NEWS OF THE COLLEGE

Dr. Francis Pendleton Gaines, president of Washington and Lee University, will deliver the commencement address on the morning of June 6, his topic being James Madison.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached Sunday, June 5, by Dr. W. L. Carson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Richmond.

Final exercises will be completed by Tuesday noon. The program includes a garden party, recital by graduating music students, dance, class-day program, reception for guests, and a play presented by the Stratford Dramatic Club.

A dramatization of the ancient legend of Siegfried, hero of the Niebelungs, or little people, will furnish the theme for the annual May Day celebration on Saturday, May 7, to be given near the Big Rock on the campus in front of Alumnae.

In episodes of dance and pantomime, the pageant will depict the travels of Siegfried, played by Billie Powell, of Hopewell. In his travels he fights a bear, a dragon, and a band of knights; meets a group of sirens who try to entangle him; and has a combat with the warrior queen, played by Georgette Law, Hollis, N. Y.

Virginia Blain, Clifton Forge, chosen by the Student Body, will be crowned queen of the festivities. She will be attended by Helen Willis, Clarksville, maid of honor, and twelve members of the Court made up of Seniors and graduating Sophomores.

Peggy Byer, Hagerstown, Md., president of the Athletic Association which sponsors the annual celebration, is in charge of the pageant.

Quarterly convocation exercises on March 23 were also the occasion for the installation of new officers of the Student Government Association.

Lafayette Carr, Galax, new president, sworn in by Virginia Blain, outgoing head, administered the oath of office to Virginia Smith, Lynchburg, vice-president, Mary Ellen MacKarsie, Alexandria, secretary-treasurer, and Dorothy Sears, Appomattox, recorder of points. Members of the Student Council, Social and Standards committee, and house presidents were also announced at this time.

The beginning of the spring quarter was the time for change in office of two other major organizations, The Breeze and the Young Women’s Christian Association.

Mike Lyne, Shenandoah Junction, W. Va., and Betty Coupar, Brooklyn, N. Y., succeeded Dolores Phalen, Harrisonburg, and Ila Arrington, Newport, as editor and business manager of the campus newspaper. The candlelight installation service of Y. W., one of the most impressive services of the year, was held March 31 in Wilson Auditorium. Elizabeth Rawles, of Norfolk, officially took her place as president, succeeding Hilda Finney, Penhook.

The new cabinet, which was installed at the same time, includes Dorothy Anderson, Rustburg, vice-president; Marie Walker, Kilmarnock, secretary; Agnes Craig, Bassett, treasurer; and Elizabeth Treadwell, Atlanta, Ga.; Eleanor Kash, Lynchburg, Marjorie Profit, Louisi; Margaret Trevilian, Gloucester; Mildred Goode, Henry; Jane Lynn, Manassas; Marlin Pence, Arlington; Mary Wright, Norfolk; Evelyn Cross, Stephens City; Corinne Shipp, Crewe; Marjorie Hill, Longmeadow, Mass., and Mary H. Lupton, Staunton.

The three upper classes have also elected presidents who will take office next September. Elizabeth Adams, South Boston, will head the Senior Class, Virginia Gordon Hall, Ashland, the Junior, and Margaret Hedges, Alexandria, the Sophomore.

Pointing out what the change in name of the college means to the growth of the institution, Dr. Samuel P. Duke spoke at the Homecoming luncheon given in honor of
the returning Alumnae March 19. The largest group of old students ever to attend such a celebration was present for the week-end.

The luncheon was preceded by an informal reception in Alumnæ Hall and was followed by a business meeting. Miss Mary Brown Allgood, of Richmond, was re-elected president of the Association and Dr. Rachel Weems, college physician, was again chosen secretary for the next two years. Miss Mary McNeill, of Culpeper, was elected treasurer last year.

The week-end of Homecoming was completed with a dance in Reed Gym, for which Ray Frye and his Virginians played.

Easter vacation begins at noon, April 15, and lasts through April 20. Only a few students are spending the holiday on the campus.

Dr. Samuel P. Duke, president of the college, attended the meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges held in Dallas, Texas, the week of March 28. The triennial report of this college was presented to the Association.

Mrs. Bernice R. Varner, associate professor of Home Economics, was elected president of the State Dietetics Association for the coming year at the annual meeting of the Virginia group in Richmond, the week-end of March 26. Last year Mrs. Varner held the office of vice-president.

Harrisonburg was represented at the joint meeting of the State Dietetics Association and the Virginia Home Economics Association by Miss Clara G. Turner, college dietitian, Miss Lois Pearman and Miss Julia Robertson, associate professors of Home Economics, Miss Frances Houck, supervisor of Home Economics in the Harrisonburg High School, and Miss Evelyn Wolfe, dietitian of the Rockingham Memorial Hospital.

About 250 persons attended the dance held in Reed Gym April 2 by the Harrisonburg Chapter of the Alumnae Association for the benefit of a scholarship fund. Music was furnished by Eddie Branner and his Orchestra from Broadway.

Over 40 students representing eight high schools will compete in the Latin Tournament to be held Saturday, April 23, in Reed Hall. This is a state-wide contest and the college is the center for the schools of the Shenandoah Valley. Representatives will come from Winchester, Boyce, Woodstock, Toms Brook, Hot Springs, Harrisonburg, and Staunton.

Expressing a strong hope that the high schools of the future will not only prepare well for college, but will also afford a richer experience and a wider culture for young men and women who can never attend college, Dr. A. O. Packard, commissioner of education of the state of Maine, spoke in Wilson Auditorium March 21. His appearance was sponsored by the Education Association of the city.

The Glee Club, assisted by the Men's Chorus of Harrisonburg, gave its annual Easter program in Wilson Auditorium Palm Sunday. They sang a cantata, *From Olivet to Calvary*, by Maunder, and The *Crucifixus* by Palestrina, the latter in Latin. The club was directed by Miss Edna T. Shaeffer.

On March 25 the Club gave its first joint concert with the Men's Chorus, and recently a group of singers appeared before the Rotary Club of New Market.

Geraldine Douglas, of Grottoes, was one of three to win a superior rating for her playing in the state contest of the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs held in Charlottesville April 2. Miss Douglas will appear on the program of the state Federation convention to be held in Bristol shortly after Easter.
Competition in the state contest is won after a player has gotten distinction in a district meet. A Sophomore, and pupil in piano of Miss Gladys Michaels of the college music department, Miss Douglas has been outstanding in her class in the State Federation for several years.

Contestants in the state affairs are awarded ratings of superior, excellent, good, fair, and average. A superior rank requires a grade of over 90. Classification is by age.

Taking as their motto, “Treasures fought for; knowledge sought for,” 300 Freshmen appeared in the red and white garb of pirates as they observed their first class day April 8.

Officers of the Freshman Class are Inez Craig, Bassett, president; Virginia Colonna, Norfolk, vice-president; Virginia West, Suffolk, secretary; Marjorie Hill, Longmeadow, Mass., treasurer; Frances White, Wytheville, sergeant-at-arms; and Ella Rudolph, Winchester, business manager.

Dr. Rachel Weems and Prof. Conrad T. Logan are sponsors of the class, while Edgar McConnell, son of Dr. and Mrs. Carl McConnell, is the mascot.

Billie Powell, of Hopewell, newly elected president of the Athletic Association, was chosen by that organization to be its representative to the convention of the Athletic Federation of College Women held April 21 to 23 at Tallahassee, Fla. This is the first time a representative has been sent from this college. The local Athletic Association is not a member of this Federation, but will probably join.

Five representatives of the college, accompanied by Miss Helen Marbut, assistant professor of Physical Education, attended the convention of the Virginia Physical Education Association held at Virginia Military Institute March 19.

During the day discussions were conducted concerning the various phases of physical education and training in schools and colleges. Demonstrations in the different fields of physical culture were given by representatives from colleges throughout the state.

The girls from this college—Billie Powell, Hopewell; Agnes Arnold, Nassawadox; Dorothy Day, Richmond, and Betty Lou McMahan, Sanford, N. C.—danced a quadrille with four V. M. I. cadets, while Martha Fitzgerald, Crewe, called the figures.

The annual intramural swimming meet which was held in Reed pool March 26 resulted in a victory for the Sophomore tankers with the Freshmen, Juniors, and Seniors running in that order.

High scoring individuals were Jane Pridham, Glen Burnie, Md., Sophomore, and Georgette Law, Hollis, N. Y., Junior, who tied for first place, and Wilhelmina Schmidt, Seat Pleasant, Md., Freshman, who rated second.

The feature event of the evening was the pajama relay race, won by the Sophomores. Three girls from each class participated in this event, donning pajamas and swimming the length of the pool.

Another outstanding entertainment aspect was a skit presented by the Seniors called “The Wedding of Mr. H and Miss O.”

Badminton season officially closed March 23 when Peggy Byer, Hagerstown, Md., and Evelyn Patterson, Washington, seniors, defeated Gertrude Ashwell, Huddleston, and Dorothy Patterson, Round Hill, freshmen, in the doubles finals.

This year was the first the sport has been tried, but it was proven a successful campus sport.

Right Reverend Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen, associate professor of Philosophy at the Catholic University in Washington, will be speaker for Assembly exercises May
He is at present a speaker on the weekly Catholic Hour radio program. An author of many books on religion and philosophy, Monsignor Sheen has been much sought after as a lecturer and preacher, not only in this country but in Europe, where he spends each summer.

Funeral services were held April 5 in Cambridge, Md., for Margaret Virginia Hastings, senior, who died in the college infirmary April 2, from acute nephritis. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hastings, she entered the college in 1936, transferring from Salisbury, Md., State Teachers College. Her activities at the college included membership in the Association for Childhood Education, Philosophy Club, and the Y. W. C. A. The latter organization held a memorial service for Miss Hastings April 7, at which Reverend H. R. Deal, pastor of the Methodist Church, spoke.

Miss Hastings was stricken suddenly April 2 and was rushed to the infirmary. Every medical attention was given, but to no avail. She was the first student to die in the college infirmary since it was established in 1908.

Eleven new members recently joined Alpha Chi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, honor society. They were Mrs. Mildred Seymour, Kelling; Emma Rand, Amelia; Jane Lynn, Manassas; Jane Logan and Mildred Garnett, Harrisonburg; Elizabeth Alexander, Waverly Hall, Ga.; Jessie Gearing, East Falls Church; Mrs. Margaret Winder, Franktown; Geraldine Selby, Chicoteague; Dorothy Sears, Appomattox; and Mary Ellen MacKarsie, Alexandria.

Completing the requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree, Margaret Stone, Penn Yan, N. Y., and Charlotte Landon, New Britain, Conn., graduated at the close of the winter quarter.

ALUMNAE NOTES

Here is a list of those alumnae who were back for the annual Home Coming in March 18 and 19. Registration cards were assembled by class year.

'14: Bess Turner Hamaker, City.
'16: Lucille Early Fray, Advance Mills.
'17: Emma Byrd, City; Mary V. Yancey Canter, City; Rachel Weems, City.
'18: Mae Hoover, 507 Westover, Roanoke; Flossie Grant Rush, McGaheysville.
'19: Helen Hopkins Hoover, Timberville; Mamie Omohundro Switzer, City; Ruth Witt, 1101 First St., S. W., Roanoke.
'20: Charlotte Yancey Boice, City; Louise Edwards, 509 Chestnut St., Norfolk; Dorothy Spooner Garber, City; Margaret Proctor Ralston, New Hope.
'21: Mrs. Albert Barnes Francis, Hampton Ave., Roanoke; Katherine Howard, City; Toppy Bottom Jennings, 3217 Third St., Richmond; Mary Thrasher, Bridgewater.
'22: Agnes Christian, 3401 2nd Ave., Richmond; Elizabeth M. Ewing Chambers, City; Virginia Greenland Clarke, Churchland; Lossie Dalton Foltz, Roanoke; Frances Sibert, City.
'23: Helen M. Carter, R. F. D. No. 2, Staunton; Elizabeth Collins, 254 Florence Ave., Waynesboro; Mary S. Hutcheson Dalton, 112 S. Washington St., Staunton; Julia M. Dickerson, 235 Kalorama, Staunton; Elsie Proffitt, 1425 Campbell Ave., S. W., Roanoke; Nina Randolph, City; Ruth Robertson, Calhoun.
'24: Virginia Beverage, City; Betty Cleaves, 905 Ann St., Portsmouth; Bernice Gay Euler, 512 Shenandoah St., Portsmouth.
'25: Kerah L. Carter Ellis, Alcoma; Leaor Wilson, 1139 E. Ocean View Ave., Norfolk.
'26: Frances L. Biedler Monsees, City; Doris Woodward, University.
'27: Margaret Pence Bird, Winchester; Anna Lohr Early, Ruckersville; Thelma Simmons Sullivan, City.