

Student Groups Entertain Barium Children

FRATERNITIES; CAMPUS CLUB HOLD SECOND ANNUAL PARTY; SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER

"Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40. The spirit of this passage of Scripture was very much in evidence on the Davidson campus last night. Approximately 160 children from Barium Springs, between the ages of

Development Drive Being Launched By Davidson Citizens

The launching of Davidson's Development Program will be initiated at home, according to an announcement made to the student body in the Wednesday morning chapel exercises. The Davidson-wide campaign, which will begin during the latter part of January, has been designated as a preview to the \$2,500,000 drive covering the entire area served by the college.

Organization plans are expected to be completed shortly after the opening of school following the Christmas holidays in order that the campaign may get under way as soon as the second semester begins. The program will be carried on in two parts: the student forming one group and the remainder of the community the other. Some discussion was raised concerning the desirability of a threefold division—students, faculty, and townspeople, but it was decided that there could be no true separation of town and gown in this community.

In order that there may be some concrete objective toward which to work, each group will choose its own definite part of the program on which to concentrate its efforts.

As yet, the Student Development Committee, consisting of Carl Pahl, Herb Meza, Dave Shepperdson, Mac Hart, Buddy Cheek, J. D. Ashmore and Buford Goodman, has made no definite plans for conducting the campaign. One suggestion that has been made would have the campus effort channeled largely through social organizations such as fraternities, Campus Club, and the independents.

Students are urged to discuss the drive with their parents during the coming holidays in order to determine just what support may be given to the program. It should be brought out that parents of Davidson students who do not live in North Carolina will receive no direct appeal in the subsequent general campaign, unless the father happens to be an alumnus of Davidson. Consequently many parents may wish to support the program with contributions through their sons to the local campaign.

It is hoped that the development will become one of the most important Davidson traditions and will be the first to be shown by the students to be a part of that tradition.

When the effort has been completed, the committee will be full of confidence that they will have made a contribution to the betterment of the community.

There was no doubt in the minds of the student body that there had been an excellent year. The question that lingered in the minds of the students was "Who had the best year?"

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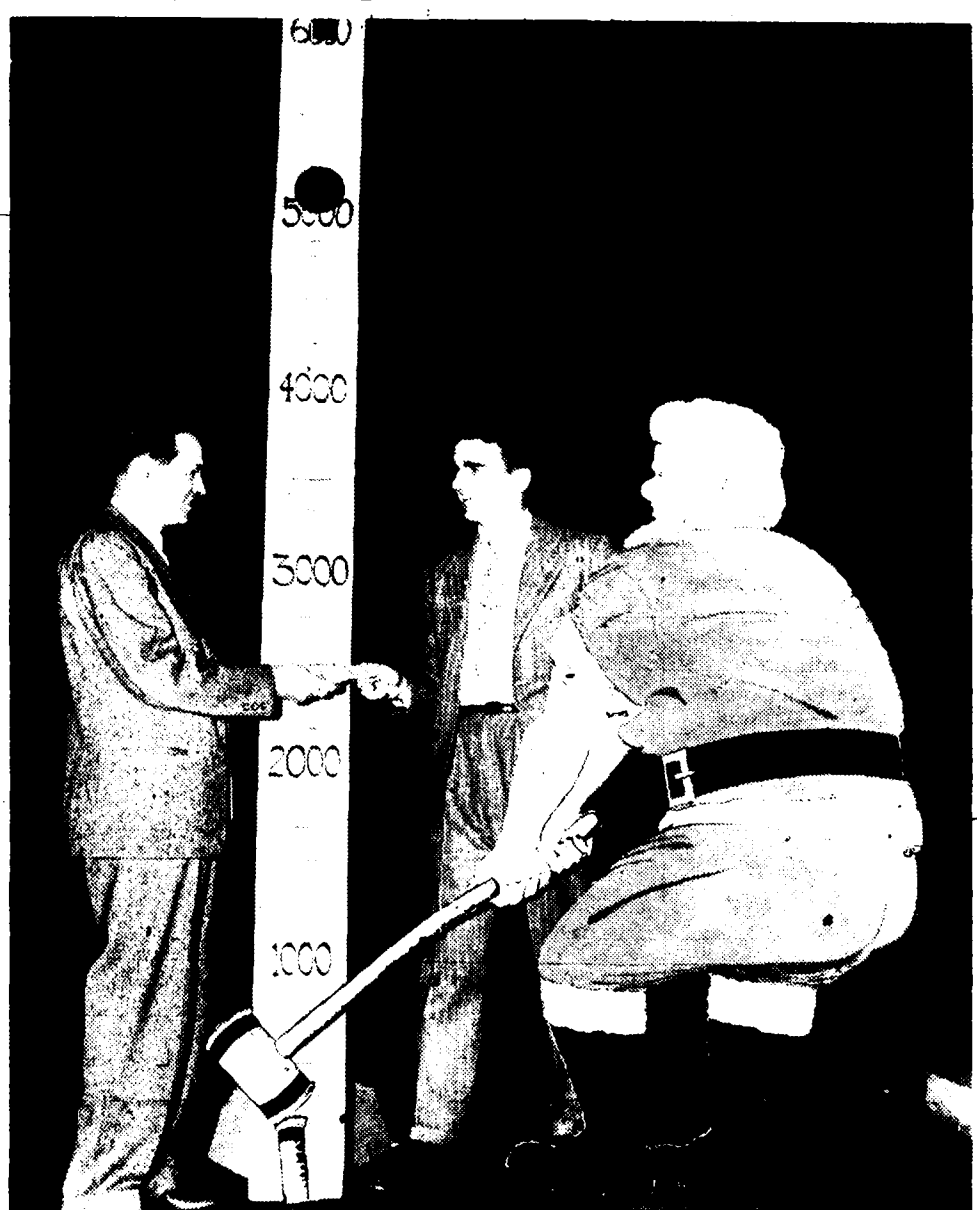
Junior Executives Defined By Noland

By C. D. PARKER
The Junior Executives of Davidson College, North Carolina, were defined by the following members of the faculty: English Department, Dr. G. R. Wood; Professor F. J. Erwin; Dr. W. P. Cumming; French Department, Dr. G. B. Watts; Dr. A. V. Goldiere; German Department, Dr. G. R. Vowles; and the Spanish Department by Dr. J. Y. Causey and Professor C. W. Roberts.

All day Friday and Saturday morning were taken up with business meetings. At one of these sessions Dr. Watts presented a paper. Dr. Causey led the discussion in another session. Dr. Vowles served on three committees, the nominating committee for the German section, the nominating committee for the whole association, and the resolutions committee.

Friday noon a luncheon was given (Continued On Page Four)

Rev. Broyles Accepts \$6,078.32 Gift Fund Check



CHRISTMAS GIFT CAMPAIGN — Shown above, from left to right, are Rev. Vernon S. Broyles, Jr., D. D., of Atlanta, Ga., chairman of the Southern Presbyterian Assembly's War Relief Committee, in the act of accepting the Y.M.C.A. Christmas Gift of \$6,078.32, subscribed by students and faculty members of Davidson College, from Jack Payne, director of this year's drive. In a whirlwind campaign sponsored by the Y.M.C.A., the goal of \$5,000 was oversubscribed by more than 21 per cent.

DAVIDSONIAN INVESTIGATES RECENT STUD STORE LOSSES AS STUDENTS DEMAND ACTION

Approximately two weeks ago the following article was presented to the editorial staff of THE DAVIDSONIAN. It is printed here as received with one or two minor alterations. Following this item is the result of THE DAVIDSONIAN'S thorough and impartial investigation. We urge all students to give it their full consideration and read it in full.

Since the closing of the study most of the opinions which have been publicly expressed have blamed the financial loss incurred at the Stud solely on student dishonesty. While student dishonesty may be a primary cause of the deficit, I feel that a number of secondary possibilities have been ignored. It is these possibilities which I want to call to your attention, with hope that they may serve as suggestions for a thorough newspaper study and report on the problem.

I think that such a report should prove valuable for several reasons: (1) It will bring to light possible inefficiencies in store management or will place full blame upon the student, depending upon the results of the study. (2) In either case the student will feel, as many now do not, that full justice has been done. (3) The findings of the study may serve as a guide to the planners of any future store.

Feeling, then, that the study is important, I make the following suggestions as possible leads:

- (1) That the loss of \$1,000 each month is due solely to student thefts is impossible. For this to be true it would be necessary for the students to pilfer the equivalent of the following items each month: 10,000 Coca-Colas at .05, or 10,000 bars of candy at .10, or 1,000 packages of golf balls at \$1.00. That any such mass theft takes place is almost unbelievable.

(2) Considering the improbability of No. 1 it would seem that a study should be made of the accounting and inventory methods of the store.

(3) As evidence of mismanagement I note the following: (a) Prices on many items (viz. school supplies are not clearly marked. I know of one student who, not knowing the price of the item, purchased a \$2.50 tobacco pouch for \$1.50, the price stated by the cashier. Remarkably enough, the price of the pouch was on the back of the glass case next to the cash register. One can hardly blame the lucky student, nor can one blame any student who gets his own price on unmarked items. (2) During rush hours, one often stands in line five minutes in order to pay for his purchases or get change. If a student is impatient he is apt to walk out rather than suffer the delay. Honesty must be accommodated, not penalized. (c) The spoilage of milk is unusually high; if this results in a loss to the store, it should not be allowed. At least once I have seen half a box of soured milk. (d) The general condition of the store—the dirt, the merchandise scattered about, the clutter of unsaleable items—is such that one is apt to forget that he is in a business establishment. Lackadaisical management breeds a careless customer. (e) I have been told that one of the store clerks announced in chapel that he had seen three students leave without paying their bills. More than other students the employees of the store should not fail to report dishonesty.

Such a study by the staff of the DAVIDSONIAN would not only aid the administration, and the management of the store, it would also, in my opinion, be a worthy piece of journalism and a feather in the paper's cap.

I shall not be disappointed if my suggestions are disregarded but I shall be disappointed if the apathy (Continued On Page Four)

Rhodes Scholarship Committee Convene

The Rhodes Scholarship Committee for the State of North Carolina met last Thursday, December 9, in Chapel Hill for the purpose of selecting two applicants for the coveted scholarship. These two will be either residents of North Carolina or out-of-state students studying in this state.

This responsible committee has as its chairman, Dr. John R. Cunningham, and Prof. Wm. Blackburn of Duke University served as secretary. Other members of the committee included Dean C. P. Smith of the University of North Carolina, Mr. R. L. Humber of Greenville, N. C., and Prof. R. K. Good of the University of Virginia.

Fifteen applicants appeared before the committee to compete for the two places open for selection in the state. The young men selected must be citizens of the United States and must be over 19 years of age.

Each applicant was judged on the basis of:

- (a) Literary and scholastic ability and attainment. (b) Qualities of manhood, truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship. (c) Exhibition of moral force of character. (d) Physical vigor as shown by interest in outdoor sports or other ways.

The heaviest emphasis was placed on the first two of these qualifications.

The Rhodes Scholarship grant at the present is 400 pounds per year with a supplemental grant of 100 pounds. This would be approximately \$2500 as a maximum.

The two winners in this state competition were Mr. Nelson E. (Continued On Page Four)

Christmas Vespers Inspiring Ceremony

On Sunday evening before a large capacity crowd in the beautifully decorated Chambers Auditorium, the Davidson Male Chorus and the Concert Band performed in the annual YMCA Christmas Vesper Service, which was presented by the YMCA, the Music Department and the college. It was thoroughly enjoyed by most everyone in the audience which included many visitors from the town of Davidson, Charlotte and other surrounding communities. The performance by the singers and the band was exceptional and very beautiful.

The service was started with the band, conducted by Prof. James Christian Pfohl, playing two preludes: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," and "I Wonder as I Wander." With Herb Meza, president of the YMCA, and Curtis Harper, vice president, participating in the service with a prayer and scripture reading, the service proceeded with selections rendered by the Male Chorus, under the able leadership of Prof. Earl Berg. The carols were: "Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing" from Cantata "Wacht auf, ruft uns die Stimme," "Atonian Christmas Carol," "Bassac Christmas Carol," "Old French Christmas Carol," and "Noel, Noel."

The remainder of the program included several familiar Christmas hymns sung by the congregation, ending with the benediction by President John R. Cunningham.

Talented Tonsorial Artists No Longer Give Two-Bit Trims to Tangled Toupees

By JACK HOBART

The days when the expression, "Shave and a haircut, two bits," actually meant that the man of distinction could have his hair and his patch overhauled for just that price have faded into the mists of time. But that's what the price was when Hood Norton, local colored barber, began to "shave and a haircut" around 1910.

However, the art of making men look good and pay for it has come a long way. Today even a customer like Prof. McGeachy or Dean Bailey, who is jocularly referred to in some quarters as "The Skull," has to pay a higher price for his good looks. "We charge 'em part price for cutting it and part for looking for it" is the apt summary that Ralph Johnson, who runs the other local shop and whose father before him cut and shaved local heads, makes of the subject of the shiny headed individual.

But with the rise in price over a

long period of years, it is some better service. Barbering may be done by the "cut and trim" boys, but to meet the higher standards and requirements set forth by law, which was passed in 1929 and has been amended twice since. In the words of Hood Norton, "I run a grade A barber shop and Ralph Johnson is just that grade B. He not only shaves, but he also had any trouble in making the man look good."

Ralph, because the two present shops existed, Ralph's rather than the local shop, which was located where Raby's Shoe Store now is. In those days everybody had to come shaving, which was placed with the other on a rack in the shop. Water was carried from across the street and heated by a big burning contraption.

To go back a generation or so before that, the little village was once blessed by having a "scaper," who walked down from Moore'sville once a week to cut hair and shave the villagers, peasantry, and, no doubt, a number of college men.

In 1910 THE DAVIDSONIAN carried an advertisement written partly in French for one of the local shaving houses. It read "chez Norton, Le Palais de la Chevelure. Go to an Academic Barber (Master of Tonsorial Art) at Norton, M.F.A." and was written by a former professor, Dr. René de Visme Williamson.

But to see the trade from a "barber's eye view," let's imagine that you are the man in a white coat behind the chair. First, a fellow with close-cropped hair comes in and you try not to look one of them with your razor, but you do and he lets you know about it. Then a guy with wavy hair, no comb catches plants himself in your chair. What a temptation to streamline him with your

hand and a "G.I." with the other. But no, you must only take out a comb.

Then the moderate dude slinks through your door and after waiting for a while plops down in your chair where you try at his command to take out just enough with one hand and a "G.I." with the other. But no, you must only take out a comb.

Then there's the old professor who must have his mustache dandruff gets all over your trousers. All about you're seeing the various shapes of heads that humanity wears and trying to engage these specimens in conversation so that they'll enjoy their interlude in your place or be nice and want to come back. And so goes the day.

But considering all, you come in contact with a lot of people, and certainly there is variety in that. You learn to "know their business and their trends" as well. In the meantime you are whittling out a living from the world and going on from day to day making people look good and pay for it.

NOTICE!

The second chapter in a series of magazine contests sponsored by Chesterfield Cigarettes will appear in the next issue of Scripts 'N' Pranks, Davidson's humor magazine. The names of the winners of the first contest will appear in this coming issue along with the new contest. It has been requested that those wishing to enter please turn in their completed entry blanks to David Archibald, Chesterfield campus representative at Apartment 101, The Village, or P. O. Box 568. This contest appears simultaneously in college magazines throughout the entire nation and has proved interesting as well as compensating to many students.

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YMCA Gift Fund

Although much has been said concerning the Y.M.C.A. Gift Fund this year, perhaps a few more comments would not be out of order. First, I think Jack Payne is due a tremendous vote of thanks for a job well done in engineering this project. It was a tough and thankless job of planning and coordinating a program to reach every member of the student body and faculty, an end which he very successfully achieved.

Also, congratulations to those members of the student body on the halls of the dormitories who assisted Jack, by contacting the students and securing the pledges. These men took time out from the routine of studies to support this very worthy cause and were well rewarded for their efforts.

However, a large part of the credit for the success of this campaign must go to the student body at large. If it had not been for you the drive could not have possibly been a success. I think every man who worked with Jack on this campaign would like to thank the students for their great cooperation and generosity. The support received shows that Davidson men recognize real values and go all out to be of assistance to others who are less fortunate than we.

You might be interested to know that the final figure exceeded 6,000 dollars, a figure unexcelled in the history of Davidson College. This money, as you know, will be used for the purchase of medical supplies, coal, food and clothing to Marbourg College as a supplement to the materials which are available to them in Germany today. This gift should enable many students to remain in school who otherwise would have to drop out due to malnutrition, disease, or lack of heat in the college.

As Dr. Cummings pointed out, this gift is also important in that it gives these stu-

dents an insight into the real meaning of a democracy. In the long run, as it affects these future leaders of Germany, it may well have an effect upon the political course of Germany. It will be interesting to keep in contact with these students at Marbourg and see the end results of our 1948 Christmas Gift Fund.

Christmas Vespers

While we are handing out laurels, we should not forget those who made possible the very impressive Christmas vespers last Sunday night, concluding the college vesper services for this year. The reputation of this service from year to year is evidenced by the tremendous crowd present, coming from the surrounding communities.

Secretary Bill Smith and Ed Hopper, assisted by a crew of valiant helpers of the student body and college workers, did an excellent job decorating the auditorium for this momentous occasion. The evergreens and candles certainly provided an appropriate background for the Christmas message and the beautiful Christmas music.

The concert band, directed by Prof. James Christian Pfohl, provided the atmosphere for the Christmas Story, read by Curtis Harper. To complete this atmosphere of worship the Glee Club, under the direction of Earl Berg, supplemented the story with their beautiful anthems. I think all will agree with me that this service was one to be remembered and especially appropriate as we leave for our Christmas holidays this week.

Letters To Editor

Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading the most recent issue of THE DAVIDSONIAN and found it interesting, well-planned and well-edited with the exception of one article. This article, a review (I use the word loosely) of "Arsenic and Old Lace" as produced by the Red and Black Masquers, it appears with the by-line of Phil Mitchell. It seems that Davidson has produced an embryo George Jean Nathan, who is famous for never having said a good thing about a stage production. I used the word "embryo" for the successful development of a dramatic critic takes years of experience and training in the world of the stage; experience and training that one can be quite certain a Davidson College sophomore does not have.

I notice with great interest that "The chief factor which prevented the play's being a total success was the lack of horror instilled in the audience," a fact, which to say the least, is amazing. To be sure, there are scenes which are designed to provoke a slight shudder, but on the whole "Arsenic and Old Lace" is a comedy, not a dramatic horror show. Perhaps if our critic would specialize in Frankenstein instead of Brewster, his reviews would be a little more convincing. This statement could also be carried over into that paragraph which compared Page Jackson's "horror and consternation . . . closer to that of a husband who has lost his collar button . . ." Practically anyone who has lost a collar button could be expected to voice consternation, but I doubt if anyone would search for a collar button with a look of horror, that is unless the elusive object had been swallowed by a cobra. As for the statement concerning Miss Copeland, I believe it should have been published under the heading "Department of Utter Confusion." In twenty-five words, Mr. Mitchell has intimated that Miss Copeland was too much her charming self to be a success in the role of the equally charming Elaine Harper. Confusion is rampant!

Since the student body of Davidson is peculiarly lacking in dramatic critics (especially in the sophomore class), I should like to suggest this motto for those who follow this Nathanite and-to Mr. Mitchell himself, "If you, realizing your lack of literary training and finesse, are unable to say good things, it would be better, far better, to say nothing at all!"

NEWTON TRAMELL.

Dear Editor:

The article criticising the production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" was a very good criticism for a professional play, but for the amateur production, which was presented here at Davidson, it was entirely unjustified and uncalled for. The director, stage crew, and actors should be commended highly for
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The DAVIDSONIAN Presents EDITORIALS . . . LETTERS . . . FEATURES

CAMPUS CLUB

Wedding bells will soon ring out all the way from the coastal plains of North Carolina to the warm waters of Tampa Bay, and at each geographical extremity a good Campus Clubber will go to the altar with the girl of his dreams.

Honorable President Herbert Meza and the equally honorable Matt McGowan are the lucky ones, and they take the leap with the congratulations and best wishes of all hands. P. A. (Prince Albert Horne) almost got credited with contracting marriage himself, when some of the guys saw him posting a wedding announcement at the house. "Tain't mine!" he joyfully explained.

Joseph McConnell has lost his heart down at Flora McDonald. This Jo-Joe affair is developing pretty fast, some sources say. Terrible Kirk is powerfully anxious to get his mail off lately. Where to, T. T. . . . For the duration of the basketball season, the man to watch will be Coach Linwood "The Irish" O'Briant. Director Jim Campbell may (?) be seen out on the

hardwood in action with the Club Cagers. Nature boys Sandy "The Snake" Sprunt, and Art "Jinx" Jenkins, have really made 101 East into the "Snake Pit" in spite of all C. Wesley Seales could do. The Barium Springs High School Glee Club sang a concert of Christmas music for the boys the other night, and this event was followed up by a big feed and lots of fun for every one. Saay! There are a lot of cute gals in that crew. ("Chicalaca, chicalaca, ra ra ra!") Since September ten new men have been welcomed into our membership. They are: Bob Boyd, Ralph Brooks, Dave Cowan, Alf Duncan, John Herion, Julian Hodges, Gene Little, Pat McGeachy, Marks Underwood, and Dan Wilson.

On the happy approach of the "Old Age" our faithful furnace firing crew of Whitener, Atkins (call him Fire-Bugsy) and Gnat Daniel will be proffering their janiteering services elsewhere. We'll give 'em a good recommendation.

Among The Greeks

PI KAPPA ALPHA

For some unexplainable reason, the majority of brethren and pledges of the Garnet and the Gold graced the campus by their presence this week-end, in more than striking contrast to previous week-ends. Although football among the fraternities has definitely given away to basketball in the "crackerbox," mention should be made about the past season. Coach Randy Ensign did a wonderful job with the Pikas, piloting them to four wins, and a tie for fifth place. In two other games, at least, the score could have gone either way, but didn't. Orelinds to Pledge Phil Cox for making first string All-Fraternity team. Brother Collins received honorable mention and indeed, it was this Collins-Cox passing combination that was in a large way responsible for the success of the Pikas this year.

Brothers McNair and Jackson had parts in the Red and Black Masquers production last week, and turned in admirable performances. However, we would like to contradict the opinions set forth by some unqualified critic who wrote an article in THE DAVIDSONIAN about the play. In this writer's opinion, and I'm far from myself in this idea, Page turned in one of the best performances in the entire play. His was a hard part, and it may be that his acting failed to "instill horror in the audience," but was there ever a production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" that did? It's a comedy—not a tragedy. Brother Hadley, who deserves a lion's share of credit for the success of the play for his capable direction, was seen quietly sipping a Coca Cola after one of the presentations. (This was before the scheduled party after the last night).

Brother Mills found it necessary to go to Wilmington Sunday for a pre-Christmas holiday. It seems that his opinion is highly valued and deemed necessary in some legal proceedings in the Wilmington Superior Court Session. It's our opinion that I.iston's testimony on the witness stand will break the case wide open. Brothers McDuffee and Loftin were dating what goes around in a red Dodge convertible and brought them (car and all) to dinner at the boarding house on Sunday. Would that more brothers had the same idea of having females to meals. Pledges VanStory and Boyd tripped the light fantastic at a Salem dance on Saturday night. Pledge Hayden went to Greensboro to escort his old faithful to a dance, also.

PI KAPPA PHI

Oh my head and my aching back,
Wherefore art thou my beautiful
sack?
The dance was fine, I'll surely admit.
But the lack of sleep really gives me a fit.
It's all over now, but let us recall
Which one of the kids was the belle of the ball.
An array of characters was certainly on hand.
Did you check that chick that was singing in the band?
But this little contest includes them all;
Those that are short and them what's tall.
Some were ready and some were not;
A few had assets like no others ain't got.
The queens were out last Saturday night;
Just smiling and grinning with all their might.
But we must love 'em and think they are fine,
Or we'd never include them with the song and the vine.
But now to t'n the story around,
We're forced to tell what we have found.
It seems that a recorder was placed in the room
Where the little girls go to primp and to groom.
There are a few little things we'll have to leave out.
But here goes the rest, so brother, look out . . .
"Hello, honey, how've you been?"
"Just fine, cutie, when'd you get in?"
"Who you dating?" "Me? Jim Carr,
And of all the Cats here he's the cutest by far."
"Are you with him, well so am I."
"If you're telling the truth, I think I'll die."
"Well it's the truest thing I ever said."
"Thump - Thump" (they both dropped dead).
"Alice, I tell you I'm through with gin."
"Now don't be rash, Nancy, Frank has a twin."
"I know that, honey, it's plain as can be."
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Other Colleges Say

By DICK MORGAN

According to the "California Comet" some of the more patriotic students of the University of California have started what seems to be an up and coming tradition. Many of the California students turned out for the Stanford clash with their hair dyed blue—the college color.

Dean Bender of Harvard University tells us that the grades of the average students have risen about 50 per cent in the past 25 years. Among other things he attributes this rise in grades to the fact that "the world is a more sober mood than the Harding Coolidge days."

Some college newspapers won't stop at anything to improve their paper and circulation. The Syracuse Daily Orange, for example, ran an "I hate the Daily Orange because it's less than 25 words." Among the prizes offered were the editorship of the paper for a week, a subscription to the winners parents, and \$5 in pennies. A classic contribution was: "I hate the Daily Orange because I need 5 bucks."

According to the Daily Californian, at Centenary College in Louisiana, a contest has been instigated picking each week the "Ugliest man on the campus." At Texas University they already have six men vying for the honor.

Meanwhile a law has been passed, according to the Tarheel, providing that at Carolina all students must check their pets before going to class. Students who take their dogs

to class were requested by the local SPCA to ascertain whether or not their instructors objected to the pets before carrying them into the various classrooms.

The Old Gold and Black reports that Davidson College really monopolized their All-Opponent Football selection for 1948. Mac Erwin made the first team, while Cheek, Turner, Wade, and Eborn made the second team, and every other member of Coach Charlie's starting aggregation made honorable mention.

At Stanford University comes news that a local merchant is sponsoring a "Numbskull of the Week" award. He awards prizes based on the lowest grades made in the ensuing week. The contest is not in the spirit of condoning or encouraging poor scholarship, but in the spirit of consolation. Some consolation.

From the Michigan State News comes the story of the silent partner. When a student hesitated in giving a speech in class, the professor asked: "What are you, man or spouse?"

At the University of Kentucky comes a report that several students, being angered at their inability to watch the mighty Wildcats in action on the small U. K. hardwood, built a ramp projecting out from the balcony, on which four students and their dates sat as they watched U. K. down Fort Campbell. Maybe we at Davidson should get our tools and go to work on the Charlotte Armory so we too could be furnished with some suitable accommodations!

Open Forum

"UPCHURCH TAKES SAN JUAN HILL"
OR
"DIX HILL TAKES MITCHELL"

Dear Editor:
In regard to the highly entertaining but most inadequate review of the recent Red and Black Masquers' production appearing in the last issue of THE DAVIDSONIAN, let us extend a warm hand of sympathy to the obviously inexperienced critic, for if anyone is in need of condolece, it is he. To criticize justly a bad performance would have been commendable, but to expose completely one's utter ignorance of theatre art as well as basic theatrical technique must be humiliating. Although there were minor weak points in the presentation—for this is not a professional group—we wonder if our critic has any idea of even the skeletal nature of "Arsenic and Old Lace." To require horror developed in an audience who was definitely prepared for comedy—for such was the nature of "Arsenic and Old Lace"—is absurd. An accurate criticism need not warrant a precise understanding of every delicate detail; nevertheless, it certainly demands a basic conception of the subject.

The Masquers do not ask for, nor need, patronage; but they do deserve justice which was, needless to say, not their portion according to this inaccurate and unfair review. We would like to extenuate on the gross understatement in which Mae Holly was labeled as "support." She was that, but much, much more. Her most excellent and convincing portrayal was one of the highlights in an already delightful comedy. She, together with Susie Jackson, thrilled the audience as they selected their next "objects of charity."

Obviously, John Crockett did more than a "capable" bit of acting in his role of the guesone Jonathan, the nephew of the Brewster sisters. We would like to correct at this point the misapprehension of our critic; "Arsenic and Old Lace" was not a farce, and John Crockett only looked like Boris Karloff. While we are correcting misapprehensions, we might add that there is no need for placing the "blame" of a "moderate" success on anyone; the play was a total and complete success! If our presumptuous critic had been paying close attention, we feel that he would have observed Mr. Jackson's excellent portrayal of Mortimer and the equally charming and true thespian portrayal of Elaine by Nancy Copeland. She, along with the others, was a great success.

A final word must here be said concerning those who "muffed their lines and failed to synchronize the throwing of off-stage and on-stage light switches." As we have already pointed out, the cast was not composed of professionals. Yes, there were a few lines missed here and there, but they were quickly picked up and executed in a most professional manner by the other members of the cast. Praise must also be given to the stage crew which is too often overlooked when the laurels are being heaped upon a production appearing in the last issue of THE DAVIDSONIAN. Let us extend a warm hand of sympathy to the obviously inexperienced critic, for if anyone is in need of condolece, it is he. To criticize justly a bad performance would have been commendable, but to expose completely one's utter ignorance of theatre art as well as basic theatrical technique must be humiliating. Although there were minor weak points in the presentation—for this is not a professional group—we wonder if our critic has any idea of even the skeletal nature of "Arsenic and Old Lace." To require horror developed in an audience who was definitely prepared for comedy—for such was the nature of "Arsenic and Old Lace"—is absurd. An accurate criticism need not warrant a precise understanding of every delicate detail; nevertheless, it certainly demands a basic conception of the subject.

Permit us to make a final suggestion, however, to the director and other member of the cast. In the event that the Masquers should take this show on the road, may we suggest that they procure the talents of Mr. Mitchell in portraying Mr. Hoskins or Mr. Spinalzo. We feel confident that he is more than quite capable of handling this role, and will possibly be able to supplement his rather sketchy knowledge of theatrical mechanics. For if he is to continue in the capacity of theatre critic, he may find need of it — BEN MORRIS, WYLLIE SMITH.

Dear Editor:
Attention: Phillip Mitchell, Congratulations on the most enthusiastic comedy of errors that I ever saw. As far as the dramatic portion of the student body is concerned you are decidedly damp on the subject. We all know that McNeil Upchurch looked quite a bit like Teddy Roosevelt, especially when he heared his teeth. However, I don't believe that is much of a virtue. I'm glad I don't look like him. Anybody can be a character, but it takes real genius to turn out a fairly straight role.

Don't get me wrong. Upchurch was plenty good, but you omitted the number one star of the evening, Miss Mae Holly, who so far outshone Susie Jackson in her portrayal of the not-so-dominant sister that we recommended immediate transportation to a Broadway setting.

You were right, Mr. Mitchell, on one point. The straight acting was the weak link, but who could keep a clear head in all that ruckus anyhow. By the way, I didn't appreciate the way you criticized the lighting, and left out George McKee's name. That stuff was just too good for a college play. Best lighting job we've ever had here. P. S., I agree with you that it was a good play—PAT MCGEACHY, III.

(Editor's note: Thanks for all the good letters on the "Arsenic and Old Lace" article. We appreciate your criticism, nor can we say that it is unfair or unwarranted.)

The Poll-cat

By CHARLIE REID

How many children do you think there should be in an ideal sized family?

	Davidson College Students	National Poll of College Students (Fortune Mag.)
None	—	1 pct.
One-Two	20 pct.	28 pct.
Three-Four	65 pct.	60 pct.
More	15 pct.	5 pct.
No opinion	—	6 pct.

It is interesting to note that the national average of children per family is only two and a fraction. Evidently the vivid reality of having to support a house full of kids changes the attitude of the majority of persons.

After viewing Davidson's Wildcat cagers last Saturday night we are much better prepared to write glowing reports than we were after the inaugural week ago. The Cats were much improved in turning back the powerful Hanes Hosiery quintet, a team boasting victories over both N. C. State and Duke. The locals grabbed an early lead, held it till the fourth period when the Textile League boys edged to the front, then poured on a final burst that put the fracas on ice.



By JACK HAZARD

Jake Ashmore dumped in two quick buckets when the opening whistle sounded and was soon followed by Bobby Maner's well-aimed shots. Maner hit for eight points in all and should have close to a perfect mark in attempts made. More shots from this diminutive artist can mean many more points in the scoring column for Davidson. Maner has come a long way since his Jayvee days as a freshman. His floor game was great last year and with his new found eye for the basket he could do Coach Norman Shepherd a world of good.

Another bright spot in the early Cat performances has been the work of Ed Hopper. The lanky senior seems to have thrown off the nervousness that has plagued his game in the past few years. In last Thursday's whitewash of Eller's Blue Jackets, Hopper found the range for twelve points and hit not a few times Saturday.

The improvement of Maner, Hopper, and Ashmore seem to be the difference in last year's ball club and this season's. Buddy Cheek is still the All-Southern he was last year. Mike Williams is to date paring the team scoring, having been high scorer in all games except Saturday's in which Cheek edged him 11 to 10. Whit Cobb is performing in his consistently brilliant fashion on the floor and if he retains his scoring punch the Cats will be a team to reckon with in any league.

Davidson has been installed as a dark horse in the Southern Conference this season, and if they can get past Duke Friday night, they are destined for runner-up honors in the family and will be tabbed as the team to dump State's Hoosier Hotshots if they are to be dumped. The Blue Devils have also drawn a dark horse rating and Friday night's tussle has been named a toss-up. Coach Gerry Girard has the same team back from last year that went to the finals last year in the conference tournament. Davidson split with the Blue Devils last season, edging them in a season tussle but bowing in the semifinal round of the tourney in the Duke gym.

The Durham lads bowed to Hanes in their opener, but have since posted three straight victories. On a comparative record basis this should place the Cats in the favorite's roll, though most of the dopsters don't seem to look at it that way. Davidson faced the mill hands with two games under its belt whereas Duke hit the same team right off. Whoever is the favorite, the tilt should be a gate natural. Student support will be lacking due to the Christmas holidays.

It looks like the students will get no better than the same seats in Armory games. Since reserve tickets have been printed, and many sold, there isn't much that can be done even if the powers that be should decide to give the students a better deal. We hope that this situation will be remedied with the use of the new gym next year. We understand that it will seat nearly two thousand people. We hope the students will get a good claim on these.

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PROPHET REDICTS

By DICK MORGAN

Unfortunately, this prognosticator will have around long enough to predict the bowl games on New Year's Day, before calling it quits for the season. The usual glamor and attraction will be centered around the two major bowls, and with team teams from the Southern Conference represented, there should be an intensive audience for these games. Realizing that anything can happen in a bowl game, and usually does, here are our humble predictions for the New Year's Day activities:

Rose Bowl

Northwestern 21, California 13—Pasadena will be the scene of not only a well-watched football game, but also the scene of a deep drama, as Northwestern's former Coach Lynn Waldorf is now coach of the California Bears, while his assistant Bob Vonets, coaches the Wildcats, California, the pride of the Pacific, is maligned but probably is also unmet. Hoasting such backfield stars as Jackie Jensen and Paul Klotzky, operating behind a wall spearheaded by All-American Red Evans, the Berkeley Bears will field a potent eleven. To combat them, however, the Wildcats can offer a bruising forward wall led by Alex Soble ran, and a well drilled backfield corp. We will be forced to string along with the Pupils in this one!

Sugar Bowl

Carolina 27, Oklahoma 20—This epic struggle will undoubtedly be the center of attraction for the fans come New Year's Day. What other bowls can offer such attractions as seeing two great teams in action, seeing the one and only Choo Choo in person, and watching razzle-dazzle football not seen ever before in Oklahoma, a well-touted bunch of sophomores, have improved with each passing game, and their 41-7 thrashing of Missouri proved their excellence. Carolina, on the other hand, is still reminiscent over the Georgia defeat in 1947, and will be all-out to atone for this defeat. This game may well bring about several new stars for the Tarheels, men like Maceyko and Flaunish, who have been operating under the shadow of the Asheville flash. We will look for a wild and woolly scoring struggle, but when the dust clears away, see Carolina the winner by seven points.

Cotton Bowl

Southern Methodist 13, Oregon 7—All the experts will undoubtedly disagree with this prediction, but after observing the great "never say die" spirit of the Mustangs, we were led astray by sentimentality, and picked the Mustangs to triumph. The Webfoots come to Dallas loaded for bear with a well coached team led by the redoubtable Van Brocklin. However, the month lay-over will give Doak Walker's leg a chance to heal, and the All-American kid should be ready and raring come New Year's Day. Although Oregon will be favored, we are inclined to pick S.M.U. ... realizing that tradition and fight will sometimes overcome even the greatest adversary.

Orange Bowl

Georgia 34, Texas Longhorns 21—In a game that will involve a lot of controversy, the Georgia Bulldogs should emerge victorious by the margin of two touchdowns. Many have called Wally Butts a coward for refusing to play Tulane or Vanderbilt, and it is around this controversy that the game will be played. Both aggregations are offensively minded, but with the passing Wizard Johnny Rausch at the helm, the Bulldogs should outpace and outscore the Longhorns. On comparative scores with Carolina, Georgia rates a three-touchdown choice, but as so exemplified during the hectic 1948 season, comparative scores don't mean anything, so a close battle will ensue. The passing of Rausch combined with the running of Reid and Tullitski will definitely swing the balance of victory over to Georgia.

Dixie Bowl

Wake Forest 20, Baylor 7—This annual Birmingham clash will bring together two teams that will in all probability be equally matched in all departments. Wakes superior offensive might will meet a sturdy match in the Bear's well-geared line, but the offensive push wielded by the Gregus bucks, and Fetzer to

INTRODUCIN' ...

By CHERRY STRIBBLING

The man that this column is introducing this week has done just about everything it is possible to do on the Davidson campus in the way of athletics and leadership. Witness: he has been varsity football end for 3 years; he has been on the varsity tennis team for 4 years; he has been a star basketball player for 4 years; he has been president of his junior class; he is president of his fraternity; he is a representative on the student council; he has been named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities for 1948. And he manages to do all this while keeping up a good average in his classes.

This Wildcat superman was born Charles Williams and soon acquired the nickname "Mike." Mike calls North Wilkesboro, N. C., home and went to high school there for two years where he early showed great promise in athletic endeavors. In 1941 he entered McCallie School at Chattanooga, Tenn. While at McCallie Mike was for 2 years a basketball and tennis star. Since he was such a lanky, skinny kid, he did not even try to play football at McCallie. He was the sparkplug of the McCallie basketball team in the 1943 season, however, and was named on the all-Mid-South team that year. After graduating from McCallie in 1943 he entered Davidson that summer. He played football and basketball that fall and was a first-stringer in both. In the spring of '44 Mike entered the Army Air Corps. He was a gunner on a B-29 and served in the Pacific on Saipan and Guam. He participated in 13 missions against the Japanese and attained the rank of staff sergeant. After being discharged in March of 1946, Mike re-entered Davidson that fall as a sophomore.

He had hard luck in suffering a pre-season injury and did not get to play football that fall. He was a starter on the basketball squad that winter and number six man on the tennis team that spring.

Mike really came into his own in 1947 and '48 when he played a lot of end on the football team that won 6, lost 3, and tied 1. He also scored one touchdown last year. Mike had a great year last year on Davidson's fine basketball team. His outstanding all-around play was good enough to land him a berth on the Charlotte News' All-State second team. He was second to the high scoring Buddy Cheek in the squad scoring. The lanky forward with the crew-cut was co-captain of the team along with Cheek. His play in the conference tournament against such teams as Maryland and Duke was outstanding. On the court he is especially good on picking off those rebounds and sinking those short push shots. After a very successful basketball season he topped off a fine sports year as number 4 man on Davidson's once-defeated tennis team.

During this recently ended football season Mike was one of the shining lights of the team with his great pass receiving. Cheek at one end and Williams at the other gave the Cats a basketball receiving combination that didn't miss. Mike had a great spurt at the end of the season to pass Buddy Cheek in number of passes caught and to almost catch him in the scoring parade. Mike scored three TD's on passes, the first one in the Wofford game. Mike's greatest game was undoubtedly this year's thriller with W. & L.

O'Quinn passes will eat enough yardage to insure a Wake triumph. It is reasonably positive that the Demonds will not be able to roll on the ground, so Coach Peabody Walker's charges can well be expected to strike via the airlines, and with ace throwers Fetzer and Blackerby throwing the pigskin all over the lot, the Demon Deacons should triumph in the end.

Gator Bowl

Missouri 21, Clemson 7—We pick this prediction on the basis of the comparative schedules that the two aggregations played. Missouri knocked off such perennial powers as S.M.U., Colorado, Navy and Kansas, while Clemson's wins were confined to Wake Forest, Boston College, and Mississippi State. Matthews, Corfe and Gage will encounter all kinds of trouble ripping through the massive Missouri line, but the Tigers of ole Missouri also will find no joy in attempting to smash off tackles Salisbury and Gil-

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when he scored two touchdowns on sparkling catches of a low pass. Mike is looking forward to a great year in basketball this time and will no doubt improve, if that is possible, over last year.

In the field of leadership and extra-curricular activities Mike is outstanding also. He is president of the Kappa Sigma social fraternity. He was president of the junior class last year and this year is senior representative on the Student Council. He was selected as one of Davidson's representatives in Who's Who for this year. He was elected for Omicron Delta Kappa leadership fraternity this year. Mike is also a member of the "D" Club and the Beaver Club.

Weight Lifters Bow To Clemmer's Gym

By GRADY SPIRES

The Davidson weightlifting team made an impressive debut Saturday afternoon in an informal match with Leonard Clemmer's Gym team from Charlotte. Clemmer is a former national champion in the 132 pound class.

The Wildcat barbell men were edged slightly by the seasoned visitors in the two-hour event, which was highlighted by a 200 pound snatch by Clemmer and a 200 lb clean and jerk by named Wildcat Captain Joe Richard which gave him a personal victory over Clemmer by five pounds. Dan Johnson's 200-pound press was also outstanding. Burly Jerry Kr, a freshman lifter with great promise, displayed tremendous potentialities in the press and cleave and jerk. Other Cat strong men who show good promise were Cox, Hutaker, Eldridge and Spires.

Through the aid and cooperation the embryonic club has scheduled several weeks for the future with other schools, private gyms, and YMCAs.

The results were as follows:

Davidson		Pr's S'tch C&J Tot.	
Spires, 132	145 135	280	
Cox, 155	145 135	165 415	
Eldridge, 165	145 135	200 480	
Hutaker, 165	160 145	190 495	
Johnson, 185	200 175	215 500	
Kiser, 225	170 145	210 525	
Richard, 200	200 200	260 660	
Clemmer's Gym		Pr's S'tch C&J Tot.	
Wheeler, 160	185 170	230 585	
Fink, 185	210 165	220 595	
Hook, 175	195 190	235 620	
Clemmer, 165	205 200	250 655	

Wofford Terriers Defeat Cats By Score 61-53 In Spartanburg

Frosh Cagers Show Progress

By PHIL HAMMOND

The smile that you see on Coach Boyd Baird's face these days is due to the way that his freshman charges are shaping up. With four of the first-string varsity squad leaving after this year, Coach Shepherd will have to count on this year's frosh to fill in their places, and from all reports, Shepherd will have some excellent material to work with. When the frosh open their '48-'49 schedule, the starting posts will probably go to Tom Coleman, Bill Brooks, Don Lazenby, Mac McClain and Turk. Coleman, a 6 foot 2 boy from Harrodsburg, Ky., is a whiz under the basket, and is a terrific rebounder. A stellar defensive player much is expected of him this year. Bill Brooks, who hails from Frankfort, Ky., is one of the best shots on the team, and is also noted for his rebound work. A team player in every respect, Bill is destined to play a great deal of ball here at Davidson. Don Lazenby, a Bluefield, West Va., boy, was on the all-Mid-South team when he attended McCallie School in Tennessee. A smooth ball handler and a keen shot, Don will get the call at center. Mac McClain will start at one guard position. Mac was the star of Charlotte Central. High's team last year and is expected to rack up many points this year. One of the best shots on the squad, Mac is also noted for his driving in for the basket. Turk will round out the first team. In practice games with the Jayvees, he has been a standout with his consistent accuracy in making set shots and he also is a ball hawking defensive player.

Reserves such as Eric Clark, Grady, Oshourne, the Stockton twins and Bobby Nmix will prove to be valuable and will see plenty of action. The team as a whole is a scrapping aggregation and such freshman teams as Duke and Carolina will have their hands full when they meet the Cat yearlings.

A loose defense and failure to control the backboard play cost Davidson's Wildcats their first defeat of the young season Monday night in Spartanburg, bowing to an underdog Wofford crew, 61-53, before a packed house of 1,500 fans.

The Terriers, led by a pair of 6 foot 4 inch dead-eyes who hit the mesh for 16 points apiece, took an early lead and only once in the second half were the Wildcats able to move out front.

While the lanky Wally Dean and Earl Cottrhan paced the victors, Davidson's scoring was led by All-Southern Center Buddy Cheek with 15 points and forward Mike Williams, high scorer on the squad, with 10. Cheek fouled out midway the third quarter and his loss was definitely felt by the Cats.

Wofford hopped to a 4-0 lead at the outset and by intermission had run their lead to 33-25. In the third period, the Davidsonians took a 44-42 lead, but the Terriers pulled out front again with a 12-point splurged that spelled defeat for the Presbyterians.

Action bordering on the riotous stage cut loose in the third period when the Cats' Bobby Maner just missed two wild swings by an unidentified Wofford player. Williams grabbed the terrible Terrier, only to have to defend himself from a highly partisan Wofford fan who leapt from the stands onto the court.

The defeat came after a chain of three victories last week, the most impressive of these being over Hanes Hosiery, conquerers of both State and Duke already this year.

In the Hanes action at Winston-Salem, Jake Ashmore, Cheek and Williams paced the offensive attack while little Whit Cobb's floor game was next to flawless. The Cats kept highly-touted John (Hook) Dillon, former UNC star, bottled up most of the night and held the upper hand over the entire route.

Prior to the heavy Hanes test, the Cats had polished off a mediocre semi-pro contingent from North Wilkesboro, the Eller's Blue-jackets, 85-39. Mike Williams shone on the home boards with a dazzling 21-point total for the night while his mates held brother Pat, ex-Davidson star, to four points.

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