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LYNCHBURG COLLEGE, LYNCHBURG, VA.

## Student Vote Averse To League Entrance For United States

### American Undergraduates' Ballots Reveal Opinions on War

American university undergraduates voted a scant majority against the United States entering the League of Nations in *The Literary Digest* College Peace Poll, according to the final returns.

Ballots were returned by 112,607 students in one hundred eighteen leading American colleges and universities. Of these 49.7 per cent favored the United States' entry into the League of Nations, while 50.53 per cent voted against it.

Queried as to whether the United States could stay out of another great war the student vote was more than 2 to 1 in the affirmative.

Asked "If the borders of the United States were invaded would you bear arms in defense of your country?" 83.54 per cent of the students voted that they would, while 16.46 per cent voted that they would not.

On the question of "Would you bear arms for the United States in the invasion of the borders of another country?" 17.82 per cent balloted affirmatively, while 82.18 per cent voted negatively.

The undergraduates balloted nearly 5 to 1 for universal conscription of all resources of capital and labor to control profits in time of war.

By an overwhelming vote of more than 9 to 1 the students showed their advocacy of government control of armament and munitions industries.

Voting 69,715 to 41,407, they voiced opposition to a national policy that a "navy and air force second to none is a sound method of insuring us against being drawn into another great war."

The *Literary Digest* has been conducting this poll in co-operation with the Association of College Editors, whose purpose is to bring to the attention of campus publica-

## Work on College Lake Nearing Final Stages

Footprints leading down the hill and through the woods indicate at least some of the students are watching with interest the final work on the college lake. The new section of roadway has been opened for traffic and cars of all makes glide down the long hill, shoot across the dam, and pass through a cut between banks of earth before entering the city. The work of landscaping the grounds around the lake is now going forward speedily. At present workmen are building a rock wall or guard on either side of the roadway across the dam. When completed the lake will be a decided asset to the attractiveness of the college grounds.

The sewer line which will divert all sewage around the lake and prevent its pollution, has been carried to a point about two hundred yards above the spillway.

## Parnassians Extend Eight Student Bids

### Plans for Second Semester Discussed at Meeting of Club

The Parnassian Club, local organization for creative writers, met Thursday, February 7th. Plans for the second semester were discussed and it was decided that the following students should be invited to join the club: Margaret Price, Embra Moorman, Richard McNamara, Arthur K. Stevens, G. T. Coleman, Leo Clay, Wesley Inge, and John Freer.

These students were chosen for their creative ability and their interest in this particular field.

The Parnassian Club hopes to stimulate an interest in original work on the campus and to help those students who show ability in this line.

## L. C. Debaters Win Two Close Decisions From Roanoke Rivals

### West, Stevens, Cutler, Pollard Defeat Traditional Opponents

Opening its conference schedule, Lynchburg College debaters made a pretentious beginning by winning both ends of a dual match with Roanoke College last Saturday night.

The question under discussion was, Resolved: that all facilities for the manufacture of arms and ammunition in the United States shall be owned and operated by the Federal government. Representing L. C. affirmatively, William West and Arthur Stevens defeated the Roanoke College at Salem, composed of James E. Palmer, Jr., and Jack Fishwick, at Salem by a slim margin, the score card revealing a 32-31 decision. This debate was judged by Dr. H. Spencer Edmunds, who gave a critique before handing his decision to the chairman.

Defending Lynchburg College negatively, at Lynchburg, Esther Cutler and Anthony Pollard won by three points over Roanoke's affirmative upheld by Wesley Hayden and Edward Dowdy.

By this double victory Lynchburg College is virtually assured of having representatives sent to the South Atlantic Forensic Tourney to be held at Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina, early in March. No decision has yet been made as to whether both men and women's divisions will be entered, but as tournament requirements make mandatory the entrance of both an affirmative and a negative in order to be eligible for either, it is expected that both divisions will be sent.

The question which has been announced for the South Atlantic tournament is similar to the one now under fire, but is international rather than domestic in its scope. It is: Resolved: that international regulation of armaments of any kind is

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