

# The Columns

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## Registration Low As Term Begins; Crobaugh Back

### Freshmen, Transfers, Returned W&L Men Bolster Student Body

Entering into the first quarter of the newly-adopted four term a year system, Washington and Lee this week has a civilian student body of approximately 100 men, the smallest in University history. To compensate for the departure of graduates and service enlistees ten new students and three former W&L men this week registered for the present term.

The switch to the four-term plan brought little divergence from the semester work plan which was set up last fall. All regularly scheduled classes continued with only a reduction of the work covered and the credit earned resulting from the shortened term.

A change was made in the faculty when Dr. Mervyn Crobaugh, Professor of Economics, returned from a leave of absence to take over the elementary economics course and also the Political Science classes of Professor J. Higgins Williams who is now on a quarter vacation.

The new students in the University and their homes are: Wil-

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## Mission Talk Planned; Recreation Room Open

At the meeting of the Young People's League of the Lexington Presbyterian Church next Sunday, a study of Foreign Mission work will be led by Marion Jean Blain, chairman of Foreign Missions in the League. Ann Woodson, local chairman of Foreign Missions, will be in charge of the worship service. The group will meet at seven o'clock.

The meeting on last Sunday evening was the final one in the Boy-Girl Relations discussion series, Jack Davidson, president of the League, led a summarizing and planning session.

The recreation room sponsored by the Young People's League in the Presbyterian Church will be open this Saturday night from seven-thirty to ten-thirty for all local young people, students, cadets, and service men and women. It is hoped that a large number will avail themselves of this opportunity for informal games and recreation.

## Honor Roll

February 4, 1944

Bowers, G. H.  
Byrne, W. J. P.  
Crockett, R. O., Jr.  
Crowder, J. A.—All A's—Freshman  
Funkhouser, J. W.—All A's—Freshman  
Guthrie, D. V., Jr.—All A's—Freshman  
Guthrie, W. B.—All A's  
Hedges, C. C., Jr.—All A's—Freshman  
Holley, J. B.  
Magruder, J. T.—Freshman  
Pleasants, E. R.—Freshman  
Shook, C. H.—Freshman  
Silverstein, J. L., Jr.—Freshman  
Smith, W. Y.—Freshman

## Kelly New Head Of Assimilation; Lists Frosh Rules

Wise Kelly, who this week replaced Bill Guthrie as head of the Assimilation Committee, has announced that the traditional requirements for freshmen are now in force. They are that all freshmen must:

1. Wear freshman hat.
2. Speak to all students, professors, and visitors.
3. Dress conventionally.
4. Conduct themselves as gentlemen at all times.
5. Keep off grass on the campus.
6. Remove cap and remain silent while passing in front of Lee Chapel.

With the small student body now present on the campus, it is necessary that everyone cooperate in enforcing these primary traditions. The freshmen are urged to abide by the rules, and upperclassmen are asked to give their wholehearted support in their enforcement.

Members of the Assimilation Committee for this term were appointed Tuesday evening by the Executive Committee. They are: Wise Kelly, chairman, who takes the place of Bill Guthrie, student body president, Bruce Quayle, and Pete Moses.

## Columns Staff Meeting

A combined meeting of the Editorial and Business staffs of **The Columns** will be held Monday evening at 7:30 in the Circle Room of the Service Club. All present staff members and those desirous of serving with the newspaper are asked to attend. At this time plans for the coming term will be discussed.

## Formal Dance Announced by EC; Booked for Saturday, March 4th

### Dean's List

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Giles, J. V.  
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Guthrie, W. B.  
Hedges, C. C., Jr.—Freshman  
Holley, J. B.  
Kelly, H. W., Jr.  
Lee, T. C.  
McLean, J. D., Jr.  
Magruder, J. T.—Freshman  
Mortzfeldt, L. O.  
Pleasants, E. R.—Freshman  
Quayle, R. B.  
Shook, C. H.—Freshman  
Silverstein, J. L., Jr.—Freshman  
Smith, W. Y.—Freshman  
Ward, L. L., Jr.  
Woodruff, A. H.

## Orchestra Is Unnamed For Coming Spring Ball; Tickets Will Cost \$2.00

The second Washington and Lee formal dance of the year will be held Saturday night, March 4, in the Doremus gymnasium, the Executive Committee announced this week. Acceding to the demands of the student body for a formal affair, the EC has named Jack Crowder, freshman representative, as Dance Committee chairman, in conjunction with Bill Davidson and Alex Walker as committee members.

In view of the fact that plans were only formulated at the EC meeting on Tuesday night, no announcement can yet be made as to the orchestra which will play for the ball. Crowder, however, entered into negotiations with various possible combinations immediately after the dance was scheduled. Bands under consideration, among others, are the Vagabonds of Lynchburg, who were heard at the Fall Formal, and an organization in Roanoke. The name of the group secured will be announced in **The Columns** as soon as a contract is signed, Crowder said.

### Students Polled

Since civilian student opinion had been divided on the question of having a formal or an informal dance, the EC decided to take a cross section vote of student opinion through the occupants of the three freshman dormitories before billing the dance definitely one way or the other. A Friday night survey showed the civilians in favor of the formal type of dance. It was pointed out by some of those voting for the formal dance that Washington and Lee dances are traditionally formal and that they should be kept as such.

Tickets for the March 4 evening event will be \$2.00, tax included, during the advance ticket drive which is scheduled to begin sometime in the near future, as soon as an orchestra is definitely signed. Both civilian and AST students will be canvassed in the campaign. At the gate on Saturday evening the admission price will be \$2.50, tax included.

Committee Chairman Crowder stressed the fact that this dance is a joint civilian-AST student event and that the wholehearted support of both groups will be necessary to put it over in a successful manner.

## 17 Pre-Medics Join AST Unit

Seventeen ASTP cadets have been assigned to join the Army unit stationed at Washington and Lee effective the beginning of the present quarter. The new men are all medics and bring the total W&L AST strength to about 220 cadets. The pre-medical branch of the unit now occupies both the 5th and 6th Platoon houses.

The cadets, their home town and former colleges are as follows: Goldstein, Mortimer T., New York, N. Y., City College of New York; Haebich, Arthur T., Chicago, Ill., Wright Jr. College; Kopplin, Edward M., Jr., Rushville, Mo., St. Joseph Jr. College; McIntosh, Samuel A., Osgood, Ind., Indiana University; MacLeod, John A., Amherst, Mass., Amherst College; Marsh, Thomas A., New York, N. Y., City College of New York; Ormsbee, Roland B., Mineola, N. Y., Syracuse University; Sinclair, Richard T., Klamath Falls, Oregon, Oregon State; Yager, Jack P., Antwerp, Ohio, Defiance College; Zayon, Gilbert M., Philadelphia, Pa., Temple University; Hedden, Alan M., Burlingame, Calif., Stanford University; Hanna, Richard E., Vermillion, South Dakota, University of South Dakota; Scislowicz, Emil J., Chicago, Ill., DePaul University; Simses, Richard J., Nashua, New

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## Columnists

Bill Romaine, Ned Brooks, and Kimber White

Saturday, February 12, 1944

## A Statement of Policy

INCOMING EDITORS are bound by journalistic tradition, on taking over the editorial reins, to make a statement of newspaper policy which they intend to pursue during their tenure of office. In this way they put before their readers a standard which they intend to live up to on the printed page.

OUR POLICY is a simple one. **The Columns** is a student newspaper, founded by students and edited by the students to present news of interest to the members of the Washington and Lee student body and their friends. This has been and always should be the aim of the student publications of W&L. **The Columns** is independent of administrative control, but still functions as an integral part of the University.

WE REALIZE the limitations of a newspaper serving a reduced student body in times such as these. Our resources are limited. We are writing for both an Army and a civilian group whose interests naturally diverge at some points. We will attempt to serve all our readers in the best way possible. We are, as our masthead says, "**The Columns—Serving the W&L Community.**"

EDITORIAL MISTAKES and fauxpas are inevitable. When we err, call us on it if you have a suggestion for improvement. Constructive criticism is welcome.

## Let's Dance

FOR A LONG TIME now, we, the students of Washington and Lee, have been looking for and yelling for the Executive Committee to sponsor a dance. The fall formal which was held last November was a big success and everyone was soon ready for another. We thought that we had one when rumors started flying around in December and January, but details could not be worked out. So eager were some of us for a dance that we already had dates for the mythical affair. Many unfairly blamed the EC for the confusion that was not their fault.

NOW THE EC has succeeded in formulating plans for a W&L dance on Saturday, March 4. This will be, as was the last dance, a combined AST and civilian event with all of the student body invited and urged to attend. We know that the civilians want a dance and feel sure that the Army students do too. In fact many of them have inquired many times as to "when is that dance coming off?" Well, fellows, that dance is coming off on March 4 up in the gymnasium. The EC needs the backing of all the students on the campus to put over the kind of a dance that everyone wants. So, let's get behind this affair; let's show that we really do want dances at Washington and Lee this year; let's put our cash on the barrelhead; and, to paraphrase Kay Kyser, let's dance, students, let's dance.

## Show Team Time

by Bill Romaine

**Government Girl** comes to the State SunMonTues, and Olivia de Havilland has her troubles looking for an apartment and a man, the latter problem being solved by Sonnie Tufts of the OPA. Anne Shirley's got herself a male, but she can't seem to locate a suitable abode either, and the resulting jumble is a veritable potpourri of hilarity. For the humorout side of the home front situation, see GG.

Vic Moore, William Caxton, and Mae West get to work during Wednesday and Thursday, with meek Moore up to his neck in an anti-immorality campaign. X. Cugat and company aid in the proceedings, and the unusual combination of Mae's "art" and Xavier's music prove that **The Heat's On** plenty warm. But it's still a cold fish.

FriSat offer **True to Life**, with D. Powell, F. Tone, M. Martin, and little Vic M. again, a movie with a slight touch of "You Can't Take It With You." The good cast keeps the pic moving along at a brisk pace, and a juvenile with medical intentions injects a new note. It's relaxing.

Now that Willard is back in the fold, let us scrutinize with more care and diligence the weekly offerings of the Lyric.

Monday and Tuesday we open the eery coffin and see Lon Chaney as Dracula's somewhat mischievous offspring, as **The Son of Dracula** roams abroad to carry on the grand old family traditions. A quick change to **Gildersleeve's Bad Day** Wednesday shows that Gildy has done it again, only this time he tops all his former exploits by getting kidnapped. Thursday brings **The Unknown Guest**, with Victor Jory, which has excited better than average comment for a Monogram production. It is a suspense vehicle produced in the Alfred Hitchcock vein, and far above the run-of-th-mill thriller. FriSat takes us **Beyond the Last Frontier**, where you can draw your own conclusions. Until next week, art-lovers!!

## Application for Degree

Each student who is an applicant for a degree of any kind, or for a certificate in the School of Commerce, must file an application for the degree or certificate. Blanks for applications may be obtained at the Office of the Registrar and must be returned to the Registrar.

Those who expect to complete the work for their degrees at the end of this term—April 28, 1944—must file applications on or before February 20, 1944. **Do not wait until the last day.** The diploma fee of \$5.00 will be payable later in the session.

## ON and OFF

Sports facts and oddities on and off the campus

by Ned Brooks and Kimber White

WE FEEL that throughout the past year Tommy Harmon, old number 98 himself, has been a great inspiration to all who played and to all who followed the World of Sports. With his courage on the gridiron leading up to his unflinching courage on the battlefields of the world, Harmon was truly representative of the lesson that every athlete learns. Play to win no matter what the cost. The team that fights and plays the hardest always comes out on top. Harmon learned his lesson well.

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NOW, down to the column itself. With the meat condition the way it is, we feel that a few "bumsteers" will be welcomed.

LAST Saturday night ushered in the first 1944 track meet held in New York's Madison Square Garden before a throng of 18,000 ardent board followers. The Millrose games, as they are called, brought many new faces to the Garden fans. In the feature event of the 3-hour program, Gilbert Dodds gained a well-earned victory in the famous Wanamaker Mile, nosing out youthful Bill Hulse. Prior to the last quarter of the race many in the assemblage believed this to be the night for a new Garden mile record, but with the announcement of a 66-second last quarter run by the winner, and the final admission of a 4:10:6 mile, all born hopes withered away. In the other main events on the card, Jimmy Herbert, twice winner of the Casey trophy, was nosed out by novice Johnny Fulton in the 600-yard run; newcomer Joe Hall eked out a close victory over Bob Daily, freshman runner, in the 880, and Jim Rafferty triumphed over Ollie Hunter in the 2-mile affair. Yet to be run in the Garden this season are the A.A.U. meet, the NYAC meet and the K. of C. meet; all of which should draw huge attendance.

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Flashes from near and far—Leo Durocher, Brooklyn Dodger manager, will soon embark on a USO tour overseas, with Chuck Dressen taking over the spring training managerial role. . . Tris Speaker was the only man to make Henry Maxwell's three All-time teams; offensive, defensive and all-around. . . naturally in baseball. . . Syd Howe of the Detroit Red Wings Hockey team set a new league scoring record last week when he made 6 goals in one game. . . Casey Stengel quit as Mgr. of the Boston Braves. . . and the W&L Freshman basketball squad played a strong Greenbrier quintet in Lewisburg Thursday night, and will journey to Lynchburg tonight to meet Glass High's five who are strong contenders for the Class A State Championship of Virginia.

## Men About Town . . . .

Well, I've just got back from Hamric's. . . had to get my Phi Beta cleaned up for to impress the impressable freshmen. By the way, "Hi, Gentlemen!!" . . . and welcome to our campus. While we are slightly on the small side of things, we've really got some mighty fine Men About Town 'round here. . . how about meeting up with a few. . . eh?? In the realm of Mathematics we are honored with the presence of "Cal," that's short for Calculus. . . Williamson. He had the pleasure of being the only one to pass the course this past semester. It seems that the class was made up for the most part of aspiring freshmen who have since retired from the field of active service. They were the happy recipients of that subtle grade known in Navy life as the "E." "Cal" on the other hand was the proud possessor of a "D" . . . well, some's got it and some ain't. . . eh, Williamson?

# Platoon News

## Platoon Reporters

- Cadet Albritton.....1st
- Cadet Baggaley.....2nd
- Cadets Thomas and Sternstein
- .....3rd
- Cadet Oliver.....4th
- Cadet Lorentzen.....6th

## 2nd Platoon

Many changes have taken place in this platoon since last semester. The following last-minute news has been received from those who "graduated" back to the troops: Lamb and Lind are at Camp Robinson; Bonner, Face, and Mefford are at Fort Jackson; and Kimmel and Ray showed up at Camp Claiborne. To replace these and others, 23 cadets from the 5th Platoon moved themselves (and some furniture) in. We know that the two groups will mix well and soon form a homogeneous unit. The first partition of the new group came when Baker, Buchholtz, and Estes were called to duty with the Signal Corps Monday.

Reports indicate that all enjoyed their furloughs immensely. However, special note should be taken of Boge and Grossman. The former went all the way to Oregon to visit his girl friend for the first time in 18 months, while Grossman took the fatal plunge into the sea of matrimony.

## 4th Platoon

The personnel in the 4th has undergone a few changes during the past week what with Schwartz, Boren, Browning, Day and Bernan being transferred out of Lexington to another location. Talino also left for parts unknown. The —nth Infantry Division passed through here one night recently and Milt Tamirund and Nate Smith recognized a few buddies. That was their old outfit. A letter from Howie Manchester at Kessler Field states that he is going to AM School out there and is still playing basketball. Bill Thomas, who is now a Pfc., is on maneuvers somewhere in Missouri. Jim Goddard and Charlie Moscowwitz went to Temple University in Philadelphia for pre-med; and,

from all reports received, they are sleeping in a converted gymnasium; so conditions here can't be so bad.

## 6th Platoon

This week saw half of the 6th Platoon trekking to the 5th Platoon as permanent guests. Together with the new medics, the group now numbers about 50 men.

We wonder if a certain medic's service-club-love will blossom after his brief vacation. We hope so. Best wishes.

Furloughgrams: The looks of dismay shown by George Canady upon returning from home arise from his discovery that Cupid shot the arrow at the wrong fellow. Now George's work is his only love... Dick Sedlacek is sponsoring the rumor that he tied the knot with the girl of his dreams. .. Don't be discouraged, girls, Edelman is still available. .. Willard Lane finally deposited the wholesale diamond which has been the subject of so much discussion lately. .... Mystery: Did Clifford Cole spend his furlough at Mary Washington College or home in

Ithaca, New York? .. Bud Harrison can't remember what happened, but thinks that he had a good time while on furlough. . .

Serious note of the week: In spite of the poorly founded ill feeling which has existed in the past, the medics take this opportunity to wish good luck to those engineers who are being transferred to other schools or to troop assignments.

## Army-Navy Exams

The Army-Navy A-12 and V-12 exams will be given at Washington and Lee on March 15, according to an announcement today from the Dean's office. All those wishing to take this exam or desiring more information are asked to communicate with Dean Latture within the next two weeks.

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**New Term Opening**

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top Earl Allen, Lexington, Virginia; Arthur Conway Anderson, Richmond, Virginia, a transfer student from VMI; Robert Stockton Axtell, Jr., Minneapolis, Minnesota; William Thurlow Brotherton, Jr., Charleston, West Virginia; James Martin Clower, Washington, D. C.; John Bunyan Cox, III, Lynchburg, Virginia, a transfer student from Lynchburg College; John William Doswell, Richmond, Virginia; Stevenson Lewis Edwards, Grosse Point, Michigan; Julian Andrew Frank, New York, New York; Charles Silas McKendree, Jr., Natural Bridge, Virginia;

and Chedville Louis Martin, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Former W&L students who have returned are: James P. Carpenter, Jr., Cleveland, Ohio; John N. Ryan, Louisa, Kentucky; and Allan F. Turner, Newport News, Virginia.

The total Washington and Lee student body, civilian and AST cadets combined, numbers about 325.

**Freshmen Stung By Greenbrier**

**Tall Men Tally, 96-38, As Little Generals Play First Game Out of Town**

Playing on a strange court on Thursday night, the Washington and Lee Freshmen team dropped its first out-of-town contest to a superior Greenbrier five, 96-38.

Boasting only one tall man on the squad, the Little Generals tried vainly for backboard equality all night, but were vastly overpowered by the opposing team which contained all 6-foot plus men. Of the eight W&L men who traveled to Lewisburg only two did not score, but all played. Brent Breedin was high scorer with 12 points, with Kimber White tallying 9. Wes Todd with 8 and coach-captain Fred Coover with 7 were next, Warren Merrin placing in the scoring column with a single field goal.

Greenbrier began their scoring at the outset on two W&L fouls. From then until the final whistle blew the winning outfit kept dropping in goals or capitalizing on fouls. W&L scored in a jumpy manner, never ringing up points consistently, but trying all the way. Both backboards were controlled by Greenbrier, and the advantage of height became more and more apparent as the contest rolled along.

Every man on the W&L team fought as hard as possible, never giving up even when the score became lopsided. White, Breedin, Todd and Coover were especially good, and not once was there any indication of slowing down or giving up.

Tonight the Little Generals will go to Lynchburg to play Glass Hi.

**Seventeen Pre-Medics**

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Hampshire, University of New Hampshire; Won, Francis K. L., Honolulu, Hawaii, Drake University; Johnston, Edward R., Providence, R. I., Providence College; and Fennessey, John F., Dorchester, Mass., Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**Alumni in Service**

**Air Cadet Robert William Gary, Jr., '41, Army Air Force, was killed in an airplane crash on February 6, according to a telegram received by the University, no further details being given. Cadet Gary was known to be undergoing flight training, his last known station being San Marcos, Texas. Gary graduated from W&L with a B.A. degree in 1941. He had been very prominent in college activities during his undergraduate days as a member of the football, basketball and baseball teams for four years, captaining the baseball squad his senior year, as a member of ODK, of the "13" Club, and of Sigma Chi fraternity. Previous to his enlistment in the air corps in 1942, Cadet Gary, who made his home in Beaumont, Texas, had taught at Fishburne Military Academy.**

**Private Fred R. Cottrell, '45, Army Medical Corps, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds sustained while in action on October 13, 1943, in Italy. Pvt. Cottrell, under fire for the first time, was wounded while tending three wounded men in an action near Limatoda as shells burst around him. Cottrell left W&L in February of 1943 when the Army Enlisted Reserve Corps was called.**

**Two-Term Limit Up for Debate**

**Round Table Discusses Federation of Europe**

The Forensic Union next Tuesday will debate the proposal to limit to eight years the term of office of the Chief Executive. Two new Freshmen, Bill Brotherton and Julian Frank, will support the affirmative and negative sides of the question respectively.

At the last meeting of the Union, a round-table discussion was held for the purpose of analyzing various plans to establish a post-war United States of Europe. Several constructive points of view were expressed by the discussion leaders: David Guthrie, favoring a union of European states; and Rex Criminale opposing the federation.

Speaker John McWhorter extended on invitation to new freshmen and also old students desirous of affiliating with the Forensic Union to present themselves at the next meeting. The Union meets every Tuesday evening on the second floor of the Service Club at 7:30 p.m. McWhorter pointed out that all members will receive one-half of a quality credit for participation in Union activities.

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