

The Columns

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More AST Cadets Possible

Washington and Lee, having lost over 150 men with the departure of the basic engineering unit of the ASTP, may regain part of this strength in April if and when a new contingent of Cadets arrives. The University has been asked to be ready to receive about 100 new soldier students.

It is expected that the new arrivals will be members of the 17 year old branch of the ASTP, although it is possible that some premedical students will be included. As the situation now stands, Washington and Lee is supposed to handle only about fifty pre-medical students, which is the strength of the present pre-med group on the campus.

This past week, several more of the basic engineers who had remained behind after the departure of the unit were called out, mostly to the Signal Corps.

William Guthrie Is Accepted for Phi Beta Kappa

General Kilbourne and Dr. Hanzche, '13, Are Honorary Initiates

William B. Guthrie, senior from Petersburg, Virginia, was elected this week to Phi Beta Kappa. Dean R. N. Latture, president of the Washington and Lee chapter has announced.

Elected to honorary membership were General C. E. Kilbourne, Superintendent of Virginia Military Institute, and Dr. William T. Hanzche, of the class of 1913. Dr. Hanzche is Pastor of the Prospect Street Presbyterian Church of Trenton, New Jersey.

Guthrie is president of the student body for this quarter and has made but two Bs during his years at W&L. He has been a

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Frosh to Take Hats Off

On Saturday, March 25, at 12 noon, all freshmen who entered W&L in February may remove their freshmen hats. Assimilation Committee Chairman Wise Kelly announced today. Originally the freshmen were scheduled to wear caps for the whole of the quarter, but they piled up a record of six weeks without being turned in on a violation of the freshman rules and for this an equal number of weeks are removed from the hat wearing period.

Softball Games; Tennis Pairings Are Announced

Yaste, Guthrie Lead A Team Golf Match

The intramural softball season will open Monday afternoon at 2:30 when the Lambda Chi tentacles with the combined SAE-Laird outfit, hereafter known as the SAELs, according to the schedule worked out this week by Cy Twombly, W&L physical education director.

Wednesday the Lambda Chi will take the field again, this time against the Phi Psi team, and Friday the SAELs come back for a game with the Phi Psi. This schedule will be played through again the following week. The third week the winner of the round-robin contest and the runner-up will meet for the mythical intramural softball crown for 1944. All games must be played at 2:30 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays on the Alumni Field, which is the upper level of the athletic field. The School for Special Service has the facilities of the field at all other hours.

Tennis Tournament

Seventeen men have signed up for the sudden death intramural tennis championship tourney in which one loss eliminates the contestant from the match. The tournament is set to begin next week as soon as the tennis courts are in playing condition. No time has been set for the playing of each match between the individual contestants; however, they should meet at their earliest possible convenience and post the result on the chart on the gym bulletin board.

Following are the pairings for the first round: 1. Nowell-Oder; 2. White-Drake; 3. Blain-Eacho; 4. Harris-Brooks; 5. Smith-Wilcox; 6. Funkhouser-Todd; 7. Quayle-Breedin; 8. Frank-Taylor; winner of which is to play Curl. At the end of the first round, the winner of group 1 will play the winner of 2, 3 will play 4, and so on.

Plans are now in formation to hold a golf tournament between two teams of students, one to be headed by Guy Yaste and the other by Bill Guthrie. Each team will consist of four men. A series of matches, the best two out of three will be played, or else one single meeting will decide the issue. All those who are interested in playing should contact either Yaste, Guthrie, or Cy Twombly.

Sweet Briar Next Week

On Saturday, April 1, the students of Sweet Briar are holding an informal dance to which members of the student body of W&L are invited. It is necessary that all those who are going over give their names as soon as possible to Quayle, Coover, or McNeil, if they have not already done so, in order that dates may be secured for them.

In view of transportation difficulties, an application has been made to the Executive Committee of the Faculty to excuse from classes all those who are going and are taking the 11:30 bus to Amherst. The Sweet Briar social committee has offered to have cars at Amherst to transport the W&L men to the school.

FU Vote Frees Women to Work

Dance Plans Dropped In Favor of Banquet; Debate on Medicine

The Forensic Union held its regular meeting Monday night at 7:30 p.m., in the Literary Society Room of the Student Union. At that time the question, "Resolved that the Woman's Place Is in the Home," was debated by John McWhorter, who upheld the affirmative view, and Thomas Dodson, who presented the negative side.

McWhorter held that two evils result from women workers; fewer jobs for men at lower wages, and an unbalanced life for the women who work. He admitted that the first of these is not serious today, but said it would be very important after the war.

Dodson pointed out the excellent job women are doing in war work, and said that after the war they must be allowed to continue in their chosen fields.

The negative view was affirmed by the Union after an enlightening discussion period.

The topic selected for debate next week was "Resolved that the United States should adopt socialized medicine." A. H. Woodward will speak for the affirmative, while Dave Guthrie will debate the negative.

Two resolutions were moved and voted on during the meeting—that smoking be prohibited during Union meetings, and that a Forensic Union banquet be held at the end of the present quarter instead of a dance as originally suggested. Both resolutions were passed by substantial majorities.

April Dance Set Plans March On With 50 Pledges

Spontaneous Student Movement Makes Set A Good Possibility

"If....." has become the word of the hour as the students of Washington and Lee wonder about and work for a Finals dance for this school year. At the present moment plans are being worked out to hold a two-night dansant on the weekend of April 14-15.

The events leading to the present situation can best be described in chronological order. Originally plans were being formulated by the EC to work together with the Hop committee at VMI and hold an April 15th dance in the Keydets' gymnasium. It was felt that by combining resources a better affair could be arranged from the view of both schools. However, because of scholastic difficulties, the Cadet corps voted to delay their dance until sometime early in May.

When the possibility of a VMI-W&L dance exploded, a move immediately started among the student body to have a W&L dance on our own resources. Spearhead of the drive was the Phi Psi House, led mainly by Sophomore class representative Bill Pifer.

Beginning late Wednesday afternoon, a survey was conducted among students of the freshman class and it was found that a large percentage would be willing to support a two-night set for a price of \$7.50. By Thursday the ball was rolling, and Pifer and Crowder began securing conditional IOUs. The number signed by that

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Dance Poll

In view of the possible April dansant and of divided student opinion on the subject of Formal or Informal dress, **The Columns** is conducting a poll of the student body to determine their feeling on the matter. This is not an EC poll. Check one of the following alternatives and sign your name. Unsigned ballots will not be counted. Drop them in the assimilation committee boxes by noon Saturday or give them personally to Bruce Quayle.

1. Formal both nights.....
2. Formal one night, Informal the other.....
3. Informal, both nights.....

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Friday, March 24, 1944

No News?

ONE YEAR AGO this week, The Ring-tum Phi ran an editorial entitled "No News?" The RtP had combed the campus for news of student activity and had come up lacking and told us so. Sure, we filled the paper; you always fill a paper before you send it to press. But the news which we printed then was different from that which we printed in 1942, or 1941. Washington and Lee last year seemed strange to those of us who had seen it before the war, but still, even then it was W&L.

THIS YEAR the situation is much the same, sometimes even worse. Everybody whom we contact has the same remark, "No news. Nothing going on." Many times we start to make up a paper without a lead story; then at the last minute something will break that's of extreme interest. Still people will say, "School's gone to pot. Nothing doing. No news."

THE EDITORIAL went on to say that maybe the real news, the news of why there was no news, was being made in the jungle of some Pacific Isle, or on the rolling North Atlantic, or high in the sky over Europe. That in part was probably true. You can't have news about a school if over half the school is gone. The fellow who wrote that editorial last year is now Seaman Jackson, USNR. Maybe he was right about the news being made elsewhere. He's making it "elsewhere."

THIS PAST WEEK has been an average seven days, nothing much has happened to stir us from our everyday orbit. Life has been singularly commonplace. Three new shows at the State, lessons, a coke daily at the Co-op, letters, and bull sessions. Nothing outstanding. Nothing to remember.

BUT YET IN this seven days, by just going through the process of being students here at Washington and Lee, we have been making news. We've been making news that quite a few boys with severed college careers would like to be making right now. For one thing we have been seeing W&L through her seventh war; and she's still going strong. Maybe she has a student body that's shot full of holes, maybe the social life is down to rock bottom and below, and maybe beer isn't as plentiful as many would like, but we aren't doing badly for ourselves.

ACCORDING TO PAGE ONE we are still putting on an athletic program of intramurals for the spring. As this is being written the possibility of an April 15th dance, or maybe even dance set, is being sounded out on the telephone wires. Page one will tell the story when we know. We may not swing the dance, but we're still in there pitching away at it. And if we do swing the deal, even more power to us for being able to do so. We also see that Sweet

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Show Team Time

by Bill Romaine

On Sunday and Monday the State is no piker when it comes to murder suspects, 'cause Bill Demarest has **Nine Girls** under his ever-watchful peepers. Take your pick, boys; this detective stuff seems to be getting better and better. Wanta put on your shoes and come along, Bill B. Ton? No, not a must.

TuesWed and out in a **Lifeboat** with Tallulah Bankhead, Bill Bendix, Walter Slezak, etc., in a somewhat unreal and improbable story of—you guessed it—some people in a lifeboat. The individual characterizations, however, are of the very best calibre, and overshadow the weak plot throughout.

Paul Henreid and Ida Lupino team up on ThursFriSat for **In Our Time**, and the result is another not-too-original tale, plus more fine acting. This time the German conquest of Poland is the subject of an anti-Nazi pic, and, well, you know the rest. Good stuff, though.

MonTues the Lyric has a **Million Dollar Kid** to offer, in which momentous epic the East Side Kids are caught reforming the aforementioned fabulously valuable juvenile. Again on Wednesday the Lyric makes with a good if-you-haven't-seen-it-before-see-it-now show, **Lady Takes a Chance**. Jean Arthur and John Wayne slug through a rip-roarin' Western, but careful scrutiny will show how beautifully it differs from the usual ride-'em-cowboy stuff. Oh, gosh!! Now they've got **Gildersleeve on Broadway**, and Harold Peary is mixed up with a wealthy widow, and a cute blonde to boot. Yeah, and a pharmacist's convention. Such is life. Ya know; I had a feelin' that the Range Busters would get patriotic; on ThursFriSat they fearlessly—yes, fearlessly—smash the **Blackmarket Rustlers**.

RECORDS: Captain Miller of the United States Air Forces seems to have been well prepared for his military sojourn from the music biz. This week his Victor offering is **Here We Go Again**, a trite original that only Miller fans will appreciate.

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HONOR ROLL

March 20, 1944

- Bowers, G. H., III
- Byrne, W. J. P.
- Crowder, J. A.—Freshman
- Faison, S. M.
- Funkhouser, J. W. (all A's)—Freshman
- Guthrie, D. V., Jr. (all A's)—Freshman
- Guthrie, W. B. (all A's)
- McLean, J. L., Jr.
- Shook, C. H.—Freshman
- Smith, W. Y.—Freshman

ON and OFF

Sports facts and oddities on and off the campus

by Ned Brooks

This week instead of the usual column, we are giving you boys a chance to test your baseball knowledge.

The rules are as follows: There are 15 questions. The boy who gets the most right out of 15 will receive two passes to the State Theatre. Answers must be submitted to me no later than Wednesday night, March 29th.

As an added feature, Bill Davidson, who has a "super" baseball mind, is not allowed to enter.

Here Are the Questions:

1. What former big league catcher and manager is now piloting the Great Lakes ball club?
2. Give six brother combinations who have played or who are playing big league ball?
3. Give the names of the ball players identified by these nicknames:

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. "Oom Paul" | 6. Slats |
| 2. Big Train | 7. The Horse |
| 3. Arkansas Hummingbird | 8. Duke of Milwaukee |
| 4. Mississippi Mudcap | 9. Tomato Face |
| 5. Big Shnozz | 10. King Kong |

4. Who is the last American Leaguer to hit over .400—the last National Leaguer?

5. Who was last season's most valuable player in the American League?

6. Name the managers of the following teams:

1. St. Louis Cardinals
2. Boston Red Sox
3. Chicago Cubs
4. Philadelphia Athletics
5. Brooklyn Dodgers
6. Boston Braves

7. Who holds the National League record for the most home runs hit in one season?

8. Who was the last major leaguer to get his 3000th hit?

9. Give two combinations who are known as "Me and Paul."

10. Give the all-time high batting average.

11. Who was in 1943 World Series?

12. Who invented the game of Baseball? What year?

13. What player played for all three New York teams?

14. How many consecutive games did Gehrig play?

15. What is the new nickname of the Philadelphia National League club?

No News?

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Briar is still interested in W&L; that hasn't changed with the war. We may have to ride the bus instead of a convertible Buick, but we can still get there. Students are still making the Honor Roll, and in larger percentages than in peacetime. Mid-quarter has passed and we're heading down the stretch.

JUST ANOTHER seven days at Washington and Lee. Not much happening. No news. But we have enough to fill a paper, a paper which some people say we are lucky to be able to put out. (Some people say otherwise, but they don't understand). Yes, news is still going to be made. We make the news at the same time that the boys driving up the Italian peninsula make it. A different kind of news, but we make it. Maybe that army trainer which zoomed down on the campus Wednesday was a former W&L student coming back for a bird's eye view of how we are doing. We wish that he could have come down for a while and seen how well we are doing.

"NO NEWS?"... This is news; we're making the news; we are the news.

Men About Town . . .

Why we ever let ourselves be talked into this, we don't know. . . We can't write, we can't tell stories on other people, we love our fellow man. . . we also owe Quayle four bits. . . so we write the MAT column this week. . . Moral: never borrow. . . Well anyhow, here's what we hear. . .

Added Attraction: There's a new queen out to the SAE house these days. . . Chick's name is Betty Holt and she dishes up pills at the SSS dispensary (or what does that green light outside mean) in the Student Union basement. . . When we say a Queen we really mean it, ask Zrike. . . Well anyway, never since the days of Pleasant Gilman has there been such concerted interest in one girl among the Sleep and Eat crew. . . Said BH comes from Staunton, home of Mary Baldwin and Forest Taylor, is 19, yes we said 19, and looks like nobody's business, except Zrike. . . Having a girl of such caliber living in ye olde SAE cabin really makes things comfy cozy. . . Where else do they have feminine charm living on the third floor. . . do the Phi Psi's have it???? Do the Lambda Chi's have it???? . . . About all you can say is that some guys have it and some don't. . . personally we'd like to move. . . About the luckiest guy is Test Tube Hinson, he lives next door to her. . . Zrike has offered him numerous sums for his room, but Hinson's no fool. . . Anyway, Betty spends half her time on the second floor shooting the bull with the boys. . . drop around some night and join the party. . . Of course Zrike has the concession, but dates are available. . . So anyway, Gentlemen, meet Miss Holt. . .

We don't know much, but what's this talk about el Senor Bill Kraft, a shot gun, and a wedding?? . . . we're sure that it's a mistake. . . it must be a mistake. . . little Bill Kraft???. . . such nonsense. . .

Poem: Seems like back when lots of guys went here and nobody used to go to Sem, Mr. E. S. Mattingly was a popular man. . . Some joker named Deans, who wrote this column back when, had a little poem that he wrote to W&L's own Collector of Internal Revenue. . . we thought that maybe you'd like to see it, so here it is. . . dated

April 17, 1942, from The Ring-tum Phi. . .

"Don't wanta be a dentist
And make the kids' teeth hurt
Don't wanta be an engineer
With face all full of dirt.
Don't wanta be a fisherman,
I couldn't stand the smell.
Don't wanta be a preacher,
Saying "Please stay clear of Hell."
Don't wanta be a drunkard
Just a lyin' on the bar,
But I'd rather be 'bout anything
Than a danged old Registrar."

Mid-quarter grades are obtainable in Payne Hall. . . Who, me, I'm on the Dean's list. . . the Dean's other list. . .

Joe, the Lover: Everybody pictures Joe Mingioli as just a guy who spends all his time probing around in cats, and bugs and such. . . which said fact is hardly the case. You'd never suspect that Doctor Ming is also a man with the ladies, in his own peculiar way, sort of a student's Mr. Mattingly. . . Not content to mess with the ordinary riff-raff, Joe has taken up truck with the daughter of the governor of the fair state of Virginny, who undergoes education at Mary Baldwin. . . Said Jane is coming down this weekend too, so just watch Joe Joe de Mingioli (We want you on our side) go to work—and not on the cats. Also someone ask Ming how's come he has some of the golden tresses of a certain MB gal named Virginia, flame of Brother Kenneth Hogland. . . that boy gets around, or does anybody read Alexander Pope!

Drops in the Bucket: Just about everybody about town saw English's flame when she blew through on Sunday. She said she'd be back. . . Strictly from a platonic

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point of view, we'd like to put up Miss Frances Ellis of Lexington as candidate for Miss Rockbridge County or something. . . anybody got any candidates (what about you, Romaine???) . . . Patty Gift wants her name mentioned. . . Before we call this debt cancelled, here's one we heard on Henry Oder, I guess it was Oder. . . A certain caustic Spanish prof, on

leaving class one morning recently, turned to Hank and said, "Mr. Oder, if you'd study your lesson more and your professor less, you might get somewhere."

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member of the golf team, president of Phi Eta Sigma, a member of the Christian Council, and an assistant gym instructor.

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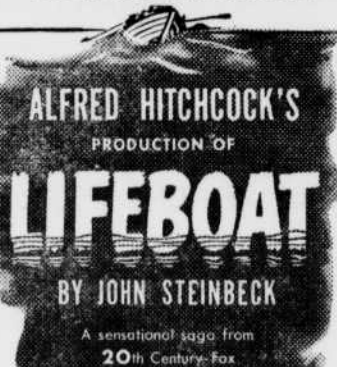


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Cartoon—Musical

April Dansant

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night had reached a half hundred, which would mean a total of \$375. It is estimated that 60 or more subscriptions would be necessary to ensure a margin of financial safety.

Official approval has not been given to the dance set either by the Executive Committee of the Faculty or by the EC, but it is expected that both bodies will stand by the event. The EC is considered to be semi-officially backing the dance since Crowder and Pifer have taken the incentive among the students, and Bill Guthrie, student body president, has contacted both Dean Latture and Dr. L. J. Desa, faculty adviser to the dance committee.

As yet no orchestra has been secured for the dansant. The Vagabonds were contacted Wednesday night by Crowder, but no reply had been received at press time. If the Vagabonds are available, one problem is solved. The weekend of April 15th, the SSS will be between classes and the gymnasium should be free.

The main consideration is money. Since the Vagabonds have not yet been heard from, it is unknown what their asking price for a two-night set would be. Estimates among the students run from \$300 to \$350, which is double the one-night cost, to \$400, in view of the fact that the orchestra would have to play longer and stay overnight. There is a dance fund reserve of \$77 which has been built up this year, which might be used if the need is felt. However, various members of the EC feel that the fund should be kept as a reserve to be used in future negotiations with VMI.

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From the files of The Ring-tum Phi, here is what was going on at W&L during the past week, in other years....

1943: Navy asks V-7 seniors to leave school now; the W&L V-7 unit of 22 men was asked to report for active duty at the Columbia University Midshipmen's School. This request was not an order, but 16 men left, the others staying to complete work toward graduation... Variety filled Collegian edition goes to press; The Spring issue of a 24-page Southern Collegian was ready for distribution... VMI Easter Hop features music of Will Osborne... Arsenic and Old Lace to open Thursday... Glee Club to travel to Hollins College...

1942: W&L Glee Club in Fred Waring National Contest; attempting to duplicate their 1939 victory in the Waring contest, the Glee Club won their way to the final round to be adjudged second best to a group from the Eastman School of Music at Rochester, N.Y... AP ticker installed in Journalis Lab... Last minute switches feature beginning of Spring politics... Baltimore AC replaces Middies on Lacrosse card... Spring grid drills termed successful... and at the State Bob Hope in Louisiana Purchase, and at the Lyric, Nazi Agent...

1941: Thornton W. Allen, composer of the W&L "Swing," wrote a new song entitled, "A Salute to the Generals"... Bob Chester is signed to play Saturday of Spring Dences; Ina Ray Hutton for Friday... Alex Raymond chooses 8

Show Team Time

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preciate, but still commercially solid for a record made almost two years ago. The flip-over, **Long Time No See, Baby**, should hold its charm for mostly Miller (or Hutton) fans. Decca seems to be constantly in the lead, and this week comes out with Jimmie Lunceford and JDorsey releases; we'll take JL's firstly. Lunceford has recorded two sides of beatful, heavy, **Back Door Stuff**, and the platter is well studded with good Negroid jive and solos. JD tries as have many others, Dave Rose's lovely **Holiday for Strings**, and shows, as have others, that it is an arrangement for strings, as the title would indicate. The reverse is a not-at-all good vocal of **Ohio** by Gladys Tell (whoever she may be) which is only slightly saved by a strong intro. See you next week.

campus beauties; The author of Flash Gordon picked eight W&L sweethearts for inclusino in the 1941 Calyx... Rifle Club wins four of seven matches....

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