

The Columns

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Paul Alan Bernstein

Speaking for the student body of Washington and Lee, The Columns wishes to extend the heartiest congratulations to Lieutenant and Mrs. Lewis Bernstein upon the birth of a six pound, seven ounce son, Paul Allen, last Monday at the Jackson Memorial hospital. Lt. Bernstein is ASTP classifications officer on the campus.

Red Cross Show "For Your Boy," Tuesday Night

Gratis Event Opens War Fund Campaign

"For Your Boy," a show directed by Capt. Barrie O'Daniels of the School for Special Service, will be presented under the auspices of the Red Cross next Tuesday night at 7:30 in Doremus Gymnasium as the opening feature of the organization's War Fund Drive.

The evening's entertainment will be divided into two parts, the first a Truth or Consequences program, and the second a play by Moss Hart entitled "Red Cross at War."

To be featured as part of the initial half of the program are Miss Avis Kent, formerly a singer on the NBC network, and Private Weidman, for years a well-known star of the European concert and opera stage. In addition, there will be music by the 60 voices of the Special Service Glee Club under the direction of Lt. Schuman, and the Special Service orchestra led by Capt. McAllister.

Red Cross at War

The main feature of the Tuesday night show will be the Moss Hart play, "Red Cross at War." The play is in eleven tableau and four dialogue scenes. Narration will be by Corporal Henry Brandon, former Warner Brothers star. Costumes for the production are being furnished by the Red Cross.

As an added part of the program four members of the U.S. Army who have been wounded in action overseas will narrate their experiences.

The entire Red Cross show is under the direction of Capt. Barrie O'Daniels of the School for Special Service, who, in civilian life, was associated with the Shubert productions.

There will be no admission charge for the Tuesday night event. No collection is to be taken. Doors of Doremus Gymnasium open at 6:45, and the program will begin promptly at 7:30.

SS Colonial Ball Set for Tonight; Vagabonds Play

W & L Men Appear In the Formal Figure

This evening at eight o'clock the music of the Vagabonds will usher in the 25th annual Colonial Ball at Southern Seminary. Running until midnight the formal dance is the highlight of Seminary's social season. This year four Washington and Lee men will take part in the figure, which is a feature of the evening's events. Numerous other students from the Washington and Lee civilian and army, both ASTP and SSS, ranks will attend.

Elaborate Decorations

Because of war time conditions the students have decided to forgo the colonial costumes of other years and to use evening dresses that they already have which are suggestive of bygone days in style. The ball room with its gold mirrors, crystal chandeliers, and gilt chairs is a beautiful setting for this traditional occasion and will be decorated with southern smilax, wall baskets of pink gladiolus and tall tapers in the candleabra. The small dining room adjoining the ball room will be decorated as a garden terrace with trellis and a star light roof. Refreshments will be served in the large dining room where the same decorative note will be carried out.

Figure Leaders

Miss Patricia Proctor, of Glen Ridge, New Jersey, will lead the figure with Cadet Jack Stahl, Staunton Military Academy and will be assisted by Miss Sally McMillian, of Sandersville, Georgia, and Mr. Nat Smith, of Washington and Lee.

Other participants in the figure are the President of the Student Body, the President of the Y. W. C. A., the Presidents of the Athletean and Cornelian Societies, the Editors of the Maid of the Mountains, the yearbook, and the Virginia Reel, the school paper; and the officers of the classes and their escorts.

Figure Participants

They are respectively Miss Ethel Townsend, of Montclair, New Jersey, with Mr. Lee Smith, of Washington and Lee; Miss Nancy Wight, of Woodbridge, New Jersey, with Mr. Reginald Jones, of Washington and Lee; Miss Priscilla Dudley, of Portsmouth, New

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FU Will Meet Mondays

Beginning next week, the Forensic Union meetings will be held on Monday instead of Tuesday evening, John McWhorter, FU speaker announced this week. The new time has been chosen to avoid conflict with other University activities.

Topic for debate Monday evening will be "Resolved that the Japanese Empire be Exterminated." Discussion leaders are Forester Taylor and Mitchell Harris.

McWhorter stated that he hoped, in view of the change of meeting night, that more students would be able to participate in activities of the Forensic Union. He urged all those interested to come out next week, and stressed the fact that one quantity credit is available in public speaking for all those who affiliate themselves with the Union as soon as possible.

Lambda Chimen Trim SAE Five

Coover Leads Quint To a 35-26 Victory; New Men Prominent

Playing once more with the services of Captain Fred Coover, last Thursday night, the Lambda Chis again surged into the win column with a 35-26 victory over the SAE quintet.

The losers started early in the struggle and grabbed a quick 8-3 lead, but their attack withered from then on, the victors capitalizing on the off night of ace Tommy Lee. Coover led the Lambda Chimen with 13 points while George Bowers followed close behind with 8. After those two were new comer Jimmy Clower and Ned Brooks with six each and Warren Merrin with 2, his one tally being made with the slight assistance of Buck Pinnell's left hand.

The Lambda Chi outfought the vanquished five throughout the battle, and did some able work under the boards. All of the victor's resources were needed, however, to cope with a rugged SAE outfit. Tommy Lee, although not too potent on sets, was nevertheless, a threat every time he got near the hoop, and his 9 points helped bolster the SAE game. New comer Julian Frank was second to Lee with 6 points, playing well throughout the duel.

Pinnell, Dennis and English followed the top two in that order. Fouling was comparatively light during the contest. Bill Berry

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Spring Formal Plans Advance As Tickets Sell

Decorations Group Named by Crowder

Washington and Lee's Spring Formal, to judge by advance ticket sale results announced by Dance Committee Chairman Jack Crowder, has given indications of being a large success when the Vagabonds begin the music next Saturday night at nine o'clock mid the green and white of Doremus Gymnasium.

The drive for ticket sales among the AST Cadets began early in the week, and although no complete figures are available, Crowder stated that the committee was well satisfied. Of the AST men who have purchased tickets, about 25 applied for dates which are to be secured by the Committee from nearby girls' schools.

Advance sales among the civilian students began late in the week and will continue through next Friday. Full cooperation is expected.

At the Executive Committee meeting last Tuesday night a Decorations Committee consisting of Bill Romaine, Fred Coover, and Wes Todd was appointed. This committee is to be augmented by student volunteers on the Friday night preceding the dance.

Tickets for the March 4 event may be purchased from any member of the Executive Committee at the advance price of \$2.00 a couple. At the door Saturday night the rate will be \$2.50 a couple.

EC Dance Rules

The following dance regulations to apply at the Spring Formal have been announced by the Executive Committee:

1. No drinking shall be permitted.
2. Smoking shall be permissible in the balcony only.
3. All non-members of the Washington and Lee student body wishing to attend the dance, except VMI Cadets, must be vouched for by a member of the student body. Student vouchers shall be held responsible for the actions of their vouches.
4. Students and visitors to the dance are expected to conduct themselves as gentlemen at all times.
5. Violations of the above rules shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee and are punishable by a suspension of dance privileges.

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The Honor System

PRIMARY among Washington and Lee's traditions is its Honor System. We who have been here for even a semester know and appreciate its workings. But perhaps those among us who are new in the University have not been acquainted with our Honor System and the way it works.

HERE AT Washington and Lee we live under the greatest plan of university government ever devised, the Honor System. When a boy becomes a member of our student body he undertakes to live by the code of this system and expects his fellows to do the same. He does what the name implies; the W&L student lives on his honor. He doesn't cheat on exams; he doesn't copy someone else's home work or get someone else's answers. He leaves his money and books about the house and campus secure in the knowledge that they will be there when he returns. He doesn't lie. And one of the most important factors, he doesn't allow others to get by with breaking our Honor System.

THE NEW STUDENTS will come to know and admire our Honor System, and it is the duty of every student to help them to do this, and to further acquaint them with it. Only in this way can we perpetuate this honored tradition.

On Complaints

IT SEEMS STRANGE to hear students of Washington and Lee complaining of the inevitable occurrences which have taken place during the school year. It seems strange indeed, for at the present time there are few American youths who are in a better position; yet, one occasionally detects dissatisfaction—unprintable adjectives describing the professor who gave low semester grades, solemn faces walking slowly from gym, bull sessions about the lack of university activities, and sarcasm on the quietness of Lexington.

ABOUT THOSE LOW MARKS. Just how much studying was done in preparation for each subject? Professors are remarkably intelligent when it comes to seeing through students' ruses. What satisfaction do they receive in issuing low grades?

AND ANOTHER THING, why are students required to take gym? Not entirely for pleasure. The boys in the armed forces go through daily workouts a great deal harder than the ones performed here. Think about them next time.

YES, IT'S TRUE W. and L. has fallen down on her extra-curricular activities, but obviously there aren't enough students to support the many activities of pre-war days. The Columns, a freshman basketball squad, and other organizations have been formed by those individuals who possessed initiative. Ingenuity and initiative can accomplish numerous things.

IT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT to complain, but it's not exactly fair unless you know what you're complaining about. In the future think twice before protesting against problems. Look at your problem from all sides, and then, if you still wish, make your remarks.

Show Team Time

by Bill Romaine

At the State on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, **His Butler's Sister** lights the fuse for the coming week's action, and Franchot Tone is back wolfing it again. Deanna Durbin and Pat O'Brien pair off as brother and sister, so watch it when Big Pat begins to question FT's intentions!

Laurel and Hardy go through their usual antics on Wednesday in the **Dancing Masters**, and even manage to buy a factory this time. What with fire-throwers and all, it's good L&H stuff. (Do you like L&H?) (Ed. Note—Make mine G. W.!)

The fuse burns brightly enough during the week, but comes the nitro on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. If you look carefully, you can see him poking his tousled head out from between lapels and ribs. No, not Cooley, but **FRANKIE ! ! !** Michel Morgan, Victor Borge, Dooley (As Time Goes By) Wilson, and many others do their bit to aid the VOICE in his first picture. Even if you don't feel that way about Swoon-boy, you'll like **Higher and Higher**.

Shall we allons around the block a bit?

On Monday and Tuesday the Lyric offers **Where Are Your Children**, starring Jackie Cooper and Pat Morison in a starkly revealing expose of . . . Oh, you know what I mean. Wednesday finds our hero **Headin' for God's Country**, and Bill Lundingan and Virginia Dale are after the Japs in Alaska. Thursday swing into a lively **Swing Shift Maisie**, another one of Anne Sothern's knockouts, and this time she throws in a test pilot. Friday and Saturday have Charlie Starret enforcing the **Law of the Northwest**, and here we are in Alaska again.

LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR DEGREES

April 28, 1944

Bachelor of Arts

Ernest Lovell Becker
Stuart Moore Faison
William Bell Guthrie
Ewing Sloan Humphreys, Jr.
James Douglas McLean, Jr.
Norvell Woody Moses

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry

George Henry Bowers, III
Alexander Hamilton Walker
Jack Edgar Watson

Bachelor of Science in Commerce

Lloyd Luther Ward, Jr.

Ewing S. Humphreys is now with a Marine Reserve unit at Duke University. He left W and L while a junior and is receiving credit for work at Duke.

ON and OFF

Sports facts and oddities on and off the campus

by Ned Brooks and Kimber White

WITH A SCARCITY of sport news all over the country, we again center our attention on the New York track meets, Last Saturday night in the second of the quintet of meets, the N.Y.A.C., Johnny Fulton, twice winner of the half-mile race, was nosed out at the tape by former Fordhamite Joe Nowicki, now a Navy reserve officer at Rochester. Fulton ran a decidedly different kind of a race than he usually runs. Instead of taking his first three laps slowly, and keeping the pace with the leader, he started the race at a furious clip, therefore tiring himself before the race was near completion. If he had run a race comparable to his Millrose accomplishment, he might have beaten Nowicki by a good ten yards. Now, that's only one man's opinion, but it might have happened had the novice done what he did before. Fulton, as we have mentioned previously, is a newcomer to the track scene this year. He hails from Indiana, and attended school there. He was picked up by the San Francisco Olympic Club, and is now running under their colors. Fulton has proven himself to track followers by his good running in the past two meets, and if Uncle Sam doesn't grab him, he should progress far along the road to successful track achievement.

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Flashes from near and far:

Gil Dodds, one of the great track stars of the day, and of whom we've talked before, ran the fastest mile of the current season when he was clocked in the accurate time of 4:08 last week in New York. . . . coming to the end of their basketball season, the Norfolk Naval training station quintet boasts a truly remarkable slate, 18-1 to be exact. . . .

Men About Town

ANOTHER STORY has been spreading around the campus that Charley Shook, recently returned from Washington, split the button from his shirt collar while telling the boys about the swell date he had had. It was a clear case of love until another guy received a letter from the Washington deb mentioning Charley as a "cute little boy, though she couldn't remember his name." Senor Shook is now cultivating a mustache.

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Personalities of the week are: Tex Drake, who made a sensation at Lynchburg when he hitched his pants, flashed his boots, and found himself surrounded by eight fascinated women; Bob, "A Good Man Nowadays Is Hard to Find" Zrike, who is spending hours and energy reading "The G-String Murders"; T. C. Bowen, who just made his bus after climbing down from the limb of a tree at Randolph-Macon where he had been teaching the girls the Tarzan yell; Lovell Becker, who reached for an aspirin after his girl's circular letter; Wise Kelly, explaining to the operator that the County Jail would answer when he called his girl in Washington; Al "Sheik" Woodruff, who has been seen lately with beves of local debts trailing him; Bill Pifer, who sent countless telegrams to Harrisonburg last week with the message: "I.C.C." (I can come). Finally the answer came: "Y.C.C." (You can't come); Sonny Blaine, who is leaving town Wednesday because Danville is too close to Lexington; Charley "Double Date" Williamson, who found his girl entertaining a serviceman; Jimmie "No Love No Nothin'" Johnson, who has run the P. O. short on stamps after writing letters to his harem; Bill Davidson and Bill Hart, who find it hard to stay away from the State when they are greeted with such flashing smiles from the waitresses.

Platoon News

2nd Platoon

Cadet Baggaley, Reporter

Many of the cadets of this platoon were enjoying the basketball game when news of the practical elimination of the ASTP arrived. The foremost thought in the mind of each cadet now, of course, is what he may be doing two months from now. Until the fateful day cadet life must continue with perhaps slightly less emphasis on studying for grades and more on making every precious moment on week-ends count.

In line with this idea a large number had their names put down as subscribers to the coming formal dance. Stavisky, Larson, Shampianier, Baggaley joined a large group from the 3rd platoon at Southern Seminary. Piven will be mightily careful when he sticks his feet in bed for some time now! Bonner and Cooper did the good turn of removing the coating of Tennessee dirt on the Service Club floor after the 34th Division passed through town.

This Is Only a Rumor

Over at Fort Tucker, information is scarce and information givers scarcer. For about a month there has been a rumor skipping about the campus to the effect that the Army Post Exchange School, now at Princeton, would be transferred to Lexington very soon. By dint of snooping, scooping, and verbal excavation, this is what we have found out on said rumor. **ALL THIS IS STRICTLY UNOFFICIAL.**

The PX School will begin here on March 15 or thereabout, bringing with it an unknown quota of men. General Byron was reportedly at the Fort recently to arrange a curriculum for the school. Residents of the Lambda Chi House report that Earl S. Mattingly, University Registrar, has visited their home in company with several high army officials with an eye to converting it to a barracks for the PX-ers. Beyond this nothing would be said by anyone. Strictly unofficial, mind you.

Quarter System Unaffected by AST Departure

Problems Will Arise From Army Removal

By recent order of the War Department, the basic engineers of the Washington and Lee Army Specialized Training Unit will be disbanded on or about April 1st, it was announced by Dean R. N. Latture yesterday. This group, numbering 161 of the total unit of 210 men, has been on the campus since August 9th of last year. The order does not effect, at least temporarily, the remaining 50 men enrolled in the pre-medical course, nor does it effect those studying advanced engineering. However, the latter course is not offered at W and L. It is expected that the Army will either enlarge the present group of pre-medicals or remove it to another location.

The withdrawal of all or a part

of the unit, already rather small compared with other schools, presents many difficulties for the University. At least three faculty members, who were engaged specifically to instruct in the AST program, will be affected. Considerable financial loss will be felt if it is necessary to close the mess hall at present operated on the campus for the unit and the 4 platoon houses occupied by the basic engineers.

There will probably be no change in the quarter system now in effect. It will be continued with slight modifications in order to permit students returning to W and L after discharge from the armed services to enter at four times during the year. Dean Latture emphasized that everything depends on future developments and that nothing definite has been decided by the administration.

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Colonial Ball

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Hampshire, with Cadet Ronald Keith, of Virginia Military Institute; Miss Florence Exner, of Mount Vernon, New York, with Don Daintoft of the Air Corps; Miss Myra Peacock, of Scarsdale, New York, with Cadet Bill Houghton, of Virginia Military Institute; Miss Kit Kunhardt, of London Bridge, Virginia, with Cadet Tom Seberoth, of Virginia Military Institute; Miss Maryetta Schott, of Rockville Centre, New York, with Cadet Jack Shindow, of Virginia

Military Institute.

Miss Joan Jossen, of Douglaston, Long Island with Cadet Jack Maier, of Virginia Military Institute; Miss Janet Herrick, of Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, with Cadet Furcron, of Virginia Military Institute; Miss Marjorie Uebele, of Birmingham, Michigan, with Mr. John Cray, of Washington and Lee; Miss Virginia Kurtz, of Montclair, New Jersey, with Cadet Don Kennedy, of Virginia Military Institute; Miss Eloise Braun, of Syracuse, New York, with Cadet John Taylor, of Staunton Military Academy; Miss Irene Malfregeot, of Syracuse, New York, with Cadet Dick Pietrofesa, of Staunton Military Academy; Miss Lenore Throckmorton, of Washington, with Cadet Dave Sterritt, of Virginia Military Institute; Miss Rachel Winsor, of Elryia, Ohio, with Cadet Stan Johnson, of Virginia Military Institute and Miss Connie Starkey, of Coral Gables, Florida, with Mr. Jim Collan.

A Midnight Supper

Following the dance a mid-night supper will be served to Seminary students and their guests in the recreation rooms on the lower level.

The Vagabonds, music makers for the Colonial Ball, will be heard on March 4th at the Washington and Lee Spring Formal.

Lambda Chi—SAE

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played the entire game with a bruised ankle which he received early in the struggle.

Phi Psi meets Lambda Chi next week. A grueling struggle will ensue when White, Todd, Breddin and company tangle with the Lambda Chi outfit.

Conaway Issues AST Statistics

Results of the army physical efficiency tests administered to the cadets of the Army Specialized Training Program unit at Washington and Lee university indicate that there have been appreciable gains in ability and weight and a slight increase in height, Capt. F. A. Conaway, commandant, announces.

The regimen of the cadets, who study pre-engineering and pre-medical courses, is this: In a 59-hour week 24 hours are spent in the classroom and laboratory, 24 hours in study, 6 hours in physical training, and 5 hours in military drill. At Washington and Lee their average age is 20.

Data for the twelve-week's term beginning November 7 and ending January 29, compiled by Cy Twombly, director of physical education at the University, shows that in standard army tests their physical efficiency rose an average of 8.6 per cent. This test consists of seven exercises which include a 300-yard shuttle race, a 100-yard pick-a-back, pull-ups, etc.

The average weight of each cadet increased from 149.5 pounds to 155, a rise of 3.9 per cent. In height their was a fractional gain.

While comparative records of scholastic ability as measured by standard army tests administered to all ASTP units are not yet available for this second term ended January 29, results of the first-term work released by the army to the university show that the Washington and Lee unit was above the nation-wide average.

Show Team Time

RECORDS: Try Dave Rose's Poinciana, an excellent arrangement of this new and very popular bolero, which showcases Dave's good string section. The backer, **Dancing in the Dark**, is a well-known and hard-to-beat Artie Shaw arrangement of a truly classic pop. Les Brown's **A Good Man is Hard to Find** spots Butch Stone on a long vocal, and the flip-over, **Bizet Had His Day**, is a fugue in swing time. Both sides are good.



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