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## ADMINISTRATION SEEKS HUGE BUILDING LOAN

### To Ask Board For \$500,000 If Works Bill Allows Grant

Whether Private Institution Can Get New Deal Funds Not Known

### TRUSTEES TO MEET FOR DECISION SOON

### Fireproofing of College Is Considered First on Contemplated Program

University officials have taken action to get for Washington and Lee some of the four billion dollars of work relief funds voted by Congress last week-end, it was announced from the president's office today.

The details of a plan for borrowing approximately half a million dollars for construction or remodeling of university buildings are now being worked over so the plan can be submitted to the Board of Trustees for final decision within the next few weeks. No official statement was forthcoming regarding the probable action of the trustees.

It is, of course, not known here yet whether any of the gigantic federal relief fund will be available for institutions under private control. Only state schools were eligible to receive the PWA funds of the earlier phase of New Deal spending.

### Terms Yet Uncertain

It is also not known what the terms or interest rates will be. Washington and Lee and other similar institutions are considering or have made applications on the assumption that the terms will be essentially the same as those granted public institutions under the PWA allotments of the last biennium.

Any money received from the new federal fund must be used primarily for construction, for the purpose of the grant is to give employment. Dr. Gaines and the administration are chiefly interested in the following projects:

1. Fireproofing of Washington college, including modernization of class rooms and offices and other internal improvements.
2. Erection of a new power plant back of the chemistry building, moving campus alley to the Woods creek valley and leaving the back of the campus as an unbroken mall.
3. Fireproofing and remodeling of the library and remodeling of the interior of Newcomb hall.
4. The construction of a university auditorium, probably in the vicinity of the Jefferson-Washington streets corner of the campus.
5. The construction of a students-union building with reception rooms and facilities for all kinds of student and faculty social and recreational activity.

### Prep School Religious Group Will Meet Here

The Annual Prep School Conference on Religious Affairs will be held here Saturday and Sunday, April 13-14. Dr. Oscar de-Wolf Randolph, headmaster of the Virginia Episcopal School at Lynchburg, will deliver the principle address on Saturday.

The main theme of the conference will be "Is the Christian Way Adequate?" Dr. Francis P. Gaines and Professors Moffatt, Morton, and Latture are on the program. Robert Spessard, a freshman, will speak at the banquet Saturday night. The delegates to the conference will stay in various fraternity houses at the expense of the University.

### Take Seats Early

Because Lee chapel will be filled to its capacity of 600 at the assembly Friday morning, Prof. C. P. Light of the public functions committee urges students who arrive first to take front seats immediately. Otherwise serious difficulty in finding seats for everyone will result, he fears.

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### Law Enrollment Jump Of 25 or 50 Expected

Board of Trustees Approves Granting Tuition Reduction to All Candidates With A.B. Degree; Drive For More Students Begun

An extensive drive for new law students to increase the enrollment for next year is being conducted under the authority of Dean W. H. Moreland, it was revealed today. Although no accurate estimate of the sought-for increase can be definitely made, it was believed that the enrollment next year will probably be between 100 and 125. At present it is about 80.

The Board of Trustees of the University recently approved the granting of \$100 a year off the tuition of any applicant applying for admission who possesses an A.B. degree. This is the first time such scholarship have been offered, although previously a few had been available to exceptional students.

Bulletins of information on the new law building are being mailed out to academic seniors of 32

### Riegel Receives European Trip

Journalism Professor To Study Propaganda Forces Abroad

A grant-in-aid has been awarded to Prof. O. W. Riegel, director of the school of Journalism, by the Social Science Research Council of New York to permit him to make a study of economic factors related to news gathering and distribution in Europe as compared with the United States.

Prof. Riegel will leave for Europe in June and will spend three months gathering material in England, France, Germany, and Russia.

The study of propaganda forces, especially in the news, has interested Prof. Riegel for some time. The May issue of the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science will contain his article entitled "Propaganda and the Press."

Prof. Riegel was foreign correspondent in Paris for the Chicago "Tribune" and the New York "Daily News" from 1925 to 1927, and spent the summers of 1932 and 1933 in Europe, in preparation for his book, "Mobilizing for Chaos, the Story of the New Propaganda," which dealt with opinion-moulding factors here and abroad.

This year, Prof. Riegel has spoken before the American Society of Teachers of Journalism on "The Future of Propaganda" and before the Roanoke Kiwanis club on "The Propaganda Menace." He will address the Lynchburg Kiwanis club on April 26, also on the subject of propaganda.

### Robert Miller Selected For Prize in Chemistry

Robert Ryland Miller, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been awarded the Lind Prize in chemistry. Miller is a junior in the science school and a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in February.

This prize gives the winner membership to the American Chemical Society and was offered annually by Samuel Lind, B.A., '99, to the candidate for a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry who has the best standing in that subject at the end of the first semester of his third or fourth year in the chemistry department.

Mr. William Coan, professor of commerce and accounting, is recovering at his home from a serious illness which attacked him during the spring vacation.

It is not expected that he will be able to return to his classes during the remainder of the term, the administration declares.

### 34 Signed Up For Finals As Second Drive Is Concluded

Officials State That Results Are Encouraging But Not Sufficient

### MARTIN ANNOUNCES SENIOR COMMITTEES

Groups Are Told to Begin Active Work At Once

Finals committeemen, in their second subscription drive yesterday and today, signed up only 34 new men, bringing the total to date up to 246.

Jim Brown, publicity manager, issued the following statement concerning the second drive: "We feel that the results of the drive, while not up to our expectations, are at least encouraging, and we expect a great deal more in the next two weeks."

A list of students who have not signed up has been made out, and members of the committee will interview each man.

Lewis Martin urged all students to sign up, whether they are sure they will stay or not. May 15 is the deadline for the ten-dollar price, he pointed out. After that, the tickets will cost \$13.50. Checks may be post-dated up to May 5, and all payments at a later date must be made in cash.

Any houses having 100 per cent records on May 5 will be awarded prizes.

### Finals Committees Appointed

Leaders of Final Ball and committees for various dances of the Finals set were named today. They are as follows:

- FINAL BALL**  
Lewis W. Martin with Miss Doris Martin.  
George J. McGeary with Miss Thelma Walsh.  
John M. Dean with Miss Roberta Cover.  
James E. Brown with Miss Peggy Ann MacIndoe.  
Joseph B. Magee with Miss Sue Johnson.  
William L. Wilson with Miss Betty Miller.

**Executive**—J. S. Buxton, E. W. Chappell, Jr., J. M. Graham, A. G. Harwood, III, L. L. Helmer, E. M. Marks, R. B. Mayo, H. M. Rhett, T. E. Sparks, J. H. Thomas, I. G. Wallace, D. H. Wallis.

**Floor**—J. W. Ball, G. H. Brannaman, R. F. Cooper, Jr., J. D. Coppenhaver, Eli Finkelstein, H. L. Fitzgerald, W. W. Gerber, W. H. Hawkins, E. M. Nuckols, H. P. Smith.

**Musie**—S. B. Cantey, III, W. H. Dyer, R. T. Edwards, W. W. Fowlkes, F. E. Huffman, S. C. Mattox, F. F. Maynard, W. Schuhle, Jr., T. C. Smith, P. B. Winfree.

**Invitation**—C. V. Anderson, A. A. Bolen, H. E. Harman, J. D. Hobbie, W. D. McDavid, A. W. Moss, W. H. Seaton, G. E. Short, C. C. Smith, M. H. Williams.

**Arrangements**—S. L. Alexander, M. R. Dunaj, J. W. Fairlie, N. B. Hill, S. Lyons, G. C. McKown, R. L. Newburger, J. D. Spohr, F. P. Stradling, K. P. Willard.

**SENIOR BALL**  
I. Grier Wallace with Miss Jeanne Swinney.  
Robert B. Mayo with—  
Jack M. Hobbie, Jr., with Miss Minnie Hobbie.  
Thomas E. Sparks with—

### COMMITTEES

**Finance**—W. R. Sphar, Jr., chairman; W. H. Alexander, G. H. Brannaman, M. R. Dunaj, L. P. Gassman, H. E. Harman, A. M. Harrelson, G. J. McGeary, J. D. Spohr, F. D. Strong, T. F. Wilson.  
**Reception**—L. L. Smith, chairman; C. P. Anderson, E. W. Chappell, Jr., W. H. Dyer, J. C. Gardner, G. R. Glynn, F. E. Huffman, E. M. Marks, R. R. Miller, W. C. Smith, D. R. Wallis.

**Invitation**—J. M. Dean, chairman; D. J. Bennett, Jr., A. F. Blair, Continued on page four.

### Clique Sweeps Election; Richardson, Lone Wolf, Trails Daniel 247 to 312

### Frosh Excused From Assembly In Lee Chapel

President's Committee Recommends New Policy In Changing Place

The beginnings of a definite, consciously planned university program of assemblies and public addresses are outlined in a report submitted to President Gaines by a special committee recently appointed to study the subject.

The committee declared itself not yet ready to discuss the speaking program for next year, but in announcing arrangements for this spring set forth the principle that as many university functions as possible should be held in Lee chapel.

Thus the Washington-Cincinnati assembly Friday will not be compulsory for freshmen, there not being room for them and the committee having decided that they have three more years in which to attend Washington-Cincinnati assemblies.

Similarly, seniors and all law students will be excused from Dr. Gilkey's address on religion in the chapel on April 30. Why lawyers and seniors should be excused from an address on religion was not explained to Dr. Gaines, yet someone had to be left out.

The gymnasium will continue to be used as place of assembly when the entire student body must attend. The committee's aim is to have meetings with which tradition and sentiment are most associated held in the chapel.

Another change in the program calls for Dr. Gaines' talks on the Bible in the chapel to be replaced by an analysis of the state of the University before the entire student body in the gymnasium during the second week of May.

The committee's report follows:

**Dear Dr. Gaines:**  
Your committee on assembly and convocation schedules and plans has held one meeting for discussion of the problems submitted to the committee. The general problems concerning plans for next year and the future were discussed briefly but we are not ready at present to submit any recommendations on these questions.

On the immediate question for the schedule of speakers already engaged for this spring, we should like to submit for your consideration the following recommendations:

1. The Washington-Cincinnati Convocation—April 12: To be held in chapel at 11:30 a. m. under regular University assembly schedule, attendance to be compulsory for all students except freshmen.
2. Dean Donham's address—April 20th: To be held in chapel during the morning. To be attended by all students in the School of Commerce and others who may wish to attend. This would not include...

### First of Series of Art Books Placed in Library

The first shipment of books on art in the collection which the Carnegie foundation is giving the University, has been received by the University library.

Sixteen of the forty volumes thus far received are part of a series, Prophylaea Kunstgeschichte, or The Story of Art. Most of the other books deal with modern artists, including Matisse, Picasso, and Renoir.

The volumes will be put in the reference room of the library. About 50 or 60 others are expected within the next few months.



**HARRY RESER**  
Pictured above is Harry Reser, whose band will supply the music for Easter dances in Doremus gymnasium, April 26-27. Reser is one of the most talented leaders in America, playing every instrument in the band and being one of America's best banjo players. There are fifteen artists in his orchestra and he says it's better now than it was when he appeared on the Cliquot club program.

### Virginia Joins In War Strike

Only Southern Institution Believed to Be Participating in Walkout

Dr. John Lloyd Newcomb, president of the University of Virginia, has announced that the University will participate in the nationwide strike against war to be held by college men and women Friday, April 12, the eighteenth anniversary of the entry of the United States into the World War.

The student body has been granted a suspension of all classes between 11:30 and 12:30 o'clock in the morning, during which time student, faculty, and out-of-town speakers will take part in a mass meeting to be held in McIntire Amphitheater.

The University is believed to be the only school in the South officially participating in the nationwide demonstration.

The present step is the result of undercurrents in sections of the student body which have been active since last fall. The anti-war committee in charge of the demonstration is composed of representatives of the Jeffersonian Society, a literary organization founded during the time of Thomas Jefferson, Madison Hall, the student Y. M. C. A., and the chapter of the National Students' League, recently formed.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch commented editorially on Virginia's decision as follows:

It is eminently fitting that the college and university students of America should unite next Friday in mass meetings throughout the land in opposition to war. And we are particularly happy to record that the young men at the University of Virginia are to participate in this demonstration.

Last year only about 25,000 students took part in these meetings, and no Southern institution was represented. This year the total is expected to reach 100,000, and the Solid South has been broken. Virginia's State university is to take part. We trust that in 1936 the movement will reach to the farthest corners of Dixie.

We should like to urge the Virginia students to go as far as they like in denouncing war. They are the men who will be called upon to face the smoke and flame of the battlefield, if war comes, and they, more than any other group, are entitled to express their fixed determination to keep this country out of war by every legitimate means at their disposal.

**Weather Forecast**  
Cloudy skies tonight and tomorrow with probable rains on campus.

### Dominance of Progressives Appears Unquestioned, Despite Hot Campaign

530 VOTES CAST; ILER POLLS MOST

One Student Takes Trouble to Vote, Scratches All Names

The Big Clique functioned like a well-oiled machine today and swept the field in the athletic council election, electing Eddie Hiserman and Bill Daniel over the lone wolf "Hoss" Richardson by a safe margin.

With the exception of exception of Richardson, the dominance of the clique was not questioned. With his defeat after a spirited campaign the clique's power appeared more unshakable than ever.

The official vote was:  
Votes cast ..... 530  
Berry ..... 498  
Schuhle ..... 502  
Iler ..... 503  
Daniel ..... 312  
Hiserman ..... 415  
Richardson ..... 247

Richardson trailed Daniel by 65 votes. The number of paid campus taxes was 109 more than the number voted.

One voter scratched everybody's name, and Estil Harmon, Hugo Bonino, and Charlie Brasher each received a vote.

Waking students Monday morning had almost forgotten that there was to be an Athletic Council election today. The Progressive ticket had been announced; a ticket so strong that opposition to it was almost unthinkable. The election promised to be an even duller one than athletic council elections usually are.

But between Friday night and Monday morning, something almost fantastic had happened. By nine o'clock, the same students who had forgotten about the election were talking of little else.

The reason was a flood of whimsical posters announcing the candidacy of "Hoss" Richardson for member-at-large. Unprecedented in campus politics, the wise-cracking placards attracted crowds of snickering, chuckling students.

They smiled at Ginger Rogers' endorsement; they grinned when Richardson promised wrestling matches with Sweet Briar; they sighed when he promised to stop the rain; their mouths watered when he promised beer in the Copop; they laughed when they saw a photograph of the independent candidate camouflaged by a growth of white chin-whiskers; and they guffawed at the photograph of a huge Percheron plough horse labelled "Your Candidate."

Tuesday morning, another set of signs appeared, imitating the style of the roadside advertisements for a brand of shaving cream. In front of the Alumni building, a series of four signs broadcast the jingle: If you have a bit of doubt Of what this stuff is all about, It really isn't just in fun, This guy HOSS will really run.

Another set of four signs, each containing a single line of another jingle was placed along the main walk from Washington College to the chapel, where the voting took place. A third jingle was posted in the same fashion in front of the Journalism rooms, and still another lined the sidewalk up the hill from the memorial gate.

The unexpected opposition forced the two Progressive candidates, Ed Hiserman and Bill Daniel, to open their campaign actively, and the dormitories Monday night were the scenes of many a backslap, impromptu speech, and smiling familiarity.

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## HAS SOMETHING TURNED UP AT LAST?

Right now a lot of "ifs" and "buts" obscure the view of Washington and Lee improved with a half million of New Deal dollars, but the prospect is still mighty pleasant to look at. In the first place we see the University stirring itself and trying to get out of this sloughs it has been in for the last decade, if not since General Lee died. This and many another American university need something besides physical regeneration, but that can prepare the ground for an intellectual renaissance. It is time Washington and Lee started to propel itself forward instead of coasting, waiting for some kind soul to turn up and give it the welcome financial push. Washington and Lee can boast of buildings that no other school can copy, but such heirlooms do not always contribute to the comfort and efficiency of university work. While other schools have been building along ambitious plans and improving what they have, we have hung our heirlooms about our necks.

The building program as it is being considered by University officials is a most desirable one. Nothing further need be said about fireproofing and renovating Washington college. It is rather generally believed that that should come first. As to moving the power plant, which will probably come second on the list, there is probably no one step that could improve the university grounds more. Get rid of this unsightly cluster of shanties that is now the power plant and of the mudhole that is campus alley, and the way is open for exploiting natural beauties in the rear of the campus almost as great as the architectural beauties that have made the colonnade famous. The hope is to have the back road in the valley, swinging back to the top of the ridge at the chemistry building. The back of the campus would then be a naturally beautiful expanse of grass and trees framed in as charming a setting of fields, hills, and mountains as is to be found. Now we are blotching this picture with coal sheds and mudholes. One need not speak, either, of the need for an auditorium or of a center for student recreational and cultural activity. Reception rooms, places for meeting, room for faculty dances and social affairs, proper alumni quarters, all these things are sadly lacking now. And tearing down the shacks on the part of the campus nearest town to make room for the auditorium would be almost as great an improvement as the auditorium itself. The successful completion of this building program means so much to Washington and Lee that the Board of Trustees cannot afford to overlook any opportunity to borrow from the government for investment in the future. Such phrases may sound out of place to the business men the trustees must be, but after all a modern university, even a small one, cannot be run on canal stock. The university that helps itself is going to get more help than the one that stagnates hidden under the bushel of its own inertia. Getting this half million grant from the government, providing of course the government will offer it to us, will enable the Payne and the Doremus money to go into the general endowment, where everyone knows it is needed bad enough. The way is laid out for a material advancement hand in hand with a cultural advancement. How earnestly we hope that these aims and aspirations can be realized.

## EDITORIAL INCONSISTENCIES

"In Russia Names of Drunkards Are Posted Under a Caricature"—item in the Times. In Lexington we don't have to post them, they advertise themselves.

And if you think that last November was a Democratic landslide, just wait until April 23—and see a real landslide! Only this one will be without benefit of a New Deal.

This comes from one of the candidates opposing the Big Clique (foolhardy youth!): "Now I know how Hoover felt in 1932."

—B. A. T.

## ONLY BIRTH CONTROL CAN END WAR

Students may strike against war, professors may lecture on the effects of war on culture (we are more interested in the effects of war on eyes, and arms, and legs, and minds), senators may grow indignant and old ladies frantic, and the diplomats of the world may make pretty speeches—but all this will not end war. Level-headed students, far-seeing senators, and unselfish diplomats would have been able to prevent many of the wars that have bled mankind in the past, but before the more fundamental causes of war they are helpless. Let a strong race of 100 million people grow up within political borders that will support only 80 million, and all the student strikes and pretty words in the world cannot reinforce and hold those bulging frontiers. Nations will not starve to death because they are told that war is destructive. Hitler sees the world as a great arena in which nations and races must bow or conquer, must spread out or wither away. It is a basic principle of life, the survival of the fittest, no longer man against man but race against race. Mussolini differs from Hitler only in that he is leading another race. Italy is already equal in population to France and growing at the rate of a half million yearly. Japan is growing at the rate of one million a year, and even the League of Nations and the Student League for Industrial Democracy cannot tell them to throw their babies into the sea. The black, brown, and yellow races of Asia today are increasing by twenty-eight millions yearly, compared to an increase of one million in Europe exclusive of Soviet Russia. The white man found room for his 18th and 19th century expansion by overrunning savage races that could not fight back. Italy in Africa today is up against a race that can really fight. Here will be real war, biological war unless Mussolini decides to wait until the internal pressure of his masses makes victory more certain. America was founded on the downfall of the red race—it will take a real war to push the white Americans out, but it will not be any different fundamentally from the struggle that destroyed the red Americans as a people. It may have been the German militarists that pushed Germany on in 1914, but it will be a surge of men seeking room to live on that will start the next war; or else the surge of men whose aim is not land for themselves but for the teeming race, for the State of the future. Even less than the militarists were halted by moral considerations in 1914 will such on-rushing peoples be halted by scraps of paper.

The war of the future will be biological, and there is but one alternative to it. That is an acceptance of the essentials of the political status quo and of carefully exploited birth control to maintain national population within the limits that can be comfortably supported by their own territories. If the various populations of Europe remain static as France's is today and as England's almost is, there will be no war pressure. This curtailment of human expansion might lead to the extermination of the species, but that is hard to foresee, especially if the principle of the survival of the fittest goes on inside of political boundaries instead of across them. Nations then would not have to worry about "security," but could devote their energies to building up a higher grade, happy, and intelligent population. Hitler would put emphasis on the well-being of the race and forget the individual. But life, apart from its animal aspect, is the life of the individual, and it is animal blindness to keep on sacrificing the individual for the State, which is but individuals in the aggregate. Let each nation, then, devote itself to the interests of its present population as individuals with the necessity for struggle for world domination removed by birth control. Then and only then will there be peace. We are wasting breath talking today of outlawing war and maintaining freedom as long as nations are towering up against each other in a struggle for world domination. Whether the intelligence of man can contrive to limit populations and make ineffective a law of nature becomes a question for the present as well as the future, for birth control among all nations is the one sure check to war. If nations do not check their populations voluntarily, the excesses will have to be killed off in the struggle for supremacy, for two men cannot stand where there is room for but one, no matter what the powers decree.

## BUCKING THE OPPOSITION IN BRAVE FASHION

Whether he won or lost at the polls today we extend our congratulations to "Hoss" Richardson for the spirit of his "lone wolf" campaign and to his campaign managers whose clever strategy at least threatened an upset and worried the bosses. It takes a genuine courage as well as a sense of humor to buck overwhelming opposition the way Richardson did.

Richardson's platform was doubly clever. Not only was it funny for what it said, but in a more subtle way it exposed the barrenness of student politics and the absence of anything from such elections but personalities, line-ups, and back-slapping. The whole Progressive ticket might as well have run on a burlesque platform like Richardson's and it would not have made any difference how serious they were about it.



Striking Students Spurn Mars

## Hangovers

By BOB WHITE

After spending a week-end at Washington and Lee we wonder why our traditional "Hi, gentlemen!" isn't replaced by the more appropriate "High gentlemen."

Grandfather may have walked three miles to school every day when he was a lad, but today Kenneth H. Sanford drives approximately 480 miles to classes each week. He attends the University of Missouri (Columbia) and commutes daily from his home in Mexico, Missouri, a distance of 40 miles.

And speaking of Missouri people, Sally Rand attended Columbia University (New York City). We wonder if her preparatory training was a help in her chosen career. . . . The 1935 Army-Navy gridiron tussel will take place at Soldiers Field, Chicago, if the efforts of promoters are successful.

Statistics show that Yale graduates have 1.4 children, while Vassar graduates have 1.8 children, which proves that women have more children than men. (Brown and White) . . . The University of Missouri comes through once again—in a recent election 200 more votes were cast than were students registered in school.

Last year the average attendance at Harvard's morning chapel was 63 daily. . . . At the University of Washington 125 students are taking a course on "the stages in the development of love"; however, we still like our biology where one studies the sex life of an earthworm and other such interesting things.

Abbot L. Lowell, president-emeritus of Harvard, said, "No wonder there is a lot of knowledge in the colleges—the freshmen always bring a little knowledge in and the seniors never take any away."

Richmond college students can engage in Sunday sports this spring under a new ruling, but they cannot wear "shorts."

Our Exchange tells us that a freshman at a co-ed university submitted the following theme:

- Why I Didn't Join a Sorority
1. I wanted to think for myself and not be led around by a bunch of sissies.
  2. I never went in for women's organizations at home.
  3. My fingers have grown so much I can't get my class ring off and people thought I was taken.
  4. I didn't want a lot of fraternity boys looking in on me at night.
  5. I have never danced with a man in my life and don't want to start now.
  6. Too many men were in the habit of slapping me on the back and poking me in the stomach for the benefit of the sisters.
  7. I hated dormitories and having to crawl over a lot of sisters to get in bed.
  8. I was a male anyway.

## "These Are the Dreams" To Be Published May 1

"These Are the Dreams," the verse of Joe Ford, Jr., class of '35, will be out by May 1st, it was announced by R. S. Boyle, editor.

This is the first book of verse by an undergraduate of Washington and Lee ever to be published, and is being sponsored entirely by students of this school in co-operation with the Virginia Publishing company.

## CAMPUS COMMENT

Several years ago a student here related by means of the couplet, a story of campus politics. Thinking the tale quite timely, we reprint it here, taking out the name of the hero, and substituting for it "Otto," merely because "Otto" has the right number of syllables, and we can't very well publish the name used in the poem. So here goes! Try it out on your favorite campus politician.

### To Otto

Four years he struggled to trench his power,  
To lose it all in one unthinking hour;  
Club-member, manager, and grasping boss,  
His lust for power provoked his final loss.  
A man attempting absolute control,  
He learned, like Caesar, gluttons lose the whole.  
Fresh in the bloom of youth's mislead ambition,  
He used all men and means for ammunition;  
Desiring all, with selfish, planned intent,  
He schemed and won, and went ahead content.  
When people asked him what tomorrow meant,  
He wisely answered, "Yesterday is spent."  
So up he worked his way, by ordered plan,  
And soon was everything, except a man.  
Then students wondered why so many prigs,  
Phi Kaps, K. A.'s, Phi Gam's, and Kappa Sig's,  
Made O. D. K. and every good position,  
Without the use of more than his volition.  
Soon students wondered why the men who would,  
Received the votes instead of those who should,  
A little longer served to find the trouble,  
And prick the Phi Kap, Kappa Sigma bubble.  
But, Otto, lord of all our small demesne,  
Came, shrieking rape and treason, on the scene;  
Denying all the villainy he wrought,  
And damning those same principles he taught.  
So fighting to retrieve his brother's cause,  
He self-confessed, and spawned his menopause.  
Then room-mate, friend, and brother caught the axe,  
And Otto's throne of marble turned to wax.  
Thus Otto, lord and captain, left the field;  
His greatness gone, his politics revealed.  
For, spurning to abide by honest rules,  
And making Circle laughing stock for fools,  
He gave each member of his Clique a place,  
And so reneged his lead and trumped his ace.  
Learn this, thou caste defended of the lost,  
No power on earth is greater than its cost.

This one's a little late but we think you ought to know about it. After seeing "David Copperfield," Duncan Groner was heard to remark, "I've been spanked when I was little, but this is the first thing that ever really made me cry!"

The most disturbing thing of the week is the traveller who went into one of the local barber-shops and in a cosmopolitan tone of voice demanded a body-massage. Continued on page four

## OFF THE SUBJECT

By TIM LANDVOIGT

With somewhat of a bang, your most humble scribe (with apologies to Uriah Heep) has found himself in the decidedly difficult situation of having to write a column notorious for degrading and debunking everything in general with particular emphasis on rotten politics, liberal arts, and Traveler's bones. Though it is not my intention of destroying in any way the work of my worthy predecessor, who was a true master of the art of fiery criticism, I still cannot find myself greatly embittered by the presence of the remains of one poor harmless beast in our midst. Therefore, with all respect to the exponents of the "down with everything" movement, I beg to be permitted to wander into the field of homely philosophy, dry humor, and subtle observation, where I will remain sincerely yours, Off the Subject.

In the spring a young man's fancy turns to love—but at Washington and Lee this is a minor diversion, being eclipsed by dogs and politicians. The popular tune of the day is "When Washington and Lee's men fall in line—with the big clique." A few other gentlemen render that popular ballad, "Out in the Cold Again."

John Student is approached by Joe Candidate, who proceeds to pound him on the back and shout political monologue number 7 (Bungalow's Handbook for the Aspiring Campus Politician), which goes as follows: "Why! If it isn't my old pal George from Georgia? Where have you been all my life? You're going to vote for me for secretary of the Fourth of July Dansant, aren't you, George? Well, I'm certainly glad to hear that." Before the depression, this was the point where the would-be office holder rams a stenchful stogie into your mouth, but campus politics "ain't what they used to be." Oh, the irony of it all! Why are we, the poor common people, made the butt of this absolutely useless torture, when after all someone has already decided for us whom we are going to vote for and all the high pressure politics in the world isn't going to make a difference unless some whim of the "higher up" decrees it so.

Having already broken one of my resolutions and delved into the field of politics, I see no reason why I should not go all the way and carry my ravings into the subject of Traveller. In the course of my day's wanderings it becomes necessary for me to pass the stable that once housed the famous steed. It has often struck me funny that someone should have con-

sidered it necessary to place a stone commemorating the structure as the residence of General Lee's horse and yet nobody has seen fit to place any sort of a tablet on the beautiful home where General Lee himself resided.

Foul rumors have reached our ears that another monument is soon to grace our fair campus. We already have a wooden Washington on the bell tower and a metal McCormick down on our walk, so why make it any worse. Before this well-meaning association spends its money for some concoction of stove pipes and boulders, it should be furnished a copy of the University pamphlet, "The New Law School, Donations Appreciated."

Down the stretch; there is the story of the distinguished alumnus, who returned to school after ten years to find the cigar butt he had thrown under his bed still there; that's the honor system for you.

Just to maintain a few of the former traditions of this column we present a few words in typical Groner style:

Rain is a necessary evil. Until the preponderance of students, who from the bread lines of tomorrow, realize that the tyrannous politicians who dominate our meteorological service are a social impediment, we shall continue in this rut into which we have so ingloriously fallen. Their personal welfare is placed so ignominiously before the interests of the international brotherhood of man. Do not consider me cynical when I doubt that the prevailing precipitation shall never cease, but if you cannot find yourself in complete sympathy with my dubiousity, you have but to crush your impractical views by setting foot without the doors, where you will find conditions as I have often said before.

I hope that I shall never see Another lousy parody; I'll list 'to Stein or Sandburg's best Or even trash by Edgar Guest.

I'll sit content at Shaw's worst play, But off' at night I kneel and pray, "Good Lord, a lecture I can bear, But parodies get in my hair."

Like Groner's comments on the rain Or a parody on "Trees" again, Poems are made by fools like me, But I do love to parody.

## On the Ball

By MAURICE RIDER

"... And So It Goes"

Where is it that the sun shines beautifully every day, and shining seas come rolling in upon the beach of golden sand?  
Where is it that lovely maidens fair lie lightly clad beneath the waving palms in some warm, tropic land?  
Where is it that it never rains, where life is just an idle dream?  
Where wealth comes, to those who sit in ease and luxurious idleness, in an incessant stream;  
Where is it that we can find a land so fair?  
Where?  
Ha! Reader, if you know of such a place, lead on; it has been pouring here for weeks and weeks until there's water in the blood.  
It's April, but the April showers have turned into a flood.  
The sun has gone; we know not even what it looks like; we care less;  
We have learned to navigate the most vicious puddle with an elegant, a superb finesse;  
To what avail?  
The rain has ceased as we had hoped, and now comes—hail!  
Not content with that irony, the cold east wind begins to blow.  
Now! See it snow.  
Bring out that overcoat and give the moths a taste of the real winter blare and roar.  
Keep it out, because it's April; it'll snow some more.  
Come, see the Spring in the Shenandoah.  
If you see it once, you won't want to see it any moah.  
(And if, my frans, the sun has actually come out by the time this appears in print, don't worry. It'll vanish in a hurry.)

## Off The Record

Editor's note of regret: When Duncan Groner began writing Off the Record way last fall it was with the understanding he would stop if ever and when ever the pressure of academic work became too great. Such seems to have happened and Groner says he surrenders his column in the quest for grades in his last semester at Washington and Lee.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir:  
We hear that Mr. Groner has left the staff of the Ring-tum Phi. This is to be regretted by those who followed his column in hopes that some day that gentleman would praise something instead of knocking it. We did not think that Mr. Groner, at this late date, would get cold feet and toddle off into further intellectual stagnation. It cannot be that he is afraid to continue his work; it

must be that he has given up in disgust at the lack of response on the part of his readers, if any. That is not a noble thing to do. Why run off and leave the column at a time like this?

If Mr. Groner is never to return, let us be both glad and sorry. Let us be glad that we are free from his high and mighty attitude which was at times cloying. Let us be sorry (and this is said in all seriousness) that one of the few men on this campus who had the, shall we say, guts to stand up and take it on the chin, say what he thought regardless of the consequences, and try in vain to stimulate some thought in the minds of the torpid group of young misfits who proudly call themselves students.

Sincerely,  
M.

Warden E. Lawes, of Sing Sing, has recently announced that college graduates make very good prisoners. No wonder, they're certainly used to bars.

# Baseball Stars Of Years Ago To Play Here

## Generals Anxious to Meet Barnstorming Old-Timers in May

Subject to faculty approval, the Washington and Lee baseball team will meet a galaxy of old-time baseball stars on May 29 on Wilson field in order to provide the varsity with monogram sweaters.

The Old Timers' Baseball club, on an extended southern tour, will be in Lexington for only one day. As this is only an exhibition, no practice will be required for the Generals. While the game is in the middle of exams, there is a holiday the next day to ease all consciences.

As yet this contest has not been brought before a faculty committee, but Dean Gilliam does not think there will be any objections.

Among the old favorites that will play are Jimmy Archer of the Chicago Cubs; Rube Bressler of Brooklyn and Cincinnati; Sam Crawford and Bobby Veach of Detroit; Zack Wheat of Brooklyn; Harry Hooper of the Boston Red Sox; Cy Young, Boston Red Sox no-hit-no-run pitcher; Rube Marquard, John McGraw's protegee at the New York Giants; Bob McGraw of Brooklyn, and Paul Zanzhiser of the Washington Senators.

What tradition and memories will be brought back when Veach and Crawford patrol the outer gardens of the Wilson field diamond, and Young and Marquard hurl against the collegians.

The Washington and Lee baseball players are only too eager to play against these former Big League stars. While they will be a trifle old, past records show that they can more than hold their own against the youngsters.

Rainy weather has halted the progress of both the freshmen and varsity ball teams. The A. M. A. game rained out on Monday has been shifted to this Friday, at Fort Defiance. At Lexington on Friday and Saturday, the Generals will play their first Southern conference contests when the Big Blue meets V. P. I.

# Tilson Calls Off Spring Practice

## Coach Satisfied by Success Of Drills This Year

Because of adverse weather conditions, and to enable football candidates to participate in spring sports, Coach Tex Tilson has called off spring football practice immediately instead of waiting until Thursday as he had planned to do.

Coach Tilson said that the spring practice was decidedly a success, more so than in previous years. He expressed satisfaction over the result of the scrimmages with V. M. I., which have done much to augment good feeling between the two schools. These scrimmages will be continued in the fall.

Coach Tilson explained that the greatest benefit derived from the practices with V. M. I. was that he was able to evaluate the real blocking ability of the Big Blue eleven. In ordinary scrimmages on Wilson field the defensive team usually knows what play is coming, and they determine their tactics on this basis. As V. M. I. did not know what plays to expect, the real blocking ability of the team was revealed.

### PREVIEWS

By ROCKWELL BOYLE  
Tuesday and Wednesday: If you have any respect for the better American music and musicians you will enjoy this operetta, "Naughty Marietta," played by Jeanette MacDonald, is laid in the old regime of the Southern Court of Aristocracy mingled with the French influence. It's well worth seeing.

Thursday and Friday: "The Little Colonel" is a play made in which the great Shirley Temple can play the Great Compromiser—and she's got a lot of clay on her in one scene. It's another "sine qua non" for little Shirley, although the others get a chance. Best part is Bill Robinson's dance with Shirley trying to detract attention.

Four in Hospital  
Four Washington and Lee students were confined in the hospital this afternoon. They are: Robert Barr, Thomas Thomas, Wallace Bernard, and J. C. Gardner.

Dr. Moffatt will have charge of the devotional services at the assembly on Friday, April 12, in Lee chapel.

# Following the BIG BLUE

By ZACH KRAMER

## Football Team Impressive—Rain, Rain, Go Away—New Hampshire Black Magic—Hard Work Brings Results—Schuhle's P-G Course in Running

The football team looked at its spring best last Friday afternoon in the scrimmage against V. M. I. From the way things are turning out, the Generals will not be as bad off as had been expected after a few of the boys left school. Dorsey Wilson is coming along swell in his new fullback post and has developed into a powerful line plunger. Joe Arnold has been strutting around the backfield like an all-American with nothing except the last white stripe able to stop his triumphant marches. The 1936 offense ought to be the best of the entire Tilson regime, and it will have to be if the Southern conference title is to be retained.

It certainly has rained this past week, rained out a bunch of swell athletic contests. Four baseball games have been cancelled, and all of them were humdingers. The tennis team didn't get a break either, for they haven't had a day of practice, and there's a match scheduled with Lynchburg College for this Saturday.

Well there's one fellow satisfied with the weather anyway, and that's Harry Fitzgerald, coach of the Brigadier baseball squad. With only the part of one day's practice under their belts, the Adelphi nine had to be met, but the good old rain stopped that idea. Again, before Fitz had enough time to select the right nine men, Augusta Military Academy was supposed to be played, and this time, too, the rain stepped in and saved the day. However, it hasn't all been gravy, for stormy weather hasn't given Harry's boys any days to practice.

The Dartmouth Indians, playing their second game of the season, left the Big Blue batters and fielders in bewilderment and walked off with a 4-0 victory, but they didn't do it fairly. It was black magic. The Dartmouth coaches on first and third base have a very bad habit, at least bad for their opponents. When the New Hampshire boys are held scoreless for

a few innings, the coaches switch positions, and this has always meant a score. This worked perfectly Friday, for the moment the change of positions took place, Dartmouth scored two runs, the margin of victory. The trouble with this plan is that sometimes enough runs aren't made.

The sweep of the Oklahoma wrestlers in the nationals was nothing short of miraculous. Coach Mathis explains it by pointing out that in Oklahoma wrestling begins in grade school. By the time the Oklahomans get to college they've had eight years of competitive wrestling under their belt. Hence, they can use their feet with the agility and degree of skill that the Easterner has a hard time attaining with his hands. On top of that, there is a different attitude down there. Wrestling is treated like a religion, and the coaches are nothing short of fanatics. Somebody asked Ed Gallagher, Oklahoma A. and M. mentor, when his spring practice began. "Spring practice," he said, "why we work all twelve months," and maybe that's another explanation for their superiority.

Records have shown that the coaches that work their men the hardest get the best results. Johnny La Rowe of Virginia is looked upon as a slave driver by his unbeaten boxing team, and if anyone doesn't think Coach Mathis works his squad, just go out for wrestling and find out for yourself. Of course, the coach has got to have something to work with in the beginning.

If things break right, Billy Schuhle plans to come back to school next year and take some graduate work. Besides the extra studying, Captain Billy intends to run in some independent races under the Blue and White colors. Should Bill continue to improve at his previous rate, Coach Fletcher will take him to Madison Square Garden to compete in some of the championship events there.

## W. & L. Joins Group Of Southern Schools To Study Problems

The Southern University conference, an organization of about 25 southern institutions to deal with problems relating to higher education, was formed in Atlanta last Saturday. Dr. Francis P. Gaines represented Washington and Lee, one of the charter members of the organization.

The organization will not replace the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the general standardizing agency for Southern institutions, but will be concerned principally with those institutions which put primary emphasis upon liberal arts, according to Dr. Gaines. Membership will be by invitation only.

Five Virginia institutions are members of the group. They are, in addition to Washington and Lee, the University of Virginia, the University of Richmond, Randolph-Macon College, and Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

## May Postpone Tennis Match

### Team Unable to Practice For Lynchburg Meet As Rain Continues

Postponement of the opening tennis match with Lynchburg College which the Big Blue netmen are scheduled to meet in Lynchburg Saturday was made probable last night as rain continued to pour down on the courts under Wilson bridge.

The courts are virtually submerged under water with the playing surface turned into a quagmire and practice for the remainder of the week is out of the question.

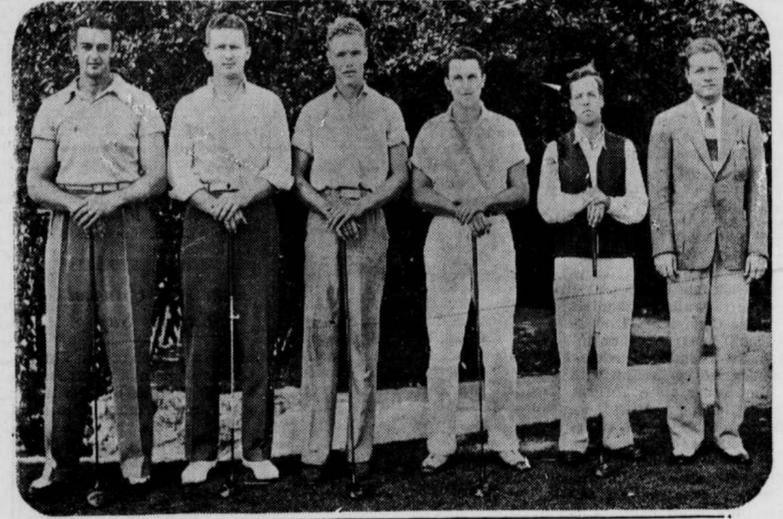
Captain Bob Prugh announced that if negotiations could not be made with Lynchburg for a postponement of the meet, Crenshaw will take a team composed of last year's lettermen and two sophomores to play the Lynchburgers without practice. Radcliffe and McCardell, two seasoned sophomore players will get the call for the trip.

Crenshaw has not yet revealed how he will select this year's team. He plans to have a small team consisting of seven or eight men with about four good substitutes. The mentor will either hold a tournament among members shortly after practice begins and select the team by that method, or stage a "round robin" tourney to feel out the strength of his candidates.

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# Outstanding Golfers Who Meet Generals Saturday



Probably no golf team of the University of Florida has been stronger than the 1935 contingent which is now on the most extensive tour a Gator links team has ever faced. Six different opponents, six new, untried links, on six successive days—that's the assignment of the Floridians as they meet Duke, N. C. State, William and Mary, Georgetown, Virginia and Washington and Lee, starting April 8 at Durham, N. C., concluding April 13 at Lexington, Va.

In the photograph, left to right, Captain Bill Stark, Jacksonville; Bill Voight, St. Petersburg; Henry Roland, Tampa; "Skeet" Singleton, Ft. Meade; Clyde Perry, Tampa, and Athletic Director Edgar Charles Jones, coach of golf. With three victories and one tie this season, the Florida golf team undertakes its grueling week of competition unbeaten.

# Golfers Open With Florida

## Gators Play Here Saturday After Long Trip Thru Conference

A powerful Florida golf team headed by Bill Stark, Florida University Open Golf champion, will be the first 1935 opponents of Washington and Lee, when the Southern conference champions meet the Gators Saturday at the Lexington Golf club.

So far this season, Florida has won three matches and tied one, and now are on an extended tour of the South. They have a team where all four players hail from Florida, and they are Voight, Perry, Singleton, and Captain Stark.

Opposing the Gators, the Generals will present the veteran combination of Watts, Cross, Alexander, Rothert, and Captain McDavid. Although the rain has hampered the Big Blue's practice, Washington and Lee will be in good shape to halt Florida's unbeaten march.

## Trackmen Prepare For V. P. I.; Value of Team Is Unknown as Yet

With both varsity and freshman track meets with V. P. I. on Saturday, at Blacksburg, the inclement weather has greatly handicapped Coach Forest Fletcher in determining the merit of his teams.

The track men have had few outdoor workouts under suitable conditions, and for the past few days they have been confined to the gymnasium. Should the weather permit, Coach Fletcher says that he will try to have time trials before the team's initial test on Saturday.

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# Coaches off to School

## Football Staff to Attend Grid Clinic at Catholic University

On Friday and Saturday of this week, members of the Washington and Lee football coaching staff will attend a football clinic at Catholic University, headed by Andy Kerr.

Although the clinic will be presided over by Kerr, famous coach of Colgate's Red Raiders, many football mentors from the District of Columbia area will give lectures. They are Tom Hamilton, youthful coach of Navy; H. J. (Dutch) Bergman of Catholic U.; Jack Hagerty of Georgetown; Jim Pixlee of George Washington; Jack Faber of Maryland, and Curley Byrd of Maryland.

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### Campus Comment

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The bewildered barber told him that no body massages were available, but finally talked him into getting a haircut. All the while the traveller kept lambasting the inadequacy of Lexington barbershops, and exalted the luxury of his home town tonsorial joints. We finally found out that he was from Buckingham, a settlement that makes Lexington look like a roaring metropolis. So remember—when in Buckingham, a body massage is the thing!

Last week we mentioned that Dick Powell is in Warner Brothers' production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." We don't know what part he's taking, but we do recall that there was a Queen of the Fairies in the play. Can it be, do you think? Jimmie Cagney is also in the film version, which brings to mind the character with the donkey's head—think his name was Bottom.

Al Wike received a prospectus from one of the New York publishers, concerning a collection of songs entitled "Bawdy Ballads and Lusty Lyrics." At the bottom of the folder the publisher urged that the names of interested friends be sent in, so that literature may be sent to them. So far, the list is headed by Dr. Morton.

Hearing Fred Allen's program last week in which he had an Arabian skit and in which he pulled the gag about Abou Ben Bernie, yowzah, tickled us no end. If Mr. Allen is looking for any more gags about Bernie, there is a town in Maryland named Glen Bernie, and one called Bernfield. Winsome Winchell, please note!

There is an orchestra in Los Angeles operated by a lad named Ray Herbeck. He plays in the Lombardo-Garber style, and, strange as it seems, his performance is not as objectionable as the usual Lombardo imitations and what-nots. In fact, it is okay. Listen to him sometime.

Which brings us to the spring dance band. The usual crack upon hearing the choice was, "Never heard of Reser. Phooey." But hitch up your pants and don't look so glum. Reser has a good band. Buxton had a lot of tough luck in the way of a couple busted contracts, etc., but that doesn't matter. A band is just as good as youse guys make it. And judging by past performances, half the studes won't be able to tell if it's Lombardo, Reser, or Kemp up there.

What apartment door was knocked upon by a man in uniform (and not a Western Union outfit, either) last Saturday night? Hereafter, to insure only the select younger set, the apartment dwellers will issue invitations by card only, which are to be presented at the door.

Thingamajigs: The incessant rain causes travelling hazards. Some of the Briar boys report going over in a fog, finding the patch foggy, and returning in a fog. Do tell . . . We note no sharp rise in business at the cafe which recently installed waitresses . . . Most unexpected laugh on the radio was on Fred Allen's program. The sheiks in the Arab skit: "Allah be praised, Allah be with you!" and then that "Allah be down to gitcha in a taxi . . ." Ha! . . . Amusing to note that the University admitted they didn't know what they'd do in case of a strike by the students. Interesting to see what they would do . . . But somehow we can't imagine any of the silly sophisticates doing anything so drastic as striking . . .

By many special requests (well, two, anyway) here follows a few more "Sparks":

Dr. Bean: purple thunderstorm of gloom . . . Mr. Paxton: Will Rogers teaching math . . . Dr. Shannon: dignity personified . . . McNew: an unhappy lost thought . . . Groner: righteous indignation . . . Kramer: "Aw, ya can't tell ME!" . . . J. E. Brown: "Say, I'm trying to collect for the publication keys, and . . ." Any post-vacation student: as cheerful as warm beer . . .

And what with all the talk about the numerous tobacco ads in this paper, we are much ado about it. Why not call it "The Tobacco Leaf" and let it go at that?

### Half Million Dollar Loan Is Sought

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Roosevelt, within certain limitations. It is up to him and the policies he lays down whether Washington and Lee will share in the allotment. Dr. Gaines said, providing, of course, the trustees make application for the loan.

If a half million is borrowed from the government for construction, then the Payne and Doremus money could go into the general endowment, the income from which operates the University and which Dr. Gaines says is badly in need of replenishment.

### New Assembly Policies Advocated by Committee

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volve any changes in the regular schedule of classes.

3. Dr. Gilkey's address—April 30th: To be held in chapel at 11:30 a. m. under assembly schedule. Attendance to be compulsory for all students except seniors and law students.

4. Dr. Shotwell's address—May 4th: To be held in chapel at 10:30 a. m. attended by students in departments of history and political science and others who may be interested. This involves no changes in regular schedule of classes.

5. Secretary Wallace's address—May 18th: Compulsory University assembly in Gymnasium under the usual assembly schedule.

6. Exercises in connection with laying the corner stone for the new Law Building. Attendance voluntary, probably in the afternoon, and further details to be arranged by the President.

7. University assembly for address by the President on the state of the University. This should be a regular compulsory assembly in the gymnasium. It should be held on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday of the second week in May—May 6.

8. Address by Mr. Etheridge: If this address is arranged for it should be given to the students of Journalism at such time and under such arrangements as are suitable to Professor Riegel and the students.

10. Baccalaureate Sermon—June 2nd: To be held as usual in the chapel at 11:00 a. m. with attendance required for Seniors.

11. Baccalaureate Address—June 7th: To be held as usual in the chapel at 11:00 a. m. with attendance required for Seniors.

You will notice that the committee has suggested holding the meetings in the chapel and reducing the attendance require-

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sler, J. P. Jordan, S. Lyons, P. C. Mathes, H. L. Ravenhorst, H. M. Rhett, Jr., W. Schuhle, G. E. Short, W. H. Truslow.

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ments to fit the seating capacity of the chapel. We shall be glad to discuss with you any of these recommendations if you care for further conference.

The committee will submit a later report dealing with the general problems which you submitted to us.

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Reception—G. C. McKown, Chairman; J. W. Fairlie, H. K. Oppenheimer, George Boyd, Jr., R. L. Newburger, J. M. McFadden, C. V. Anderson, J. E. Garber, D. R. Wallis.

### Rain Not Unusual Experts Say

The recent stretch of rain which has produced many a groan from the student body is nothing new or extraordinary according to information supplied by three of Washington and Lee's leading weather experts. Dr. James L. Howe, Dr. Robert W. Dickey, and Dr. Marcellus H. Stow, respective heads of the Chemistry, Physics, and Geology departments, unite in dispelling any beliefs that a record had been established by the steady downpour of the last ten days.

A dust storm which enveloped Lexington during Spring vacation was thought to have some direct

bearing upon prevailing weather conditions. Dr. Howe admitted the possibility of the dust particles forming nuclei for the condensation of moisture in the air, but doubted if the rain would be continued by this phenomena. Dr. Dickey stated that the spring equinox storms usually dampen this section the week following March 21 and therefore prolonged rain was nothing unusual. Dr. Stowe was of the same opinion, although he had heard of sand being used to dissipate fog.

### VMI Hops This Week

Don Bestor will supply the music as the Keydets in their new white uniforms inaugurate the spring dance season on April 12 and 13. The usual set will be held with the night dances open to

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