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## ODK Taps Ten Student Leaders

### Stamps, Bond 'Enlistment' Starts Today

#### One Subscription Per Man By Semester End Is Goal Of Faculty-Student Group

Washington and Lee's defense bond enlistment—a 100 per cent effort by the University student body, faculty and administrative staff to do their share in insuring America's victory in the war—was launched this morning by President Gaines in the Founder's Day assembly when he outlined the plan and set a goal of one bond per man by the end of the second semester.

The program, as outlined by Dr. Gaines, will be continued for the duration of the war. Working under the direction of a Faculty-Student Defense Savings Committee composed of Chairman Charles Hobson, John Walter Stowers, Tom Clark, Dean Frank Gilliam and Professors W. G. Bean and A. R. Coleman, over 50 students representing all fraternity houses, the Non-Fraternity group and the freshman dormitory sections will canvass the campus during the next fortnight to secure the initial "enlistment" of every student.

Thereafter on the first three days of every month the student "recruiting officers" will seek to renew and enlarge each student's investment at a stand set up on the ground floor of Washington Hall. During the rest of the month stamps and bonds will be on sale in an office of the administration building. An effort will be made to get students to invest regularly on a weekly or monthly basis.

Savings can be made by the cumulative purchase of stamps ranging from 10 cents to five dollars, which can be traded in for bonds when the necessary amount in value has been accumulated.

After meeting with all of the volunteer student workers this morning, Dr. Gaines, who is chairman of the Virginia Defense Savings Committee, presented the program to the student body and expressed the hope that Washington and Lee, by taking the lead in such a plan, would set an example to be followed by other schools throughout the nation.

Hobson early last week, when the enlistment was still in the formative stages, pointed out that it has a two-fold purpose—insuring a victory for the United Nations and providing a financial backlog for students after graduation.

### Pettit Receives Army Call

Dr. L. C. Pettit of the Biology department was notified this morning to report for duty in the infantry as a first lieutenant. Dr. Pettit will leave in about two weeks, after examinations. He received his military training in an ROTC course at Cornell University.

### Loudon Pleads for Youth To Annihilate Axis 'Cancer'

Labeling the forces of war, hate and intolerance "the cancer of an otherwise peaceful world" Dr. Alexander Loudon, Minister to the United States from the Netherlands, this morning challenged the students of Washington and Lee to "stop taking for granted the blessings of freedom and national security and to determine to fight to preserve and extend tolerance and liberty over the earth."

Speaking at the Founder's Day Assembly in celebration of the birthday of General Lee, Dr. Loudon warned American youth not to consider Hitlerism and Japanese militarism the source of the world's ills, but charged that Prussian mentality, in some respects similar to the Oriental fanaticism of the Japanese, is still the great sore on the face of Europe.

"The barbaric destruction of the city of Rotterdam on May 10 by the German Air Force will go down in history as one of the greatest crimes of civilized age, but it will also be remembered as the one deed which made impossible forever the permanent German conquest of the Dutch.

Concluding on a note in keeping with the Founder's Day theme, the Minister stated that the ideals which drove Washington and William of Orange, the liberator of

the Netherlands, to fight against tremendous odds and the convictions which led Lee to forego the prestige and personal gain he would have enjoyed as commander of the Northern forces and side with his native South are the same ideals and beliefs for which men are fighting and dying today.

### Attention Called To Fancy Dress Hours, Rulings

A complete list of the rules and regulations governing Fancy Dress were announced today, as set leaders made final preparations for the annual affair to be held January 29-31. They are as follows:

**Hours**—The doors will open at 9:00 p.m., and the music will begin at 9:30 but there will be no dancing before the figure. From 10 o'clock sharp until the end of the figure at about 10:30 the doors will be closed and no one admitted above the basement floor of the building. The intermission will be from 12:00 to 12:30 and the dance will close at 3:00 a.m.

**Seating Plan**—This will be submitted later. (See REGULATIONS, Page 4)

### Honorary Invitations Extended to Alumni, Netherlands Minister

Ten students—six seniors, three law students, and one junior—two alumni, and one honorary guest were tapped for membership into the Alpha chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, national campus leadership fraternity, during the annual Founders' Day assembly held in Doremus Gymnasium today.

The honorary membership was extended to Dr. Alexander Loudon, minister to the United States from the Netherlands, one of the signers of the recent 26 nation anti-Axis pact, and principal speaker at this morning's assembly.

Two alumni who were tapped during the ceremonies were: **John Letcher Crist**, '13, of Charlotte, N. C.; chemical manufacturer and president of the Southern Dyestuffs Corporation of Charlotte.

**John Lisle McChord**, '18, prominent attorney of Cleveland, Ohio; president of the W&L student body in 1918.

Membership, which is gauged on a basis of campus leadership in University activities, was issued to the following students:

**Francis Carroll Bryan**, intermediate lawyer from Paris, Ky.; member of football and track teams for four years; secretary-treasurer of Athletic Council; student representative on University Athletic Committee; member of

Washington Literary Society; Law Review.

**Thomas Alonzo Clark**, commerce senior from Atlanta, Ga.; secretary of the student body; Christian Council executive committeeman; dormitory counselor; freshman camp counselor.

**Walter Gregory Downie**, academic senior from Sanderson, Texas; vice-president of the student body; co-founder and member of 150-pound football team; president of Sigma Nu; Cotillion Club; 13 Club; Sigma Delta Chi.

**Lawrence John Fisher, Jr.**, commerce senior from Franklin, Va.; executive committeeman (two years); member of Freshman Assimilation Committee; president of Kappa Alpha; varsity baseball monogram; secretary of Cotillion Club; 13 Club; Interfraternity Council.

**Robert Douglas Gage, III**, freshman lawyer from Port Gibson, Miss.; co-president of Cotillion Club; president of Spring Dances; member of Dance Board; manager of crew; Graham-Lee Society.

**John William Goode, Jr.**, academic junior from San Antonio, Texas; president of junior class; varsity football manager; freshman executive committeeman; secretary of Dance Board; 13 Club; Cotillion Club; Interfraternity Council.

**Arthur Burke Koontz, Jr.**, academic senior from Charleston, W. Va.; co-president of Cotillion Club; president of Opening Dances; vice-president of Dance Board; co-sophomore, junior, and senior manager of baseball; Graham-Lee Society; Interfraternity Council.

**Harold Rochelle Levy**, academic senior from Trenton, N. J.; editor of the Ring-tum Phi; president of Publications Board; president of Phi Kappa Psi; member of Freshman Assimilation Committee; Sigma Delta Chi; Cotillion Club.

**Sydney Lewis**, intermediate lawyer from Richmond, Va.; intermediate law executive committeeman; member of student body finance committee; president of Phi Epsilon Pi; member of Athletic Council; basketball team (four years); member of Intramural Board; Interfraternity Council; Mongram Club; Law Review.

**John Walter Stowers**, commerce senior from Snowdown, Ala.; president of Interfraternity Council; president of Phi Delta Theta; costume manager of Fancy Dress (two years); Cotillion Club.

### Work in Education Was Lee's Greatest, Dr. Gaines Declares

Expressing the belief that Robert E. Lee "became actually greater relatively in the field of education than he had been in the field of military science," President Gaines reviewed General Lee's work as an educator in a talk at Hollins College Friday night.

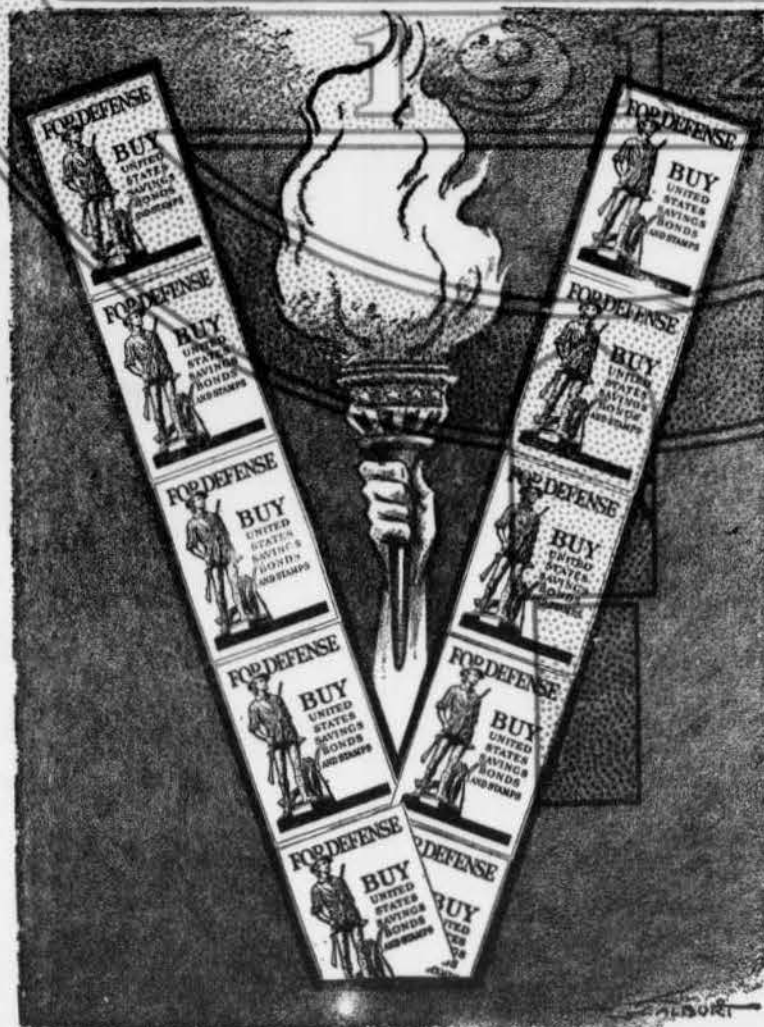
At the age of 58 years, Lee lost everything a man could lose, Dr. Gaines said, but he rose above circumstances to greater heights.

"I believe that Robert E. Lee became actually greater relatively in the field of education than he had been in the field of military science, and he was, I am sure, happier in his work there," Dr. Gaines said.

The talk opened Hollins' centennial program. President Bessie C. Randolph, of Hollins, introduced Dr. Gaines by remarking that "at the opening of our centennial period we wanted a message from a man who is Lee's successor at a great Virginia institution."

Discussing General Lee's work as a college president, Dr. Gaines pointed out that besides introducing a department of law and engineering, Lee laid down the first school of business ever devised in America, and planned the first instruction in journalism. He was also contemplating the possibility of a school of agriculture.

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## Character Lives on

The anniversary of the birth of Robert E. Lee—an anniversary which always holds a special significance for the University to which he made such a great contribution—is one which deserves special attention during times such as are these. For the place which Robert E. Lee holds among the great men of history is one which he—a military leader—would not have attained had not it been for his achievements in Christian character.

Robert E. Lee was a great soldier. But his accomplishments on the field of battle cannot alone account for the place which his memory holds among Americans 71 years after his death. Something greater than outstanding military leadership makes the name of Robert E. Lee one which is beloved by the South and honored throughout the nation.

That something is his character as a man.

That character—embracing a superlative fairness of judgment, unfailing self-control, unforced courtesy and complete self-forgetfulness in service—makes General Lee's campus tomb the shrine that it is. The memory of that character is something to think about during these days of war and of men who seek a place in history.

## It's 'Spunk' That Counts

If there are any among us who belong to that school of pessimistic Americans who hang their heads in sorrow and cry out in despair, "We're really not prepared for this war!" they should take a course in American History next semester. They would soon discover that America has never been "prepared" for a war. Yet in all conflicts she has engaged in, she has emerged victorious.

The Revolution was fought by the ill-clad, ill-fed, and ill-housed. They lacked shoes as well as guns. They were fighting the strongest nation in the world with broomsticks. They won, not because of the broomsticks, but because of the dauntless courage that wielded them.

We had 'nary a fighting ship on the Great Lakes when our great naval conflict of 1812 began. Perry had to start hewing logs on the banks of Lake Erie before he had a bark to fight in. Yet these ungraceful chunks of wood had the British navy soon begging for mercy.

In World War I, we started from scratch and within thirteen months had two million men in the field with ammunition, tanks, guns, ships and planes rolling off the production line in ever-increasing quantities.

Once more we have started out seemingly unprepared for the task at hand. It's just an old American custom. But as long as we have a united nation, composed of free men determined to remain free, are blessed with courageous leadership and possess the "spunk" that accounts for America's exploits in the past, we may be assured that once more the righteous cause of human liberty shall emerge victorious.—The George Washington "Hatchet."

## Films . . .

By FRANK FLANAGAN

Mr. Daves, manager of the Warner houses, always gets the best just when exams roll around. We asked him why, and he replied that it was namely because business reaches its peak at this time of the year. . . for those with lucky exam schedules here are a few tips on the best this week and next.

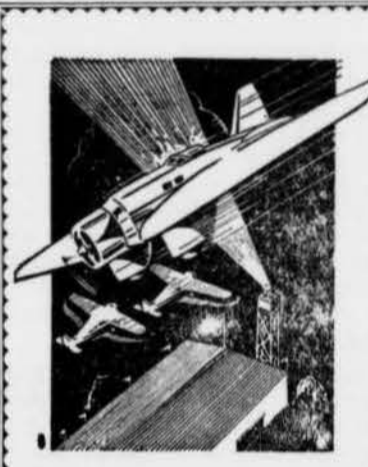
Starting off today is MGM's musical extravaganza, "Babes on Broadway" starring box office number 1, Mickey Rooney, and the little girl who has accepted the sacred vows since we saw her last, Judy Garland. The company shot quite a shell of its payroll to bring us the third in the Rooney down beat line. Although bearing a marked resemblance to its pre-

decessors, it is the most entertaining and definitely the loudest we have seen yet.

Worth mentioning is Rooney's impersonation of the Brazilian bombshell, Carmen Miranda. If you don't go in for musicals leave it alone. If you do you still have Tuesday and Wednesday.

Definitely worth seeing is Alexander Korda's "Lydia" starring Merle Oberon with Alan Marshall. This was another one that ran into opposition with Will Hays, allegedly because Lydia failed to pay the price of unhappiness as established by "the Production Code for an unsanctified love affair." If Hays would stop at this he must have been asleep when he saw "Two Faced Woman."

Joseph Cotten and Miss Oberon share the honors of acting ability.



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## Campus Leaders Founded ODK Here During World War I

By PROF. R. N. LATTURE  
One of the Founders

Omicron Delta Kappa was founded at Washington and Lee during the early months of the first World War. The Silver Anniversary of the founding was celebrated as the early rumblings of the second World War were being heard in Europe.

The central idea of ODK and its symbol of the circle are intended to emphasize the need for binding forces not only among the varied interests of college students, but also among the rival aspirations of classes, races and nationalities.

The idea of an honor society based on campus leadership had occurred to J. Carl Fisher and me in the spring of 1914. When college opened the following September the subject was a topic of live discussion between us. Soon we invited William M. Brown to join us in considering the proposal. When we had agreed upon the general nature and objectives of the society, we besought the official approval of Dr. Henry Louis Smith, then President of Washington and Lee. Dr. Smith was favorably impressed with the main purposes as they were presented to him, and he encouraged us to continue our plans.

Without delay Fisher and I outlined the whole matter to Dr. De la Warr B. Easter, then professor of Romance Languages. Dr. Easter was ideally qualified by warm in-

terest in student affairs and by rich experience in fraternity matters to give us much needed advice and guidance. He thought that a society such as we proposed had merit and possibilities. Furthermore, he agreed to work actively with us in perfecting the organization.

During the ensuing weeks nine other students and one other member of the faculty became identified with the developing organization. Every one of the fifteen founders had a part in shaping the structure and ideals of the fraternity. Fisher may be called the "spark plug" of the organization. Brown was the classic linguist who, with Dr. Easter, selected the name and motto. I made the first rough sketch of the key while in class listening to a lecture in philosophy. The outline of the key was a pencil drawing made by tracing around two small coins of unequal size.

The idea of the circle is suggested by the all-round and inclusive character of the membership of the fraternity. The main purpose was to bring together into a working body several outstanding students representing all the numerous and varied phases of student life and activity. A small number of active faculty members were to be associated with these student leaders. Together they were to study the needs of the campus and strive continually to promote the best interest of the

student body and of the University.

The circle had two main objectives. It was to give recognition for leadership and usefulness already achieved. More important, it was intended to be a means of arousing interest and of unifying opinion in support of constructive campus enterprises and movements. Members were to be chosen not because they were alike, or thought alike, but because they had different interests and different points of view.

The first public notice of the existence of Omicron Delta Kappa appeared in the Ring-tum Phi on December 3, 1914. In addition to the members already mentioned, the founders were William C. Raftery, Edward Parks Davis, Thomas M. Glasgow, E. A. Donahue, Philip P. Gibson, J. Purver Richardson, Carl S. Davidson, John E. Martin, James E. Bear and Professor David C. Humphreys.

The first election took place in the spring of 1915. Public announcement of the new members was made in Lee Chapel. Harry K. (Cy) Young and Dr. James Louis Howe were among those to accept membership at that time, while in 1916, Mr. Frank J. Gilliam and Dean W. H. Moreland were initiated into membership.

Twenty-seven years have passed since the founding of the society. There are now fifty circles in American colleges and universities, with a membership of over ten thousand.

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# Matmen Top NCState By Decisive 24-8 Score In Opening SC Match

Tom Fuller, Charlie Lanier, Bud Robb  
Obtain Falls In Season's Second Victory

Piling up an insurmountable 21-0 lead in the first five bouts, Washington and Lee's defending Southern Conference wrestling champions bagged a 24-8 victory over North Carolina State's matmen in Doremus Gymnasium Saturday afternoon.

Saturday's engagement was the first Conference test for the 1942 Generals, who trounced Apprentice School, 20-0, in their opener last week.

Co-Captains Tommy Fuller and Charlie Lanier and Bud Robb won their matches by falls while Sammy Graham and Doug House copped decisive point victories to give Coach Archie Mathis' team its 21-0 lead.

Robb, Southern Conference 128-pound king last year, turned in the Generals' fastest triumph for the second straight time this season when he pinned the Wolfpack's Leak in 2:44 with a cradle.

Fuller, Conference 136-pound champion disposed of NC State's Coggin in 4:22 of their bout, while Lanier dumped Sloop with a half nelson and crotch in 8:36.

Graham, lightest of the Conference titlists, notched a 9-3 point victory over Changaris in the 121-pound curtain-raiser, while House took a 9-2 nod over Warren in the 155-pound tussle.

Ed Waddington, sophomore who nosed Bob Schellenberg out of a starting berth in the 175-pound class, added a final three points to the W&L total when he nosed out NC State's Brandt, 3-2.

The Jones boys—Mike and Woody—gave the Wolfpack its only points. Woody threw big Lillard Ailor, Conference heavy-weight king, in 6:38 after Ailor had worked out of two bad spots, while Mike chipped in with a 9-5 win over Roger Soth in an evenly-matched 165-pound meeting.

Charley Stieff, promising W&L freshman, dropped a 13-8 decision to NC State's Troxler in a 136-pound exhibition bout which wound up the afternoon's action.

Mathis' team will not see action again until February 7, when North Carolina's grapplers—who last year broke a string of W&L Conference victories which had run for eight years—invade Doremus Gymnasium.

W&L's freshman squad, however, will see service during the exam period, meeting Petersburg High School's squad next Saturday night.



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# Cagers Down Spiders In Third Straight Win Over 'Big Six' Teams

Ballenger Hits Basket for 20 Points  
To Lead Generals in 41-31 Victory

Tabbed as a "weak sister" among Old Dominion teams in pre-season surveys, Washington and Lee's basketball team made it four out of five against "Big Six" opposition with a 41-31 triumph over Richmond's Spiders in Doremus Gymnasium Saturday night.

Sparked by Sophomore Clancey Ballenger, who fired 20 points through the hoops during the course of the game, Coach Cookie Cunningham's passers took an early lead away from the Spiders after a slow start and stayed in the driver's seat the rest of the way.

The victory was the third in a row for the Generals, who in

earlier "Big Six" competition had notched a pair of triumphs over VPI and one over Virginia while losing only to William and Mary's veteran outfit. Their Southern Conference count stands at three-and-one.

The Generals will remain idle during the exam period, returning to action on February 3 when they take on Maryland in a Doremus Gym engagement.

Richmond grabbed an early lead in Saturday night's game, the first part of which was slowed down by ragged play and numerous blasts of the referee's whistle, but Captain Ed Cuttino put the Generals

(See BASKETBALL, Page 4)

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**Basketball**

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on even terms at 5-all when he dumped in a double-decker after seven minutes of play. He and Ballenger set the pace during the remainder of the first half to help build up a 16-11 W&L edge.

The Spiders, lead by Erickson, tried to cut into the Generals' margin during the second half, but made little progress. Erickson and Savedge opened a long-range barrage that netted half a dozen quick points, but Leo Signaigo, Bryan and Ballenger matched the visitors' efforts to keep the Generals in front at 25-19, and the gap increased as the game wore on.

Ballenger's 20 points came on eight field goals and four charity tosses. Signaigo dumped in eight points for the Generals, while Bryan and Roehl each contributed four, Leon Harris and Cuttino accounted for two apiece and Harry Baugher slipped in a free throw. Erickson bagged 12 of the losers' 31 points.

**Regulations**

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stantially the same as last year. Freshmen and sophomores and their dates will sit in the balcony during the figure; juniors and seniors and their dates will be seated on the orchestra side of the main floor; chaperones, faculty members, parents and all other invited guests will be seated on the main floor opposite the orchestra. Immediately following the figure, all chairs will be cleared from the floor except one row around the walls. In leaving the balcony after the figure, before the intermission and at the end of the dance, everyone will be required to go down the stairs at the south (pool) end of the gymnasium.

**Admission** — Tickets to the Fancy Dress Ball may be bought at the door for five dollars each by W&L students and alumni, VMI cadets and other persons who are properly introduced and vouched for by individual students. There will be no general sale of spectators tickets for the balcony at the Ball. Door prices for the Junior Prom and the ODK Formal on Thursday and Saturday nights will be three dollars each, and balcony tickets for

these two dances will cost one dollar each. The door price for the Delta Tau Delta dansant and concert on Saturday afternoon will be \$1.50.

**Alumni** — Alumni may buy tickets either by mail in advance or at the door. These may be either floor or balcony tickets; in either case evening dress is required.

**Cameras** — As last year, the Dance Board has adopted the rule that all persons, both students and others, who wish to use cameras in the gymnasium during the ball must secure permission from Professor Robert P. Hodges in the publicity office. The purpose is to secure equal privileges for all and to prevent the misuse of cameras during the figure.

**Costumes** — According to Dance Board regulations all W&L students, their dates, guests, guests' dates, dates of VMI cadets and any other visitor who is not a parent of a student, a faculty member, a member of the administration or a chaperone will be required to wear appropriate costume on the floor. Makeshift costumes will not be tolerated. There will be 250 extra costumes of all sizes and types for rental in the basement of the gymnasium on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, January 28, 29

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and 30 for three dollars per costume. It is not obligatory that costumes be secured from the official costumer through the Fancy Dress Committee, but all are strongly urged to do so for their own satisfaction.

**Other Dances** — The hours for the other dances are: Junior Prom, Thursday evening, from 9:00 to 2:00 o'clock, with intermission at 12 o'clock; Saturday afternoon, combined concert and tea dance from 4:00 to 6:00; ODK Formal, Saturday evening from 9:00 to 12:00 o'clock. Formal dress is required for admission to the floor at all evening dances. Floor tickets will be sold only to students, alumni, VMI cadets and other visitors vouched for by in-

dividual students. Formal dress is not required for balcony spectators, and on Saturday afternoon there will be no distinction between floor and balcony.

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