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BASKET BALL SEASON REOPENED

W. and L. to Face Trinity College Tonight—May Play V. P. I. and Georgetown

It looks as tho the long spell of basket ball inactivity will at last be broken. Prospects are looking better every day. Trinity College will furnish opposition on Tuesday night for the first inter-collegiate game that W. & L. has enjoyed in many days and on the following night North Carolina State will step out on the floor of the Doremus Gym with a long string of scalps dangling at the belts of their warriors, who will come prepared to drub the Generals on their own hunting grounds. There will be a hot time in the old town that night.

The Generals had a very good opportunity to "work out" Saturday night,—thanks to "Al" Pierotti. Just how the team will go against A. and E. is a thing that no man can state with any degree of certainty.

The latest angle on the V. P. I. situation is that the game will be played in Lynchburg next Saturday night, February 28th. This game was to have been staged in Roanoke, but "flu" conditions there are unusually bad and it is reported that the board of health of Lynchburg will give consent to the game being played in the

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CIRCLE HOLDS INITIATION

Seven New Members Taken into Alpha Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa Society

The Omicron Delta Kappa Society, on February tenth, held its first initiation of the year, at which the following men were taken in: Pat Collins, J. D. Corbett, S. L. Raines, Stuart Moore, Harry Baber, John Drye, and C. McC. Peale.

Omicron Delta Kappa, commonly known on the campus as "the Circle" is an honorary society for the recognition of leadership in college activities, especially in the five phases, Scholarship, Athletics, Social Life, Literary and Forensic attainments, and Publications. The Society was founded at Washington and Lee, and circle now exist at Pittsburg, John Hopkins, and Davidson, in addition to the Alpha Circle here.

Another election of new members will take place in the Spring, and will be followed by a public initiation at which, as is usual, some distinguished member of the Circle will deliver an address.

The old members of the Alpha Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa are: W. O. Burtner, M. W. Paxton, Jr., A. F. Pierotti, J. B. Waters, J. W. Kern and C. H. Taylor. The faculty and local alumni members are: Dr. H. L. Smith, Dr. D. B. Easter, Dr. J. L. Howe, Dr. D. C. Humphreys, Dr. E. F. Shannonnon, Professor W. H. Moreland, Professor J. R. Long, W. C. Raftery, E. B. Shultz, and E. P. Davis.

MONOGRAM CLUB CEASES TO BE NOMINAL

To Establish and Endow Scholarship for Deserving Athlete

The Monogram Club from now on ceases to be a mere nominal organization with its main activity composed of a page or two of pictures and names in the Calyx every year. At a meeting of the Club last Friday night it was decided that its interests and power on the campus should be extended, and that the organization, as such, should make itself more generally recognized and felt. Pins are to be designed and will be worn by the members.

Altho, of course, the prime requisite for membership is winning a Varsity monogram in some branch of athletics recognized by the Athletic Council, this in itself is not sufficient. Every man who has a monogram and wishes to join the club, must make application for membership and be accepted before he is eligible. Incidentally, annual dues of two dollars are required from every member.

It is the purpose of the club to establish a scholarship, endowed if possible, to grant to some deserving athlete whom it may select. Lindsay Moore was elected to the office of Vice President of the organization, which has been vacant all year due to the

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KENNETH HINES, R. F.

Kenneth, better known as "Frenchy" was the stand-by of the Generals in the game Saturday night. His work was excellently done. Hines already wears a W. & L. basketball Monogram, having won it in '19.



"Al" PIEROTTI

Above we have the charming countenance of "Al" Pierotti, Captain guard, coach and manager of the famous All-Star quintet that aspired to topple the Generals into defeat last Saturday night.

PIEROTTI'S ALL STAR QUINTET DEFEATED

Generals to a Standstill in First Half—Varsity Successful in Last Twelve Minutes of Play

The loyal fans who pulled themselves away from the lure of Ben Turpin and Marie Prevost on Saturday night to see the Generals do battle with "Al" Pierotti's All-Star quintet were rewarded by the best basket ball game that has been played on the Washington and Lee Gym floor this season. The All-Stars played the Varsity to a stand-still for three-quarters of the game, and left them with the fear of death in their hearts at the end of the first half. Pierotti and Arbogast offered a defense that

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TULANE TEAM SELECTED

G. H. Baber, W. B. F. Cole and W. F. Parker Chosen to Represent W. and L.—Debate to Come in April

At the preliminary tryouts on Monday night Feb. 16, for places on the team which is to debate Tulane in April, the judges selected the following three men as best: G. H. Baber, W. B. F. Cole, and W. F. Parker. A debating coach is to be appointed who will have authority to select the best two of these for the final debate, leaving the third alternate. Seven men competed for positions on the team, each man being given ten minutes for his main speech and two minutes for rebuttal.

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TROUBADORS MAKE DEBUT

Combined Organizations Offer Attractive Program for Feb. 26th—Tickets on Sale Now

A big event is in store for the students and inhabitants of Lexington in general. No, gentlemen it is not Flo-Flo nor the Birth of a Race but something that has the just mentioned shows far eclipsed, namely, the big All-Star Vaudeville performance of the Troubadours at the New Theatre Thursday evening, Feb. 26.

The combined branches of this organization with their repertoire of skilled artists will be seen for the first time in the city of Lexington. From all indications the show promises a number of rare treats which few will care to miss. The advance agent when seen by a Ring-tum Phi reporter late last night gave a hint of a few of the headliners who would appear on the program. Among these are little "Blue Gill" the "peripetating wonder" or 220 pounds in motion; MacIntock in his artistic Hoola-Hoola-Houri; "Tex" Shelton and "Hippo" Peck in their tragic and lacrimose skit "Darkness"; "Sugar-foot" Brody, comic songs and dances; "Runt" Carter ably seconded by his accomplished partner Arbogast in a "Hoola-Hoola-Houri" fantasy; Freshman Osborne with original negro songs, also Bill Dupree will appear with several of his well known intellectual character readings. Interspersed throughout the program will

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TWO NEW FRATER-TIES AT W. L. U.

Zeta Beta Tau and Pi Kappa Phi Nationals Installed Chapters on Campus

ZETA BETA TAU

The Alpha Epsilon chapter of the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity was formally established at Washington and Lee University last Saturday, the petition of the Gamma Gamma Club to that fraternity for the establishment of a chapter at Washington and Lee having been granted. The Gamma Gamma Club, an organization composed wholly of Jewish members, was organized here at the beginning of the 1919-1920 session as a local, and with the installation of the chapter of Zeta Beta Tau the Gamma Gamma Club becomes extinct.

The Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity is the largest and best known Jewish fraternity and the establishment of a chapter at Washington and Lee should prove an asset to not only its members but to the University as well.

The six members of the Gamma Gamma Club were initiated into the fraternity last Saturday, the installation taking place at City College in New York City, where the mother chapter of the fraternity exists.

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We are always glad to publish any communication that may be handed to us. We desire to call attention to the fact that unsigned correspondence will not be published.

"Show Your Pep! Try Out for the Debating Team"

A modest notice posted upon the bulletin board one day last week announced a call for candidates for the two debating teams to represent Washington and Lee in the triangular debates with Johns Hopkins University and the University of North Carolina. Two teams of two debaters and one alternate each are to be chosen. These are no preliminary qualifications for eligibility and the competition to represent this institution is open to all. Yet to date only a handful of men have expressed a desire to serve the school in this capacity.

This is certainly a deplorable state of affairs, when one reads at the opening of football season of "seventy and eighty aspirants for gridiron honors," and a like proportion in baseball and basketball and then when an intellectual contest is arranged only a few men feel the call is it strange that we seek to find an answer to this question? It is the glamor and glory of athletics which appeal to the college youth or is it that our physical bodies are so far superior to our mental side that the latter is laid by and exercised only in the class room, if then? There is surely an answer to this question. True there is no monogram awarded for this intellectual sport, yet there is an honorary fraternity known as the Delta Sigma Rho Society which is bestowed upon those who exhibit prowess in debate, and this honor is a much coveted one.

Perhaps the physical body is benefitted, even if one fails to make the team and the exercise attached to the sport attracts many. But how many men can stand on their feet and give a creditable talk without feeling qualms of lack of confidence and self-consciousness. Very few. Debating can give the individual the poise, the assurance and the practice necessary to a successful speaker. But aside from all these selfish gains, for they are selfish and personal as they benefit only the debator and no one else (if a bored audience which might have been spared, may be excepted.)

These benefits are selfish and should not acutate entirely the prospective candidate for the team. Unservicing loyalty to the Alma Mater and a keen desire for her advancement should be above all the moving spirits for competition. This is the higher and loftier side, but the selfish gains of possible honor and sure experience are not to be passed lightly by, and lost sight of entirely in thinking that the school is the only one to be benefitted and that the individual is not good enough to make the team. Lack of confidence has caused many a failure in life. Do not let it outcrop here.

In Regard to Monograms

It has come to the attention of the Athletic Council that there are several men in college who sometimes wear sweaters with the Washington and Lee monogram on them, tho' the sweater is of a different color from the regular official color for the particular branch of athletics it intimates. It should be clearly understood by all that the monogram should never be worn in any combination other than on the regular presented sweaters of members of teams that have represented the Blue and White. This of course means that no one except men who have actually been on teams that have battled for Washington and Lee have any right to wear the monogram. The following paragraph from Section VIII, g, of the By-Laws of the Washington and Lee University Athletic Association should make the point clear to every one.

Section VIII, g, "The sweaters shall be: for football, a blue sweater with an official white "W. & L." monogram; for baseball, a blue sweater with an official combination blue and white "W. & L." monogram; for track athletics, a white sweater with an official combination blue and white monogram; for crew, a sweater with an official "W. & L." monogram, backed by crossed oars; for tennis, a sweater with an official "W. & L." monogram, balanced on either side by 3 1-2 inch full block letter "T"; for gymnastics, a sweater with an official "W. & L." monogram, balanced on either side of the letters "G., "T," which shall be 3 1-2 inches in height and full block. Members of teams in other branches of sports may wear such insignia as from time to time be sanctioned by the Council."

Any one guilty of violating the provisions of the section may be summoned before the Council to answer the charge.

What Constitutes Active Membership in the "Y"?

There are two organizations in school in which every man purchases membership at the time he pays his college fees. These are the Athletic Association and Young Men's Christian Association. Eight dollars of the fees paid are a campus tax adopted in 1914 by the Board of Trustees of the University at the request of the student-body. Seven dollars of thos goes to Athletics, and by virtue of this every man becomes a member of the Athletic Association and is entitled to a membership card admitting him to all games on the home field. One dollar of the campus tax goes to the support of the Young Men's Christian Association, and in consideration of this dollar every man is entitled to associate membership in the Young Men's Christian Association. Every man is likewise entitled to a membership card manifesting this membership. This card is valuable in

various ways. The card has not been required this year to give the members any of the membership privileges of the local Association, but a great many students visit other Y. M. C. A.s in all part of the country during vacation times, and this membership card is the only evidence by which a man can prove his membership. Every man should carry one of these membership cards for it is impossible to tell when they will be of use.

In addition to the associate membership to which every man is entitled by payment of his campus tax, there is an active membership in the Association to which all men who are members in good standing of evangelical churches and who care to signify their desire to associate their efforts for the extension of Christ's Kingdom are entitled. There is no additional charge for this membership and the only difference in the privileges is that of voting and holding office. According to the Constitution of the Association, only active members shall vote or hold office in the Association.

One hundred and eighty-three membership cards have been issued this year, but it is hoped that a great many more students will avail themselves of the opportunity to get a membership card before March 15. The annual election of the Y. M. C. A. will be on March 19, and it is hoped that every active member will exercise his privilege at that meeting when not only officers will be elected, but several matters of policy and amendment to the Constitution will be taken up. Remember your campus tax entitles you to membership, but you only become a member by claiming it and receiving a membership card from the secretary.

TWO NEW FRATERNITIES AT W. L. U.

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The national officers of the Fraternity presided at the installation. After the formal installation of the chapter a banquet was held at the Hotel Astor.

The members of the Gamma Gamma Club initiated into Zeta Beta Tau are: Louis D. Cohn, Joseph M. Glickstein, Alfred B. Levin, Abram J. Lubiner, Joseph L. Silverstein, and Louis S. Joel.

The local chapter of Zeta Beta Tau has as its present home the house of Mayor Otho C. Jackson, situated at 24 East Nelson Street, with very comfortable club rooms located in the Stuart Building.

PI KAPPA PHI

Last Saturday, Rho chapter of the Pi Kappa Phi national fraternity was formally installed at Washington and Lee. Messrs. H. G. Harper, of the Univ. of North Carolina and J. W. Letz of Georgia Tech were the installing officers. The ceremonies were held in the Pi Kappa Alpha rooms and at 8 P. M. a banquet was served at the Dutch Inn. Messrs. Chas. H. Hazelhurst and Wm. Brand representing Kappa of the Univ. of North Carolina and the entire membership of Xi chapter of Roanoke College were present. The Charter members of the chapters are: A. B. Powell (Eta'18) S. J. Robbins, L. W. Milbourne, W. H. Rutherford, and L. W. Davis.

J. R. Hainline, W. E. Johnston, V. B. Watts and H. E. Henson have been in Philadelphia during the past few days attending the convention of the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity which was held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel.

FRESHMEN WIN SWIMMING MEET

Greiner and Rushton Establish New Records for W. and L.

The W. & L. Freshmen last night carried away first honors in their swimming meet with Augusta Military Academy and Massanuttan Academy. The final count showed the Freshmen to have 38 points, A. M. A. 20 and M. A. 5. Greiner led in scoring for W. & L. with 15 points, J. F. Rushton was next with 9. Steers made 8, Hinton 5 and Mioton 1. Two previous W. & L. records were broken, Greiner setting a new mark for the two lengths dash within a time of 27.8 sec. and Rushton with a plunge for distance of 47 ft. The Freshmen took first place in all the events except the plunge for distance and the fancy diving. Macias for A. M. A. won the former with 48 ft. and Magee of the same team won the latter.

A relay race which did not count for points closed the meet and was won by A. M. A.

BASEBALL PRACTICE BEGUN

Prospects for Successful Season Unusually Bright—100 Candidates Report for Duty

With the first hint of spring, Coach Raftery called out all baseball candidates. About a hundred reported to the first practice and much promising material was shown among both the old and the new men. Seven men have returned of the last year's nine and Pete Histle and Pat Collins of the 1917 team are "rarin' to go", while Monk Mattox, Bill McCallum, Stevens and numerous others come to us with big reputations. The pitching staff should be one of the strongest we have ever had, with Jimmy Mattox behind the bat. The prospects for a successful season are the brightest that Washington and Lee has had for sometime, and judging from every indication this year's team will beat the splendid record set by last year.

TROUBADOURS TO MAKE DEBUT

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be selections by the Glee and Mandolin Clubs assisted by the company's own "augmented" orchestra.

This promises to be the one big show of the year and everyone is requested to get his tickets early and avoid disappointment for the house will be sold out long before the doors open. Tickets are on sale at Gorrell's so get them now for this is one you can't miss.

EXCHANGES

Trinity College

A chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity is to be established at Trinity College in a few weeks. Dr. Paul Shorey of the University of Chicago will deliver the principal address.

John's Hopkins

The 44th anniversary of the opening of John Hopkins University was celebrated Monday, Feb. 23 with Herbert C. Hoover as the principal speaker of the occasion.—News Letter.

John's Hopkins

A new custom has been instituted at John Hopkins by the Senior Class who will carry special and distinctive canes after Easter.—News Letter.