

The Columns

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Men About Town . . .

Before we take that long last trip over the hills to BV and the Creeper we'd like to catch a quick flicker of the Men About Townings for the school year 1943-44. . . .

Do You Remember. . . "That Man From Missouri" Shook simply star-eyed over a certain Liz Shipp. . . . and Crockett mousetrapped trying to make a score with Miss C. David, later to be edged out by SBP Bill Guthrie. . . . Mississippi cloaked in the garb of a member of the cloth to the chagrin of L. Roper, and Mississippi at that. . . . And Zrike going wild, simply wild over Aida. . . when Mayberry was called the Snuggler and Patty Gift was his only girl. . . (at Sem). . . Gaucho Gottschall was putting them on campus right and left over at the School of Charm. . . and Watson coming into the public eye making a debut with the Debutante. . . . and that "Dear Swoosie" which burst the Whizzer upon W&L like a bombshell. . . . the time when Stephens cut out the two tipsie cadets with a flanking movement in the lobby of the R. E. Lee. . . .

Not to forget the memorable phone call of one Charles Harwood Shook or was it? . . . to Mary Baldwin. . . and the time that the Sky Pilot swung the gate on Thomas-cattwright for an eye full. . . Davidson's endless trips to the Sem, and phone calls, and letters, and then the afternoons at the State, and nights at the Lyric, and weekends hither and yon. . . and the VMI dance that Curl managed to maneuver the Gift to, along with numerous other Phi Psiers. . . and as a parting shot, the fury and fire heaped upon our heads for our heedlessness about mentioning fire arms, double barrel style. . . .

Finals Flashbacks—Primarily of primarily is BQ still in a wonderful daze over the outcome of one blind date. . . Crowder says he's just punchy, but he doesn't know. . . Yaste had a date for this dance. . . in fact she slept in his room. . . while he stayed at the SAE lodge. . . now the girl is gone, but the fragrance lingers on. This little queen from Fairfax emptied gallons of Channel No. 5 into his drawers, dresser style and the room simply reeks with glorious odors. . . quite a different fragrance from that of "The Apartment" over the weekend. Had it been condensed at least four-fifths of a quart of stimulous would have come down. . . Gad, gingerale has an odor. . . . But getting away from nose ticklers, who was the doll that Curl drug to the dance. . . couldn't have been the same one who turned up Friday night at the SMA clam-bake, could it? . . along with Crowd-

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Guthrie Elected As Union Leader For Next Term

Next Meeting Will Be Held on Monday, May 8

At the meeting held on Monday, April 17, the Forensic Union elected officers for the new quarter. David Guthrie succeeds John McWhorter as Speaker, while T. R. Dodson, Bob Jones, John McWhorter, and Albert Woodruff have been selected as Assistant Speaker, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms respectively.

The topic under discussion Monday night was in a humorous vein. Ray English upheld the suggestion that, "All Washington and Lee Housemothers Should Be Under Twenty Years of Age," while Bob Jones argued to the contrary. Jones managed to win a majority of the members to his side; hence the mace was awarded to the negative faction.

No Forensic Union meeting will be held during examinations, but Speaker Guthrie urges all interested students, whether members or not, to attend an organization meeting for the new quarter on Monday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m., in the Student Union.

Marsh, Wilcox, Magruder Made Committeemen

General Election Will Come Next August

James Magruder, Don Marsh, and Bill Wilcox were appointed Tuesday night by the Executive Committee to fill the unexpired terms of three Committeemen.

Magruder was elected as a committeeman-at-large from the student body and will fill the position formerly occupied by Senior class representative, Wise Kelly, who is now Vice-President.

The position of Junior class representative which was left vacant when Tom Lee was elected President will be held by Don Marsh. Bill Wilcox was appointed Freshman representative, filling the vacancy left by Jack Crowder who is not returning to school this summer.

These appointees will hold office until the next election in August.

Merrin—Bauer Named Columns Staff Leaders

Warren Merrin and Alan Bauer were this week selected as the Editor and Business Manager respectively of **The Columns**, to succeed outgoing staff heads Bruce Quayle and Jack Davidson.

Merrin is a sophomore from Atlanta, Georgia, and Bauer is a junior whose home is in Walterboro, S. C. Quayle, who has served as editor for the past quarter, is transferring to Syracuse University, and Davidson, business manager for the quarter, is entering military service.

This is the last issue of **The Columns** for the quarter. The next issue of the paper will appear on May 12.

Enrollment for Summer Quarter Still Uncertain

48 Upperclassmen and 12 Frosh Registered

With the beginning of the second quarter only slightly more than two weeks away, the number of students to be present for the summer term is still a matter of conjecture, Dean R. H. Tucker said today.

At the formal spring registration held on Wednesday, 48 students definitely signified their intention of returning to Washington and Lee for the new quarter to begin May 8. Dean Tucker indicated, however, that the University is expecting a few more to wait and register at the beginning of the quarter, due to the uncertainties of recent selective service regulations. A half dozen men registered Wednesday for the fall quarter which will begin August 8, but they are not returning for the summer session.

To date twelve new freshmen have been admitted for the next quarter, although the University feels that that number will be increased when a number of Southern high schools and prep schools complete their school year. On June 12 a special six-weeks session will begin for new men who are unable to enter school earlier.

The University plans to keep open the three fraternity houses maintained this year as dormitories. It is expected that the Lambda Chi house will be kept exclusively as an upper classman residence for those who desire to live there.

W&L Graduates Thirteen Seniors Next Saturday

Baccalaureate Is Set For Sunday Morning

Washington and Lee University will present degrees to thirteen graduating students on Commencement Day, Saturday, April 29 in exercises to be held in Lee Chapel at eleven a.m.

William Bell Guthrie, outgoing President of the Student Body and member of Phi Beta Kappa, will deliver the Valedictory address. President Francis P. Gaines is to be the featured speaker on the program.

On Sunday, April 23, the annual Baccalaureate Service will be held in Lee Chapel at eleven o'clock at which time the Reverend J. Joseph Rives, D.D., of the Centenary Methodist Church of Richmond, Virginia, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon.

The following are the members of the graduating class of April, 1944:

Bachelor of Laws: Thomas Crockett Bowen, Jr., B.A., of Tazewell, Virginia, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and President of his Freshman Law Class; Benjamin Porter Brown, Jr., from Hinton, West Virginia; and James McClintic Davidson, Jr., B.A., of Lexington, Virginia.

Bachelor of Arts: Ernest Lovell Becker, of Cincinnati, Ohio, member of Beta Theta Pi; Stuart Moore Faison, of Lexington, Virginia, Beta Theta Pi and Phi Eta Sigma; William Bell Guthrie, Petersburg, Virginia, member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Eta Sigma, 1944 Valedictorian, and President of the Student Body;

Ewing Sloan Humphreys, Jr., Atlanta, Georgia, member of Phi Delta Theta, Pi Alpha Nu, Tau Kappa Iota, granted a degree in absentia with work completed in the Naval V-17 program at Duke University; James Douglas McClean, Jr., of Parris Island, South Carolina; and Norvelle Woody Moses, of Lexington, Virginia.

Bachelor of Science: George Henry Bowers, III, of Danville, Illinois, member of Lambda Chi Alpha; Alexander Hamilton Walker, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, member of Alpha Tau Omega and Vice-President of the Student Body; and Jack Edgar Watson, of Ambler, Pennsylvania.

Bachelor of Science in Commerce: Lloyd Luther Ward, Jr., Blytheville, Arkansas, member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

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R. B. Quayle.....Editor

J. K. Davidson.....Business Manager

Friday, April 21, 1944

"Roger"

IN THE LINGO of the newspaper man when the story is finished it's "Thirty"; the telegraphers tap out "Seventy-Two" as a farewell; but as the fighting men of the Army Air Forces do, according to Terry and the Pirates, when the message has been completed and the time to sign off and go has come, we'll just cover our typewriter and say "Roger."

When this issue has rolled from the Printing Shop, our name will be taken from the masthead above and placed on one of the alumni subscription galleys. We'll turn loose of the editorial reins that we've held for these past twelve weeks and throw them to a new and better man.

It is difficult for us to write this last editorial, much more difficult than it has been to write the others which have filled up these columns this year. We keep wishing that we could go on a little while longer at Washington and Lee, especially after so many months here.. We also wish that we could continue turning out a weekly issue of **The Columns**. We helped to bring this baby to life, and it's not easy to cast yourself adrift from something that has been a companion for the past eight months.

We know that no editor could ask for more appreciative readers than those we've had for the past year. News has been scarce at times, but most of you have been understanding and encouraging when the going was rough. We've presented what we hoped was of interest to all of our readers as a whole.

To our staff and especially to our columnists Bill Romaine and Ned Brooks, we extend a hearty thanks for the unrewarded work which they have put in for us. We couldn't have asked for more. Nor shall we forget our printer and journalistic adviser, Mr. Harold Lauck, without whom the paper would never have been possible.

So we, along with many friends whom we have known this year, are leaving W&L. Some for good, and some for the much stressed "duration." We wish that we were in the latter group. But, no use to wring the tear-drenched handkerchief over our last issue. We will just say that Washington and Lee will carry on through thick and thin; we wish those who will be here to help her carry on all the luck ever and are sure they will do a good job.

Now, having had our say, we shut our editorial mouth for a while. At least in **The Columns**.

"Roger"—Bruce Quayle

Show Team Time

by Bill Romaine

The Sunday-Monday schedule chalks up **Miracle of Morgan's Creek**, with Eddie Bracken and Betty Hutton performing said miracle. You can't go around miracle-making without getting into trouble, and to Bracken and Hutton it comes in the form of some pretty unusual marital difficulties. Despite Bill Demarest, however, and his perverted paternal attitude, Eddie gets a pretty uniform and Betty a husband. Swell Sunday Stuff.

The Lodger spends Tuesday and Wednesday in a pleasant visit here and Creepy Cregar insinuates his slimy self into our limpid lives. (More corny than aggregation, Bruce?) Laird's orgy of slaughter is lots of fun, until he runs up against Merle Oberon, and then, the dawn. But quite a bevy of unsuspecting femmes. Ha! Ha! (and other of such risqué epithets). Wanta see it?

Comes the week-end, and things on ThursFriSat run into sardine can proportions. The fact is, there's **Standing Room Only**, and Fred MacMurray and Paulette Goddard are no exceptions. After an exhaustive and persistent quest for leibensraum, they end up working for a Senator, and the results make for a knockout pic.

We find among the newest editions at the Lyric Library **Voodoo Man** on MonTues. Who else but Bela Lugosi would be the head horror boy? On Wednesday there's a PRC called **Career Girl**, so we'll go on to Thursday, when **Stormy Weather** pours Lena Horne on us again. Keep rainin', rain. Gene (Be Honest With Me) Autry hits the road with the **Riders of Sunset Pass**, but to be honest with you (don't miss that, Boss BQ), you ain't missin' nothin'.

As a bit of non-commercial stuff, Mr. E. W. Withers, News Bureau head, is dishing up a special showing, noontime next Wednesday in the Biology lecture room, of the flicker which he has been making about W&L this year.

RECORDS: Columbia hits the "jackpot" this week, with two releases by The Horn and BG respectively. "I'll Get By" is one of Harry's old discs, and Dick Haymes hits a good stride on the vocal. Nothin' like Frankie, but he's in tune. Backer "Flatbush Flanagan" is a much better than average James original, and showcases some HJ horn. Benny's platter is a tried oldie that BG couldn't miss on, and so is the flip-over. Both sides, "Darktown Strutter's Ball" and "After You've Gone," can only be appreciated by listening to them. (If you look carefully, you will find your first name mentioned, Miss Davidson).

See you around, but 'bye for now. Pwopwash is off.

ON and OFF

Sports facts and oddities on and off the campus

by Ned Brooks

FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS the Baseball world has been vibrating to the cry of, "break up the Yankees," but it took a war to accomplish what none of the seven other Junior Circuit clubs could do. The Terrible Yankees have at last been split up, but even the loss of such key performers as Keller, Gordon, Johnson and Crosetti has not completely demolished Yankee strength and power. Manager McCarthy has so arranged his team that it again looms as the threat of the American League. Luck and a bevy of rookies have again given the Yanks another strong outfit with which to embark on their 1944 campaign. The luck comes in the persons of Spud Chandler and Ernie Bonham, two of last season's top moundsmen, who have gained permission to remain with the Bombers for at least two months, and the bevy of rookies added to the Yankee agenda include Ed Levy, Mike Garbak, and a number of novice hurlers who can very well aid Messrs. Chandler, Bonham, Borowy and Zuber when the weather becomes hot. Marse Joe is also expecting another favor from the Navy when Bill Dickey, sure and able backstop, sent word that he may return for a few weeks. It certainly seems as though the Yankees just roll along, and nothing, not even draft notices, can break them up. All of the preceding factors again make the Bronxites the dominating team in the Junior Loop, and experts are already picking them as the flag winner and also as World Champions. We'll see....

The experts seemed to be justified in picking the Yanks, judging by their opening day performance against the Boston Red Sox, but don't make any bets until you see them against first class competition. Remember that the Bosox are one of the weakest teams of the circuit.

Picked to give the Yanks the most trouble throughout the arduous 1944 season are the Washington Senators. This club, managed by Ossie Bluege, contains as strong a quartet of hurlers as can be seen in either league, and to top things off they are all expert knuckleballers. Bluege's pitching staff is one of the tops in the league, and his pitching worries are slight what with Dutch Leonard, Roger Wolff, Johnny Niggeling and Mickey Heafner to toss 'em up, and Milo Candini in reserve. Such standout performers like speedy George Casemhard, hitting Stan Spence, rookie Roberto Ortiz, and newcomer Johnny Sullivan make the Nationals a pretty impressive ball club. These four form the nucleus of the Nat nine, and each other position is also well fortified. Sports writers are picking the Nats as the team for the Yankees to fear the most, and some are even going so far as to say that the Senators might upset the old apple cart by breezing past the Bombers in a home stretch race. The one big "IF" concerns Bluege's mound corps. If they remain intact throughout the entire campaign, the Nats might very easily walk off with the pennant. IF.....

In the recent polls taken throughout the majority of the sports world, it was decided that the six other places in the A.L. should go in the following order; the Chicago White Sox third due to the return of Hal Trosky; Luke Sewell's Brownies to finish on the bottom of the first division because of a 4-F infield with Vern Stephens back; Detroit to wind up fifth if York and Higgins stay; the Indians sixth if they cut the squabbling with the front office; Connie Mack's Athletics to finish seventh because of a revamped mound staff (but some experts are picking the A's to be the A.L. "dark horse"; and the Red Sox from Boston to wind up in the cellar.

That's the 1944 American League outlook. How right we are will be answered October 1st. Until then...happy guessing!

Gentlemen From Many Parts: 1943 Freshmen Represent Eighteen States



MEMBERS OF THE FRESHMAN CLASS, Reading left to right, are: Top Row: J. Clarke, W. Todd, R. Jones, H. Eacho, M. Harris, D. Nowell, C. Shook, W. Merrin, B. Breedin, F. Taylor, J. Reid, D. Guthrie, P. Braunschweig, R. Zrike, J. McWhorter, J. Johnson, C. McKendree, K. Hogeland, and T. Wright. Middle Row: W. Pifer, R. Shamhart, J. Davidson, T. Dodson, E. Wright, L. Wallerstein, W. Berry, F. Stanley, R. Criminale, E. Hinson, M. Dennis, J. Brannon, W. Doswell, E. Brooks, R. Axtell, T. Mayberry, W. Romaine. Bottom Row: J. Funkhouser, J. Crowder, W. Hart, H. Oder, R. Drake, W. Wilcox, R. Curl, J. Magruder, W. Smith, R. McNeil, J. Clower, H. Sammons, J. Frank, W. Brotherton, S. Edwards, and E. Santaella.

Men About Town

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er's and Wilcox's molls... Leo Durocher almost signed Hart up for that nifty slide into home he pulled in front of the Dean Friday night... Drake came in with his ice skates when he heard about the floor, but Swoose stopped him at the door... only skis on the ice that night... And did you catch ESM, Registrar, cutting a mean carpet in front of the movie machine... just like Roseland on a Saturday night... "Wolfe" Da-

vidson was on the prowl since the Colonel's daughter is visiting her pappy, but what Ellis could he do.....

Last Will and Testament: To whoeverinhell will be here next quarter we'll bequeath..... one school paper, long may it waiver... William Alexander Davidson, EC member and all-around good guy... "Sunshine" Hart, to do with as you please... One Julian Frank, &lb@*:) ('&@lb\$;' ... McCrum's and the State, we've loved them both... The State Theater and the Lyric, heaven and the other

place... Saturday nights at Sem, or "let's go over to Baldwin instead"... the nine-thirty rush to the PO, and an empty box... eight o'clock classes in the rain, but at least there will be light this summer... midnight snacks at "Pto-mainie Tavern," or pass the Bromo-Seltzer... roller coaster bus rides to Macon, but how we love 'em... (taking mine next week, EEP)... beer at the Annex, or

"but, Dr. Crobaugh, don't you think...". E. S. Mattingly, R., who, when you get right down to it is a pretty good guy, when you get down to it... one School for Special Service, or knit one pearl two... TC-87, nuff said....

Well, looks like us and a few dozen other guys is hitting the trail from Lex... we'd like to stay, but that's life... so, anyway, it's been swell...!

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All those desiring Commencement invitations may have them printed on Monday by making arrangements with the University Journalism Laboratory Press.

Largest SSS Class Opens With Nearly 700 Men

The largest class in the history of the School for Special Service opened Wednesday, April 18, numbering in the neighborhood of seven hundred men. The latest class is comprised of the twenty-first Athletic and Recreation group and the eighth Orientation and Education unit. Prominent among the new officer and enlisted men and women students are many veterans of overseas duty.

The Army Post Exchange School which completed its last class at Princeton University sometime in the middle of March, will hold its first session beginning in May when the next class of the SSS begins, according to Major Adams, Public Relations Officer of the

School. Members of the PX School staff are now in Lexington arranging a schedule of courses and facilities for the incoming group. Beginning with this class the name of the School for Special Service has picked up an added title to become the School for Morale Services.

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