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Finals

Finals is almost exactly three months from today. This time is exceptionally short, considering the fact that the total subscription to the Finals Week fund is only about one-half what it should be.

This information comes from President Fanning M. Hearon, who is tomorrow night launching a drive to secure the needed extra subscriptions.

So it is a "life or death" matter with the 1927 Finals. These are the facts. And if Finals is to be the success that it should be and is to uphold the nation-wide reputation that it has, a full subscription is necessary.

If you haven't subscribed as yet, make arrangements to do so within the next few days when the finance committee approaches you. Remember you will be doing it for your school and also insuring yourself of that one glorious week in June.

Finals is depending upon you. Do your part. Subscribe now!

The Tournament

This week-end Washington and Lee has the honor of entertaining a host of young athletes from the South's best preparatory schools and high schools.

The Fourth Annual Scholastic Basketball Tournament is the occasion, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday are the dates. This Tournament has proven to be a help to the schools as a deciding medium in athletic prowess, and it has helped the University through the co-operation it has created between the institutions.

It is hoped that these games will be well attended by the Student Body and that the visitors will be shown that interest is taken in their activities and that Washington and Lee is glad to have them as her guests.

Athletes, we welcome you and trust that your stay in Lexington will be a beneficial and enjoyable one.

The Generals

ON FRIDAY afternoon in Atlanta the curtain was rung down on the 1927 Blue and White basketball season. And though the game was lost to Vanderbilt, a better team, the Generals have nothing for which to feel sorry. For they have just completed one of the most successful seasons in the history of the quint game at Washington and Lee.

The record of the team now stands: 10 wins out of 15 games. Eight of the last nine games played, exclusive of the Tournament, were won, and the last six were won by decisive scores. Such worthy foes as Davis-Elkins, Virginia, Maryland, South Carolina and Virginia Poly were downed by the Generals for their first losses of the season. Brilliant victories marked these games and proved decisively that the Generals had a hard fighting and fast team that could come through in a pinch when scoring was necessary.

Washington and Lee is proud of you, Generals, and extends its congratulations for such a successful season.

Captain Urmey

WHEN the Generals appeared on the floor of the Auditorium in Atlanta last Friday they were led into battle for the last time by Captain Frank Urmey who had led them gloriously through a successful season of victories.

There is always a note of sadness connected with the passing of an athlete from the field or the court, and in Captain Urmey's case this is present. A star of the first magnitude, he has proved to be a real leader—a leader that led his men through many fast and furious battles in admirable style and was always in the thick of the fight himself.

The Generals will miss you next year, Frank, but they will be wishing you the best of luck in the meantime, and may you fight the battles of life and win as successfully as you did when you wore the Blue and White of Washington and Lee.

Good luck!

The Dance

AMONG the other things being staged here this week-end is an informal dance Saturday night in Doremus gymnasium. At this dance Washington and Lee will conclude its program of being host to the Tournament athletes, and will also be enjoying the first social event of any kind to be held since Mid-Winter dances.

If you haven't wired a girl yet, do it now. The more girls the better the dance and the better the impression that will be made

on the visitors.

Dance Regulations and "After Dance Regulations" will both be in force, and must be kept inviolate to the utmost point. We cannot forget these now.

Lets make this informal the success that it should be. The others have been; this one must be.

Bewilderment

"WHAT is it all about?" This is the question, we are willing to bet anyone a dollar, that three fourths of the freshmen in Washington and Lee are asking themselves right now.

Undoubtedly they have found no coherence, no purpose, in their college studies. Consequently they have been unable to develop an interest in their work. They are simply: lethargic freshmen.

Orientation Courses are now in vogue for solving such problems for freshmen. We've heard it rumored that the Faculty of Washington and Lee is seriously considering putting in the innovation here.

The RING-TUM PHI heartily recommends this.

We believe that such a course would be a possible efficacious means of supplying at least the academic school, the commerce school and the engineering school of the University with a rudimentary implement for performing its undeniable duty of stimulating those who can be stimulated.

Such a course would adjust the student to his environment, train him in thinking, convince him of the seriousness of college work, give him a birdseye view of the nature of the world and of man, survey the contemporary scene of civilization.

Such a course is offered at Columbia University and at other institutions.

This question has been brought up before. It has been discussed pro and con by many interested persons. Some tendered advice to the freshmen, others indicted the method of teaching freshmen; others, the entire educational system. Still others confessed to a similar condition of bewilderment. Some blamed the students, others the professors.

Professor Carl Becker, the distinguished historian, suggests that bewilderment is a desideratum in freshmen. He says they are to be congratulated, not blamed.

Neither are professors to be blamed, the Professor said. It is a mistake to think that they are holding back some secret that would set the bewildered ones aright. "I could write you a letter on behalf of Five Bewildered Professors which would make the five bewildered freshmen appear cocksure by comparison."

The certainties of education, Professor Becker said,—Classical learning and Christian Philosophy—have been discarded.

"We live in a world dominated by machines, a world of incredibly rapid change, a world of naturalistic science and of physico-chemicolibido psychology. There are no longer any certainties either in life or in thought. Everywhere confusion. Everywhere questions. Where are we? Where did we come from? Where do we go from here? What is it all about? The freshmen are asking and they may well ask. Everyone is asking. No one knows; and those who profess with most confidence to know are most likely to be mistaken. Professors could reorganize the College of Arts if they knew what a College of Arts should be. They could give students a general education if they knew what a general education was, or would be good for if one had it. Professors are not especially to blame because the world has lost all certainty about these things.

One of the sure signs that the intellectual world is bewildered is that everywhere, in colleges and out, people are asking for Orientation courses which will tell the freshmen straight off what it is all about. If we were oriented we shouldn't need such courses. This does not mean that I am opposed to an orientation course for freshmen. I would like one for freshmen. I would like one for professors and trustees. I would like one for President Farrand and President Butler. Only, who is to give it? And what is it to consist of? If we could get a really top notch man to give a course, no matter what, and call it an orientation course, I should welcome it. H. G. Wells might give such a course, and it would be a good course. I doubt if it would orient any one or settle anything but it would stir the students up and make them think. That is the chief merit of any course—that it unsettles students, makes them ask questions."

Would it be time wasted to try this? The RING-TUM PHI thinks not. Why not give both the plan and the freshman a trial?

Frosh Baseballers Will Report Soon

A call for freshman baseball candidates will be issued within the next week or ten days according to Coach Davis. Varsity practice will be resumed as soon as the weather permits.

The tentative schedule for the freshman nine is as follows:

April 1.—S. C. I.	Here
April 7.—A. M. A.	There
April 15.—Maury	Here
April 21.—Webster High	Here
April 22.—S. V. A.	There
April 23.—S. C. I.	There
April 29.—Virginia	There
May 4.—Oak Ridge	Here
May 13.—Newport News	Here

Yale Pole Vaulter Breaks Record

Sabin Carr, famous Yale track athlete broke the world's record in the indoor pole vault, last week in New York, by a jump of 13 feet, 9 1/4 inches. The former record of 13 feet 8 1/4 inches was held by Charles Hoff, the Swedish champion.

Carr also attempted to beat the record for the outdoor pole vault, and had the bar fixed at 14 feet 1/4 inch, but failed to clear it. The outdoor record of 13 feet 11 1/4 inches is held by Hoff, whose amateur standing is now being questioned by the American Athletic association.

Greatest Defeat Administered in 1917

The greatest defeat that any Washington and Lee athletic team has administered to any other team came in 1917 when the Generals defeated the Roanoke college football team by a score of 118-3. The game was a complete walk away for the Generals from the very start.

It was in the game that the Washington and Lee coach pulled a stunt that was unusual to most of the spectators. He started his second team and it was not until the end of the first quarter that the first string took the field. The interest of the spectators centered around who would be the high scorer soon after the game started. Three touchdowns were made from kickoffs.

Students Search For Oldest Tombstone Date

A novel sport has sprung up on the campus. Two students, tiring of the hum-drum of the usual sports, devised a new one. Each student made a guess as to the date on the oldest tombstone in the cemetery. Then they crossed the street and set to looking. After a long search, the oldest date was found to be 1792. The name on the stone had long ago disappeared. The next oldest date was found to be 1808. These students also found out the founder of Miami University was buried there.

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A 1919 copy of the RING-TUM PHI states that the music to the chorus was composed by M. W. Sheaf, '06, in 1905 and became a very popular air among the students on the campus. In 1909 T. W. Allen who was then a student in the University composed the verse to the song and C. A. Robbin, '11, then composed the words for both the verse and the song. Allen then touched up the words and the

music and obtained a copyright on the piece.

The paper in the article on the composition of the Swing says of Allen: "He was a musical genius who sang and played everything from a French harp to a pipe organ."

He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, belonged to the University Orchestra, and was director of the band.

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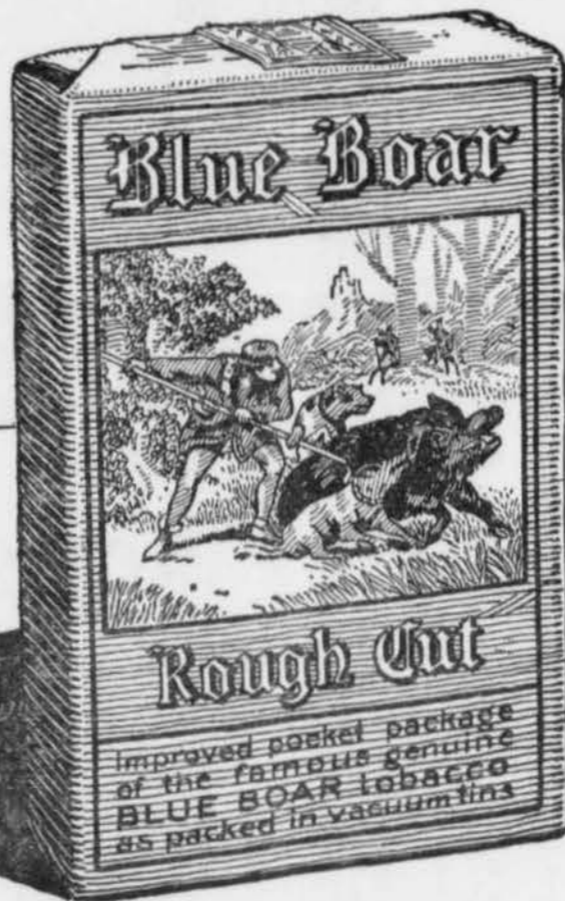
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FOURTH ANNUAL TOURNAY THURSDAY

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view. Many students who find it impossible to attend all sessions but yet who can attend three or four still save the face value of the pastboard by buying the season ticket, and the congestion at the door is also avoided in this way.

J. D. Carter, manager of basketball and chairman of the committee on entertainment, has had the various fraternity houses notified of the teams which they will entertain for the three-day period. Drawing were made freely for various teams, and in almost every instance where any preference had been shown there were so many applicants to house that particular quintet that an open drawing was necessary. J. C. Wilbourne, manager of baseball and chairman of the committee on arrangements, has closed with officials for the affair, and it is predicted that everything will go off in good order.

Every incoming team will be met at the train or at the gym by J. P. Moore, manager of track, and chairman of the reception committee, or some of his assistants, and shown to their house and given directions for getting around the gym. Registration books will be kept in the office of Director R. A. Smith, and all teams will report to tournament headquarters before being sent to their fraternity hosts.

The handsome trophies which will be presented to the winners of the various awards are on display at the Corner, and have attracted much favorable attention from students and townspeople. Presentation of the trophies will take place at intermission of the dance which will follow the final game Saturday night.

The championship game, which starts at 8:30 instead of 8, in order to give the finalists who play that afternoon as much time as possible to rest and prepare for the final encounter, will be preceded by a gymnastic and acrobatic exhibition put on by the proteges of Coach E. P. "Cy" Twombly, of the department of physical education. This event will start at 7:30.

National Contest Rules Outlined

Information On Third National Oratorical Contest On The Constitution Of United States Received By College Library

Information concerning the third annual national intercollegiate Oratorical contest, on the Constitution of the United States of the relationship thereto of Washington, Hamilton, Jefferson, Madison, Marshall, Webster or Lincoln, which is conducted by the The Better American Federation of California, has been received at the College Library. Any bona fide under graduate student or student in any professional course in any college or university in the United States is eligible, provided he has not yet received a degree.

The working unit in the contest is the individual college and all institutions are urged to enter a single representative before March 15, 1927. The United States is to be divided into seven major regions. The winners in each of these regions will take part in the finals at Los Angeles on May 29, 1927 and is assured of one of the prizes which range from \$350 to \$15,000.

The Universities represented in the 1926 finals were Fordham, Pamaona, Harvard, Bucknell, Denver, Michigan, and Virginia.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of all Sophomore Assistants on the Business Staff of the RING-TUM PHI at 7:30 o'clock Friday night in Newcomb Hall. This is for all old men, and any new men desiring to try out for the staff. Very important.

The incoming freshman at Ohio State University were examined at the rate of two men per minute, sixteen specialists and sixty departmental assistants accomplishing the task.

THE "BULL'S" EYE

By TOMMY

Why is it that there are always plenty of vacant seats under the portion of the gallery occupied by our fair visitors at basketball games, whereas the other side of the gym is packed?

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There is a lawsuit going on in Lynchburg for the right of the air above a certain building, a rumor runs. Incidentally, who would ever want to fight over Lynchburg atmosphere?

THE DELEGATION FROM SULLINS PASSED THROUGH OUR FAIR CITY RECENTLY. DOES ANYONE REMEMBER LAST YEAR WHEN, —WELL, YES.

Dr. Howe is quoted as having said: "Tomorrow we will take chlorine; Tuesday arsenic."

A college man cannot live without his allowance—within it, either.

NEGATIVE WINS DEBATE

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of humorous remarks in such a manner that the complimentary sign of approval, stamping, was heard severally times while he was speaking. A. V. Graham of Virginia, for the affirmative, was the first speaker and his cool attitude was a strong indication of experience.

The debaters brought forth many points of interest. Mr. Morison, for the affirmative, especially emphasized that the social, economic and political standards of the nation would be raised by the five-day working week. He pointed out that the objections were based on four hours of Saturday labor.

Mr. Williamson, of the negative, claimed that with more leisure the laborer would delve into dissipation rather than seek culture; that idleness is decay.

Mr. Graham, for the affirmative, pointed out that his contention was not blind enthusiasm but constructive progress. He declared a greater output will result from the week-end rest and laborers will have time to enjoy and care for their family needs.

Finally, Mr. Merritt, of the negative, contended that shorter working hours would decrease production, raise prices and that laborers would look for other jobs over the week-end which would result in a great labor turnover in the industrial plants.

The vote by the audience before the debate stood 92 to 80 in favor of the negative. The poll after the debate was 82 to 69 in favor of the negative which disapproved the five-day week for American labor.

Professor Albert Levitt was chairman of the debate. Mr. Malcolm H. MacBryde was time keeper. W. A. Plummer, J. C. Wilbourne, B. J. Wagner and W. A. MacDonough were the ushers.

The debate was unusual in Washington and Lee forensic circles from the angle of the attendance. Usually small crowds attend the local debates, but this one was marked by an audience of 260 persons, which would seem to indicate an increased interest in this activity this year.

Loyola University is conducting a banquet for the faculty and students of the college. The motto of the occasion is, "Tell your professors what you think of them."

Baseball Managers Now Trying Out

Candidates for the positions of manager and assistant manager of the Washington and Lee baseball team were called out last Thursday afternoon. The competition is being held under the general direction of James C. Wilbourne, the present manager of the team. The juniors who are contesting for the position of manager of next year's team are Walter D. Bach, of Plainfield, New Jersey, and William T. Owen, of Clarksdale, Virginia, both of whom are now serving as junior assistants. The competitors for the position of junior assistant are Phares D. Beville, Alfred Boyd, Jr., Worthington Brown, Thomas B. Fitzhugh, Thomas G. Gibson, W. Clark Kelly, Eugene H. Mitchell, Robert H. Norcom, Lewis F. Powell, Jr., and Fred C. Proctor, Jr.

The competition will last until the Athletic Council elections take place next May. The number of tryouts will not be cut before this time. When these elections are held, one of the junior assistants will be selected as senior manager for the next year and one of the sophomore contestants will be chosen as junior manager. A change from the procedure followed during previous years has been made, inasmuch as only one junior manager will be chosen for next year; on previous occasions, it has been the custom to select two men as junior assistants and to continue the competition until the end of their junior year.

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- 1.—Phi Kappa Psi—Greenbrier Military School.
- 2.—Beta Theta Pi—Augusta Military Academy.
- 3.—Kappa Alpha—Oak Ridge Institute.
- 4.—Alpha Tau Omega—Devitt School, Washington.
- 5.—Sigma Chi—Charlottesville High
- 6.—Sigma Alpha Epsilon—Benedictine, Richmond.
- 7.—Phi Gamma Delta—Randolph-Macon Academy, Bedford.
- 8.—Kappa Sigma—Jefferson High, Roanoke
- 9.—Sigma Nu—Vinton High.
- 10.—Phi Delta Theta—McGuire's, Richmond.
- 11.—Pi Kappa Alpha—Newport News High.
- 12.—Phi Kappa Sigma—Danville Military Institute.
- 13.—Delta Tau Delta—John Marshall High, Richmond.
- 14.—Sigma Phi Epsilon—Staunton High.
- 15.—Alpha Chi Rho—Western High, Washington.
- 16.—Zeta Beta Tau—Meriwether Lewis High, Ivy.
- 17.—Phi Epsilon Pi—Barrack High, Chilhowie.
- 18.—Pi Kappa Phi—Danville High.
- 19.—Lambda Chi Alpha—Suffolk High.
- 20.—Arcades—Massanutten Military Academy.