

# The Columns

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## Phi Psi's Down Laird's Quintet For Second Win

### Lambda Chi's Defeat SAE In Close Game

On Thursday night in Doremus gym the Phi Psi basketball team continued its winning streak by smothering Laird's to the tune of 41-8.

The winners unleashed a devastating fast break which ran up the almost unbelievable score of 29-0 at the half, but they cooled down considerably in the latter part of the game. Breedin and Mauck led the high scoring offensive with 16 and 15 points respectively, but the work of Stephens and White under the basket was the main factor in the slaughter.

Laird's at times showed flashes of coordination, but as a whole they were ineffective against the well-balanced attack of the boys from Phi Psi. Faison played particularly well for the losers.

### Motley Paces Lambda Chi

Duplicating their feat of two weeks ago, the Lambda Chi five remained unbeaten in the current cage season by defeating the SAE men, 31-24. Led by A. B. Motley who tallied 17 points, the victors came from behind in the final quarter and eked out a close decision in a very tightly contested game.

The losers, paced by Tommy Lee, broke away fast as the opening whistle sounded, and they ran up a big margin over the Lambda men. At the half, the SAE boys still led, and it appeared as though the Lambda Chi's would be buried under an avalanche of points before the evening would end. However, in the last quarter, spurred by that knowledge, and led by Captain Fred Coover, the victorious five rolled roughshod over their opponent until the whistle blew and ended the game.

## Seven Pass V-12 Exams

Seven Washington and Lee men have journeyed to Richmond and have passed their V-12 physical tests. The mental examinations were given in the W. and L. Library on November 9.

The following men are potential naval cadets: William Berry, Bernard Cox, A. W. Gottschall, Rogers Pleasants, Lee Silverstein, Donald Stephens, and Kimber White.

## What About It, Gentlemen?

Two weeks ago the 1943-1944 Charity Chest drive opened. Our quota was set at \$650, and we were asking and hoping that every Washington and Lee gentleman would contribute \$3.50. Speaking frankly, the response has been disappointing. In the past we of W. and L. have always been exceedingly generous in answering such calls as that put forth by the Charity Chest. Last year approximately 650 students gave a total of \$1925, or an average of about \$3.00 per man. We felt the pinch last year too, but we also realized that the Charity Chest had a job to do, and that we were the ones to help do it.

Maybe we were more mature in our judgment last year. Maybe we didn't mind giving up one party

weekend for the good of someone else. True last year the main response came from the organized fraternity houses, while this year we are counting mainly on an exceedingly heterogeneous group to back our drive. Maybe there is no unified spirit this year among the Washington and Lee student body. But it certainly seems strange that when one ASTP platoon house can contribute \$50 from the scant pay of an army student, that the free and easy boys of W. and L. could make a better showing.

We're not asking you to give us \$3.50, or \$2.50, or whatever you feel you can afford. We are offering you the privilege of showing that W. and L. is still W. and L. We're putting it squarely up to you. What about it, gentlemen?

## Gilliam To Be Director of Freshmen Admissions

"Placed on the inactive list by the Army, Major Frank J. Gilliam volunteered his services to Washington and Lee University," Dr. Francis P. Gaines announced today. Dr. Gaines further stated, that "the Board of Trustees accepted his tender of services with an expression of gratitude, and assigned him certain special projects for which his experience and his fitness give him unusual competence. Major Gilliam will be responsible for the contacts with

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## Jim Crow Law Will Be Debated by FU Tuesday

The topic for debate at the regular meeting of the Forensic Union on Tuesday will be "Resolved that segregation of the races on street cars and buses in Virginia should be stopped."

At the last meeting of the Union, David Guthrie led a roundtable discussion on the subject, "If he is the Republican candidate in 1944, will Wilkie beat Roosevelt?" Many interesting opinions were expressed by members of the Union and by several AST cadets who were present.

## Count Sforza, Prominent Italian Anti-Fascist, Was Visiting Lecturer at Washington & Lee

Of particular interest to Washington and Lee faculty and students is the recent international comment caused by the United States - Great Britain - sponsored return of Count Carlo Sforza to Italy.

Count Sforza, for the past sixteen years one of the most prominent of anti-Fascist leaders in exile, was associated with the University during the 1941-42 year and again during 1942-43 as visiting lecturer in international relations. Last spring he spent a three-week period on the campus speaking to a number of University assemblies and classes. Because of his distinguished career the campus chapter of Phi Beta Kappa elected the Count to its membership.

Count Sforza figured prominently in Italian politics during the first 25 years of the century, serving successively in diplomatic po-

sitions in Cairo, Paris, Madrid and London. During 1920 he was made minister of foreign affairs, but resigned in 1922 upon the accession of Mussolini to power.

Until 1927, when he was forced into exile, Count Sforza led Italian internal opposition to Mussolini and continued his work abroad in France. Narrowly escaping at the time of the German invasion, he has since traveled extensively in the United States, lecturing under the sponsorship of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, of whose executive committee President Francis P. Gaines is a member.

Count Sforza's work in this capacity on the campus was responsible for a keener interest in, and better understanding of, Italian-American problems. The University may well be proud of its connection with this distinguished liberal.

## Charity Chest Donations Lag; ASTU Helps

### Freshmen Leading as \$100 Mark Is Reached

The second annual Washington and Lee Charity Chest drive, now well into its second week, is still far short of its \$650 goal. Chairman Richard Watson announced today that \$100 has been collected to date. However, this figure includes only sums collected from the civilians students. Amounts received from AST students in a drive which began last Tuesday will not be tabulated until next Monday. Men in charge of collections among AST students are as follows: First Platoon, Albritton; Second Platoon, Colgren; Third Platoon, Smith, R. H.; Fourth Platoon, Goddard; Fifth Platoon, Baggaley; and Sixth Platoon, Moore.

### Freshman Class Cooperating

Watson also announced that response among members of the Freshman Class is proportionately higher than that among upperclassmen. It is hoped that each student will contribute at least \$3.50 to the Chest, which will be the only charity drive on the campus during the entire scholastic year. The funds collected will be proportionately divided among the American Red Cross, United War Fund, American Friends Service Fund, World Student Service Fund, Lexington Tuberculosis Association, and the Lexington Children's Clinic.

## New Schedule Approved

President Francis P. Gaines announced today that the proposed changes in the school calendar had been approved by the Board of Trustees. The calendar through to the beginning of the third term, is:

Christmas Holidays: The Christmas holidays will begin at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 15, 1943, and will end at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, January 6, 1944.

Class work resumed January 6, 1944.

Founders' Day, January 19, holiday.

Examinations begin Monday, January 31, at 8:00 a.m., and end Friday afternoon, February 4.

Registration of Students, February 5.

Third Term: Class work begins Monday, February 7.

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## Look Here, Freshman . . .

THE FRESHMAN class is above average this year. However, there is a small minority of freshmen who do not seem to realize that the Assimilation Rules were not meant to harass them but to help them assimilate the Washington and Lee traditions. These traditions which the Freshman Rules help you learn are basic to W. and L. life. Because some of the trappings of college life are gone there is no reason for our school to give up one of the things that makes her great.

You who constitute the small minority of the Freshman class are not only out of step with your fellow classmates, but you are not living up to the code which is a part of Washington and Lee. Let's think it over.

## Rumors, Rumors, Rumors

"HAVE YOU heard the latest rumor? Joe told me that he was in the dean's office the other day and overheard the dean telling his secretary that starting in February all civilian students would be required to wear green uniforms with blue W. and L. insignia on the sleeves, brown and white saddle shoes, and a yellow and purple skull cap. He says we're going to have to wear this thing so that the army students will not be envious of civilian clothes. I'm getting the hell out of here." Now, isn't that ridiculous? There is as much truth in that as there is in a Japanese propaganda broadcast.

This rumor is actually making the rounds of the campus and while there aren't many who believe this tale, the person who related the rumor was serious. It is the same old story each year, only it's multiplied many times this year. The campus is always resplendent with the unlikely stories which many people swallow hook, line and sinker. Most of the time the rumors are harmless, but some of the time they are malicious. People who relate wild stories ought to think a bit before they tell their roommate. **The Columns** would be glad to trace down any stories turned in and print the facts, if the rumor is true. Then the W. and L. community would deserve to know about it. If it is false, you are entitled to an expose.

How about divesting this green-suited, yellow-capped, rumor-created W. and L. man of his tall story and stopping the rumor factory?

## Let's Fall in Love

DO YOU always have a cold? A good way to prevent getting this disease is to fall in love. Surprisingly, falling in love affects a cold. A doctor has been experimenting for the past few months and has found that when a person commences to have amorous palpitations his general health improves. The blood moves faster, thus getting rid of body poisons; the heart beats swifter, increasing general circulation.

Health is worth any sacrifice, so let's fall in love.

## Show Team Time

by Bruce Quayle

William Alexander Davidson, BMOG and local sports and pool authority, claims that we haven't called a show right this year. Try these, Doc. . . .

Bill, we'd like you to meet Dorothy McGuire as **Claudia** with Robert Young on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday. This pic is right from the original Broadway hit in which Dotty starred. It's her screen debut and she's tops. The story revolves around the varied adventures of a young married couple and contains both merriment and sadness. Naturally Dorothy McGuire might not beat your Gladys, but I'm tying her with Joan Leslie. Put down the pool cue and see it.

Wednesday and Thursday Leslie Howard and David Niven zoom in with **Spitfire**, the story of R. J. Mitchell, designer of the British fighter. We paid six bits to see this in NYC and with the flying shots and the action pics of the RAF you couldn't get a better 88 minutes. Also billed is Disney's **Education for Death**. (Okay, Bill?)

Friday and Saturday we'll give you Lum 'n Abner in **So This Is Washington**. One L 'n A show broke a record here last year. Who can tell about this bunch of corn?

Incidentally, WAD, have you heard Jimmy Dorsey's **Star Eyes**? It's tops, puts me in a Pleasant mood.

## Columnizing

(Editor's Note: Mr. Robert C. Goodell is Assistant Professor of German at Washington and Lee University. He is an alumnus of Dartmouth College and Princeton University.)

In 1938, at a convention of the Modern Languages Association, Mr. Joseph Wood Krutch, distinguished teacher and critic said that the Association was the only organization of which he knew that had no axe to grind. His listeners were at first disposed to accept his remark as temperate praise. Mr. Krutch, however, went on to say that, in a world full of life and death issues, it was comforting to know that nothing would be said at the convention, for which anybody would want to die. He then envisaged an uncertain future in which a curious child might climb upon the knee of some academic gaffer and inquire: "What did you do in the Big War, Grandpa?" To which the answer would be: "Sonny, I studied the subjunctive mood."

The point is, however, that Mr. Krutch's remarks were really self-critical, for he, too, was a member of the Association. Now he had been the first within the ranks to

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## ON and OFF

Sports facts and oddities on and off the campus

by Bill Davidson

PICKING UP where I left off two weeks ago. My choice for ends are Yonakor of Notre Dame and Heywood of Southern Cal. Yonakor, a 6-foot 4 lad who is extremely fast for his size, has been on the receiving end of most of the tosses heaved by Bertelli and Lujack this season. He is an outstanding pass receiver and has been getting in the hair of all competition this season from a defensive point of view. Heywood is not only a fine receiver and a good defensive end but is equally talented as a passer. He has tossed to the other end on several occasions this year to put Southern Cal out ahead or pull them out of a tough spot.

White of Notre Dame and Pregulman of Michigan are the tackles for my dream team. White is probably the fastest lineman on my All-American team and is better known as "Jesse" for his ball stealing proficiency. He has been called the outstanding lineman of the year by many of the experts. Pregulman, now in service, is credited with more than half of the Michigan tumbles during his half season of competition. He kicked the extra points as well and has one of the best averages in the country.

My choice for guards is Agase of Purdue and Filley of Notre Dame. Agase, the only repeating All-American, is the man who saved the day for Purdue time after time this season. Purdue's undefeated season can largely be credited to his ability to pop up at just the right moment and stop the man who seems to be headed for paydirt. Filley, smallest man on the team, was supposed to be the weak point in Frank Leahy's team. Opposing linemen soon found out that he just wasn't.

Myslinski of Army has been selected as center on all All-American teams that have thus far been selected. He can do anything a really great center should do and then some. Nuff said.

## Men About Town . . . .

HI THERE, Mr. Adams! Good evening, Mr. Adams! . . . so rang through the clear night air(?) at Southern Seminary the cry of all that met with one of our younger set of the W. and L. staff. . . Adams, or so he claims to be, invaded BV's campus to steal from the freshmen their lasses and that ain't all. . . he's going to be there again this week-end, boys, so look out for him. . . \* \* \*

YOU ARE all acquainted with the happenings over at VMI last week-end, with W. and L. and the band taking over the first part of the dance, but did you know that. . . reporting for the N'th time with their dates from Sem, two keydets found their breath was slightly inflammable and so trying to avoid setting off the spark that would end in fire from the chaperones, they wondered as to what to do??? wonder . . . wonder. . . Enter Don "Ugh" Stephens. Ugh, with all his presence of mind quickly ran the quarter mile to his home, tuxed and swept back quicker than he ever thought he'd do. In two shakes (of the non-milk variety) he had whisked the two wondering lads away from the scene, and arm in arm entered the dance with the poor gals. How he managed to entertain two girls at the same time is another story. \* \* \*

BILL WILCOX dreamings have been played havoc with by MBCollege. . . he still hasn't the slightest idea who, why, when, where he is to meet her. . . not to mention the fact that there are others involved in the matter. . . Ubank your money on the fact that there will be more said and done about this matter. Was it Pat, or was it Mable, perchance 'twas Jane unwrapped in Sable. . . aawooooooooo. . . Wilcox, let not your slumber be disturbed too long else you'll not get there at all!!!!

# Platoon News

## 2nd Platoon

At least half the personnel of K section are battered up as a result of the football and basketball games, with at least one member being forced to resort to the aid of crutches for a brief time. We might note in passing that the biggest part of the football team which will meet VMI Saturday is composed of second platoon men.

## 5th Platoon

The cadets of this platoon had a lot of excess energy on Thanksgiving Day. Therefore, when the dance at Southern Seminary was announced for that evening, they showed instantaneous and enthusiastic response. It may be truly said, "they came, they were seen, they conquered." Space prohibits the listing of all the Casanovas. However, the performances of tall and silent Larson, glamour-boy Theodore, Newark-flashes Ross and Cooper, Idaho-cowboy Corbett, Chicopee-champ Drewniak, and the amazing adventures of Bag-galey were especially noteworthy. It may be some time before their mental equilibrium is restored.

## 6th Platoon

Six feet two, 179 pounds, blue eyes, blond hair with one meticulous wave, an engaging smile, an unusual sense of humor and a fine physique—all these characteristics together give you Gilbert Schreiner, an AST cadet leaving for med-school in three weeks. The oldest in a series of five children, Gil shattered all hallowed rules of nature by not being a spoiled brat. In fact, the life of this Nebraskan is a sincere lesson for spoiled brats. He left home quite early to make his way in life. Working his way through school, he has a degree to show for his labor and is president of Beta Beta Beta.

Albert Lynch, we must say farewell to you too. Your life has not been as independent as Schreiner's but fullness is a quality that deserves praise. Albert's passion for medicine can be traced back even before he could remember. In fact, it is rumored that the Fates

knew that he'd be a doctor even before he was born. A native of Boston and reared in that honorable city, Lynch will go to school and practice there also. Along with medicine, he has given second choice of his interests to the romances. At Harvard, he majored in French, and speaks it fluently. Perhaps the army will be able to use both talents in the future.

Sometimes, you must have noticed his brown eyes and his sincere smile which comes and goes in genuine enjoyment with life. You have? With all this, however, Maynard Pike is still a "self-avowed" misogynist for the present. "A girl and a home," says he, "are the ultimate ideals of a perfect life and a frugal romance." Pike's life can be classified also with Schreiner's. Attempting to acquire an education under the most trying difficulties, both in the army and out, he was shipped overseas when his goal was almost in sight. We can't exactly blame him if he was a bit discouraged. However, upon arriving back at his home base after his voyage, the Ohio lad suddenly fell heir to success. He was shipped to

AST here, and in exactly three weeks, he'll be on his way to his

lifelong ambition of being a doctor. Good luck, fellows!



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**Gilliam Returns to W & L**

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prospective students during the war period, and will have general supervision over the educational arrangements for former students whose course was interrupted by the war. He will continue as editor of the catalogue, and will plan the general issuing of communications and publications. As a former chairman of the Alumni Commit-

tee, he will undertake to compile fully all records of the Washington and Lee student body now in the armed forces. He has been assigned an office on the third floor of Washington Hall, the room formerly occupied by Dr. Helderman. He will be glad to meet at any time members of the student body who have suggestions about the projects for which he is responsible."

**IM Basketball Schedule**

Cy Twombly announced today that next week's IM basketball schedule would be as follows:  
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Dec. 9—SAE vs. Laird's  
Dec. 14—Lambda Chi vs. Laird's

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question the effectiveness with which the teachers of the Humanities were meeting the challenge of the times. And in these war years particularly, teachers and administrative educators are re-examining the liberal arts with a view to

their place in post-war education. Most of them start from the premise that, while there may be no burning life and death issue within the art studies themselves, they constitute, nevertheless, an important part of the process by which men are enabled to judge well for what things they might wish to die—and to live.

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