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NO CLIQUEING—NO CORRUPTION

POLITICAL SEASON has hit the Washington and Lee campus, and with its advent come the annual rumors and whisperings of a "powerful clique" being formed to control Student Body elective and appointive offices in the interests of its members. Agreements made or to be made, honors to be divided upon a pre-arranged basis, votes to be traded one for one or group for group, all enter into the reports which are started and which gain irrespressible circulation as a result of the thirst of students for such scandal and excitement.

It is a recognized fact that in past years two established cliques actually existed here, and their existence was no secret to any man who stayed on the campus for several months. Its workings could be clearly seen in club elections, managerial nominations, and general elections, and the corruption which grew up under the system became so abominable that several influential men, with the interests of Washington and Lee and its self-governing organization at heart, became active and secured its abolition five or six years ago. Since that time no permanent political machine has grown up, and elections have been devoid of the sure-fire results which ruled during the reign of the old cliques.

Even yesterday's Athletic Council election, in which students voted their own minds and upon the qualifications of candidates to a greater extent than in general elections, brought forth its charges of agreements, trading of votes, and similar methods of gaining success. The strange thing about the charges in yesterday's voting, however, was the fact that reports of the grouping of fraternities seldom agreed upon the number of chapters, their names and the prospective line-up behind the candidates. As is always the case, some fraternities were mentioned oftener than others, with or without justification.

Politics here will never be entirely without some trading of votes between fraternities. Such a state is ever to be hoped for, but never actually achieved, we believe. As long as elections are held and fraternity men are running, there will be trading of votes in an effort to insure victory. Under existing conditions, however, men are running against each other, throwing fraternities against each other which formerly were bound together in the same clique. A review of candidates for major campus offices during the last several years will show that fraternities which were accused of joining forces one year have been figuratively at daggers' points the following Spring, while chapters running men against each other in one election were "cliqueing" the following year if reports could be believed.

Regardless of the truth of the reports in past years, and regardless of charges whispered about prior to and during yesterday's election, the general election nine days from today should be kept clean. Successful candidates who take office with the stigma of crooked deals in achieving their success hanging over them will not have the confidence and support of the Student Body, and will be unable to command the respect and co-operation of their fellow students which are necessary to the discharging of their offices to the best advantage and for the fullest good of Washington and Lee.

BLANKET TAX APPROVAL

COMMITTEES from the executive committee of the Student Body and the Publication Board are meeting jointly this week in an effort to prepare a statement for the Student Body embodying a recommendation that the electorate approve a Blanket Tax for several extra-curricular activities at the general elections Friday of next week. The proposition has been discussed by both bodies independently for several months, and from all appearances it seems that a plan providing for the elimination of several "drives" at Washington and Lee, with little expense to individual students, is about to be evolved.

Just what organizations will be included in the budget to be presented remains problematical, but it is thought that the complete plan will be ready for presentation in Saturday's issue of the RING-TUM PHI. The three publications which are guaranteed by the Publication Board, and such other student activities as may be included by the committee, will be considered in the proposal, and students may be sure that every detail will be studied in an effort to present a plan that will result in a minimum outlay per man.

The Student Body will do well to ponder over the idea in principle, and, when the detailed plans are announced Saturday it will be to the advantage of every man to give the plan his support if it is reported favorably by the committee. Objections

of certain factions in the faculty and administration will have to be overcome if the plan is to go through, and it is only by a big majority of the Student Body electorate voicing its favorable sentiments that the needed impression can be made upon the powers higher up.

TRADER HORN ON LIPSTICK

TRADER HORN has an excellent opinion of American women. As a farewell salute, he declares that they are the greatest wonder of the new world. Not content with that, he goes himself one better and announces that they are angels. He is a little late in discovering that fact, but the observations of a man who has known so intimately Nimo, the goddess, are to be treasured, however belated they may seem.

Angels they are, says Trader Horn, but he wishes that they would use a different kind of lipstick, and so make themselves even more angelic. The old gentleman has had his fill of the "sticky" variety he has come in contact with. Rather plaintively he recites the fact that a girl kissed him, and "I kissed her back a time or two, and then I had the lipstick in my beard." His point is well-taken, although his use of the word "sticky" is misleading. As he himself indicates, it is not that lipstick sticks to its user, but that it comes off on other persons which disturbs him. In that discomfort, he does not stand alone. Thousands of men have been embarrassed, after an osculatory experience, by the realization that they might as well be shouting their secret from the housetops. And these multiplied thousands, most of whom have never read Traded Horn's book and never will, must now consider him a great writer or, at least, a great pioneer, for directing attention to the lipstick which does not stick.

The situation has become so serious that something will have to be done about it. If the girls expect to be kissed they will soon be under the necessity of keeping their lipstick to themselves. Or, it may be, they will be compelled to choose some kiss-proof variety which will not leave its mark on a man's beard or whatnot.

In any event, the women of America are grateful to Trader Horn for his appreciation and the men of America for his helpful suggestions.—BIRMINGHAM AGE-HERALD.

Intercollegiate Doings Here and There

The Virginia State Teachers' College of Harrisonburg will be represented at the 5th Annual Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival this year 700 strong. They are to be escorted by the Cadet Band of Greenbrier.

The Board of Trustees of Columbia has passed a measure to raise the salaries of the instructors, effective July 1. The minimum salary for full professors \$6,000, will be raised to \$7,500.

The question has arisen as to the value of education furnished by the Rhodes Scholarships. Congressman F. Albert Britten, in a recent article in one of the Hearst papers, states that students are "good for nothing" as far as business goes, after their three years at Oxford.

Prof William D. Harkins, of Chicago University, will receive the 1928 award of the Willard Gibbs Gold Medal—a major honor in American Chemistry. Harvard and Yale will engage in

A new intercollegiate sport introduced Harvard and Yale will engage in an annual intellectual contest beginning this June. According to the provisions of the gift of \$125,000 by Mrs. William L. Putman, teams of the two universities will compete for awards in competitive examinations in subjects to be announced each year. This year's topic will be English Literature.

Ex-service men are finding a useful application of what was taught them in the training camps by securing positions as R. O. T. C. instructors in the many schools of the country. Princeton, for example, employs 23, most of whom were buck privates, for the instruction and care of equipment in their R. O. T. C. unit.

New York University received an anonymous gift of \$36,000 for the purpose of a study of Boy's Clubs in New York City.

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The Gray Phantom

The police force of Washington, D. C., learns that you can always tell a Washington and Lee student but you cannot tell him much.

Several freshmen went to Washington over the Easter holidays with the firm and fixed desire to shake hands with the "phantom" president—the man of few words—he who guides the national government.

Having secured from their congressman the card and letter of introduction necessary for entrance to the inner sanctum of the White House, they sallied forth. An official, one of the supernumeraries of the executive force, collected their card as they passed him in the long line that daily forms at 12:30 to shake the hand of the executive.

When the line had progressed a short distance a member of the metropolitan police department suddenly informed the freshmen that they would not be admitted unless their letter had an official O. K. by a congressman. A hasty glance served to show them that their "passport" lacked said O. K.

Not desiring to repeat their long wait in line the following day, they beguiled an elderly lady standing near them to loan them her letter for a few moments, and ere many moments had passed their letter bore an O. K. unmistakably like the congressional one.

Several minutes later they enthusiastically greeted the president, and felt their hearts warmed by the confidential question he propounded to them—"How are you this morning?" (Accent should be strong on "how", "you", and "morn.") Still—they did show the arm of the law that they were good at affixing congressional O. K.'s.

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Survey of College Graduates in Bell System Proves Value of Grades

The boy who graduates from college with high marks is more than likely to acquire a private office and a five figure salary as the chap who skins through down at the foot, according to a nation-wide survey just completed by the Bell Telephone System. The results of the two year investigation of the company's 3,800 college-graduate employees will be published in the May issue of Harpers Magazine in an article titled, "Does Business Want Scholars?" by Walter S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The investigation was to determine, he explains, in an effort to determine whether high scholarship has a direct relation to business success. Of the 3,800 men scattered through the United States in Bell System offices, 1600 were less than five years out of college and the remainder were from five to thirty years out. Their records were obtained from 104 colleges.

"It is clear," says Mr. Gifford, "that in the Bell System, on the average, men who were good students have done better than those who were not. There are, of course, exceptions—men who were poor students who are succeeding well and men who were good students succeeding less well—but on the whole the evidence is very striking that there is a direct relation between high marks in college and salaries afterward in the Bell System."

"Men in the first third of their college classes are most likely to be found in the highest third of their group in salary, those in the middle third in scholarship to be in the lowest third in salary."

"The longer the best students are in business, the more rapidly their earning rise. The longer the poorer students are in business, the slower their earnings rise."

"The big law firms seek the high-mark man from the law schools. The profession believes that the man who stands well in his law studies will make a better lawyer than one who does not."

"The hospitals take the same attitude toward medical students. But business, on the other hand, does not as a rule select men on the basis of their marks in college."

"If studies by others corroborate the results of this study in the Bell system and it becomes clear that the mind well trained in youth has the best chance to succeed in any business it may choose, then scholarship as a measure of mental equipment is of importance both to business and business men."

"COLLEGE HUMOR" CENSURED BY W. A. C. C. IN GATHERING

College Humor is no longer to be leader and dictator of American collegiate wit, so far as the Western Association of College Comics is concerned. The editors and managers of these publications, in convention at the University of Washington, voted to break their contracts which give College Humor sole reprint rights.

"Our reason for breaking the Contract," said Albert Salisbury, president of the association, "is that we feel that College Humor is painting a picture of flaming youth which is not real and which gives to the average reader a false idea of college life."

"The magazine takes all the gin and sex jokes and plays them as representative college humor, with no mention of any other type. College magazines bury the gin and sex jokes, with a greater proportion of clean humor just as representative of college life."

The action was unanimous. The association will make its feeling known to other associations of college comics in the hope that its action may be the first part of a revolt against distorted pictures of collegiate America.—(N. S. S.)

BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY TO HOLD MEET FRIDAY

The Biological Society will meet at eight o'clock Friday evening, April 20, in the biology lecture room. The public is invited to this meeting which will consist of four ten minute speeches on various topics.

The talks to be given are: "The Great Steps in Plant Evolution," by J. B. Tolley; "From Arthropod to Chordate" by Harry Lawder; "Proof of Man's Relation to Animals" by D. C. Eberhart; "Insect" by J. R. Lynch, Jr.

Immediately following the meeting, a smoker will be held by those present.

New Work on Campus Improvements Begun

Five thousand dollars has been appropriated by the University for the construction of much-needed campus roads. The work will be undertaken within the next two weeks, according to Mr. Paul M. Penick, University treasurer. Plans are now under consideration for the entire effacement of the road running from the library between Dr. D. B. Easter's and Dr. E. F. Shannon's homes, to the main entrance, and an alteration in the road leading to the Lee Chapel. These matters will be decided definitely this week. The work is expected to start with the improvement of the Washington street entrance.

The other spring work toward campus improvement is well under way. The painting of Newcomb is almost finished; that of Reid is started; and "Old George" has once more assumed his normal pale hue. Much has been done upon the trees in the way of trimming. The University is also attending to the repair of the columns and trim on the residence of Dr. Shannon and Dr. Easter.

Faculty In Cast of Local Production

Three members of the Washington and Lee faculty are to be in the production of George Bernard Shaw's play, "Candida" to be given by the Lexington Woman's Club on Thursday, April 19. They are Professors Fitzgerald Flournoy, C. E. Gill and Marvin Bauer.

The complete cast is as follows: Candida, Mrs. Janet Lambert; Rev. James Morrell, Col. T. A. E. Mosely, Marchbanks, the poet, Prof. Marvin Bauer; Prossy, the stenographer, Mrs. Juanita Bauer; Mr. Burgess, Prof. Fitzgerald Flournoy; Lexy Mill, Prof. C. E. L. Gill.

The action of the play takes place in the rectory of the Rev. Morrell.

The play is to be given in the new Harrington Waddell high school and is under the direction of Mrs. Luteus J. Desha. The star of the play is Prof. Marvin Bauer and he is supported by Prof. Fitzgerald Flournoy, according to Mrs. Desha.

COMPANIONATE MARRIAGE WINS AT NEW MEXICO

"When I get a wife I want a new one," said the negative speaker.

"Love is a case of temporary insanity," replied the affirmative. "Companionate marriage would give one time to think it over before taking the fatal step."

And the two women who upheld companionate marriage, defeated the men who opposed the mooted proposal, by a large vote, in a literary society debate at the University of New Mexico. The affirmative compared companionate marriage to a matter of trying on several hats before making a purchase. The men expressed a preference for new hats.—(N.S.S.)

OUTSIDER FOR PRESIDENT DESIRED AT COLBY, COL.

Students of Colby College, which is in the field for a new president wish an alumnus from an institution other than their own to govern them. Their second choice is an alumnus not a member of the faculty, and only when these two possibilities are exhausted will they favor a member of the present teaching staff. About seventy percent of the student body voted on the three fields from which a selection may be made. The totals were 303 for an outsider, against 88 for an alumnus, and 67 for a faculty member.

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Best Students Not Working at Minnesota

University of Minnesota's best students do not work their entire way through school, or the worker does not, by virtue of his dual task, establish himself as the better student. The faculty of that institution was responsible for overturning the current fiction about student-workers.

So numerous are the working students that faculty member refuse to accept the employment alibi in place of study. This may be due in part to the use of such an excuse as a dodge. Employment bureaus report, says the Minnesota Daily, that fifteen per cent of the students who take jobs do so that they may be able to use the familiar "I'm working my way through school."

While the faculty members were willing to pay adequate tribute to the student whose scholastic urgings prompt him to assume a double burden, they are willing to make no concessions. And the fakirs, who are said to be numerous, have helped create this attitude.—(N. S. S.)

ARMY OFFICER BELIEVES YOUT OF TODAY IS BEST IN HISTORY

"We have the best lot of young people we ever had in this country", Colonel W. H. Waldron, of the Fifth Corps Area, said in an address recently to Ohio State R. O. T. C. students. "Critics of the modern generation are all wrong," he added. "We're always going to have war, and modern youth is capable of fighting it."

Colonel Waldron in the course of his remarks said that "the opportunities of modern youth for a higher education are due primarily to the activities of the allied troops and our own men" in the World War.

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Prof. G. Carver To Speak to Students

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A demonstration and lecture will be given by the famous scientist in which he will show the versatility of the peanut as a base for other products. He has produced 165 distinct products from the peanut, including milk, butter, sherbet, breakfast food, instant coffee, Worcester sauce, soaps, cosmetics, stains, dyes and inks.

When Prof. George Carver spoke in the Y. M. C. A. room last year on products derived from the sweet potato, the hall was filled to capacity, according to Harry Neel, president of the Y. M. C. A.

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