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Four Graduates Are to Receive W & L Degrees

**Smallest Class in Years
Finishes This Semester;
3 Degrees in Absentia**

On February 7, Washington and Lee graduates one of the smallest classes in its history. Without formal commencement exercises and lacking all the glamor of former years, the class of February, 1944, includes four members: Robert Oscar Crockett, Jr., Robert Trunbull Vaughan, and Richard Stanley Watson.

Crockett, who receives the B.S. degree in Chemistry, is from Tazewell, Virginia. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa, honorary fraternities and of Kappa Alpha social fraternity. While at W. and L. he served on the Executive Committee and was this year elected Vice-President of the Student Body. He has also served as Freshman Dormitory Councilor, and has won a monogram as a member of the wrestling squad. Recently he was selected to appear in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Crockett has already secured a position with the Explosives Research Laboratory of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and will begin work there after graduation.

Harman, of War, West Virginia, receives the LL.B. degree. He is a member of Phi Delta Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, honorary fraternities, and Phi Kappa Alpha, social fraternity. He served on the Executive Committee and was this year business manager of *The Columns*, and appeared in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Harman is a member of the Virginia State Bar.

Vaughan, who was this year's President of the Student Body, is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Phi Delta Phi, honorary fraternities. He was also head Dormitory Councilor, and President of his Intermediate Law Class. Vaughan has served several terms with the Executive Committee. He receives the LL. B. degree.

Watson, editor of *The Columns*, is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, honorary fraternity, and Pi Kappa Phi, social fraternity. He has served as President of the Christian Council and this year appeared in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

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ASTP Honor Roll

On the basis of recent examinations, the ASTP Honor Roll for this quarter is as follows:

Basic Engineers

Baggaley, A. B.
Bassett, C. A.
Bonacci, G.
Cahill, P.
Campbell, J. R.
Carlgren, R. W.
Caster, B.
Delott, J. J.
Dorsman, A. K.
Faist, D. R.
Nichols, R. E.
Rysiewicz, T. M.

Pre-Medicals

Goplerud, C. P.
Lauerman, E. P.
Lempke, R. E.
Skahen, R. J.

EC Selects Men For Class Posts Remaining Open

**Davidson, Kelly, Pifer
Fill Senior, Sophomore
Committeemen Chairs**

At the Executive Committee meeting last Tuesday night, the new officers—Bill Guthrie, president; Alex Walker, vice-president; and Jack Davidson, secretary—were officially installed. During the course of the meeting appointments were made to fulfill the posts left vacant by Alex Harman's graduation, Alex Walker's elevation to the vice-presidential position, and Don Stephens' departure for the U. S. Navy.

Wise Kelly and Bill Davidson were named to succeed Harman and Walker as Senior committeemen, while Bill Pifer was selected to replace Stephens as Sophomore committeeman.

Davidson, a Junior, whose home is in Chicago, Illinois, has served as secretary of the Executive Committee, columnist on *The Columns*, and as a member of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Kelly, a Junior from Fairfax, Virginia, is a member of the Assimilation Committee, and has appeared on the Dean's list regularly.

Pifer came to Washington and Lee this summer from Winchester, Virginia, and is at present a pre-med student.

Twenty-seven AST Cadets Receive Certificates for Work Completed

Young Peoples' Group Will Forum on Necking

Because of the increased interest in the discussion on Boy-Girl Relationships which have been held by the Young People's League of the Lexington Presbyterian Church, this series of programs has been extended for another Sunday. Miss Louise McComb will continue leading the discussion, and this Sunday night the topic will be "The Hazards of Necking and Petting."

On last Sunday, January 23, Bill Guthrie led a worship service based on Psalm 139, after which a discussion of "What do Boys Like in Girls and What do Girls Like in Boys," was conducted by Miss McComb.

Both attendance and interest have been high so far in this series, and it is hoped that many more local young people will be able to attend this week. The meeting will be held at the Presbyterian Sunday School in the Intermediate Room at 7 o'clock.

Phi Eta Sigma Chooses Three

Three summer school freshmen, Lee Silverstein, Rogers Pleasants and Charles Hedges, were nominated this week for membership in the Washington and Lee chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, national freshmen scholastic honor fraternity. The selection was made on a basis of the nominee's summer school and mid-semester grades.

The three students will be initiated into the society at an informal meeting of the present University members in the Circle Room of the Student Union on Friday at five o'clock. Present members of the organization are: from the students—Bill Guthrie, Bob Crockett, Stu Faison, and Bruce Quayle; and from the faculty—Professors J. Higgins Williams and Raymon T. Johnson, and Dean of Admissions Frank J. Gilliam.

Phi Eta Sigma was founded in 1922 at the University of Illinois for the purpose of recognizing distinguished scholarship among members of the freshmen college classes. The Washington and Lee chapter was chartered in 1937.

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Assembly Today Marks End of Army Quarter; Twenty-seven Move On

Twenty seven ASTP cadets completed their work at Washington and Lee today at four o'clock in Lee Memorial Chapel when they received certificates for the completion of three quarters of study. Both President Francis P. Gaines and Captain F. A. Conaway, Washington and Lee ASTP director, addressed the assembly which in addition heralded the beginning of a one-week furlough for the AST cadets who have completed another quarter of work.

The cadets who are leaving, twenty-two of whom are engineers, and five pre-med students, have completed only two quarters of work at Washington and Lee, but have had credit transferred from other schools which they attended. The pre-medical cadets will continue their studies at other schools, but the destination of the twenty-two engineers was not available at press time.

Basic Engineers

The departing engineers, their home towns, and former schools, are as follows: Hyman Aronow, New York City, Queens College; Thomas G. Bamford, Detroit, Michigan, Lawrence Institute of Technology; William M. Bonner, Atlanta, Georgia; Georgia School of Technology; James R. Campbell, Burlington, North Carolina, North Carolina State; Ralph W. Cline, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic Institute; Leonard R. Face, North Fond du-Lac, Wisconsin, University of Denver; Clegg M. Furr, Albemarle, North Carolina, North Carolina State; William T. Gilland, Easton, Pennsylvania, Lafayette;

Robert Lee Guillaudeu, Chicago, Illinois, University of Chicago; John A. Jones, Charlotte, North Carolina, University of Chicago; Robert W. Jones, Louisville, Kentucky, University of Louisville; William L. Kimmel, Summerset, Pennsylvania, Penn State; Irvin A. Kraft, Huntington, West Virginia, Johns-Hopkins and New York University; Robert A. Kwiatkowski, Saginaw, Michigan, Michigan State Normal; Carl R. Lahti, Marquette, Michigan, Michigan College of Mining and Technology; Richard M. Lamb, Atlanta, Georgia, Georgia Tech;

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Friday, January 28, 1944

Swan Song

IT IS DIFFICULT for us to write this last editorial for no other editor has had more appreciative readers or such a loyal staff. Nor has any editor had a more understanding or tolerant friend and adviser than our unsung printer. Nor could we leave without thanking our colleague and his staff who have given so much and received so little.

We leave with the knowledge that our successor and his co-workers will carry on where we leave off, giving Washington and Lee a better newspaper than we could have done.

To all of you who have given us this opportunity to serve and the opportunity to work with such fine men we extend the hand of friendship and of grateful thanks.

Farewell

FOR TWENTY-SEVEN ASTP and four civilian graduates and for various undergraduate service enlistees of Washington and Lee, this issue is dedicated as sort of a farewell. This year we have been a small student body and have come to know each other personally. Your departure will leave a space in our number that will not be easily filled.

A large part of you who are leaving have spent only six months or less on the campus of Washington and Lee and a six months which, under the stress of the times, did not enable you to become acquainted with W&L as a personality as well as a school. The four civilian graduates have known W&L in peace and in war. They have been to Fancy Dress and have rocked the stands of Wilson Field with their cheers for the Generals. For them, W&L will always be a memory of happy and full years spent in an atmosphere of fellowship and good feeling. For them W&L student life is over.

To the rest of you, both civilians and ASTP, we hope that this will not be a "Farewell," but only "See you later." After the war we hope that you will return to Washington and Lee, a Washington and Lee as it was before the war. Do not feel that you are leaving W&L for good and all, but merely until such times as you can return to take up what you are now putting down.

But to all who must leave, we say that we hate to see you go and if you can, come back. For now, "Farewell."

Show Team Time

by Bill Romaine

On Sunday the State's entertainment offering is **North Star**, the high spot of the week, with Anne Baxter and Walter Huston topping the cast. Introducing a new star in the person of Farley Granger, this pic hits an emotional high in the tale of a Russian village raided and ravaged by the Nazis, and the final scenes touch off some fine motion picture action for the book. See it

Johnnie Weismuller takes to the screen on Wednesday, and transfers his field of operations from jungle to desert, as Tarzan and Nancy Kelly waltz through an hour or so of **Tarzan's Desert Revenge**. Not a must.

Friday **The Fighting Seabees** unfolds the story of those tough and versatile construction battalions of the same name, and in the process John Wayne and Susan Hayward get together in the inevitable love interest department of the show. Not epoch-making material, but good.

And so to the Lyric, where on Mon/Tues H. Bogart, Gale Page and the Dead End Kids go through the rigors of a **Crime School** education. Wednesday you'll see that **Wintertime** has returned with its varied cast and its never-a-dull-moment plot. On Thursday Lum 'n Abner have trouble when Abner labors under the delusion that he has only **Two Weeks to Live**. Saturday makes with **Dead Man's Gulch**, and Bill Davidson refuses to vacate the premises until the last memorable scene of the epic has died away.

RECORDS: JD's "When They Ask About You" features Kitty Kallen on a fine blues vocal, and in a couple of spots the brass section rips off some of its best and most powerful stuff in a long time. Bob Eberly's consistently good baritone highlights the flip-over on "My First Love," and the result in toto is another big seller for black Decca.

Capitol's Johnnie Mercer gets off a solid novelty vocal on "GI Jive," and the reverse is his funniest so far. BG's "Riffin' at the Ritz" and "Alexander's Ragtime Band" are big band jazz numbers of the mid-thirties, and the reissue of TD's "Another One of Them Things" is still one of his best originals, with some good Z. Elman work. The backing, "The Night We Called it a Day," chalks up another good side for the Pied Pipers.

Your ex-Show Team Timer Quayle claims that his current record sender is J. Dorsey's **My Ideal**, also the reversing **Beseme Mucho**. Smoothie Eberle really pours it on in those romantic waxings, and lush K.K. isn't strictly corn either.

ON and OFF

Sports facts and oddities on and off the campus

by Bill Davidson

THE SSS HAS its All-Americans, the AST its All-Virginians, and it seems only fair to me that W&L should have its Intramural All-Stars. My choices are:

Guards—Coover and Lee; Center—Stephens; and Forwards—White and Motley.

LEE'S PERFORMANCE with the SAE team this season has proven his worth as a team player and, although he may not look as well on the floor as some others I have seen, I name him for his steady play, good team spirit, and good defensive work. He is my choice for captain.

COOVER, the other guard, is one of the reasons why the Lambda Chis have shown up so well this season. Although he is not a high scorer, his defensive work is superior and his work off the backboard makes him invaluable.

HEIGHT, and knowing how to take advantage of it is one of Stephen's greatest assets. He has been one of the main cogs in the Phi Psi team's team this season, consistently regaining possession of the ball and tipping it in from his spot under the basket. His scoring average is about 10 points a game.

WHITE, one of the best offensive men in school, has more than shown his value by his absence from the Phi Psi lineup during his recent illness. He is a consistent scorer.

HAVING amassed the highest point total in school this season, Motley is the logical choice for the other forward post. He has come through for the Lambda Chis on numerous occasions this year and has been a valuable man with the Frosh.

Men About Town

A "NICE AND STUDIOUS SESSION" was held by George Bowers of Lambda Chi Alpha fame(?) at the School in Buena Vista last Friday. Although the school officials had called a closed weekend, our hero managed to get in by passing off as a tutor in the fine arts of freshman chemistry . . . wow! Test-tube George . . . they called him . . . well "Test" went over the top to thrill the very acids out of the gals on the other side of the mountain and returned with his usual alkaline disposition . . . Now George!! don't be bitter . . . remember it isn't everyone that can enter within the sacred bowers (pun!!) of a closed-weekended school.

ALSO WINTERING down here in Lexington is our good friend Guthrie . . . Bill was located last Saturday evening in one of the local imbibing emporiums in the company of a very interesting young thing . . . what would Kitty ever say?? eh Bill?? Her name? Why ask Bob Crockett . . . he'll tell you it was the very same G . . . that he tried to date "after meeting" the week before . . . although one would be prone to think that a matter of this nature would eventually provoke dangers unheard of in the politics involved . . . for as you know "behind the scenes politics" are "fraught" with "dangers" . . . well, Watson tells me so!!

MENTIONING that famed name recalls to mind the other Wat . . . of course I mean "The Gunk" . . . he was a bit perturbed when on reading his favorite paper (naturally, **The Columns**) he came across the statement issued by President Vaughan to the effect that he was prepared to take all comers . . . well, that was beyond all of the Gunk's thinking ability . . . chagrined, he issued the following statement. "Regardless of all other unfounded proofs, I, better known as "The Gunk" have what I term 'native ability,' and with such can without reserve surpass any and all comers" . . . such was the statement and such the man.

US Service Act Upheld by FU

United States of Europe Subject for Debate at Next Union Meeting

Speaking for the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved, that the draft of labor as proposed in President Roosevelt's National Service Act be enacted into law," Lee Silverstein, Whig, won the Forensic Union debate Tuesday night. Mitchell Harris, Tory, presented the negative side of the question.

The topic for the next meeting which will be held Tuesday, February 8, is "Resolved, that a United States of Europe should be established by United Nations in the postwar era." David Guthrie and Rex Criminale will argue the affirmative and negative, respectively.

New members, both soldiers and civilians, and old members who have fallen behind in attendance are urged to be present at the first meeting of the new quarter.

In his speech, Silverstein stated that a National Service Act would help shorten the war by utilizing our manpower more efficiently. He asserted that President Roosevelt was looking forward to the asked for national service, and demobilization period when he that national service would prevent a scramble for peace-time jobs by discharged war workers and returning soldiers.

Harris argued that the National Service Act is unnecessary now, when the most critical manpower shortage is past. He quoted labor leaders as calling the Austin-Wadsworth Service bill a "bid for dictatorship," and a crushing blow to private enterprise.

Silverstein replied that national service would be a bid for greater democracy, not greater dictatorship, for it is equally as fair to draft civilians to work as it is to draft soldiers to fight.

Phi Eta Sigma

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To acquire membership in Phi Eta Sigma a freshman must have a 2.5 or A average or better at the end of his first semester in school and at the end of the next semester must make such grades as will, together with the first semester grades, make for an average of 2.5 or A for the year. No grade lower than C will be allowed.

Under the four-term system now going into effect, a present fall freshman must make an A average or better at the end of this semester and grades at the end of the first quarter that will make for a year's average of A.

Letter to the Editor

"You know who is fitted to hold office and who isn't, if you stop and think about it." If I hadn't been told the implication of this remark by a member of **The Columns** staff, my conclusion would be (and was) that the editorial implied that our present student officers are not fit to hold office. May I suggest that the future editor be more direct in his accusations?

The simplest way to avoid mudslinging and duplicity in school elections is by constitutional amendment. If the editor dislikes dirty politics, he should be specific enough to offer concrete suggestions of this nature.

Furthermore, if the editor has evidence of certain individual "Tammany Hall tactics," it becomes his duty to expose those tactics and the individuals connected with them.

In short, name names, cite facts, or shut up. Veiled allegations are not characteristic of editorials, as any journalism professor would gladly point out.

James D. McLean, Jr.

(Editor's Note) If anyone thought that we meant to imply that the officers of the student body were not qualified to hold office, we apologize to them. We have no criticism for any of the officers or candidates; our only complaint was against the methods used by all parties in the election.

The purpose of the editorial was to start people thinking in realistic terms about the election, with the hope that they would come to feel that it would be possible to eliminate that type of politics from future elections. This

letter proves that we have started people thinking on the subject.

If **The Columns** is to serve the whole Washington and Lee community to its fullest extent, it must remain aloof from all politics or anything connected with them. We do not support any political candidates or any political platforms. Nor is it possible to indulge in muckraking if **The Columns** is to continue to serve the whole Washington and Lee community representing all sides of the campus life, and not acting as the organ for any one section of campus opinion.

W & L Receives Donations of \$59,701 for 1943

An anonymous gift of \$25,000 to Washington and Lee University, the third one of like amount from the same source since 1941, has brought donations for 1943 to the total of \$59,701, President Francis P. Gaines said today. Two other anonymous contributors each gave \$5,000 to the Lee Memorial Journalism Foundation.

The alumni association's gift to current funds for 1943 was \$12,309.



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Nancy Kelly

Intramural Basketball Scoring Leaders

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Motley, Lambda Chi Alpha.....	6	30	4	64
Mauck, Phi Kappa Psi.....	6	26	7	59
Breedin, Phi Kappa Psi.....	6	25	3	53
White, Phi Kappa Psi.....	5	22	0	44
Stephens, Phi Kappa Psi.....	5	19	2	40
Todd, Phi Kappa Psi.....	7	19	2	40
Lee, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.....	5	19	2	38
Bowers, Lambda Chi Alpha.....	6	17	0	34
Luina, Sigma Alpha Epsilon....	2	16	1	33
Coover, Lambda Chi Alpha.....	6	11	8	30
Hochstim, Lambda Chi Alpha...	7	15	0	30

AST Cadets Leave

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Robert A. Leach, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, Penn State; Orbie E. Lind, Lansing, Michigan, Michigan State; Nace F. Mefford, Covington, Kentucky, University of Idaho; John C. Ouder Kirk, Cincinnati, Ohio, University of Cincinnati; Sterling P. Randall, Green Bay, Wisconsin, Saint Norberts; Joseph V. Ray, Jr., Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Guilford College.

From the above group of cadets, Guillaudeu and Kraft have been assigned to pre-medical studies at Tulane on the basis of high scores which they made on a recent pre-medical aptitude test.

Pre-Medicals

The pre-medical cadets, their homes, the colleges they attended and those to which they have been advanced for further work are as follows: Ralph A. Bolstad, Burbank, California, St. Olaf College, to U.C.L.A.; Alfred L. Burris, Helena, Oklahoma, Central State, to Baylor University; Sam Kartus, Birmingham, Alabama, Tulane University, back to Tulane; Douglas C. Schuren, Madison, Wisconsin, University of Wisconsin, to Marquette University; Robert Henry Smith, Middletown, Ohio, Ohio State, to Cornell University.

Following the week's furlough, the ASTP will resume studies on February 6th.

W&L Commencement

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Watson has secured a position as teacher of English at the Westtown School, Westtown, Pennsylvania, but will enter graduate school for work in English in the fall. Watson receives the A.B. degree.

Three other members of the class receive their degrees in absentia. These include Paul Drydens Barns, Jr., of Miami, Florida, who receives the B.S. in Commerce; John Benjamin Cancelmo, of Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, who receives an A.B.; and Thomas Edgar Petriken, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, who receives a B.S. Barns is now in the V-12 program at the University of Virginia, Cancelmo with the V-12 program at the University of Pennsylvania, and Petriken in the Army Air Corps.

On Monday evening at the Robert E. Lee Hotel, the W. and L. Alumni Association entertained the graduating class with its annual banquet. Dr. Gaines, Dr. Tucker, Mr. R. N. Latture, Mr. Frank J. Gilliam, Mr. E. S. Mattingly, and Mr. Clayton Williams were also present.

Phi Psi Whips Lambda Chi-men

Losers' Skein Snapped As Victors Tally 39-24; Motley Is High Scorer

On Sunday night in Doremus gymnasium, the Phi Psi team handed Lambda Chi their first defeat of the season by the score of 39-24.

The fast Phi Psi attack was led by Wes Todd with 10 points, followed by Mauck with 9, and Breedin and White with 8 apiece.

The winners were very slow getting started and trailed 12-4 at the end of the first period. However, White made some set shots to help put the winners in the lead at the half 16-12. From then on it was all Phi Psi with the losers slipping far behind in the second half.

The whole Lambda Chi team, with the exception of Motley, played very poorly. Their ball-handling was bad, and they missed many easy shots. Motley, however, kept them in the ball game throughout the first part as he rang up the night's high with 15 points.

The game was an excellent one to watch from the spectator's point of view in the first half, but it became slightly one-sided in the later stages. The victory put both teams in a tie for first place in the intramural league. The loss of Stephens was a handicap to the winners, and also the loss of Johnny West, who has gone to the Army, definitely hurt Lambda Chi's chances of winning the contest.

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