

# The Columns

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## Cy Young Returns From Leave of Absence

### Annual VMI Hop

The Hop Committee of VMI announced today that their annual Ring Dance would be held on September 29 and 30. Betty McGuire's All-Girl Orchestra will furnish the music for the two-night hop. The Ring Figure will be held at 10 p.m. on Friday when the dance will officially begin. The Friday dance will be from ten until two and the Saturday dance will be from nine until twelve. At the time **The Columns** went to press, the price of admission had not been announced but it is expected to be between five and six dollars for the entire set. Washington and Lee students are invited.

### Union to Debate Football Dispute

#### Criminale Made Speaker At First Meeting of Year

At its opening meeting on August 28, the Forensic Union elected officers for the present quarter. Rex Criminale had previously been chosen as Speaker, succeeding Dave Guthrie, who is now the new secretary. Jack Crowder was elected Assistant Speaker, and Bob Jones continues as treasurer. The positions of Sergeant-at-Arms and Keeper of the Keys were given to Joe Simpson.

Dr. Flournoy gave an interesting talk on the origin of the Washington and Lee literary societies and their evolution, leading up to the formation of the Forensic Union.

The first debate of the season was held at the second meeting on Monday night. The subject was: Resolved, that the two-thirds rule of the Senate on treaty-making be changed to a simple majority. Ryland Dodson, speaking for the affirmative, won the debate. Matthew Paxton upheld the negative.

The debate for next week will be: Resolved, that varsity football should be played during the season 1944-1945.

**(Editor's Note:** This is a current topic and one on which the student body has keen viewpoints. It would be well for all enthusiasts to be present to air their opinions. Something can come of this yet.

The meeting will be at 7:30 Monday evening in the Student Union building.)

### Phi Eta Sigma Elects Officers, Sponsors Outing

#### Crowder, Funkhouser, & Guthrie Elected; Frosh To Picnic at Goshen

Phi Eta Sigma, Freshman Honorary Fraternity, established at the University in 1937, got underway for a new term last week with the election of new officers. As of August 29, Jack Crowder of Charleston, West Virginia, will serve as president; David Guthrie of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as vice-president; and John Funkhouser of Beaverdam, Virginia, as secretary-treasurer.

After remaining more or less dormant during the summer term, the fraternity is desirous of placing itself on a highly active basis during the fall and winter terms, and is beginning a drive to create interest among members of the freshman class in attaining its ideals and scholastic requirements for membership.

The first move in this direction is a picnic at Goshen Pass on Sunday, September 10, for all summer school and autumn freshmen, all expenses for this outing being defrayed by the fraternity. Dean Gilliam, faculty adviser for Phi Eta Sigma, will be among those present and will speak during the course of the afternoon on the purposes of the fraternity.

All freshmen are instructed to be ready to leave from the Phi Psi house at 1:30 p.m. this Sunday.

### Final Dance Plans Made; 'Bush Coats' Held Taboo

Final plans made for the dance to be held at the Lambda Chi house on Saturday, September 16, were discussed at the last meeting of the Executive Committee. The dance will begin at 8:30 p.m., and the admission will be fifty cents.

The problem of upperclassmen wearing "bush coats" was brought up. The committee decided that these were definitely out, and it would handle all upperclassmen who violated this rule.

"Bush coats" were defined as any coat that did not conform to the regular cut of a suit or sport coat. Border-line cases will be decided by the Committee.

### Back at Post



Harry K. "Cy" Young

### Trustees Vote Filtration System For Pool in Gym

#### Prof. R. W. Dickey Will Oversee Installation; Phillips Granted Leave

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Washington and Lee University at a recent meeting authorized the purchase and installation of a purification and filter system for the swimming pool.

Dr. R. W. Dickey, professor of physics at Washington and Lee, was placed in charge of the installation, which is expected to be ready to work within six weeks. This improvement will insure clean and chemically pure water in the pool at all times.

Although the primary wish of the committee was to make Washington and Lee normal as soon as possible, they recognized that for the present they could take no very large steps in that direction.

Dr. M. O. Phillips, professor of commerce, was granted a leave of absence for another year. He is at present preparing another textbook dealing with Economic Geography.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees is as follows: Dr. F. P. Gaines, President of the University, chairman; Herbert Fitzpatrick, rector of the Board of Trustees; James R. Caskie; Harry St. G. T. Carmichael; Homer A. Holt; J. Morris Hutcheson; and Earl S. Mattingly, secretary.

### W&L Alumni Secretary Resumes Duties After Censorship Service

After nearly two years spent in the government service, Harry K. "Cy" Young, secretary of the W. and L. Alumni Association and a veritable institution of Washington and Lee to the thousands of its alumni, has now returned to the campus.

Upon accepting a position of executive capacity with the Office of Censorship in October, 1942, Mr. Young was sent to the school for censorship at New Orleans and was later stationed in New York. In January of last year, he was transferred to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he remained for twelve months. His duties were of such a nature that they could not be revealed. "I don't think," said a tanned and healthy looking "Cy" to this reporter, "that the character of my assignment will be revealed even when the present wartime security is relaxed."

"Censorship has been a difficult problem," he continued, "because, in spite of the attacks made upon it, there is no effective way for the Office of Censorship to defend itself; so much of its job being confidential."

Life in Puerto Rico during his stay, remarked Mr. Young, was not one of tropical splendor. "The climate," he explained, "is ideal. But the food, because of the then ever present submarine menace, was not overly plentiful." While on the West Indian island, Mr. Young renewed his friendship with many Washington and Lee alumni. "We have had several Puerto Rican students at the University, you know; and there were Washington and Lee men from the States in the armed forces and in government bureaus, the FBI being among them," he said.

At the beginning of this year, Mr. Young went to Washington, D. C., from whence he resigned three months ago to return to Lexington. Of the former city, he said only, "The less said about wartime Washington, the better."

Back at his desk in the Alumni Office, Mr. Young explained the purposes for the duration of the Alumni Association. The foremost task is, of course, to keep in touch with the alumni in the army and the navy; and to keep them in touch with the University. Also, the student-alumni relations pro-

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Wartime successor to The Ring-tum Phi

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Saturday, September 9, 1944

## Thanks, Cy Twombly

When people congratulate the students for trying to carry on in a manner approaching normal during wartime they tend to ignore a man who has contributed as much as any of the individuals involved.

During summer school when dances were out of the question, the girls' schools in the vicinity were closed, and there were very few diversions to prevent a feeling of discontent at the University, a few dangerous symptoms were noted. It began to appear that if the students continued at school they would do so devoid of spirit and enthusiasm.

Upon returning to Washington and Lee for the fall term a large number of students contracted that well known disease that appears on campuses throughout the country when the leaves begin to turn. It is known as the "football itch." At schools elsewhere in the state, especially those fortunate enough to have V-12 units on their campuses, practice was starting, and W&L men were exposed to the highly contagious malady. A committee was chosen to investigate the possibilities of a small scale revival of the sport at the University, but there was no immediate method available to cope with the pent up emotions and energy that the football discussions had released. At this time "Cy" Twombly announced his program of intramurals, thus saving the day. The spirited softball game Wednesday afternoon between the Phi Psi and Lambda Chi teams proved a great deal of spirit remains on the campus, and that it is being diverted into the proper channels, and the credit belongs entirely to Mr. Twombly.

### A WORD TO THE WISE:

The freshman at Washington and Lee or any university is not, contrary to the general opinion, an articulate creature. Realizing that the upperclassmen were not considered to any great degree when they first entered, he knows that he will be treated similarly out of sheer vindictiveness. This he can take! He is standing at the plate, waiting out the pitcher.

## Show Team Time

By "Bama" and Dave Guthrie

As the fourth week of this quarter gets under way, Sunday and Monday at the State finds "Frankie" Sinatra and George Murphy in **Step Lively**. It is a musical slapstick with Sinatra as a country boy among city slickers. It concerns a musical production so that the "Voice" can sing away without stopping the plot. If you don't have a date, can't get a date, don't have anything else to do, can't find anything else to do, then SEE IT.

Monday night brings to the State one of the best comedies of the year, **Janie**. The cast includes Joyce Reynolds and Robert Hutton surrounded with a great supporting cast. The 'teen-agers in this picture are neither angels nor devils. They look and act like the youngsters in the next block. It opens fast, picks up speed and romps to a finish that bristles with laughs. DON'T MISS.

Tuesday and Wednesday finds another drama (let us hope it is better than "Address Unknown") starring Linda Darnell and George Sanders. This is a drama of Old Russia and should be very good. It has great stars and a good supporting cast. TRY IT.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday finds Bette Davis and Claude Rains in another picture that will make you remember them forever. **Mr. Skeffington** is the story of a vain, self-centered beauty from the pre-World War I era. Davis again achieves the kind of skillful characterizations which have kept her name high in Hollywood's list of the truly great of our time. DON'T MISS.

And now we come to that center of greater learning, the LYRIC, where the problems of the day are brought before the younger generation and are worked on by the best minds in the country (Gene Autry, etc.) On Monday and Tuesday **Kansas City Kitty** brings to the screen a new threesome that should be good. Joan Davis, Bob Crosby, and Jane Frazee bring another song and dance with new comedy, good music, and something never before seen on any screen (thank goodness), Joan Davis as a song plugger. We all know Bob as Bing's brother, but he and the boys do very well for themselves without big brother. TRY IT.

For the boys who like jazz, we have on Wednesday **Jam Session** with Ann Miller, Jess Barker, and SIX orchestras. What more could one ask than this. It doesn't have much of a plot, but then who wants a plot with Ann Miller. ONLY FAIR.

Jean Gabin and Allyn Joslyn

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## Generalizing the News

By Burton S. Floyd

Evidence which supports the theory that the war, at least with Germany, will soon be over can be found in many of Lexington's stores. At one store, Scotch tape has come back on the market. Another store says that portable radio batteries come in once in a while. Then such things as wooden toys, tools, and horse-hair brushes can now be found. Best days to look for the more popular brands of cigarettes are Tuesday and Saturday.

As the European war draws to a close, all eyes will turn to the Far Eastern theatre. Little publicity has been given to the Burma campaign, but this front is indeed a potential bombshell. Burma forms an arrow-like wedge between India and China, and, due to the Jap occupation of the tip of this wedge, we have been unable to get supplies to China except by air. When this arrow-tip area has been cleared of Japs, the new Lido Road, which will take the place of the old Burma Road, will be opened to traffic, and millions of China's soldiers will receive the equipment they need to make themselves a first class fighting machine. Then, too, B-29 raids on Japan should increase as bombs previously flown in can be carried in by trucks. Even now, activity in the whole area should increase on a large scale as paratroops, finished with their duties in Europe, are sent to India.

But the Japanest should be able to hold out quite a while yet, for several reasons. In the first place, the major portion of Japan's industry is now on the Continent in Manchuria. A collapse of the Japanese Island itself would not necessarily mean the end of Japan as a fighting force. Then, we will not, as many people wrongly assume, be able to send our planes in droves into China immediately after the collapse of Germany, as there will not be enough air-fields to hold them. Remember that the few fields we now possess in China were not built by bulldozers, but by the painfully slow labor of thousands of China's coolies. The Japanese still hold Singapore and many hundreds of Pacific islands. As they have demonstrated in the past, they will probably remain there to be routed out only by the utmost effort of all the Allied Forces.

## Men About Town . . .

While the football committee looked everywhere for rough men everybody else in the vicinity just looked for men, and quite a few W&L men have been riding the crest of the manpower shortage, enjoying almost complete control over the local high school chicks. The local juvenile delinquents who do their lamp-post leaning in front of the State naturally became a little anxious when the Minks turned to the small fry, and they were even contemplating making a full scale defense of their honor when Mosbacher sent them scurrying back behind their primers with a few well chosen words.

Among the little ladies now devoting much of their time to our Casanovas (j.g.), are Betsy Brown, Lucile Montgomery, and the daughter of just about every VMI Colonel who happens to be the father of a girl old enough to walk, excepting Colonel Weaver, since Gertie remains true to the strutter.

The long silence from the hills has apparently made many of you forget about the howling wolves of Charlottesville, but we would like to announce that the Wahoos are still roaming the uncivilized part of the state, and they have finished another consecutive year of doing nothing in a worthwhile sort of way, and when the wind is right you can sometimes faintly hear their barbarian cries. It is reported that the number of Thomas Jefferson's revolutions in his resting place have doubled since the D.A. haircut was introduced to the campus of that institution.

# World of Sports . . .

By Brotherton and Newburger

Lambda Chi's team bested the SAE aggregation 7-2 on Monday night. It was the initial win for the Lambda Chi's, who had dropped two previous encounters. The game was marked by the appearance of new pitchers for both sides. "Itch" Eacho replaced Tom Lee who was out of town on the mound for the SA's; and Max Dennis and Edgar "Happy" Holladay sharing the pitching duties for the Lambda Chi's.

The game was tight from the start to the finish even though the SAE's were handicapped by the loss of Mosbacher and Lee. Eacho was pulled out of a number of holes by the sparkling defensive work of "Grab 'em All" Burton.

It is rumored that the Lambda Chi's have found a pitcher with caliber equal to that of the Phi Psi ace, Bob Needham, in the person of "Happy" Holladay, who twirled the final stanzas in the game Monday night.

The game showed great team spirit on the part of the Lambda Chi's as in the infield Anderson, Breedin, Dennis, and Graybeal performed with their same constant brilliance of other encounters.

LAMBDA CHI 2; PHI PSI 1.

The outstanding game of the intramural season was recorded Wednesday, September 6, on Wilson Field. The game featured "Happy" Holladay, the new pitching sensation of the Lambda Chi outfit. The game turned into a pitching duel as Bob Needham pitched an admirable game, however, finally bowing before Holladay's excellent performance.

In the second inning two errors and a walk formed an outstanding Phi Psi threat, however, Holladay proved equal to the task, showing poise, control, and a good assortment of pitches, to retire the side with no runs.

In the third inning Needham let up, loaded the bases and then walked Breedin to dent the plate for the first time. Dodson then proceeded to allow Dennis to make

a run with a long fly to center field. Needham then filled the sacks again, but to no avail as Hillman flied out to Johnstone in center field. The Phi Psi's scored their lone tally when Johnstone batted in Doswell with a fly to short field. Wilcox saved many a hit with his outstanding fielding. The game ended with Anderson doubling Wilcox off 1st base for an unassisted double play.

### Sportswriter's Dilemma

The curtain will soon drop on the 1944 baseball campaign. Soon the sportswriters of the leading newspapers of the country will be striving to select the most valuable player of each league.

It is not necessarily the best player in the league nor the batter with the highest average nor the pitcher with the best record. It is the player who has done the most to help his club throughout the season.

The American League has numerous men who will come under consideration. Vernon Stephens of the Browns, who is leading the league in runs, batting in, and who delivers in the clutch with a timely hit, is due for a great amount of consideration. You can't overlook the Detroit pair of Dizzy Trout and Hal Newhouser who are responsible for more than half of the Tigers' victories. These boys call to mind the great Dean boys of the 1934 Cardinals. Of course, you can't skip over Bobby Doerr, who is the outstanding second baseman of his time. Much of the verdict will depend on which club wins the pennant.

In the National League, the St. Louis Cardinals are running away with the flag and you can name almost anyone of the Cardinal team, Stan Musial, Marty Marion, Max Lanier, and the inseparable Cooper brothers. One cannot overlook Bucky Walters and Eddie Miller of the Reds, Bob Eliot of the Pirates and Bill Nicholson of the Cubs cannot be excluded from the most valuable ranks.

We will boldly step out on a limb and name Marty Marion in the National and Bobby Doerr in the American as the best.

### Word to the Wise

Once again the cry is being heard in the cities of the American League to "Stop the Yankees." Labor Day the Yankees took over the first place from the faltering Brown who had been on top since May 31. The Yankees, sparked by that old timer, Frank Crosetti, have won 20 of their 28.

### W&L League Standing

	Won	Lost
Phi Psi . . . . .	2	1
Lambda Chi . . . . .	2	2
SAE . . . . .	1	2

## R. N. Latture Will Speak At IRC Meeting at Phi Psi House on Wednesday

There will be a meeting of the International Relations Club in the lounge of the Phi Psi house at 7:15 p.m., Wednesday, September 13. Mr. Latture will speak briefly on the history and purposes of the organization, and plans will be made for the coming year. All students interested in international affairs are cordially invited to attend.

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**Cy Young Returns**

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gram, which in the past has financially aided student activities, will continue to function, but in curtailed fashion.

Mr. Young is very proud of the interest the alumni, spread thin throughout the world, has shown in the affairs of Washington and Lee at war. He takes particular pride in the "young" classes who have done more than their share for the alumni fund. Mr. Young believes that the alumni have a

more vital part in the life of Washington and Lee than is the case with many other colleges. A great number of students have chosen W&L upon the urging of alumni. He revealed that at one time over ten per cent of the student body were sons of men who had gone to Washington and Lee.

Said "Cy" Young, "I want the men to know that the door to this office is always open."

**Show Team Time**

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bring to the screen the story of the men of France who rallied around de Gaulle to carry on the fight for their freedom after Pétain ordered them to lay down their arms in **The Impostor** on Thursday. If you didn't buy that extra War Bond, SEE IT, you need it.

Friday and Saturday again sees the poor man's Gene Autry and Roy Rogers with a large but not good supporting cast in **Hands Across the Border**. Don't forget the serial, **The Haunted Harbor**. DON'T.

True to our prediction, here are seven good shows, new this week. Sunday at 5-MBS, Kaufman and Hart produce their own "You Can't Take It With You" Broadway and movie hit, especially for radio; sounds above-average. Same night at 8-NBC, Bergen & McCarthy come back from vacation and bring along Effie Klinker, Charlie's newest protege in wood. Monday, the Lux Radio Theater returns with Nelson Eddy and Jeannette McDonald playing the leads in "Maytime." (That's at 9-CBS). Paul Whiteman's Orches-

tra is booked for an 11:30-Blue spot for 26 Tuesdays to come, while on Thursdays at 7-Blue, Waring's Pennsylvanians are lined up for a half-hour show. Ed Wynn, you know, "the perfect fool," takes over the 7-Blue spot on Friday. Rudy Vallee, back from Coast Guard duty, is making up the feature spot at 8-NBC every Saturday night.

It goes without saying, actually, that radio is playing its biggest role right now in the war; undoubtedly, it's the first news source for all Americans, and the only news source for many. The four major networks, the hundreds of independent stations, and the press associations which provide teletype service, all deserve credit. One major network, in particular, CBS, merits special mention; this network recently was awarded the

title, radio's most efficient news-gatherer. We are fortunate to have two CBS affiliates right at hand—WDBJ (960 kc.) and WRVA (1140 kc.). Catch "Time Views the News," that magazine's radio edition, every afternoon, Monday through Friday at 4:30-Blue, good reporting, good presentation.

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