

# HILL TOPICS

## BASKET BALL TO DATE

### We Lose First Game to Richmond College, 20-13

We ushered in the '16 season with the Richmond College quint on our home floor.

The game was very fast throughout and the visitors were kept constantly on the jump.

In the first half we led the collegians by two points 20-18, but the team could not hold their well deserved lead and the game ended with the score 34-32 in favor of R. C.

The line-up:

S. M. A.	R. C.
Hinz	R. G. Paff
Prather (Cpt.)	L. G. Crosby, L. Kingsbury
Bridges	C. Kirby
Teabo	R. F. Tyron
	L. F. Cosby

Referee: Donahue, (W. & L.)

### A. M. A. 25; S. M. A. 22

On Jan. 24 we suffered our first defeat at the hands of a preparatory school, the winner being our old rivals, Rollers.

No sooner had the whistle blown, when we started to score, and at the

end of the half were leading, score, 18-8. The second half was far different, however, and the game ended with a 20-20 tie. In the extra five minute period, Rollers scored 5 points, while we only made two and the game ended. Score 25-22, A. M. A.'s favor.

The line-up:

S. M. A.	A. M. A.
Teabo	R. F. Leech
Bridges	L. F. Fox
Kingsbury	C. Jennings
Hinz	R. G. Balthis
Prather	L. G. Goodrich

Substitutes, (S. M. A.): Hager. (A. M. A.): Jones.

Referee: Donahue, W. & L.

### F. M. S. 32; S. M. A. 26

Largely on account of having insufficient time in which to practice we lost the game with Fishburne on January 27, by the score of 32-26. Like the game before we were in the lead by more than a double score, but could not hold out during the last half. The line-up was:

A. M. A.	F. M. S.
Hinz	R. G. Lane
Prather	L. G. Winder
Kingsbury	C. Snedegar
Teabo	R. F. Bryant
Lawlor	L. F. Arbogast

Referee: Donahue, W. & L.

### S. M. A. TROUNCES W. & L. SECOND

#### Score, 63-25; Roughest Game of Season

The W. & L. basketball game was a repetition of the unsportsmanlike football contest of last year, but S. M. A. won 63-25. The main trouble in this instance arising from the visitors' ignorance of the game and its rules, and some of the members, according to usual custom, tenaciously clinging to old fashioned ideas of bulldozing. The chief offender was Bagley, and it is pointed out that he is everything an athlete should not be.

Our boys clearly demonstrated their superiority over this aggregation, as the score well indicates.

Teabo, led in scoring, making 9 field goals and threw 5 fouls out of 9 chances. Bridges led in field goals, making 10. For the others, Hinz, 5; Kingsbury, 4; and Prather, 2.

Bailey was the chief scorer for the visitors, making 4 field goals, and throwing 5 out of 6 fouls.

## BASKET BALL SCHEDULE

- \*Jan. 20th, Richmond College.
  - \*Jan. 24th, A. M. A.
  - \*Jan. 27, F. M. S.
  - \*Feb. 1st, Greenbrier P. S.
  - \*Feb. 4th, W. & L. Second.
  - \*Feb. 7th, Elon College.
  - Feb. 14th, Randolph-Macon Acad.
  - Feb. 18th, Eastern High School.
  - Feb. 23rd, Eastern College.
  - Feb. 26th, A. M. A. (there)
- \*Games played. See accounts.

So far, S. M. A. has played six games, winning two and losing four. Usually we have doubled the opponent's scores in the first half, but have been unable to keep our lead. True we have lost by close scores, but the fact remains that we didn't play to standard form.

In the last game, with Elon College, we acted contrary to our usual procedure and leveled a 12-7 first half lead down to a 26-25 final.

The game, scheduled with Fishburne at Waynesboro on Feb. 11th, was cancelled, because of our unwillingness to play on their court on account of 16 posts on the playing space; and because of their dissatisfaction to meet us at Lexington. The managers were unable to agree, which resulted in a cancellation of previous arrangements, for our part of which we made in ignorance of the posts on their floor.

Of the four remaining games, all will be played in Staunton, except the Roller game, which will take place at Fort Defiance.

## S. M. A. Loses Hard Fought Game to Elon College, 26-25

### Lawlor Starred

In the fastest game of the season we held the Elon College, (N. C.) quint down to a 25-26 victory.

Although we were defeated, the game can virtually be considered a victory for S. M. A. The Elon College aggregation was hard pushed all during the game, which was fast throughout, and both teams showed good team work in passing and shooting.

No sooner had the contest started than the visitors jumped in the lead, which they maintained during the entire first period. The half's score 5-12 in Elons' favor.

The second half started with Lawlor in Hinz's position at left guard, and his presence alone seemed to add considerable pepper and life, not to mention his marked ability in dribbling, passing, and caging the ball. The whole team loosened up and played as we like to witness. During the remainder of the game, we kept gaining slowly on the visitors, who were doing some fast playing to save the defeat which they saw starting them in the face. We could not overcome the lead of the first half, however, and the game ended with the score 26-25 in favor of the Collegians.

It was one of the cleanest games that has been played on the floor this season, a very few fouls being called on either team.

### Lessons We Learn

Like the Fishburne game in football, we lost the Elon College basketball game by just one point. Now, if Teabo had thrown just one more foul, the score would have been tied! Or, if Lawlor or Bridges, or anyone of our team for that matter, had caged just one more field goal, well—we would have won by one point.

The feeling of the Corps would

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(NOTE: Cadets are requested to submit articles for publication: due credit for contributions will be given each week).

HILL TOPICS is published weekly by cadets of Staunton Military Academy. The staff guarantees eight issues beginning with the present, and as many elaborate or special issues as the funds admit. Probably more than eight issues will appear—only that number guaranteed.

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STAUNTON, VA., FEBRUARY 12, 1916

HILL TOPICS makes its first appearance since the Holidays. The paper, for the first part of the year, met with marked success. The financial support was great enough to enable the staff to make some very neat special issues on Thanksgiving and Christmas, which elicited favorable comments in the exchange columns of several school papers.

Fred C. Emde has been appointed the Editor-in-Chief for this series of papers—from the 8th to the 16th. He will, to a large extent, choose his assistants. We have confidence in him which will measure up to that of the football men, who elected him captain for next year.

Boone Armentrout is Exchange Editor, and will also hand in athletic articles. He is the man for his place for he has had experience, and is manager of the basketball team.

Sammy Nirdlinger, who contributed many jokes for the series of eight papers published until Christmas, has been made Joke Editor. He has shown much interest in working for the paper, and we feel sure that he will continue both interest and work—and show good results.

The members of the staff will not be fixed definitely. Their terms depend entirely on the interest they take in the paper—and the work they do for it. Any Cadet of the Corps who contributes an article to this periodical will be listed as a "contributor." We hope that every man will feel that the paper is for him, the encouragement of athletics, and the medium for knowing and making known the incidents of the school to each member of the Corps and to friends and parents.

Last year two special issues—Thanksgiving and Christmas—were, at much labor and expense, published for the benefit of the Corps. The Thanksgiving copies sold like hot cakes. So many extra numbers were bought that now there are not more than two or three copies left. In spite of the fact that each Thanksgiving number cost thirteen and one-half cents to print, the ten cents for each extra gave back money, which otherwise would have been lost. That was the way to support the paper, and was all right for Thanksgiving.

There are about two hundred extra copies of the Christmas number on hand. This, as we all know, was a splendid and attractive issue. Several of our exchanges have commented very favorably on its appearance and substance.

They were printed for the Corps. We want the Corps to have them. Single copies may be bought from Fred Emde, room 224, for ten cents, which is one-half of the original price. It is hoped that every cadet will provide himself with a copy. And, also, send one home.

Then he will be doing the right thing, will get a better paper this series of eight, and will have a paper well worth his ten cents.

## S. M. A. Loses Hard Fought

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have been much different. We surely do hate to be beaten by a single point. Now, though, Elon College can say it won, and offer no explanation; we must say we lost, and add quickly that we lost by one point only.

It is the same with any undertaking. The closer we come to success, the more bitter is the sting of defeat. You may rest assured that when a person begins to make excuses, he is preparing you for the tale of his failure.

Every member of the Corps, every spectator, the men in the game, know that our team was asleep in the first half. In fact, in the second half, it seemed to be quite a different mechanism, as opposed to the conglomeration of the former period.

Of course, we had substituted Lawlor, and he was naturally fresher than the rest, and that no doubt, as we all saw, enlivened things considerably. But we are not justified in attributing the weak showing of the first half to his absence. What is the trouble?

### Four Dead Men in Game

Prather and Hinz played stationary guards in the first half: Teabo and Kingsbury as usual became dul-

ards on their feet, and failed to wake up to their responsibilities, lack of wind being the ostensible cause.

We are not censuring these men, but it does seem that Kingsbury who played through the football season without showing up particularly weak in this respect, should not fall down on basketball. Of Teabo, we have no such assurance. We realize his ability, when he has the endurance, but as yet, he has not been overstrong in the game. To this cause may be attributed our mediocre attempts to play the last halves of some games past.

The Corps likes to see a man, who is continually fighting for victory. The boys do not judge so much by successful efforts at goal shooting, for a man has to do much else than that.

We do not pretend to know what the trouble with the endurance is, and do not mean to cast reflections. In fact, we know that Teabo has had a slight attack of grip lately, but he ought to be over that by now. This question is left to the members of the Corps to decide for themselves. They know the men better than the coach. If a man is not keeping training, it is their business to see that he does. Concerning methods — almost anything they might try would be justifiable, short of murder.

The line-up was:

S. M. A.	E. C.
Hinz, Lawler.. R. G. ...	Morrison
Prather, (Capt.) L. G. ....	Sarrels
Kingsbury .....	C. Bradford, T.
Teabo .....	R. F. Bradford, J.
Bridges .....	L. F. ....
Referee: Donahue, W. & L.	Baily

## WE WANT TO KNOW

Why our overcoats have collars, (corps).

Why Armentrout goes to Second Pres. on first Sundays.

Why we get hash, (corps).

What Wherley did on Feb. 7th.

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LT. S. C. CHANDLER, Secretary

A few days ago the *New York Sun* published a long article on "The Y. M. C. A. in the War." In this article the splendid work done by the Association is pointed out. Wherever the khaki has gone the Y. M. C. A. has followed. Often times their huts have been erected within the danger zone. Thus it is that the Y. M. C. A. is attending the needs of thousands and thousands of the boys in the trenches every day. But the most remarkable part of the story is that at the beginning, nobody wanted it, and its first efforts were made under protest:

"Everybody in authority—generals and officials—adopted the Missouri attitude and had to be 'shown' before they would admit there was any balm in the Y. M. C. A.

"It was generally regarded as a psalm-singing institution, whose ministration would more likely prove troublesome than beneficial.

"This opinion was but the reflection of the popular mind developed during those days when the organization in its infancy was housed in the now torn-down Exeter Hall. That it was not all prejudice was admitted to the *Sun* correspondent during the time, a few years ago, when the scheme was put in operation of trying to raise a million pounds in record time by the American who organized the money-raising effort.

"The returns for London, he said, were disappointing in comparison with the sums raised in small American cities, and he frankly admitted that the reason to his mind was on account of the narrowness with which the organization in England up to that time had been conducted.

"'Young men,' he said, 'timidly entering Exeter Hall for the first time to find out something about the organization were pounced upon by too enthusiastic zealots who wanted them to "come to God" immediately. The young man was naturally scared away and didn't return. To overcome that wide-spread belief in the narrowness of the Y. M. C. A. is to my mind one of the most difficult tasks that the heads of the organization have to accomplish.'

"Despite the new building on Tot-

tenham Court Road, with its gymnasium, its restaurant, social rooms, etc., there is no doubt that much of the old-time prejudice against the organization persisted until after the outbreak of the war. It was making progress, it is true, but slowly. The better-class people in general seemed disinclined to become interested in it.

"Now half the peerage are enrolled as workers, ladies of title sacrifice their leisure to aid in running hostels in various parts of England, others of the best families, hundreds in number, are in Egypt, Malta, or Flanders devoting their entire time to Y. M. C. A. service.

"The Y. M. C. A. is making its human appeal to the men in khaki. Already there are 129 centers in France, several practically on the firing-lines. In one place a disused convent has been turned into a center; in several others *estaminets* have been utilized, while right at the front itself where the big guns roar their messages continuously a rat-infested barn was transformed into a cheery, bright, and attractive hostel. In places where buildings are not ready at hand commodious huts are erected with steaming coffee and wholesome food in readiness day and night.

"In Egypt twenty-seven centers have been established, in Malta nine, while new headquarters are being erected at Corfu, Sicily. At Anzac, until the retirement, the Y. M. C. A. headquarters was a dugout 30 feet by 19, located right in the region of fire. In fact, on one occasion a huge piece of shell burst through the roof and disturbed the resting Tommies.

"At Cape Helles the Association's tents were within the range of shell-fire.

"In every camp of soldiers undergoing training in England are Y. M. C. A. centers.

"At Waterloo and Euston stations are large hostels where the men arriving or departing from the front find sleeping and eating accommodations. These places never close, day or night. Huts are now erected at Victoria and Paddington stations, also at King's Cross, and new huts are being projected owing to the increased demands. It is estimated that the Y. M. C. A. attends to the needs of 10,000 soldiers who pass in and out of London every week.

"The moral effect upon the men

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(By Whorton)

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We know it goes without saying that this help will be willingly given. No doubt you are all familiar with the various humorous ways by which subscribers may be reminded to pay their subscriptions, we don't want to feel that such publications are necessary. We want each and every one of you to be man enough to follow through with your intentions and promises to help the paper, and not stop as soon as you have given in your names and, then forget all about it. "Never do a thing unless you do it right." That's an excellent motto, and if we all think of it when we start out to help HILL TOPICS, success is sure to be ours—SO LET US DRINK TO A HAPPY FUTURE.

## The Greenbrier Game

On February 1, we met and administered a crushing defeat to the fast Greenbrier quint to the tune of 41-13.

The game was very fast from start to finish, but not at any stage of the game was the S. M. A. goal in danger.

The first half ended with the score 18-7, S. M. A. holding the big end, the second half was faster than the first and, showing a complete reversal of form over the previous games, the team not only held, but increased their lead. The line-up was:

S. M. A.	G. P. S.
Hinz . . . . .	R. G. . . . . Murphy
Prather . . . . .	L. G. . . . . Lucas
Kingsbury . . . . .	C. . . . . Hopkins
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Nirdlinger: "He took all the nuts with him."

"Quick Watson, the needle," chuckled Sherlock Holmes, and he slowly rewound the Victrola.

## Y. M. C. A.

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by the Y. M. C. A. work has, according to the commanding officers, been immense. That it has promoted temperance and decency of language and behavior is unquestioned.

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