The Columns

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Phi Psi Trounces SAE Five 61-14; SSS Nips Frosh

Ex-All-American Squad Swamps W & L 80-20

Lambda Chi Takes Laird In Tuesday Tilt, 30-8

Playing their first basketball game of the new year Thursday night, the Phi Psi's easily trounced the SAE quintet, 61-14.

By means of a fast-breaking offensive which caught their opponents off guard again and again, the Phi Psi's added the majority of the points to their total sum—White and Breedin, forwards, scoring most of their 22 and 17 points respectively by breaking away from opposing guards.

Stephens and Todd, taller members of the victors' squad, played brilliantly in following up inaccurate shots and controlling the backboard; the former tallied 9 points while the latter scored 11. Guards Mauck and Crockett, though not getting many opportunities to score handled the ball well and deserved assists on many goals.

Special Service—Freshmen

On Wednesday night in Doremus gym, the Washington and Lee freshmen were slaughtered by the strong SSS aggregation to the tune of 80-20.

The winners, consisting of six All-Americans, literally ran the losers off the court and flashing a terrific fast break, piled up a 42-12 lead at half-time. The W. and L. team played close in the first quarter, matching the SSS point for point, but they folded after this and from then on were never in the game.

Fred Coover and Kim White played well for the Freshmen, but the experience and height of the SSS was entirely too much for the W. and L. boys to handle. On the whole the losers played a fairly good game, and at times they showed a well coordinated attack, but in the clutches they often choked up, and the SSS constantly capitalized on their mistakes to score.

Lambda Chi—Laird's

In resuming the intramural basketball season last Tuesday night, the Lambda Chis also resumed their winning ways by trouncing the Laird outfit to the tune of 30-8.

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Boy and Girl Relations

Miss Carmen Hayes of Mary Baldwin College will be the guest speaker next Sunday evening at an open forum conducted by the Young Peoples League of the Presbyterian Church on the subject, "Boy and Girl Relationships."

The program is part of a current series of discussions being sponsored by the organization about the theme of Personal Religious Living.

The meeting will take place at seven o'clock in the Sunday School building of the Lexington Presbyterian Church. All Washington and Lee students interested in participating in the discussion are invited to attend.

EC Elections Are Scheduled 20th

An election will be held next Thursday, January 20, to select a President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Student Body, it was announced today by Bill Davidson, EC Secretary. The officers chosen will replace the incumbents, Bob Vaughan and Bob Crockett, both of whom are graduating at the end of the present semester, and Davidson who is resigning.

All those wishing to be candidates for these offices must communicate their intentions to Davidson before 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18. The balloting will take place in the lobby of Washington Hall between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Action to be taken with regard to filling class positions will be announced at a later date by the Executive Committee, Davidson said.

Alumni in Service

In December two more Washington and Lee boys gave their lives in the service of the United Nations.

Lt. Douglas Wayne House, '42, U. S. Army, was killed in action somewhere in Italy on December 14, 1943. Lt. House graduated from W. and L. in June, 1942, and enlisted soon afterwards. He received basic and commando training at Fort Meade, Md., and was commissioned in February, 1943, at Fort Benning, Ga. Assigned to an anti-tank division, Lt. House left this country for

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University Sets Quarterly System Credit Requirements for Degree

6-Week Summer Session Offered New Freshmen Entering School in June

According to the new four-term plan to which the University will switch at the end of this present term, a candidate for a degree of Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in the future will be required to present a total of 183 quarter hours, Dean R. H. Tucker of the University announced this week. The degree requirements were arrived at in a faculty meeting held on Monday, January 10.

By the now dormant credit system a candidate for a B.S. or B.A. degree had to complete normally 122 semester hours, exclusive of hygiene. This meant that every student would carry an average of 15 semester hours or 30 hours for a full scchool year's work of nine months. Under the four-term plan every quarter hour will be equivalent to two-thirds of a semester hour. Thus every quarter a student carrying the normal complement of courses will earn 15 quarter hours for twelve weeks work, or a total of 45 quarter hours over a period of nine months. By attending school for three years straight, taking only the week vacation at the end of every quarter, a student is able to finish his college career in three years by totaling 183 quarter hours, exclusive of hygiene.

Courses Mostly Unchanged

In spite of the many changes being made, the regular Freshman and Sophomore courses will be continued substantially as they have run in the past. Advanced courses will be scheduled according to the needs of and the number of students in the Junior and Senior classes. These needs will be determined from the registration lists prepared last summer and also from a registration survey to be made later this month, when student plans are more definite.

As formerly announced fees will be based on the number of quarter hours work which a man signs for, the rate being $5 per quarter hour, plus $25 university fee.

At the Monday faculty meeting a six-week summer session for new freshmen was planned. The session will begin on June 12 and will run until August 5, when the regular fall quarter begins. Courses will be offered during this period which wil enable the new men to earn eight quarter hour credits.

School for Special Service Tells No Tales Today

It is rumored that the 18th class of the School for Special Service is in Lexington with around 550 students, but, mind you, this is strictly "unofficial." We came upon this rare bit of news after calmly snooping through Tucker Hall to see which officer we could inveigle into telling us some news. Unfortunately, most of the officers were very "spy-conscious" and would reveal nothing. However, one very kind officer (we refuse to disclose his name as he may suffer a court martial) tipped us off to the fact that Captain Hank Greenberg has been assigned to the athletic faculty for a month, and Eddie Allen, stationed at the S.S.S., has set an all-time army physical training record.

Unofficially, the present S.S.S. class began on the fifth of January and will end on the second of February. Ssshhh....

McWhorter Is New FU Speaker

Assembling last Tuesday night for the first time during the new year, the members of the Forensic Union elected a completely new docket of officers for the coming term.

As speaker of the organization, John McWhorter replaced Ray English. Other electees are John Clarke, assistant speaker; Bob Worms, sergeant at arms; Lester Wallerstein, secretary; Rex Criminale, keeper of the Key; and David Guthrie, treasurer.

The remainder of the session was taken up with six impromptu debates from the floor on various subjects of contemporary interest. Beginning the regular debating next week, the Union will argue the topic, 'Resolved that Congress should pass a bill permitting all soldiers to vote in national elections." Discussion leaders will be AST Cadets Hanks and Moskowitz.

AST Plays Wahoo AAF

At 8:00 tonight in the Doremus Gymnasium the AST basketballers of Washington and Lee will meet the AAF team of the University of Virginia.

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Over-Optimism

WHEN General Eisenhower stated on January 1 that "We will win the war in 1944," he did not necessarily mean that we will end the war in 1944. To win a war is not to end one: the Civil War was won at Gettysburg in 1863, but it did not end until two years later. Eisenhower meant that we will win the decisive battles of the war this year.

If the general could have foreseen the wave of over-optimism that has enveloped this country partly as a result of his words, he never would have uttered them. People are saying with all sincerity, "The war will be over this year." "Germany will collapse any day now." "It'll be easy to mop up the Japs after we finish with Germany."

This false optimism is as dangerous as it is unwarranted. Reliable authorities state that both Japan and Germany are prepared for a long war, and that we are only at the point where things are "just getting started good."

The artificial expectation of a quick victory is the very feeling our enemies want us to get, for this feeling causes a slackening of our war effort. Possibly the over-optimistic rumors are spread by enemy agents themselves.

President Roosevelt, keenly aware of the danger of over-optimism, warned us against it in one of his radio talks. The sooner that we, like the President, realize that this war is a long way from being over, the sooner it will be over.

No Dance

RUMOR had had it that there would be a student body dance sometime this month. Many of the students, both civilian and AST, had been led to believe by well-meaning people that such would be the case. We had made our plans and gotten our dates.

It now has been announced that there will be no dance between now and the end of this semester. If you become mad when you hear this you are in part justified.

We all know that the Executive Committee let it slip that there would be a dance sometime after Christmas. Various members of the Committee talked about it in public. As late as this Tuesday, Washington and Lee men were stopped and asked if they wanted a formal or informal dance. We feel that the Executive Committee should not have talked in the way they did if they were not definitely sure that the dance was an accomplished fact.

The fault does not lie with the Executive Committee completely. We know that they made an honest and sincere effort to provide the University with an evening's entertainment. But they met with insurmountable obstacles in part due to the inability of the civilian and army administrations to agree on a date. It just wasn't in the cards, gentlemen. The Committee did all that we could expect of them in trying to plan a dance.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK....

"Lipstick will cure anything, anything at all."
—Bill Davidson

Show Team Time

by Bruce Quayle

Opening a three-day run on **Sunday, Humphrey Bogart** rides the tank Lulabelle in to **"Sahara"** at the State. **BMOC Davidson** recommends this Zoltan Korda directed vehicle to the skies. The picture, snatching a scene from the vast panorama of desert warfare, shows the indomitable courage of the men of the United Nations as they hold off the grey green hordes of the Afrika Korps. With Rex Ingram and Bruce Bennett in the supporting cast, this latest Bogart piece is strictly action from the word go and well worth the time.

Wednesday Walter Wanger's **"We've Never Been Licked"** takes us behind the scenes of an American college gone to war, and vividly shows how the world chaos can break down the old peacetime schools that we've known. In the cast are Richard Quine, Anne Gwynne, and Noah Berry, Jr., backed by a rah, rah bunch of boys and girls. This 102 minute flicker isn't too sharp.

"Gams" Grable sashays into the State Thursday for a little sex-hibition called **Sweet Rosie O' Grady.** Adorning the cast, but not stealing the limelight from "Legs" are Robert Young and Adolph Menjou. This is strictly a 19th century laid musical with some grand songs by Gordon and Warren, topped by "My Heart Tells Me." Young is the Police Gazette

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Jive and Stuff

by Bill Romaine

The last few weeks have little to offer in the way of new releases, and Decca's only new pressing seems to be W. Herman's **"River of the Roses."** Spotting a good intro, the record offers a pleasant surprise in the form of a truly unaffected vocal by the leader, and finishes off with some of his competent clarinet work. Except for some growl trumpet, the flip-over, **"Do Nothin' 'Til You Hear From Me,"** is far from exceptional, and Woodie reverts to his pseudo-blues warbling, much to this side's detriment.

Columbia has re-waxed two old sides of BG's, one of which showcases Charlie Christian's superlative electric guitar. **"Solo Flight,"** featuring a little-heard instrument, is very refreshing, and Charli's speed and facile technique go to make it a really fine jazz disc. On the reverse the sextet shines through **"The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise,"** Benny and Mel Powell taking top honors

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ON and OFF

Sports facts and oddities on and off the campus

by Bill Davidson

DESPITE QUAYLE'S dogmatic assertion that LIU is the best hardwood team in the country, I must disagree. Not only has DePaul soundly beaten the Blackbirds, but the L. Islanders have spent some other uncombortable evenings, particularly that one in the Garden during Christmas when they met the kids from the University of Havana.

MY CHOICE FOR tops is **DePaul of Chicago.** To date these boys have met and conquered the best that the nation has to offer. Thirteen wins without a loss in the kind of competition that they play in is certainly a record to be envied.

DEAN, STUMP and DiBenedito are the passers for the Blue Demons while the other two men on the team, **Triptow, who has been compared with Hank Lucetti by many eastern sportswriters, and Mikan, the 6-8¾ center,** are a couple of the sharpest sharpshooters seen in collegiate circles for quite a while.

KEEP AN EYE on DePaul, the champions of the midwest and probably of the nation.

ASIDE TO QUAYLE—Since the University has discontinued intercollegiate cross country for the duration, I don't see any sense in your training by chasing "Pleas" around the circle over at SS.

STAGG WENT back to the University of Chicago the other day. The "Coach of the Year" received the congratulations and a gold football from his "pals."

Men About Town....

WELL HERE we are back once more in the wrathful warmth of the "sunny South"...oh yea?? ...Jimmie Johnson et al from deeper South, complaining bitterly of the coldness which they encountered in NYCity...as well as the temperature there...Tomass "Keller" Wright sweeping through the vastness of the National Cathedral in three long hours of trail...after Swoose Walker's advice that he see it **all**..."Our Town" Romaine arriving in Lexington all of a week too soon, because "there was really nothing to do in Washington"... says he...then a local photo shoppe removed a certain young lady's picture from its show-window ...eh, Romaine?..."Big boy" Becker reaching his ultimate age range, seen registering for the needed fluids accompanied by three of the college's best dressed men...Yep!!! We're all here, but with few exceptions all of the usual shiny faces appeared for their 8:00 a.m. classes...and trod merrily down the path through the dawn's early light...

HAVE YOU SEEN the SSS tramping through the forest primeval behind the Chem building...look around boys, their antics are really refreshing... (to one not taking TC-87).

HOLLYAMA ARRIVED too...after receiving orders from his most Hon. Headquarters not to take Japanese...for FIVE hours weekly...and then too a Lab session three times weekly in Ju-Jutsu.... (bet you've heard this one!!!!)

BILL GUTHRIE has a most interesting motto upon his wall..." 'Tis better to have loved and..." etc., etc...beneath which lies several yards of material devoted to pictorial efforts from several feminine "friends" of Bill's...naturally as the very astute announcements concerning engagements and marriage announcements, Bill pastes them neath the proper picture...thus bringing to a simply divine ending one more beautiful friendship..."come up and see them sometime," says Bill...Crib-kid Crockett still stealing them from the cradle...as yet not in with the rest of the crowd...he'll learn.. eh, Vaughan??? Oh, yes, our most esteemed president, Vaughan, returned in time for the festivities. ...Exams within TWO WEEKS...gentlemen!!!!!

Exam Schedule

The following is the schedule for First Semester Examinations Monday, January 31, 1944, through Friday, February 4, 1944.

Monday, January 31
9:00-11:00 a.m.
All classes in Block D—T.T.S.-9:00

Monday, January 31
3:00-5:00 p.m.
All classes in Block F—T.T.S.-10:00

Tuesday, February 1
9:00-11:00 a.m.
All classes in Block H—T.T.S.-11:00

Tuesday, February 1
3:00-5:00 p.m.
All classes in Block J—T.T.S.-12:00

Wednesday, February 2
9:00-11:00 a.m.
All classes in Block A—MWF-8:00

Wednesday, February 2
3:00-5:00 p.m.
All classes in Block C—MWF-9:00

Thursday, February 3
9:00-11:00 a.m.
All classes in Block E—MWF-10:00

Thursday, February 3
3:00-5:00 p.m.
All classes in Block G—MWF-11:00

Friday, February 4
9:00-11:00 a.m.
All classes in Block I—MWF-12:00

Friday, February 4
3:00-5:00 p.m.
All classes in Block B—TTS-8:00

The hours for examination in the Academic, Commerce, and Science schools are 9:00-11:00 and 3:00-5:00. Any student more than five minutes late for an examination must present a satisfactory reason for lateness to be allowed to take the examination.

Jive and Stuff

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on clarinet and piano respectively. The breakneck tempo of the side does not detract in the least from the very relaxed performances of all six men, and the release as a whole as a really outstanding record.

Surprise - of - the - year Department: Much to the amazement of many, Jo Stafford was elected the winning female vocalist this year in "Downbeat's" annual poll. Her first crack at fame came when she sang with the Pied Pipers for Tommy Dorsey, but not until she was given a few solos did people notice Jo's real promise as a singer. In the last year she has moved to the position of Dorsey's number one female vocalist, and thence has gained much popularity. Good work, Jo!! Keep it up!

Platoon News

6th Platoon

Greetings to the civilian population of W. and L., back in the harness again after their Christmas vacation; only three weeks this year. With the reappearance of **The Columns** once again we rack our brains for lines of information to contribute to its pages.

With the dawn of the new year came memories, pleasant and otherwise, of 1943: AST invasion of Lexington in August; G.I. college career begins; love quarrels between W. and L. and V.M.I.; AST cadets discover Southern Sem (a school of beauty); the fall formal; furlough time, disproving the old proverb "absence makes the heart grow fonder"; new faces in the medics; Edelman discovers formations are not optional; Christmas decorations at the platoon houses; Christmas eve, a fireplace, a group of soldiers, and "The Other Wise Man"; an accelerated AST Christmas vacation; a New Year's eve spent within the walls of the Delt house.

Resolutions for 1944: to shine my shoes each day; to turn my mattress every morning; to meet all formations on time; to study diligently every evening; to look and act G.I.; to work for a good grade in military; to buck for mail orderly. Signed, the Sad Sack.

Bureau of holy matrimony: Maynard Pike, ex-6th platooner, succumbed to the forces of mutual attraction and tied the immortal knot on Christmas eve. Pike and frau are now making their home in Philadelphia, where Maynard is attending Hahnemann med school.

Latest platoonogram has it that Willard Lane will trade a rock for a promise come furlough time. The lucky girl is now a student at the U. of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois.

Recent departure of Al Cook brings back rumors that he will cement relations with the home town gal shortly.

Similarity of the week: the company commander's whistle brings about as much response as the Lexington fire bell. Note: that ain't good.

Lambda Chi—Laird's

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A. B. Motley and Fred Coover were very able on the floor and were assisted by Teddy Hochstim, George Bowers and West's offensive work. Throughout the contest Laird's offense bogged down with Alec Walker missing many set shots and Sonny Blain, Henry Oder, Jack Watson and Alden Anderson trying vainly to catch the widening Lambda Chi lead.

Motley was the game's high scorer, but toward the finale of the duel, scoreless Johnny West sank six points in less than four minutes to provide last minute thrills for the small assemblage.

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Show Team Time

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reporter trying to expose the ex-burlesque queen from what she is, while Sweet Rosie poses as a musical star. Naturally fireworks result, but not for long. Grable makes with the legs and teeth and everything ends tres swell.

Playing at the **Lyric**, if you wish; Monday and Tuesday, **Hi Ya Sailor**, with Donald Woods and Elyse Knox, 8 units of entertainment and 15 song numbers. Quantity if not quality; Wednesday **Seventh Victim.** Tom Conway and Kim Hunter contesting with some Devil Worshippers in Greenwich Village; Thursday the Andrews Sisters swish in with **Always a Bride's Maid** backed by Pat Knowles, musical madness; typical Saturday fare with those hard riding, hard fighting, and straight shooting pals, the Three Mesquiteers in **Sante Fe Scouts.**

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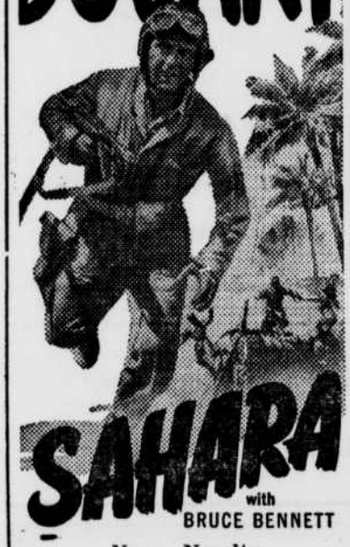

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News - Novelty

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Band - Novelty

Alumni in Service

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Africa last May, moving later into the Italian campaign. He was 23 and his home is in Springfield, Mass.

Private Richard Erwin Mayo, '43, Army Air Force, died as the result of a plane crash somewhere on the Pacific coast early in December. Pvt. Mayo graduated from the Army Technical Training School in Long Island City, N. Y., and was assigned to the AAF ground crew. He later entered training for gunnery work on a bomber. Mayo made his home in Prestonburg, Ky.

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