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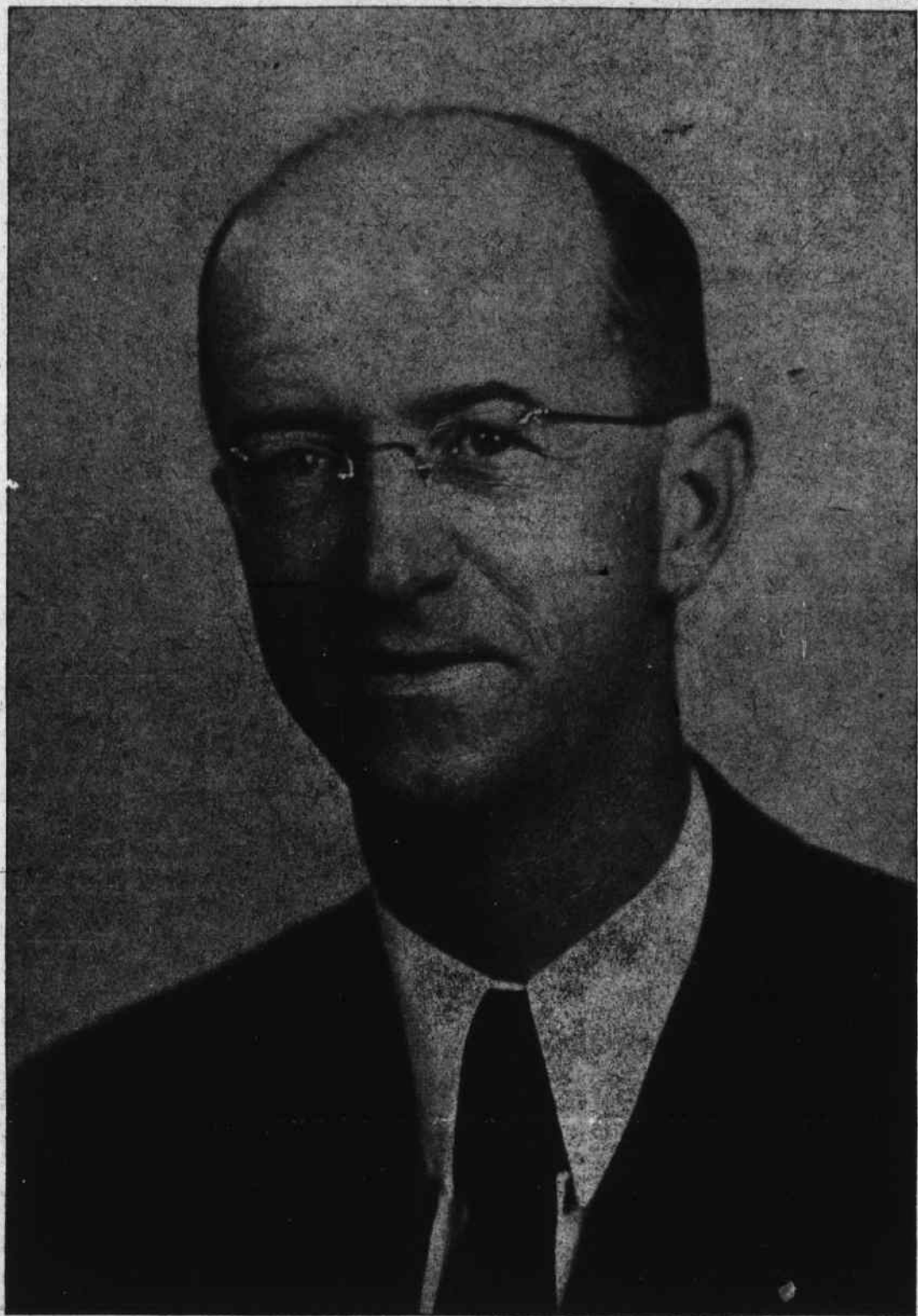


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## Students Mourn Passing Of Samuel Duke



President Emeritus Samuel Page Duke

### Former President Wills Madison Great Heritage

President Emeritus of Madison College, Dr. Samuel Page Duke, "... who gave us a shining heritage and a challenge for the future ..." died April 25. He was buried April 27, at Woodbine Cemetery after the funeral services at Asbury Memorial Methodist Church, Harrisonburg. Many of the students and faculty who had long been his friends, associates, and admirers attended the services.

According to Miss Mary Louise Seeger, retired faculty member, "Many of the buildings on this campus are a memorial, an outward and visible sign of his untiring efforts." Dr. Duke worked with a keenness and alertness for the best interests of the students, keeping abreast to the needs of all, according to the changing times and growth of the college itself.

The son of Reverend Thomas P. Duke and Jennie Gray Ward Duke, Dr. Duke was born at Ferrum, on February 5, 1885. As a boy President Duke was educated in the rural schools and at Randolph Macon Academy. Following his graduation from Randolph Macon College, he taught at Willie Halsell College, Oklahoma, and served as vice-president the year 1907-'08. He married Miss Lucille Campbell, at Georgetown, Texas on August 26, 1908. He then served as principal of the high school in Chase City and of schools in Richmond.

After receiving the A.M. degree, granted by Columbia University in 1913, Mr. Duke's interest turned in-

creasingly toward educational theory and administration. He became head of the Department of Education and director of the Training School at State Teacher's College, in Farmville. In 1918 he went to Richmond as a member of the Virginia State Department of Education, as State Supervisor of High Schools.

The State Normal School for Women, (now Madison College), welcomed Dr. Duke to the presidency in August, 1819. He took an official pride in his students, and a great interest in the alumnae. The 1923 annual of this college remarked "The empassive expression and straight-lined lips often told you no!" In 1927, the graduating class spoke, "his presence has aspired us to the greater things of life; his spirit has instilled in us a boundless love for our alma mater."

Hampden-Sydney College recognized his efforts by granting him the honorary degree of LL.D.

Largely through the work of Dr. Duke, the name of the college was changed to Madison, a fund began for the erection of Alumnae Hall, and houses were purchased for faculty and students. Once he set out, he never let up until his goal was accomplished. President Duke kept before him the future plant of Madison College, preparing for growth and accommodations.

Faculty, alumnae, and students of our college, and the people of Virginia paid tribute to Dr. Duke in 1944 when they celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his presidency of (Continued on Page 3)

### Salk Polio Vaccine Proves Successful

Announcement of another medical milestone was recently made and for parents all over the United States the tension which mounts with every polio season will at last be alleviated.

Dr. Jonas Edward Salk, after battling for five years in his University of Pittsburgh laboratory, is the man responsible for the vaccine which will allow whole generations to grow up free from the danger of the crippling disease of infantile paralysis. He has suggested that the vaccine might be made almost 100% effective but this does not mean that polio suddenly will be abolished. That the vaccine is up to 90% effective, causes a minimum of undesirable side effects, all apparently minor, and showed most favorable results from the areas where conditions were most suitable for accurate appraisal was revealed in the report as read by Dr. Thomas Francis, Jr., of the University of Michigan. Dr. Francis, an eminent epidemiologist of that university, was chosen by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to evaluate last year's nation-wide tests of the Salk vaccine.

No fewer than 1,830,000 children were studied in the trials, which proved more difficult than had been supposed, and of these, only 440,000 were inoculated with the vaccine. The remainder were control groups. Important data was derived from study of the cases that did not develop polio as well as from those that did. It is vital that no child developed the dis-

### Orchestra To Give Assembly Program

Selections from "The Student Prince" will be among the numbers played by the Madison College Orchestra when they present the Wednesday assembly program of May 4. Mr. Clifford Marshall will conduct the orchestra in those and other selections.

To be played are Goldmark's "Sakuntala"; Bizet's "First Suite", from "Carmen"; Gould's "American Suite", based on the song "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again"; and selections from Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma".

Nancy Wheatley and Skip Michael will render vocal numbers from "The Prince", and "Oklahoma".

Another program will feature the orchestra on Tuesday, May 17, at 8:00 p.m.

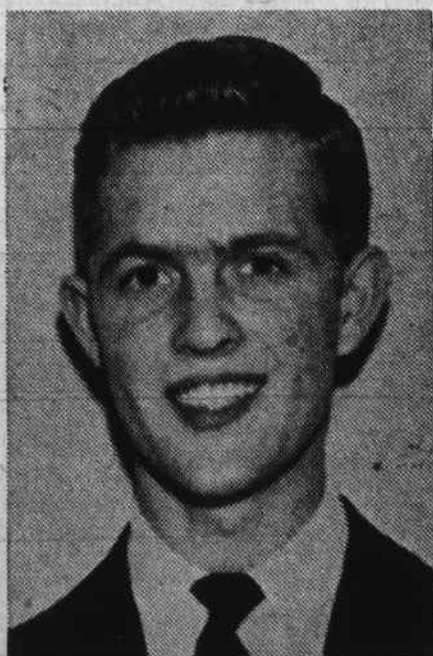
ease as a result of vaccination. Thus, the vaccine is safe.

The effectiveness of the vaccine was also encouraging statistically, there being the fact that the vaccine is deemed most effective against the worst forms of polio. The potency of the vaccine is dependent upon the careful regard of the intervals between shots, providing for the rise in the strength of antibodies, and extended immunity.

It is indefinite as to the length of time of immunity, a lifetime or only a few years, but it is rather a scientific possibility than a probability that the vaccinated will need booster shots every 5 or 10 years.

## New Men's Officers Installed

Dale Long of Harrisonburg has been elected to serve as president of the Men's Student Organization for the college year 1955-1956. He has served as secretary-treasurer of that organization during the summer session of 1953 and in the present term has filled the office of treasurer. Formerly sergeant-at-arms of the Sophomore Class and Alumni Secretary of the fraternity, Sigma Delta Rho, Long also played basketball with the Madison Dukes and served as a Junior Marshall. He is a member of the Math Club and the Y. M. C. A. and has been elected to the vice-presidency of Stratford Players. A senior, Long is majoring in physics and has as minors math and chemistry.



DALE LONG

Douglas Soyars and Tommy Byrd will hold the positions of vice-president and recording secretary, respectively. Paul Wenger was chosen as corresponding secretary and in the capacity of treasurer will be Norman L. Miller.

Heading the Y. M. C. A. will be Douglas Soyars, a junior majoring in music education. From Norfolk, Soyars has been secretary and vice-president of that organization, has served as vice-president of the men's Student Organization, a representative to the Honor Council and to the men's Student Court. He has been president and librarian of the Madison College Band and president of the Lost Chords. Also a member of the

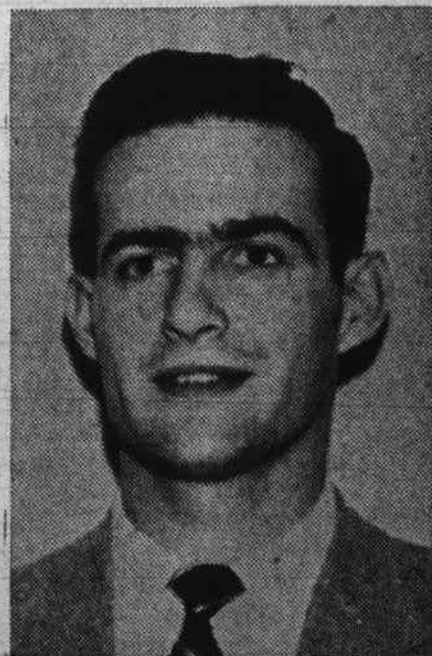


DOUGLAS SOYARS

Madison Concert Orchestra, he is director of the Starlighters Dance Orchestra. Soyars has played basketball with the Madison Dukes and served as a Training Union representative for the Baptist Student Union last year. He is a member of Stratford Players.

Other "Y" officers are: vice-president, Eldon Padgett; secretary, Norman Miller; treasurer, William Garrett; and chaplain, Normal Butler.

Paul "Buck" Long, a business administration major, will lead the men of the fraternity, Sigma Delta Rho, next year. From Harrisonburg, Long, who previously attended Madison in



PAUL LONG

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## Soviet Editors Stay Home

The eleven Soviet student editors are staying home. Their proposed visit is no longer forthcoming because they won't be fingerprinted. And on the surface it would seem that the Communies have scored a minor propaganda victory.

U. S. Immigration laws gave the State Department one black eye when the stalling over whether or not to let the student editors in caused a roar of protest from the American press and Russian officials. The red tape was cut.

But the State Department recently got a second black eye. An immigration act of 1950 provides that all persons entering this country must be fingerprinted. The Russians have kicked up a storm over this one. They argue that fingerprinting is "humiliating"—that in Russia this treatment is strictly for criminals.

Only official visitors are exempted from this regulation and since World War II most visits to this country from the U.S.S.R. have been official. The unfortunate part about it is that once a bunch of Russian skiers and chess-players were admitted and someone forgot to fingerprint them. If the chess-players don't have to comply with regulations, why should students, argue the Reds. Undoubtedly they will go on to say that we made this law just to humiliate them and that we bear great ill-will towards the Russian people as was shown by our stalling about the proposed trip in the first place.

It doesn't seem too far fetched to say that the Rooskies never intended to permit the trip and seized on the fingerprinting as a propaganda dodge. The Red propaganda machine has figured out more diabolical schemes than this to make the U. S. look foolish.

Although our country has not emerged from the whole affair looking too bright, we wonder if it will occur to any of the student editors to ask themselves what their bosses are afraid of. The Kremlin bigwigs O. K. American student tours of Russia and yet grasp at the smallest excuse to forbid an exchange trip. Could it be that Moscow decided that the student editors might become potential security risks after getting a look at this country? Perhaps they are afraid that some of our obvious and oft-repeated good will towards the Russian people will rub off on a staunch comrade.

It's pretty disappointing that we won't get a chance to meet these Russians. We were hoping to hear what they might have to say about this group of Soviet youngsters who call themselves the Anarchists. The Western world heard about them when a member, 17-year-old Valery Alexandrovich Lysikov, came bounding over to West Berlin a month ago saying "Communism? It stinks!"

## We're For The Idiots!

We're for the idiots, the poor, stumbling, idiots who come to college unable to take care of themselves. We feel sorry for them, but we like 'em.

College administrations over the country, have in recent years developed a policy of caring for these "idiots."

Dormitory counsellors, house mothers, and advisers are being crammed down our throats to "help us, guide us, keep us on the straight and narrow."

Colleges, rightly, point to the late twenties when youth was wild, woolly, and irresponsible. Then they turn around, rightly again, and say today's college youth is more mature, more responsible, than his counterpart of 20 years ago. Why, then, do we need more supervision?

Some supervision is necessary, sure . . . College students need guidance, we agree. They have responsibilities to their college and to their fellow students; they should be forced to live up to these responsibilities.

But they don't need to be coddled in the process. How is this going to teach them to stand on their own feet?

We have faith in these "idiots." Their less responsible parents came through their college years fairly unscathed. We honestly think we can do it, too.

From The Hullabaloo, Tulane University, La.

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"The only clue I'll give you is that it came from the student cafeteria."

### Scribblers' Nook TOMORROW

I shall go up into the hills tomorrow  
And seek among the mighty cliffs;  
I shall look among the boulders of  
granite  
And among the ledges of rock. I shall  
hunt

In the slithers of shale  
In the everlasting mountains  
The source of the eternal strength  
That breathed into the old  
Habakkuk  
A prayer of peace.

But today I shall dwell in the vale of  
the shadow

I shall sleep in the valley of Ajalon  
Where the fig tree shall not blossom  
And the fruit is not in the vines;  
Where the labor of the olive shall  
fail  
And the fields shall yield no meat;  
Where the flock is cut off from the  
fold  
And no herd is left in the stalls.

Only tomorrow shall my feet be like  
the hinds' feet.

Only tomorrow shall I walk on places  
high.

Scribbler "Whodoneit"

### Flaming Flicks --

Coming Saturday to the State is "A Man Called Peter." This is entertainment on the "highest plane." You will witness a Scottish immigrant boy, whose conscience permitted no compromises, who fought his way into the love of Americans, became famous, and yet remained humble; and left the world, in 1949, a better place for his having toiled for human uplift.

Richard Todd, as Peter Marshall, brings a man of heart and character to life. Jean Peters portrays the woman who loved and shared an emotional life that will inspire everyone to learn how deep great love can be.

This is the story of faith! All the drama and conflict that made H. E. Bates' novel, "The Purple Plain," is portrayed by Gregory Peck and a lovely young Burmese girl. In what can be called his best role to date, and certainly his most unusual, Peck plays the part of a disillusioned RAF pilot, fighting in Burma and deliberately trying to get himself killed because he is no longer in love with life.

Shot on location in the jungles of Ceylon, the desperate humid heat, the fierce sun and waterless plains, combined with the terror of air raids bring on atmosphere of despair that accentuate the brave characters of those who fought there in World War II.



### Skip's Skoop

by Skip Michael

Since we always seem to be criticizing instead of giving credit I'd like to start this week's column by putting in a good word for one of Madison's harder-working organizations. I'm referring to the group who make up the Foreign Student Committee headed by Miss Cundiff. Although receiving little publicity this group has made a habit of consistently working and striving to make Madison a better place to live by soliciting money and other help to bring us interesting people with which we can become associated. Last year they gave us a great donation by sending one of our own students abroad so that she may return and share her experiences with us. Such activities indicate an efficient and diligent organization, one dedicated to the advancement of Madison College's understanding of the many happenings in other countries than our own. Such efforts should not go unnoticed. So to Miss Cundiff and her fine committee we give a big "THANKS". Keep up the fine work.

Well, that was a good beginning and do you know what? That's about all I have to say for this week and really all I have time for. If you're around here Sunday, come up to see me. I'm afraid I'll be there. Free passes to Doug Soyars, Dale Long, Norman Miller and Tommy Byrd, who are some of the new officers of Men's Student Government next year. See ya later.

### Free Passes to Virginia

Eleanor Turpin  
Audrey Watson  
Athena Kestul  
Lina Ann McGee  
Margaret Anderson  
Agnes Biggs  
Virginia Brown  
Noelle Cassidy

### Today's Chuckle

The mental cases most difficult to cure are the persons crazy about themselves.

### Notice

Students are reminded that permission to hold a meeting in any reception room or lobby of any dormitory or in any room in Alumnae Hall must be obtained from the office of the dean of women.

Ruth Jones Wilkens

## Rights Versus Glory

Dear Editor:

Recently, the president of the Men's Student Organization received a letter from the president of the Athletic Association informing us that they had voted in favor of having men escorts for the Maids in our May Day celebration. Several days later, after meeting with the members of the May Court, the Athletic Association discovered that the majority of the girls involved were quite opposed to their plan. Therefore, it was temporarily decided to drop the idea of escorts. However, the Athletic Association held another meeting and at this time voted to uphold their decision.

It seems to me that the "vain beauties" who will no longer be the entire center of attraction of the May Day festivities were presumptuous in opposing the decision of the Athletic Association who sponsors May Day and offers these girls their "hour of glory".

From what I understand, the main argument of the girls of the May Court is that "an old tradition of Madison would be broken by having May Day escorts". I would like to remind those of you involved in the opposition that many "traditions and customs" have been altered, changed, or discontinued since men enrolled here at Madison in 1946.

Integration of men and women on Madison's campus is an impossibility without the full cooperation of both sexes. I feel that the men should receive equal recognition in the major social event of the year here, and that the participation of escorts in the May Court not only will improve our May Day Festivities this year and in the future, but also will improve the general relationship of the men and women students on campus.

Sincerely yours,

Dale Long

Pres. Men's Student Organization

## Laundry Quandry

by Sally McAllister

One thing that is a must on every college campus is a laundry. The need is not really for a place to send clothes to be cleaned, rather it is a place set up to receive all our gripes and complaints. And, if we don't gripe enough, the staff will willingly give us some grounds for it.

Think how dull a week would be if you couldn't look forward to getting back your laundry bag with some new surprise in it. Perhaps it will be your new wash cloth shredded around the edges, or your pajamas, minus some buttons. Of course, it could be that your socks didn't come back in this load, or that your name tags came off and your things could be anywhere. That in itself is exciting. You could spend hours figuring out just where to start looking, especially if you've tried the laundry. You can become a junior Friday in no time at all.

Then there are the days that you get someone else's laundry. You learn more things about people through their laundry. You can tell if they are neat or messy by nature, if they have had any sewing courses or many other unmentionable things. But the best part about getting someone's laundry is that you then have a lovely excuse for dropping in for a few minutes to chat. You meet a lot of people that way and can also renew old friendships. But you have to take the stuff back, one way or the other.

There are certain rules of conduct expected of you if you send out your laundry. First, don't ever complain if they destroy anything of yours, regardless of how new. They may seek uncanny revenge. Second, don't leave anything pinned to the garment, they may send it back unwashed (the pin, not the garment). Third, sew everything down securely so that their

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## Activities Listed For '55 Homecoming

Friday, May 6, 1955

- 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.—Registration for rooms,—Alumnae Hall
- 6:00 p.m.—Dinner (informal)—Harrison Hall, Bluestone Dining Room (out-of-town Alumni)
- 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Informal get-together, Alumnae Hall

Saturday, May 7, 1955

- 8:30 a.m.—Registration for rooms—Alumnae Hall
- 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.—Coffee Hour—Alumnae Hall (for Faculty and all Alumni) Courtesy Harrisonburg Alumnae Chapter
- 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon—Business Meeting of General Alumni Association—Wilson Hall Auditorium
- 12:30 p.m.—Alumni Luncheon—Harrison Hall, Bluestone Dining Room (for Faculty, Alumni, and Senior Class)
- 2:00 p.m.—Madison May Day Parade
- 3:30 p.m.—May Day Program
- 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.—Pi Omega Pi Tea—Senior Hall
- 6:00 p.m.—Dinner (informal)—Harrison Hall, Bluestone Dining Room. Tables arranged for class groups.
- 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Motion Picture—Wilson Auditorium
- 9:00 p.m.-12:00 p.m.—May Day Dance—Reed Gymnasium

## DUKE

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the college. In 1946, Bridgewater College awarded him the LL.D. degree.

In September, 1948, President Duke suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and was hospitalized for some time. He was succeeded in 1949 by Mr. G. Tyler Miller.

In his college days, President Duke had been an active athlete, having participated in varsity track, baseball and football at Randolph-Macon. He was also an enthusiastic golfer. Dr. Duke brought this interest to the benefit of the students with special pride in installing the swimming pool. He was the first to dive into the new pool.

Besides his interest in the college, Dr. Duke was an active participant in civic affairs. At the close of World War II, he held a meeting of the student body to announce the armistice. When questioned about the program for the assembly, he replied, "We sang the Star Spangled Banner and then I cried."

He was a member of Rotary International, the Official Board of the Harrisonburg Methodist Church, the Board of Trustees of Randolph-Macon College, the Virginia Education Association, National Educational Association, Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Kappa, and Kappa Delta Pi.

## Joint Recital By Michael, Platt To Be Presented Here Sunday



"Skip" Michael and Jean Ann Platt confer with Mrs. Glenn Gildersleeve, who will accompany them in their voice recital Sunday, May 1.

Madison College presents in recital, Miss Jean Ann Platt, contralto and Mr. Edward Michael, baritone, on Sunday, May 1, at 4 o'clock in Wilson Hall. They will be accompanied by their instructor, Mrs. Hazel W. Gildersleeve and assisted by Mr. David Brewster, violinist and his accompanist, Miss Nancy Rogers.

Miss Platt is a junior from Fayetteville, West Virginia, and is a piano major in Music Education, vice presi-

dent of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, secretary of Kappa Delta Pi, and a junior marshal. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Platt.

Mr. Michael is a junior from Wyoming, Delaware, and is a voice major in Music Education, president of the orchestra, secretary of Sigma Delta Rho fraternity, and men's reporter for the Breeze. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Michael.

The program will consist of "Voce di donna," from 'La Gioconda' — Ponchielli; "Dover Beach" — Barber; "Over the Mountains" — arranged by Quilter; "Among the Living" — Malotte; "The Rain Road" — Stewart, by Miss Platt. Mr. Michael will sing "If Thou Art Near" by Bach, "Hear Me Ye Winds and Waves" — Handel; "Is Not His Word Like a Fire," from 'Elijah' — Mendelssohn; "Vision fugitive," from 'Herodiade' — Massenet; "Melisande In The Wood" — Goetz; "Standin' In de Need o' Prayer" — arranged by Reddick; "Invictus" — Huhn.

Miss Platt and Mr. Michael will render two joint numbers: "The Voyagers" — Sanderson and the highlight of the program, "Pray what now!" from 'Martha' — vonFlotow.

Mr. Brewster will play the "Scene de Ballet, op. 100" by deBerriot.

## Seniors

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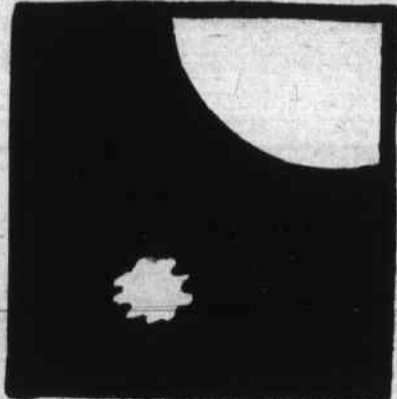
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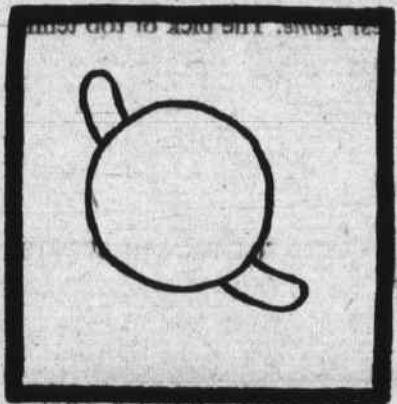
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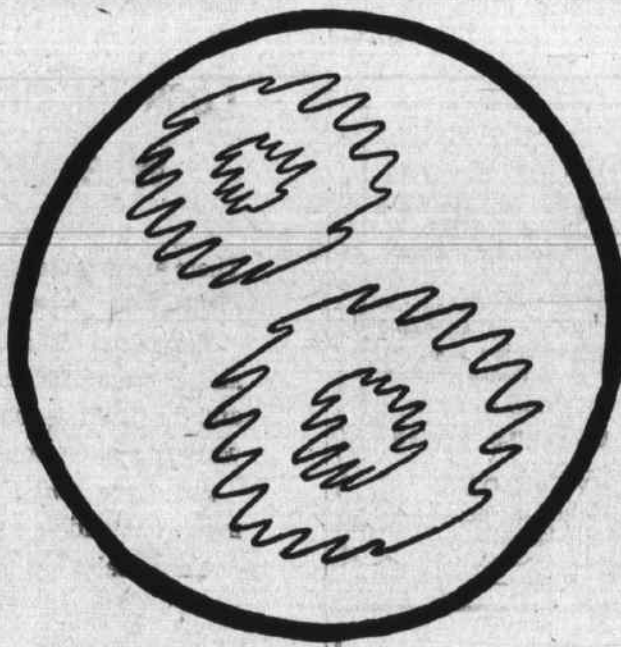
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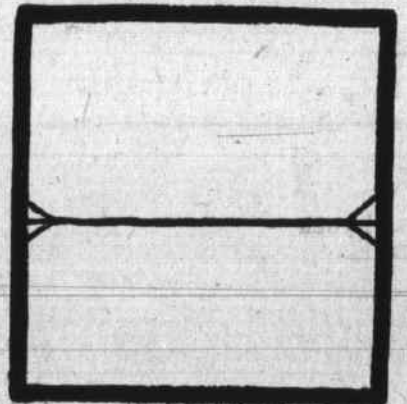
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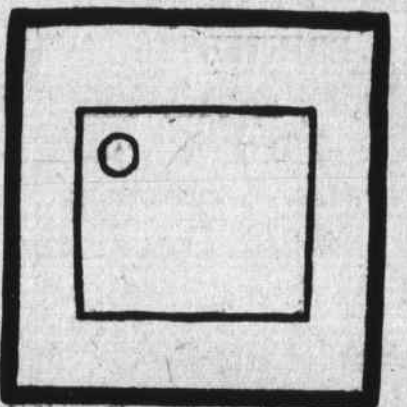
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Joseph Bez  
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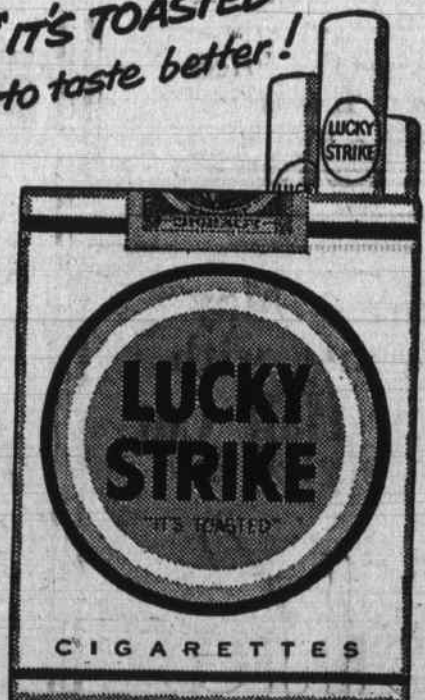


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# Sport Specs

By 'Jan'



Saturday's Bi-College Play Day between Madison and Bridgewater was a great success. Not only did everyone have a grand time, but Madison came out on top in two events, tennis and table tennis, while, Bridgewater won the badminton contest. Even the weather cooperated. At the tea afterwards the girls from the two colleges got to know each other over punch and cake bearing the colors of the two groups.

Congratulations to the new Mercury Club officers who were elected last night. Carolyn Legard will lead the club as president, while Betty Harrelson takes over the vice president's post. The new recording secretary is Anita Webb, and Mary Anna Hollomon will handle the money as treasurer. Betty Newman and Pat Schultz will serve as reporter and alumni secretary, respectively.

May Day practices are well underway, and from what I've seen the

dances are really going well. "Make Believe Land" is coming your way shortly. Shame on those of you who are planning to be away that weekend.

Intramural archery is still going on for all you bow and arrow enthusiasts. So far the attendance has averaged about eight people each Monday at 4:30 and each Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30. Instruction is provided for beginners so don't worry if you're no expert. A tournament is planned as a grand climax to the archery season.

Everyone is playing softball these days. The archery field has been converted into a temporary softball diamond and it looks as if Madison is practicing for the major leagues. Yesterday's games were pick up games due to May Day practices, but it was just as much fun as if we had followed the regular schedule. Don't miss a game that your team is scheduled to play.

## Panel To Discuss "Non-Conformity"

ATTENTION NON-CONFORMISTS! "Conformity" will be the topic discussed at the YWCA-sponsored discussion group meeting, Monday, May 2, at 8:00 p.m. in Alumnae 19 and 20. The discussion will be led by a panel consisting of Dr. Hatch, Mr. Shorts, and Miss Childs. All nonconformists, individualists, mugwumps, conformists, band-wagon riders and those who are completely confused are cordially invited to attend.

## LAUNDRY QUANDRY

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washing machines can function properly. Buttons get in the way. And last of all, don't send your things to the laundry unless you can help it. It's far more convenient to carry things down town to the laundrymat, or, better still, as our modern slogans say, "Do it yourself."

## Nine Attend Recent Student Government Annual Conference

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"New Dimensions in Student Government" was the theme of the conference. There were group discussions and workshops pertaining to different aspects and functions of the Student Government and Honor Council. Mr. William Birenbaum, Dean of Students at the University College of the University of Chicago, was the keynote speaker who presented a talk on "Leadership for Self-Government."

Those representing Madison College were: Sarah Mundy, Judy Flora, Charlene Myers, Pam Bond, Sue

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'48, '49, and '50, has been discharged from service recently.

Tommy Byrd was elected to the post of vice-president, and "Skip" Michael to the office of recording secretary. Stanley Dellinger will serve as alumni secretary, Gordon Leisch as treasurer, and William Garrett as sergeant-at-arms. Jack Leffel was chosen as chaplain.

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Dorothy Anderson  
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Arlene Watkins

## CALENDAR

Friday, April 29—

8:00 P.M.—V. P. I. Band concert

Saturday, April 30—

7:30 P.M.—Movie: "Girls of Pleasure Island"

9:00 P.M.—Informal dance in the tea room

Sunday, May 1—

4:00 P.M.—Recital: "Skip" Michael and Jean Ann Platt

Tuesday, May 3—

4:00 P.M.—Ex Libris picnic

Wednesday, May 4—

5:00 P.M.—Cotillion Club picnic  
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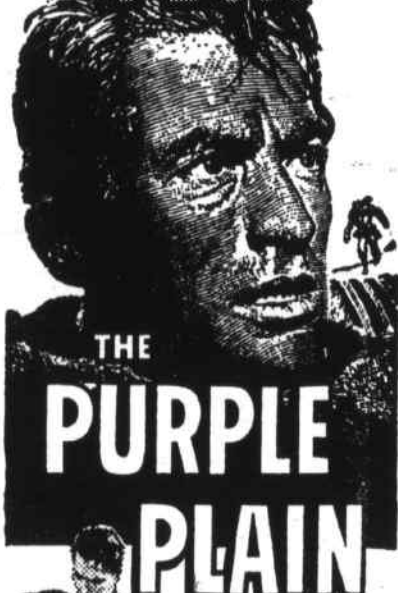
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