the Southern Intercollegiate Conference in Kentucky last week was appointed as one of the two southern representatives on the Olympic Committee. Each sectional athletic conference will appoint two representatives to this body. W. D. Funkhouser, of the University of Kentucky is the other southern representative. Coach Fletcher is well suited for his new position, as he attracted worldwide attention by his phenomenal tarrk work at Norte Dame, and as a result was chosen to represent the United States in the Olympics of 1912, held in Stockholm, Sweden.

Besides being appointed to a position of national importance in athletics, Coach Fletcher was renamed to serve on the Conference Wrestling and Boxing Committee. R. A. Smith was appointed on the Basketball Tournament Committee. The annual tourney will take place the latter part of February in the Atlanta Auditorium, Atlanta, Georgia.

Coach Alexander of the Georgia Tech "Tornado", monarchs of 1927 southern football, was elected president of the Southern Conference Coaches. The "Yellow Jackets" mentor succeeded Wallace Wade, coach at Alabama, whose famous "Crimson Tide" proved to be only a ripple on southern gridirons this year.

Dr. S. V. Sanford, of the University of Georgia, who has been at the helm of the S. I. C. since its birth in 1921 was reelected to the presidency. A. W. Hobbs, of the University of North Carolina, was chosen vice-president, and W. D. Funkhouser, Kentucky was renamed to fill the position of secretary-treasurer.

No changes of importance in the rules were made, but it was voted that a college athlete can engage in only one year of Freshman athletics and three years varsity, covering a period of five years, dating from the day of first matriculation. No special students, that is no one entering college with less than fifteen standard units, will be allowed to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

It was proposed to limit participants in intercollegiate athletics to prep or accredited high school graduates, but this proposal was defeated.

The real "highlight" of the confab, was the action taken on the S. I. A. A. vs. University of Mississippi case. Back in 1925 the S. I. A. A. claimed one of Mississippi's star baseball players was a professional. The athletic board of the University conducted a thorough inquiry of the case and proved he was an amateur. The S. I. A. A. officials retaliated saying that unless he was removed from the team the S. I. A. A. teams would be barred from competition with Old Miss. Mississippi's Dean appealed to the Southern Conference who investigated the case, and gave them a clean bill of health. This was expected to satisfy the S. I. A. A. officials, but they held doggedly to their initial decision. The Southern Conference has now issued an ultimatum to the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, advising them that unless they remove the ban on Ole Miss, no Southern Conference member will be allowed to compete with one of their number. As yet, there has been no reply to the ultimatum.

FEEES AND DORM RENTS

The second installment on fees and dormitory rents will be due and payable on or before January 10, 1928. Bills for these will be mailed home during the holidays.

Students who do not pay or make satisfactory arrangements with reference to fees and dorm rents will not be permitted to take their first semester examinations.

Assembly Lecturer Praises American College Graduates

"American universities are turning out a better class of men than European universities," Floyd H. Black, president of American College of Sofia, Bulgaria, told W. and L. students in assembly last Saturday. He attributes this to the extra-curricular activities of the American students.

"European students have a much greater interest in politics than have students in the United States and seldom is there found a continental student who cannot discuss intelligently the political situation in any European country.

"While the American press gives space to sports the European press is filled with politics," Mr. Black stated in contrasting the newspapers of the two continents.

"In Turkey co-education is coming in, women have abandoned their veils, and Kemal Pasha has set up a republic; in fact, the political upheaval there during the last four years has no parallel in modern times.

"Armenia is a nation without a home," and, he added, "ever since the Russian and the Turkish armies swept through that country, it has been a land of almost total destruction. In one year 1,500,000 destitute Armenians migrated into Greece and this sudden enlargement in its population left Greece in a serious employment problem.

"The sense of nationalism is strong in the Near East countries—a thing to which they owe their gaining of independence from Turkey. There is much more nationalism in the Near East than in America," he added.

Assistant Coaches Are Leaving West Virginia

It was announced this week by H. A. Stansbury, director of athletics at West Virginia University, that Gus Ekberg, backfield coach, and Russ Meredith, line coach, had tendered their resignations as members of the West Virginia football staff. The resignations, he said, were received and accepted by the athletic board at a recent meeting. Ekberg will be graduated from the University Law College next June and plans to begin his practice at that time while Meredith has taken over the management of a lumber mill near Fairmont.

Meredith and Ekberg have served as assistant football coaches at West Virginia since the start of the 1925 season, the former returning to the University after having charge of athletics at East Side High, Fairmont, and Marshall College following the completion of his career here in 1922. He was captain of the undefeated team that season. Ekberg played in the backfield on the 1922, 1923 and 1924 Mountaineer elevens.

While no selection of successors has been announced it is reliably reported that Ira E. Rodgers, who is to be retained as head coach, will select his own assistants and that it will be another "all-West-Virginia" staff.—(AP)

Christmas Carols Carded Thursday

The evening of Christmas Carols which is to be given in the Chapel on Thursday night at 8 o'clock by the English department has been completed in detail so far as arrangements are concerned.

With the Chapel prettily decorated, the Glee Club singing carols, Professor Shelley at the organ, and Professor Bauer reading Dickens' "Christmas Carol", the evening promises to be not only entertaining, but a fitting introduction to the Christmas season.

Because of the literary value of Dickens' "Christmas Carol", the English department has decided to allow the Freshmen who attend the entertainment three hours credit on extensive reading.

Students and townspeople are cordially invited, and a large attendance is anticipated.

Freshman Quint Battles Varsity Reserves Twice

The freshman basketball team saw action last Monday for the first time this season when they scrimmaged with the varsity second team. The two squads met for the second time on Tuesday afternoon and will continue to battle for the remainder of the week to help round the Generals into shape for the holiday trip.

As yet there has been no definite style of play taught the Little Generals and they have been more or less "on their own" when they took the floor against the varsity and have thus been at a disadvantage. The individual ability of many candidates, however, has provided the big team plenty to thing about in the workouts.

Coach Davis still has a huge squad to pick from and it is possible that he will cut the number of candidates down to working size at the end of this week.

Hanna and Jacobs were running in the forward positions until the former was taken sick with the mumps. Barron has been taking Hanna's place in recent scrimmages, while Leigh Williams has been starting at center with Hardwick pressing him closely. Scott, Pilley and Faulkner have been having a merry tussle for the guard jobs, but other prospects are beginning to show among the candidates.

Twombly's Mermen Get Stiff Workout

The swimming team has been experiencing some extra hard workouts during the past week in preparation for its first meet shortly after the holidays. Coach Twombly states that much of the promising material out the first part of the year had dropped out, but it is probable that the mumps epidemic is the cause of this and he expects his full squad out after the holidays.

The frosh are showing up exceptionally well and although there are some weak spots in the line-up at present these will easily be filled by the time for their first meet.

The team will not be put on training rules over the holidays but will be put on pledge after their return.

Gym Team Looks Like Best In Years

E. P. Twombly, coach of the gym team, stated yesterday that the men out for the team are the best material he has had in this line for years.

The men are still working out on the horizontal and parallel bars to a great extent and will not begin practice on pyramid building until after the holidays.

The best men on the squad will be picked and a competitive exhibition will be held the latter part of March at the end of the indoor season. The men will be graded in this exhibition and medals awarded accordingly.

GRAHAM-LEE MINSTREL PRESENTS NO RESPECT FOR PERSONALITIES

No one in the university was immune from good natured criticism in the minstrel show given by the Graham-Lee Literary society Saturday night.

The troupe entered to the tune of the southern horror, "Marching Through Georgia," and then joined in singing the old barber shop ballad, "I've Been Working on the Railroad." Then began a rapid fire exchange of puns, jokes, and wise cracks in which no dignified head in Lexington was overlooked. Humorous poems were given very effectively in true "darkey" style.

Old "Buena Vista Ed", portrayed by John Lynch, gave a note worthy performance of music on the humble saw, and faithful old Jack Johnson, turned minister, entertained with a sermon in which some delectable bits of juicy scandal were unearthed. Bill Hill, an elongated artist, mournfully related the "Wreck of the Old 97", accompanying himself on the banjo. His brother black crow, J. J. Henderson, gave an effective rendition of "My Old Kentucky Home" on the harmonica.

More gags were drawn at the expense of the fraternities. Then

New Magazine Is Favored By Engl. Department Head

Regarding the revival of the "Southern Collegian", Dr. E. F. Shannon, head of the English department, stated yesterday, "The University is in dire need of such a literary journal." In his opinion, the publication of such a journal would be successful, if well financed and managed.

There is a wealth of material suitable for the magazine. Last year students turned in many short stories and poems in competition for the Gilliam prize. This prize is offered to stimulate literary interest.

Dr. Shannon suggests that the "Southern Collegian" be made a combination of the literary efforts of both students and faculty. The magazine should be a product of Washington and Lee, he says, and should be published to represent literary interest at the University.

Dr. Shannon feels that there is a literary spirit in the Student Body that cannot reveal itself. The "Southern Collegian" would be a medium for the expression of a sincere literary interest. Many students desire to write serious literature, but have no means to publish it, Dr. Shannon believes.

Faculty Meeting Postponed to 19th

The special faculty meeting which was called for December 12 has been postponed to December 19.

The main purpose of this meeting will be to receive the reports of two important special committees, one working on the proposed change in the schedule, and the other on the new six-hour schedule, by which classes would start at eight thirty in the morning.

Dr. B. A. Wooten is chairman of the committee on the six hour schedule, and Dr. L. W. Smith is head of the other. Both of these groups expect to have their full report ready for presentation at the meeting next Monday.

A careful investigation is being conducted on these problems, and every phase of the results in event of the changes is being studied.

"13" Club Initiates 13 Goats Tuesday

Thirteen goats were given thirteen licks, assessed thirteen dollars dues and shortly thereafter duly initiated into the "Thirteen" club, honorary social organization, Tuesday evening, December 13, at 7:30. The initiation took place in Washington College, with W. C. Ritchie, president, officiating.

The men initiated are as follows: Tommy Thames, Al Boyd, Ed Smith, George Lanier, Abie Lowdon, Bill Harrington, H. D. Ebert, J. W. Ranier, Louis Powell, Henry Johnston, E. F. Madison, P. D. Beville and Van Gilbert.

FACULTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INTERPRETS ABSENCE CLAUSES

Maryland Prepares For Generals' Quint In Conference Game

Reports from College Park state that the Old Liners are hard at work getting in shape for their opening clash with the Generals Monday night. Maryland men realize that the Blue and White quintet from Lexington will be a seasoned bunch of veterans and undoubtedly one of the stiffest opponents they will meet all year and are bending every effort to have their basketweers in mid-season form for the battle.

Both schools are pointing for the game as it is a conference engagement and may do much to make or mar the season record. Maryland has but three lettermen left from last year's outfit, but Dean, flashy guard, may be the only one to start. Ham Adams and Fred Linkous, the other two letter veterans, have had a bit of rest following their football work and may not be in trim to start against the Generals next week. Most of the Old Liners who will start Monday night are graduates of last year's reserves and crack freshmen teams.

Coach Smith has called night practices in addition to the regular afternoon sessions. The men are having stiff scrimmages against the reserves and various freshmen outfits. Captain Dick is stressing speed and teamwork and expects to have a fast Blue and White quintet on the floor at College Park Monday night. The men to make the three game trip have not been picked yet and probably will not be until the last minute. No one has any idea of the line-up Captain Dick will put on the floor in the opening clash and as a result every man on the squad is putting everything he has into the practices.

W. V. U. Books Ten Football Battles

Announcement this week by Director H. A. Stansbury that Davis-Elkins will play in Morgantown on September 22 and Carnegie Tech will be met at Wheeling on October 6, completed the 1928 football schedule of ten games for West Virginia University.

The schedule calls for four games to be played in Morgantown, two in other cities of West Virginia, and four outside the state. After meeting Wesleyan here on September 29, the Mountaineers will play five consecutive games away from home before appearing here against the Oklahoma Aggies on November 10.

Every team met during 1927 will also be played in 1928, except Missouri, whose place is taken by the Oklahoma Aggies, while Fordham has been added to make the card ten games instead of nine.

The complete schedule follows:
Sept. 22.—D. & E. at Morgantown.
Sept. 29.—Wesleyan at Morgantown.

Oct. 6.—Carnegie Tech at Wheeling.

Oct. 13.—Pitt at Pittsburg.

Oct. 20.—W. & L. at Charleston or Huntington.

Oct. 27.—Lafayette at Easton, Pa.

Nov. 3.—Permanently open.

Nov. 6.—(Tuesday, election day)—Fordham at New York City.

Nov. 10.—Oklahoma Aggies at Morgantown.

Nov. 17.—Georgetown at Washington, D. C.

Nov. 29.—Thanksgiving day—W. & J. at Morgantown.

Keefer Named Head Of '28 Mountaineers

Clarence Keefer, end and fullback on the Mountaineers for two seasons has been chosen to captain the football team at West Virginia through the 1928 season, according to news from Morgantown.

Despite much criticism on the part of alumni, there will be no change in the coaches, it was announced. Ira Rodgers will again coach the mountaineers.

With a powerful freshman team coming up, and losing only two regulars, Coach Rodgers and Captain Keefer are expected to lead the Mountaineers through a more successful season next year. Washington and Lee meets the West Virginians October 20, either at Charleston or Huntington, W. Va. next year.

Joker In Rules Enables Student To Leave Yesterday If He Wished.

"PAPER" CUTS NOW EXIST

Uniform Ruling Now Possible As Provisions Are Thrashed Out.

An official interpretation of the absence regulations, backed by the authority of the executive committee of the faculty, was announced this morning, following a meeting of the committee yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The explanation coincides with that previously given but at the same time is at variance with the interpretation put upon the various clauses by others.

Beginning Friday, all cuts taken before the holidays start will count double insofar as record-keeping is concerned, and also as regards the matter of reaching the number allowed before the student is reported to the faculty executive committee. When a student gets twice as many cuts in one class as he has class meetings a week in that section, he is brought before the committee for disciplinary action, and will be dealt with as the merits of his particular case warrant. Probation for the following semester is apt to be the punishment meted out for students violating this clause, although no set rule has been established by the committee. This clause also applies for absences during the four days immediately following the holidays.

In their effect upon the quality credits of the student, however, it is the number of classes actually missed, and not the "paper" cuts as increased by the double-cut rule, that are of importance. Under the regulations, each student is allowed only as many absences as he has class meetings a week, and any extra over and above that number will deduct one quality credit for each class missed in excess of those allowed in the particular subject affected.

For example, a student who has not taken any cuts of any character whatever up until yesterday could leave immediately following his last class yesterday, and still be immune from any disciplinary action, the secretary of the committee stated. When school officially closes next Tuesday he will have had three class absences in each section for which he is enrolled, and thus will have taken his limit. Any further cuts, for any reason at all, including sickness, will deduct from his quality credits.

On the other hand, since cuts count double from Friday morning on, he will have had five "paper" absences in each section. No penalty, save a warning, would be forthcoming for this, however, but if he should take one cut in any class between January 4 and examinations he would be liable to the action of the executive committee, with the probability of being placed on probation for the entire second semester.

The executive committee and the entire faculty realize now that they left a gaping loop-hole in the regulations when they promulgated them last spring. It was never their intention, they state, to make it possible for a student to leave school a full week before the holidays officially begin, but, on the other hand, the provision for double cuts was inserted in a deliberate effort to curtail this tendency.

Analytical minds among the student body, however, soon found the weak spot in the provisions, and certain administration members also recognized it as soon as they were called upon to interpret a complicated case of absences. Whether or not action will be taken before the start of the second semester to correct the deficiency or to revise the regulations throughout could not be learned today, but it is a certainty that what the students at first condemned in the rules has worked out to their benefit in the greatest degree.

FRESHMAN ENGLISH CREDIT

The English department has announced that all freshmen who attend Prof. Bauer's reading of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" in Lee Chapel tomorrow night will be given three hours credit toward their outside reading requirement. Attendance is to be evidenced by the usual card.

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OUR "AUDITORIUM"

THE critical, pressing need of an adequate and suitable auditorium for the University was again forcibly brought to the attention of the entire student body at the assembly held in Doremus gymnasium Saturday.

More than eight hundred students attended. Several hundred were seated in roiding chairs set up on the main floor of the gym, others stooped over on the basketball bleachers along the wall; scores lounged on wrestling mats and on the balcony steps; others secured chairs and propped their feet on the railing around the track, where visitors are supposed to have sole right of entry.

Aggravating the situation, the day was cold and damp, and cold air swept through the windows and ventilators which were installed not for the purpose of ventilating a meeting place for student assemblies, but to furnish plenty of fresh air for athletic contests and practice periods. More than a quarter of those attending sat through the entire hour with their top-coats on, while others without sufficient foresight to provide against the cold drafts, coughed and shivered, envious of their more fortunate fellow-students, and prone in condemning circumstances which forced them to sit through the assembly in extreme discomfort.

The architecture of the gym and its ventilating system are not to be condemned. It was not built for use as an auditorium for student body meetings. The place is simply not large enough for an auditorium, and regardless of past or present responsibility for there not being one at Washington and Lee, the fact remains, more obvious every day, that provision for an assembly and meeting hall is a leading problem here.

Several years ago the University administration, in cooperation with other far-sighted individuals, tried to put through a remodeling program for Lee Chapel. This provided for building an addition to run north and south from the rear of the present chapel proper, and at the same time, retained the shrine and its structure complete. For reasons known to all, this plan failed to receive indorsement from all interested parties. As a result Washington and Lee continues to struggle along with no suitable hall capable of seating the student body in comfort.

Regardless of the present status of the question of building the auditorium as an extension to the chapel, we believe that some steps must soon be taken to provide comfortable quarters for student meetings. If such steps are not taken, the wisdom of doing away with such assemblies during winter months will become so obvious that the administration will recognize the discomfort and danger to students' health which results from holding meetings in the gym and will refuse to call compulsory gatherings of any character during the cold months.

Another consideration is the need of a hall with a stage in which University organizations could present plays, debates, class and society meetings without being forced to take them to outside quarters. The entity of the University and its extracurricular activities would thereby be better preserved, and much of the expense and inconvenience of midnight rehearsals would be done away with.

Some steps should be taken as soon as practical toward a solution of this problem. We believe that University officials fully realize that the present situation should not continue much longer. Aside from being dangerous and uncomfortable, the gymnasium is bad from the standpoint of acoustics, and the ordeal of sitting through a forty-five minute talk in the gym, however interesting and informative, is not relished by the students.

Lexington Merchants Corroborate Article

The excerpt in the last issue of the Ring-tum Phi from the Fairchild University Style Survey, giving descriptions of the styles set for the collegiate south by Washington and Lee students proved correct according to local merchants except in regard to haberdashery worn by the students.

In an interview with two of Lexington's leading clothiers, it was found that true to the statement made by the Fairchild Survey the suits bought and worn by W. and L. students were conservative both in cut and color and were of the three-button style. It was also found that more gray hats were sold than in any other color, and that the shirts bought were those having low cut collars and solid color; white being preferred to any other color.

Contrary to the statement of the style survey, the taste of the students inclined toward ties which are "loud" in color; however, there is a tendency to finer striped ties and ties which are cut to make a large knot. The local clothiers further stated that all of the socks bought

Finals Drive Scheduled For Two Weeks In January

"Remember Finals" is the idea that R. F. Howe, president of Finals, wishes everyone to have while at home Christmas.

Immediately following the holidays, the Finals campaign will be started in earnest. The cost will be the same this year as in the past—ten dollars for all who remain and five dollars for those who do not stay. Howe wishes to remind every student that a successful Finals is insured only by Student Body cooperation in paying up promptly.

Those who have attended Washington and Lee Finals in the past know what it is, while the freshmen still have something to look forward to. After Christmas, every student is urged to support a worthy cause by financing Finals.

by the students were "loud" in color and design, and that no conservative socks were sold now to the students. The dress of the students as a whole, though, tends towards conservatism.

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Washington and Lee In the Past

1926

Washington and Lee is represented at the Second Annual congress of the National Student federation in Ann Arbor, Michigan, this week. Because of the widespread student discussion of all phases of the education system, the congress will seek to evaluate the various types of college education presented in American institutions.

1922

This year, for the first time, the student body of Washington and Lee will be released for the Christmas holidays as a body, and it is possible therefore, to make definite arrangements for special trains, special sleepers, etc., to get them to their homes as rapidly as possible.

1914

With 1915 will come a new feature of the football schedule that should strike a responsive chord among the alumni. One big game will be staged in Lexington, if satisfactory arrangements can be completed, and this event will be an occasion for "Alumni Day", when all the alumni will be invited to Lexington to witness the Generals football team in action against a worthy foe.

1911

The past week was signalized by the first appearance of the Southern Collegian under the control of the student body. If the first issue can be taken as an index of the future of the publication, its career from a literary standpoint is bright.

1908

The basketball games here this year will be played in the skating rink, which owing to its great size and better location will more easily accommodate the crowd. In securing this the management is at a considerable expense and will need the support of those interested in the game.

Troubadours Present Program In High School

The Washington and Lee Troubadours will present the Glee club in a varied program tonight at the old High School auditorium. The Southern Collegians orchestra will assist the Glee club in its program. Admission will be fifty cents.

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RICHMOND "Y" DOWNS LOCAL MATMEN 18-15

Invaders Take Three Falls and A Decision; Local Heavies Down Opponents.

The Varsity wrestling team lost the first match of the season to the Richmond Y. M. C. A. here last Saturday night in a close scrap, the final score being 18 to 15. Coach Mathis was very well pleased with the outcome, and stated that the team surpassed his expectations. The Washington and Lee matmen showed up well, and gave evidence of some excellent training in all departments of the game, but Richmond had a tremendous edge in experience.

It was the first match for all of the Varsity men with the exception of Bolton, and Coach Mathis is optimistic over prospects of a winning team. The meet gave the men some valuable experience, which is expected to prove beneficial in the future.

The preliminary bouts between freshmen were good and furnished some lively action. T. Gresham won a time decision over Nelson by 1:15; and H. W. Smith gained a slight edge over Smoot by 1:00.

The opening of the regular matches saw Gresham, Washington and Lee 115 pounder, lock horns with Robertson of Richmond. This was one of the evening's best bouts, and although Gresham's opponent had quite an advantage due to his experience, Gresham put up a great fight, and made an excellent showing. Robertson scored a fall after 8:00 minutes of hard wrestling.

In the 125 pound tussle Thompson (W. & L.) took revenge for his teammate's defeat, by pinning the shoulders of Wilkerson (Richmond) to the mat after 3:44 with a body scissors and half-nelson. This was a nice fight on the part of both men, though Thompson's superiority was in evidence from the beginning. This match evened the count 5 to 5.

Davis (W. & L.) held May, (Richmond) captain, to a close fight during the opening minutes of the 135 pound scrap, but during the latter part of the bout, aided by a tough break for Davis, May was able to gain a time advantage of 3:35. Richmond forged into the lead after this bout 8 to 5.

Tully (W. & L.) started off with a bank against Heene of Richmond in the 145 pound match. Several times it seemed that Tully was sure to get a fall, but each time Heene managed to wriggle loose. Heene at last counted a fall, in spite of Tully's best effort to fight himself out. This gave Richmond a lead of 8 points.

In the 158 pound struggle, Dutscher (Richmond) scored a fall over Sperry (W. & L.) after 3:55. Dutscher clearly had a great advantage by his weight and experience, but Sperry gave a good account of himself. This cinched the meet for Richmond, by giving them an edge of 13 points with only two matches to go.

Bolton in the 175 pound group, and Hughes in the unlimited, staged a splendid comeback by winning their matches by falls over Williams and Brothers respectively. Bolton won a fall handily in 4:45, and Hughes came back after a draw to win by a fall in the first of the extra periods. This made the final score—Richmond, 18; Washington and Lee, 15.

The Varsity will continue to hold workouts during the holidays, as several of the men will remain in Lexington. Those who go home will keep in shape for the V. P. I. match, which will be in Lexington on January 16. V. P. I. won the Southern Conference championship last year and have high hopes of repeating, as they lost but few of their stars. This meet will be a stiff one for an early season encounter, but Coach Mathis hopes to win it, since all the men came through Saturday night with only minor injuries, and Captain Mike Seligman is expected to be in condition by that time.

PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR FOUNDER'S DAY

The university has arranged for a suitable program for Founder's Day, January 19, the anniversary of General Lee's birth. The student body will be given a holiday, as is the custom. In the morning, a special speaker will address the students at a general University assembly in the gymnasium. There will also be a regular meeting of the university Board of Trustees later in the day. That night a large banquet for the Civil War, and other war, veterans will be given in the basement of the Episcopal Church.

The Gray Phantom

Satan and the Skipper met—and Skipper went down to ignominious defeat. We are not describing an allegory or a shipwreck—but a canine encounter that took place on the campus the latter part of last week.

It was only by the combined efforts of a number of students that the so-called denizen of the lower regions was dragged from the throat of his adversary before tearing him to shreds.

Skipper belongs to one of the members of our austere faculty, and Satan hangs around at one of the fraternity houses. Hence, when the dust of battle had subsided, and the blood cleared up, said faculty member paid said fraternity house a visit to order that the lowly Satan be kept under closer watch, or drastic results would incur.

Meanwhile Skipper is in dock getting repairs, while Satan meekly awaits an unknown fate.

Freshmen Assembly To Discuss Finals

The freshman assembly held on Monday night was to explain to the new men the system under which Washington and Lee dances are conducted. Special emphasis was laid on Finals, and the necessity for the help of every man.

Bill Dorsey was in charge of the meeting, and Bobby Howe gave a short talk, in which he explained what was required of each man. Tables are to be placed in conspicuous places on the campus and in the stores, where every student may subscribe his ten dollars. Howe urged promptness on the part of all students, as a great deal more may be accomplished when the amount of money which may be expended is definitely known.

Seminary Student Buys W. & L. Stickers

A Union Theological Seminary student who graduated from Lafayette calls himself "The nearest thing to a W. & L. man on Morningside Heights" in letter to the local Co-op, and is requesting W. & L. stickers for his car. "The others wore off after the Princeton game," he says.

This near-General says that as Lafayette is well enough represented at the Seminary he feels "a sort of divine call to hold the fort for the Generals until a real son of the Blue and White happens to pick Union for his graduate work." The reason for the theologian's interest in Washington and Lee was not explained, but it is evident that the Generals have the loyal prayers of at least one enthusiastic supporter at Union.

TO DRAW EXAMS MONDAY

The block which will determine the schedule of the mid-semester exams will be drawn at the regular meeting of the faculty next Monday, it was said at the registrar's office.

The manner in which the plan is worked out is that one of the senior faculty members draws from within a hat a slip of paper upon which is numbered the letter determining the hour of that class. The schedule is derived from that hour class. Dr. Smith usually performs the function.

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Fourteen Students In Hospital With Mumps and Grippe

According to Dr. Reid White, University physician, there are only about ten cases of mumps recorded at the hospital. Since Friday only a few cases have been reported, which seems to indicate that the present epidemic has about reached its peak.

Several of the students have already left for home, having developed symptoms of the mumps. About three cases of the grippe have also been reported.

Dr. White, who succeeded the late Dr. Glasgow, is serving as University physician for the first time. He was formerly physician at V. M. I. for eight years.

Those with mumps now in the hospital are: C. E. Hamilton, F. T. Hanna, J. P. Armstrong, M. L. Smith, W. C. Watson, J. R. Martin, J. D. McHugh, W. P. Knight, H. M. Weiss, H. L. Dowling, and P. D. Sharp. C. H. Munger and H. B. Luria have the grippe

Costume Measures Taken After Xmas

W. P. Woodley, President of 1923 Fancy Dress, announced today that measurements for the costumes of the ball will be taken on Thursday and Friday of the first week in January. Woodley requests all the students who intend to have girls down for the dance to secure, during the Christmas holidays, the size dress, height, waist and any other requisite measurements. He also stressed the importance of securing the character of costumes for those girls who are not in the figure.

President's Paragraph

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TWO VARSITY GRID TEAMS IS BIG TEN'S PLAN

Michigan and Iowa to Have Two Varsity Teams With 16 Game Schedule.

Following announcement that the University of Michigan would have two football teams of varsity calibre next season, playing a schedule of 16 games, the University of Iowa at Iowa City made known it had adopted a similar plan. Iowa, however, will not have a full schedule for what will be termed the "second team." Other schools are considering the dual arrangement.

Indications around the Big Ten are that Michigan will do all the pioneering relative to maintaining a full schedule for two football teams next fall.

While only one coach in the Conference, Richard Hanley, of Northwestern, has openly denounced the Michigan plan, some coaches have refused to announce such a plan at their schools mostly because of shortage of material.

Coach Hanley predicted that if any schools insist on the smaller conference members competing with them on a two team basis it will mean a split in the Big Ten. As far as he is concerned Northwestern will have only one team on the football field next fall, he said.

"Northwestern, like several other schools in the conference, does not have enough men out for football," Coach Hanley explained. "This fall we had only 1,200 men in school and 44 football candidates was our record crop. Schools having 5,000 men probably can do it easily."

"I believe this policy would serve only to emphasize the sport still more, rather than reduce an over emphasis reformers claim. It will mean more coaches and the consequent increase in the payroll. It will also mean that instead of lessening student migration, it will serve to increase this as the second team playing away from home would naturally have to remain out of classes in route."

Professor O. T. Long, chairman of the Northwestern Conference of faculty representatives, however, said he felt the plan would be a good one, giving more men a chance to play.

Coach A. A. Stagg, of Chicago, said the reason he is not eager to try the plan is because of shortage of material. Minnesota's athletic heads have said that while they have no plans for two teams in 1928, they may give the plan a try-out later. Iowa has indicated an intention to develop two teams.—(AP)

Collegiate World Cruise Plans To Sail September 19

The date of sailing from New York of the second College World Cruise on board the S. S. Ryndam, has been announced by Charles H. Phelps, Jr., president of the university Travel Association as September 19, 1928. After seven and one-half months' cruise of over 40,000 miles by land and sea, the college will return to New York on May 4, 1929.

During the cruise 27 foreign countries are visited and the steamer calls at 37 different ports. Sailing westward the Ryndam calls first at Havana, then through the Panama Canal, stopping at Colon and Balboa, thence to San Francisco, and from there across the Pacific to the Hawaiian Islands, Japan, China, The Philippines, Siam, the Straits Settlements, Java, Sumatra, Ceylon, India, Arabia, Egypt, Palestine, Turkey, the Mediterranean and Europe.

Interesting programs have been arranged at each port and special trains will take the students in groups, on inland trips in Japan, Java, Siam, Ceylon, India, Egypt, Palestine, Italy, France, Germany, and England. In most of the foreign countries official receptions and entertainments will be provided and will afford the students an insight into the customs and lives of the people that is not afforded the tourist. Last year it will be recalled the entire faculty and student body were for four days the guests of King Rama VII of Siam; it is expected that the same reception will be accorded to the members of the second cruise.

Graham-Lee To Meet Saturday, Dec. 17th

Graham-Lee Literary Society will hold its last meeting of the year Saturday night at 7:30. The Program Committee has arranged a well rounded out program of forensic activities. The Graham-Lee hall was filled to capacity at the minstrel show rendered last week. This is the first time in several years that the hall has contained such a large crowd, it being estimated that 75 spectators were present.

The Society will resume its activities with a meeting on Saturday in the first week of January. A program has been arranged for the new year consisting of debates touching on vital scholastic points. During January, election of officers will take place, and keys will be presented to those members deemed deserving. The Society extends a cordial invitation to all who wish to attend its meeting this Saturday night, and for all future meetings.

Women Wrestling Now Becomes More Popular

Those who maintain that the female generation of today is degrading by its actions will have a strong argument when they learn that women have taken up professional wrestling. This is not a new project, but not until recently has it been pursued with the fervor that it seems to have at present.

On December 7, Miss May Stein, self-styled woman wrestling champion of the world, engaged in a bout with Miss Teddy Myers, of Georgia, in Atlanta. The match was a feature of a card on which professional male wrestlers grappled. Miss Stein retained her "championship."

Harvard Now Trying Voluntary Reading

Harvard's reading period, during which students are free to browse, is now on trial. Preparatory statements on what is expected of the students were issued by various department heads. The most detailed explanation came from Dean A. C. Hanford, who indicated that the university has faith in the desire of its students to use their time to good advantage. Commenting on Dean Hanford's statement the Crimson says: "The plan seems neither revolutionary nor premature. It appears as the logical sequence to the general educational policies of the University. Certainly the pessimistic may now rest easier, since it is seen that the regiment for these post-holiday weeks has been carefully anticipated."—(N.S.S.)

Graduate Students Termed 'Negligibles'

Between two-thirds and three-fourths of the Columbia University graduate students are scholastic "negligibles," Dr. Frederick J. E. Woodbridge, dean of the Graduate Faculty, concludes in his annual report. He would restrict graduate work to specially equipped students capable of original research and scholarship, and recommended that the "negligibles" be absorbed by the Extension department. Of the "negligible" rating, Dean Woodbridge said: "I do not mean (the students are) unworthy of concern, I mean that they are negligible in that, provision being made for them, we can concentrate effort on making better provision for these faculties. In graduate schools it is not students but professors who need the greater attention."—(N.S.S.)

Society Woman Has Necklace Of Coins

Women must have ornaments—just as a dog must have fleas, and a professor theories. This ornament takes various forms—from daubs of rouge to pounds of jewelry.

Among the visitors to the Lee Memorial Chapel recently was Sadie June Matthews, a young society woman from Miami, Florida, whose beautiful jewels have attracted wide recognition there. But now—she has laid aside all these jewels and in their place she wears a necklace and bracelet made of Confederate Memorial coins linked together. She will continue to wear these, she says, until enough of the coins have been sold to complete the Confederate memorial at Stone Mountain, Atlanta Georgia.

Miss Matthews urges all other young Southern women who are enthusiastic over the memorial to follow her example and wear the coins as jewels.

Miss Matthews is the author of the poem, "He Only Sleeps", a tribute to Woodrow Wilson, and is interested in erecting a memorial to him in the National Park of Virginia.

Tennis Fans Use Electric Lights

Tennis by electric light is proving such a success in London as to lead to the belief that in time the artificially-lighted court will be the rule and not the exception in England, as is the case with squash racquets today. Although it is not likely that championships will be decided by artificial light for some years at least, there seems to be no doubt that tennis by electric light will become increasingly popular and that more tennis will be played in the immediate future than in the past.

American Mercury Puts Washington and Lee On Its "Roll of Honor"

"Washington and Lee, though situated in the backwoods, has kept itself abreast of world events and its choices for honorary LL.D.'s would do credit to Harvard, the ever alert Tufts, or even New York university." Is this sarcastic, complimentary, or a combination of the two? Anyway it comes from "The Roll of Honor" in the December American Mercury.

T. J. Bartlett, a New York business man, is the author of this article. The article is a subtly satirical diatribe against American universities for their spreading honorary degrees among those who, in Mr. Bartlett's opinion, are the lesser lights of the nation. His argument is upheld by a sea of names of leading men in many activities who have and who have not received honorary LL.D.'s. In the newspaper trade, for instance, he mentions editors who are unknown to the public that have received degrees while others such as Brisbane, Heywood, Brown, and managing editor Beck of the great Chicago Tribune remain unhonored.

Luke Elected 1928 Grid Captain at Va.

"Bill" Luke, star tackle on the University of Virginia football team since 1926, was elected captain of football there for 1928 at a recent meeting of the football letter men. Luke is from Charles Town, W. Va. and prepped at Fishburne Military School where he was a team mate of "Babe" Spotts, Washington and Lee athlete.

"Bick" Cardwell, Luke's predecessor was also a tackle. He has been selected on the All-Southern Senior team that plays in the West on Christmas day.

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