

The Columns

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Number 1

Enrollment Somewhat Larger than Expected

EC Announces Dance

There will be an informal dance held at the Lambda Chi house on Saturday, September 16, the Executive Committee announced today. A small admission fee, to be announced later, will be charged to cover the costs of refreshments.

This will be the first social function of the season, but tentative plans are being made by the Executive Committee for a formal set to be held sometime in October.

The Executive Committee will appoint a committee to invite Lexington girls for this affair in September.

More Alumni Die for Country

The University has been notified of the death of four more alumni in the service of their country. They are Dan Ray Justice, member of Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma, President of the Monogram Club, and a track and football star. Justice graduated in 1942 with a B.A. degree and enlisted in the Coast Guard. Given a medical discharge he applied for the Marines and soon went overseas. Lt. Justice was slain in combat, participating in the American drive on Bougainville in the Southwest Pacific.

Paul Emile Gordon, Jr., member of Pi Kappa Alpha and a Commerce major, left the University in 1941 to enter the Army. He was commissioned a second lieutenant at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and soon went overseas. Lt. Gordon was killed in France by enemy action on July 11, 1944.

James Patterson Rogers, member of Kappa Alpha, President of ODK, track captain and Southern Conference champion, received his LL.B. in 1939. He enlisted as a flying cadet in 1941, was graduated as a pilot and commissioned a second lieutenant at Brooks Field, Texas. Rogers soon rose to the rank of first lieutenant and was sent overseas. Lt. Rogers gave his life in the course of action over Germany in 1944.

John Ireland Macey, member of Phi Gamma Delta, the Cotillion Club, and the Troubadours. A first lieutenant in the Army, Macey was killed in a vehicular accident on July 14, 1944. He was serving as

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Wright Reports Invasion News For Press Service

Former Sports Editor Present at Landings In Southern France

On August 16, the day of the invasion of Southern France, Richard T. Wright, onetime sports editor of *The Ring-tum Phi*, joined the number of those who have made journalistic history in this war. A marine corps correspondent, Dick Wright was present with the American amphibious forces at one point on the landing beaches where enemy resistance was particularly stubborn, sending out some of the first news of the momentous invasion. As reported by Eleanor Packard, famous United Press war reporter, in the lead story of the New York World Telegram for that day, "Heavy German fire blocked off sea landing at one... it was reported by T/Sgt. Richard T. Wright of Arlington, Virginia. He said the German fire at this point, which was not identified, had prevented the troops from debarking."

A son of a member of the class of 1920 at Washington and Lee, and he himself a 1941 graduate, Dick Wright was sports editor of *The Ring-tum Phi*, which was nationally known for its excellence as a college newspaper. He wrote of the Southern Conference championships with the same thoroughness and knowledge of his subject that serves him so well as a combat correspondent.

At the outbreak of war in December, 1941, Dick Wright joined the Marine Corps where his special talents gained him training as a "fighting writer." He was with our forces on Guadalcanal and in the later follow-up engagements in the Solomon Islands. Many of Wright's stories of the Pacific actions have been carried in such newspapers as the *Washington Post*.

Since transferring to the European theater, Wright has been in Africa and Italy. It was from the latter country that he participated in the second French invasion; an event which is so far the high water mark of a career which we should hear much of in the future, both in war and in peace.

Dean's List

For Quarter, August 21, 1944 to November 10, 1944

Carpenter J. P.
Clarke, J. H.
Crowder, J. A.
Dennis, M. H.
Dodson, T. R.
Funkhouser, J. W.
Guthrie, D. V.
Holley, J. B.
Lee, T. C.
McWhorter, J. A.
Patterson, R. G.
Paxton, M. W.
Sisley, J. M.
Woodruff, A. H.
Yaste, G. E.

New Freshmen Set High Record Of Assimilations

Committee Will Make Penalties Progressively Harder, Davidson Says

By the end of the past week six freshmen have been called before the Assimilation Committee for infringement of the Freshman Rules. The violations were not severe and the penalties meted out were consequently of a mild nature.

Temporary chairman, Bill Davidson, speaking for the committee, commented however, "Six boys assimilated in as many days is an indication that something is a-askew in the machinery of this system. The upperclassmen are not ogres, conniving to make the life of newcomers to the campus unpleasant, but in their way are indoctrinating and familiarizing the boys with life on the Washington and Lee campus. This is done so that they will fit in easily when they take their stand among the upperclass ranks. Unless more vigilance is observed in abiding by the rules, the penalties will have to become more severe so that the freshmen will realize that the Assimilation Committee means business."

Freshman caps were required to be worn starting Thursday and conventional dress for students at all times will be required from Monday, September 11, for the winter terms.

Virginia and New York Lead List of Home States, Puerto Rico Represented

Eighteen new freshmen and three transfers enrolled in the University on August 21 for the present term. Representing 12 states and one territory, this group was somewhat larger than was expected.

Mr. F. J. Gilliam, Dean of Students, said "It looks like we have turned the corner in enrollment. It is reasonably safe to say that we may anticipate an increase from now on." He also stated that relatively few boys were signed up to enroll in November because that was not the normal time for preparatory schools to graduate students.

A list of the new freshmen is as follows: William Bernard, Chevy Chase, Maryland, Sidwell Friends School, Washington, D. C.; William W. Burton, Brooklyn, New York, Boys High School; Leonard C. Carter, Lakeland, Florida, Lakeland High School; Burton S. Floyd, Orlando, Florida, Orlando High School; James T. Graybeal, Buena Vista, Virginia, Parry McCluer High School; Edgar D. Holladay, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Shaw High School; Irving Joel, Hopewell, Virginia, Fork Union Military Academy; John W. Johnston, Woodford, Virginia, James Monroe High School, Fredericksburg, Virginia; Arthur M. Joseph, Louisville, Kentucky, Louisville Male High School;

Bernard D. Kaplan, Brooklyn, New York, Erasmus Hall High School; Carlos G. Latimer, Puerto Rico, Colegio Ponceno de Varones, Ponce, Puerto Rico; Tom McClellan, Montgomery, West Virginia, Montgomery High School; Neil E. McNeill, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Tulsa Central High School; Robert Mosbacher, New York City, Choate School, Wallingford, Connecticut; Henry F. Rode, Woodmere, Long Island, New York, Hempstead High School, Long Island, New York; James S. Taylor, Jacksonville, Florida, Bolles School; Seaman Williams, Mobile, Alabama, Murphy High School; Peter M. Williams, Washington Depot, Connecticut, Washington High School. The transfers are as follows: David G. Brown, Knoxville, Tennessee, University of Tennessee; Robert E. Jones, Jr., Concord, North Carolina, Davidson College; Hugh D. Pitts, Richmond, Virginia, University of Richmond.

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Saturday, September 2, 1944

Give and Take

Once again it is our traditional duty to welcome into the Washington and Lee family those boys who have come here for the first time. It is not only a happy duty but a privilege as well, for new blood and new faces will always infuse a new life into our campus, and it is through the class of 1948 that many time-honored traditions and memories will live to greet the freshmen who will enter in the next four years. It is these boys who will participate in the task of keeping alive the name and the ideals of this University.

Today, Washington and Lee is a far cry from the school in its heyday. Little of the old life is left, little of the social activities, little of the sports, but the basic love of learning and of fellowman is left. And there are the laughs, the tears, the joys and the heartaches even as there always will be, for here there is well blended the mixture of scholarship and comradeship which are the roots of happiness. Here none will scorn you, here none will taunt you, here none will ignore you. And the mellowness of good living will be the coveted reward, but there is a price to pay.

To attain the honor of becoming true Washington and Lee men we must all swear to the old maxim of give and take, for to receive without offering is to lose the right to receive. There has been talk and there have been questions raised by you that perhaps the freshman assimilation rules are unnecessary. And perhaps they are, but it is our only way of inducting you into the true spirit of the age-old customs which we have so faithfully cherished. And which you will cherish when you have learned to love them. Here we will not force things upon you which will oppose your temperament or arouse your indignation, but to show you the true art of living as a Washington and Lee gentleman. Nothing more can be expected, nothing better can be attained, for this is the ideal which you will one day espouse and which men for countless ages have striven and attained. And as long as this is true the recumbent statue of General Lee will continue to sleep peacefully within the ivied walls of the chapel that bears his name.

Show Team Time

By "Bama" and Dave Guthrie

Sunday and Monday at the State finds Barbara Stanwyck and Fred MacMurray in **Double Indemnity**. Stanwyck is a hard blond, has a soft figure, and her husband has lost money for which she married him. MacMurray plays the part of Walter Neff, who becomes her partner in crime. The story has a new twist in it that shows promise of being tops. The insurance claim agent (Edward G. Robinson) breaks the case in time to hear the dying confession of Neff. For those who like fast action, good actors, and Edward G., this is a **MUST**.

Rolling on down the week into Tuesday and Wednesday we find that drama has reared its ugly head to bring Paul Lukas and Mady Christians to us in **Address Unknown**. It is the story of two partners, one of whom (Lukas) goes back to Germany and accepts the **New Order**. It sounds good. Try it.

MGM gives out with another of its first-class musicals on Thursday, Friday and Saturday with a full cast. Red Skelton, Esther Williams, and Harry James keep the picture moving. It is a swell collection of beautiful girls, comedy, and good music. The whole plot surrounds our musician (Skelton) who is in and out of love enough times to make it interesting. Harry James comes through with some more of the same kind of stuff he gave us in **Two Girls and a Sailor**. **DON'T MISS**.

Over at the Lyric Preston Foster and Ann Rutherford come through on Monday and Tuesday with **Bermuda Mystery**. We all remember Rutherford for her past performances in the **Hardy** series, and she is tops. The plot has nothing new in the way of murders except that it gives you five for the price of one. If you don't have anything better to do, and you like mysteries, O.K. If not, skip it.

Just in case you do go for that type we have another one for you on Wednesday. Tom Conway and Mona Maris give out with **The Falcon Out West**. The only thing new here is three beautiful suspects. Only **Fair**.

Thursday we bring back one that made a hit at the State. **Up in Arms** with Dinah Shore (need I say more) and Danny Kaye. Dinah sings "Now I Know" (she does, too), "Tess' Torch Song" and she and Kaye wind up with "Jive Number." For the new freshmen, see the older men for additional info. A **MUST**.

Friday and Saturday finds the saviour of the plains at the door of the bad, bad man who is trying to cheat our dear friends, the

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Generalizing the News

By Burton S. Floyd

College life here in fair Lexington is fast approaching its past glory, and the events of the past few days most certainly indicate an earlier culmination of hostilities on the continent. The allied Third Army under "Blood and Guts" General Patton nears the border of Belgium, it appears the Germans will break sooner than most of us expected.

Meanwhile, in France, the Germans are expected to expose Southern England to the greatest robot bomb attack up to date. As our armies sweep toward these robot bases, the Germans will be forced to use up all their available supply of rockets. The latest statistics announced by Churchill on August 2 reveals that during six weeks of concentrated robot attack, 4,735 people were killed, 14,000 injured, and more than 200,000 homes were wiped out or damaged.

Over in the Pacific, reports from that area reveal that had we not shot down so many Japanese aircraft in a recent Naval engagement, our forces might have been able to engage the enemy in a surface battle. The Jap, disheartened by his tremendous loss in aircraft, turned tail and fled from our task force. Our new B-29 bombers, now within range of every important section of their operations except the Philippines, it is likely that the Japanese have the major portion of their fleet around those Islands.

We can also expect B-29 raids on the larger Nipponese cities such as Tokyo with a population over six million and Osaka with three million. That the Japs fear such moves is evidenced by Tokyo Radio which reports that all school children have begun to tear down dwellings which might catch on fire from American raids. Fires set in these cities would do tremendous damage to material things as well as morale, and might hasten the conflict in the Pacific theatre to an earlier defeat of the enemy.

Men About Town . . .

The local wolves arrived back on the campus after a three-week vacation which the administration so kindly granted to the young ladies of Lexington by letting the boys go home. After staying at home for a few nights to exchange wild tales, everyone has started to roam again.

One remarkable feature of the return trip was the fact that so few Minks were seen on the streets of Lynchburg the weekend before classes started. Who can guess where they were? They must have changed from the train to the bus there!

The old school was overrun with new freshmen, and there was some doubt as to who felt out of place, the upperclassmen or the newcomers. Several boys in the Lambda Chi house were wondering who had a woman on the third floor until Hochstim explained that the sweet voice that everyone heard was just "Junior."

Carpenter came back distributing sighs and orange blossoms, and explaining that he couldn't have any more dates while he is at school because Peg wouldn't like it. However, all members of the student body are requested not to mention this when J. P. is applying the line.

Mayberry has returned to the campus after a vacation of an entire quarter. It is rumored that he goes by the Randolph-Macon school calendar when making up his schedule, and he didn't even know that W&L was having a summer vacation.

Pinnell was seen early in the first week at the local cinema house with Dot. Doctor Crobaugh was seen at the Annex, and the "Mouse" was just seen, that was enough.

In case you gentlemen are interested, classes start at Hollins on the 18th of this month.

World of Sports . . .

By Brotherton and Newburger

The Washington and Lee Intramural Sports program got off to a flying start on Monday. The Phi Psi bested the Lambda Chi in the first game of the softball program 18-2. The Lambda Chi opened the game with Dodson on the mound, but due to lack of support it was necessary for him to have relief from Breeden and Kaplan. Neither of these were able to stem the attack of the Phi Psi, however.

The Phi Psi came up with a lucky discovery in the person of Bob Needham who turned in a stellar performance on the mound to achieve his initial win of the newly-organized league.

Lack of organization and team cooperation were the main factors in the defeat of the Lambda Chi team.

The Phi Psi's look like the team to beat for the championship. They showed that they had the ball players to fill every position, and along with their versatile playing they also have a large supply of heavy hitters in the persons of Doug Pitts, Jim Carpenter and Buck Pinnell.

The game was an inspiring sight for it showed that the spirit at Washington and Lee had been revived. A vote of thanks is due for Cy Twombly and the boys who put the league into operation.

Hot Off the Gridiron

It's autumn again, fellows, and in a few weeks the pigskins will once more be flying. This season will be unusual as compared with its predecessors. You will find the schools with Naval detachments occupying the majority of the headlines, but there will be the same old college spirit and enthusiasm of former years. It is

indeed a courageous coach who tries to field a team of civilians.

You remember the great Tulsa team of 1943. This team was made up entirely of rejects and men holding medical discharges of one type or another, but this was indeed an exception in a year of uncertainty. This season will find Henry Frnka of Tulsa, Charley Simpson of Missouri, Alonzo Stagg of the College of the Pacific, doing their utmost to carry on one of America's greatest institutions with only civilian material to choose from. Here's a garland of roses from the American people to these men for carrying on no matter what obstacles they must overcome.

Late News

Tommy Lee of SAE and Bernie Caplan of Lambda Chi engaged in a pitcher's duel Wednesday night at Wilson Field that was not decided until the last inning with two out when Tommy Lee won his own game with a smashing

double over shortstop to score two runners and give SAE a 4-3 verdict. During the struggle, "Itch" Eacho and Black were outstanding for the winners. "Slats" Anderson, Breeden, and Dodson played high caliber ball for the vanquished.

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staff intelligence officer and trial judge advocate to the 337th Infantry Division at the time of his death, and recently had been awarded the Infantrymen's Badge for excellent performance under fire.

**Thornton Allen,
Music Publisher,
Dies Suddenly**

**Alumnus Popularized
Washington & Lee Swing**

Thornton W. Allen, for many years a popular composer and publisher of college songs and closely associated with our own "Washington and Lee Swing," died on July 30 at the Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, Massachusetts, after becoming ill while visiting in nearby Provincetown, Massachusetts.

Mr. Allen attended Washington and Lee during the 1909-10 session, and was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. While still in college, he established the Thornton W. Allen Company, music publishers, of New York. Born in New Jersey, he also worked as a reporter for The New York Herald, and was for eighteen years managing editor of the magazine, Musical Courier. As a result of his popularizing of the "Washington and Lee Swing," he received numerous requests from colleges throughout the country for similar works.

Some of his publications include "Vanderbilt Forever," "Alabama's Victory Song," "Men of Nebraska," "Oregon Battle Song," and "Cheer for L. S. U."

Mr. Allen's newest composition is "United Nations Forever," which was presented at Radio City Music Hall in New York during the recent visit of Mme. Chiang Kai-shek.

**Forensic Union Will Meet
Next Monday**

The Forensic Union will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 4, 1944, on the second floor of the Student Union building. All freshmen are urged to attend

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ranchers. Russell Hayden and Bob Willis in **Silver City Raiders**. The only thing to be recommended is the serial, **Haunted Harbor**. Read your parallel.

That winds up this week's issue of "see, miss, see" parade until next Friday. I leave you with this thought, "Two hours of relaxation will make the next two hours of study easier."

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We're "on the air," fellas, with a brand-new feature. A whole gang of old programs now on vacation and a bunch of new replacements are lined up to begin pretty soon, so just to keep you posted on the most popular, most promising form of entertainment we've got, here we go... CBS premieres one this week, a dramatic called "This Is My Best," Tues. 9:30; Edward Arnold guest-stars for the first in a series of adaptations from the "best" of modern writers. Sept. 16 brings the first gamecast—more about that later.

While we're waiting for the season to open, here's just a back-drop of general listening of interest that's good all the time. Mon. thru Fri. at 7:00—NBC Johnny Mercer & Co. put forth with after-dinner music. TuesWedThurs at 7:15—CBS J. Nesbitt entertains with fascinating stories in the

"Passing Parade." Another good old 5-a-week stand-by is the 9:30 Blue Spotlight Bands show.

Dunninger at 9:00—Blue and Sintra at 9:00—CBS compete for interest Wed. nites. A half-hour of "Suspense" awaits you at 8:00 CBS Thurs. And Gracie Fields at 8:00—NBC Sun. provides one of the best laugh-spots of the week. Tues. night is still Hope-less, for a week or two, anyhow. Regular beats for "good music" fans are 10:30—WOR (except Sat.) and 11:00—WQXR (nightly) with the Longine Symphonette and "Just Music" hours respectively. Good, too, if you can get it, is the musical Falstaff Hour 11:30—WVL (870 kc., nightly except Sun.). Happy listening!

SPORTS FLASH!

The Phi Psi intramural softball team took the SAE aggregation into camp to the tune of 20-6 on Friday afternoon at Wilson Field. Bob Needham was the winning twirler while Tom Lee suffered his first loss of the season.

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