

# The Columns

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## Charity Chest Contributions Fall Behind

### Wilcox To Succeed Berry As Junior Committeeman

Bill Wilcox, pre-med student from Charlotte, North Carolina, was appointed to replace Bill Berry as Junior Executive Committeeman by the Committee at their regular meeting last Tuesday night.

This is the second time Wilcox has been appointed by the Committee to finish the unexpired term of a Committeeman. He was appointed last May to replace Jack Crowder as the Sophomore representative when Crowder dropped out of school for the summer quarter.

Eight members of the Junior class submitted their names as candidates for this position, giving the Committee a large number of names to select from in the first appointment they have had to make since the general elections in July.

### New 80,000-Gallon Pool Filter Is Now Installed

The new filtering plant has been installed in the swimming pool in Doremus Gymnasium and the pool is now ready for use, according to "Cy" Twombly. The system, which cost approximately \$6,000, was installed under Dr. Dickey's supervision, and consists of three big 35-pound filter tanks, a chlorinator, an automatic soda and alum feed, and completely filters the 80,000 gallons of water in the pool every eight hours.

Speaking of the new plant, Mr. Twombly said, "I think it will help a great deal in the swimming program since we won't have to worry about dumping and refilling the pool. It will make the pool much more inviting to the future students."

Regular hours have been provided for Washington and Lee men to use the pool. The SPS has not made out their schedule yet, but Mr. Twombly says he doesn't think their program will interfere with the proposed Washington and Lee program.

### Gilliam Addresses Alumni

Frank J. Gilliam, Dean of Students, returned to New York the past week-end as speaker at a banquet given by the New York Washington and Lee Alumni Association on Friday, December 1.

### Administration Will Return to Semester System

#### Dr. Tucker Announces Change in Plan in May

Dr. Robert H. Tucker, Dean of the University, has made further announcements concerning the post-war academic programs of the University. The present quarter system will be suspended at the conclusion of the session in May, 1945, and replaced by the normal semester system in September. The 1945 summer session will be of twelve weeks duration beginning in June. Longer class periods of one and one-half hours each for six days per week will supplement the usual requirements in order to provide full credit for courses pursued. The same general plan as the 1942 summer session will be followed.

With the possibility in view that the war in Europe will be ended by the beginning of the 1945-46 session and the student body much enlarged over its present number, the University is planning to restore to the curriculum as many courses as enrollment conditions justify, especially those designated as Junior-Senior courses. Degrees offered will include: the A.B. leading to departmental majors; the B.S. in chemistry, physics, and pre-engineering; and the B.S. in commerce. Special 2-year courses for maturer students in commerce and business administration will also be offered. Dr. Tucker emphasized the fact that the University is planning no great changes in academic programs but simply a restoration of pre-war programs.

### Swimming Pool Schedule

Washington and Lee's new pool is now open and the schedule has been announced. It is as follows:

Every day except Sunday—12 noon to 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday—2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (A lifeguard will be on duty at these times).

Monday, Wednesday and Friday—2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (A lifeguard will not be on duty on these afternoons and two or more students must swim at the same time).



Archie Mathis

### Wrestling Coach Now on Duty in Navy Program

#### Lt. Comdr. A. E. Mathis Coach at Iowa Pre-Flight Praised for Athletic Feats

Although intercollegiate athletics are out for the duration here on the campus the reputation of the former Big Blue teams is still being spread far and wide.

Iowa Pre-Flight School's **Spindrift** devoted a whole page to a write-up of Lt. Comdr. Archie Mathis, former wrestling coach at Washington and Lee, who is now in charge of the wrestling program for the Iowa Seahawks.

With no teams now engaged in intercollegiate competition Washington and Lee students should not find it hard to attach their support to former W&L teams, such as the wrestling squads that Coach Mathis put out. During his 17 years as wrestling coach, the Generals had 9 unbeaten teams, 11 conference champions, an overall freshman and varsity record of Won, 138; Lost, 33; Tied, 2; for an all-time percentage of .807, and they went for 10 years without losing a conference meet, which is pretty good in anyone's league!

While establishing these records the Generals were meeting and defeating the best teams, including Army, Navy, Michigan, Michigan State, Princeton and Northwestern.

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### Interest Is Lagging; Students Are Asked to Give More Support

Washington and Lee's Charity Chest Drive for 1944, which has received little support from the student body, was continued by the Executive Committee for another week.

The drive, which is conducted just before Christmas each year, serves to protect the members of the student body from solicitors, since the Executive Committee makes a Washington and Lee contribution of the money collected in this yearly canvass of students, to such charitable institutions as the Red Cross, Community Chest, Russian Relief, and others.

Each student is asked to give \$3.50 to the Charity Chest, and Tom Lee, president of the student body, said that either cash, checks, or IOU's would be acceptable.

Solicitors for the various houses and eating places are: Billy Dossell, Lambda Chi house; Bob Patterson and Bob McNeil, Phi Psi house; Tom Lee, SAE house and all others; or your donation may be given to any Executive Committeeman.

### Forensic Union Continues Programs on Suggestions For Arguing Effectively

Going into its third week, the lecture program of the Forensic Union was continued at its Monday evening meeting of last week with talks by J. P. Carpenter and T. M. Wright. Carpenter discussed types of evidence, while Wright took up the problem of refutation.

An unexpected highlight of the meeting was occasioned by Carlos Latimer, who rose to speak extemporaneously in Spanish. Speaker Criminale promptly declared Latimer out of order and was summarily challenged from the floor. Receiving the necessary one-third vote of the members to uphold him, the Speaker's decision remained in force, and Latimer found it necessary to fall back upon English.

In his capacity as Secretary of the Forensic Union, David Guthrie announced that this meeting was the last one at which students might join the Union and receive the quantity credit offered for participation in the activities of the organization.

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## Send It On

When you finish reading your copy of each issue of **The Columns**, send it on to one of your friends or fraternity brothers now in the armed services.

It will cost you one cent an issue to do this, and since most of us don't have the time to write long and newsy letters to our buddies now in training or in action, it should prove an interesting as well as excellent way to keep former and prospective students informed of what is going on about the campus.

It is probably difficult for us here in our cloistered halls to imagine the great delight which some Washington and Lee soldier, marine or navy man will get out of reading about his school and his student friends.

Don't put any writing on the paper, wrap it in a plain wrapper (an envelope with the ends off will do the job), stick a penny stamp on it and address it to one of our former students in any camp, air or naval base on this continent. Unfortunately, shipping space prevents newspapers being sent to foreign bases as third class mail.

The editors would like to send a free subscription of the paper to every University man in the service, but unfortunately it is impossible. So let us each take it upon himself to make this small contribution to one of the boys in khaki or blue.

There are always a few extra copies left in the Journalism Laboratory Press building after distribution to the student body. A limited number of these have been set aside to be mailed out to the University's fighting men. If you have an address you wish a paper sent to, drop into the Press building or contact this paper's Business Manager, and you will be given copies. Morale sometimes spells defeat or victory. News from home and college is always eagerly anticipated, so why not start in with this issue.

The progress of the Charity Chest Drive at the University has not been gratifying. As the Christmas season fast approaches we should get into the spirit of things by contributing the small amount asked. It isn't too much to ask of a student body who is willing to pay anything in order to have a dance set!

## Show Team Time

By "Bama"

Ethyl Barrymore, after 12 years away from the screen, returns in **None but the Lonely Heart** on Sunday and Monday at the State with Cary Grant. The story portrays that problem facing the poor and unlettered who see, but cannot have, the things that can make living pleasant, wanting them so much that they adopt unorthodox means of getting them. Both Grant and Barrymore turn in superb performances. SEE IT.

Tuesday and Wednesday finds Victor Herbert's **Naughty Marietta** with Jeannette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy in the lead roles. The story concerns a rebellious princess from the court of Louis XV. Frank Morgan and Elsa Lancaster figure prominently in the cast of the romantic comedy. One of the great pictures of all time. SEE IT.

Th famous Fibber McGee and Molly of radio fame are with us on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in **Heavenly Days**. Those of you who are fans will enjoy this screen play about the duty of the citizen to vote. Other elements involved are a dozen refugee children, a trainload of soldiers, Dr. Gallup and his poll, and the U.S. Senate. For those of us who are not their fans, DON'T.

This at the Lyric with a full week of Don'ts. Starting the week on Monday and Tuesday are Evelyn Ankers and J. Carrel Naish. This story concerns a beautiful girl brought to human form from a female ape. Unless you like this sort of thing, DON'T.

Preston Foster portrays the famous **Roger Touhy, Gangster** with Louis Andrews on Wednesday. This pic recording the history of Roger Touhy is preceded by a printed assertion that FBI does not endorse it, and is followed by a crime-does-not-pay lecture delivered by the warden of Illinois Penitentiary. DON'T.

The one saving feature at the Lyric is **Home in Indiana** with Walter Brennan and Lon McAllister on Thursday. This pic needs no build up for those who have seen it. Those who haven't, should put this down as a MUST. The story of two beautiful girls, an ex-King-of-the-turf and his nephew, and colorful races—from the Derby down—provides two hours of excellent entertainment. SEE.

Don Barry and Twinkly Watts head our usual Friday and Saturday horse opera in **Man from the Rio Grande**. The usual thing with nothing new added. The serial is not the best in the world, but even this is better than the pic. DON'T.

## Men About Town . . .

Blustery winds and snows greeted those who attempted to find some diversion on the meager one-day Thanksgiving holiday. A few fortunate students were able to get home for the weekend, but those who returned to the United States instead of staying in Virginia found that "turkey-day" had been celebrated by the genuine Democrats a week earlier. Several of our more beloved professors threw a monkey wrench into the holiday proceedings by announcing quizzes for Friday and Saturday, thus making it impossible to cut.

Hillman went to New York, thus making it possible to put out a paper that is better than ever before by omitting the customary plugs for D. Stuart.

When you make up your post-war blacklist, you might keep in mind that the following instance took place in McCrum's:

Two W&L students walked up to the counter and asked Mr. Funkhouser (No relation to our Jawn, we hope) for a pack of Chesterfields, at the same time noticing several packages of the desired brand in their usual hiding place. The honorable Mr. F., true to the fine traditions of that upright corporation, answered that they were sold out of popular brands. When asked to please look under the counter, he replied that cigarettes were never kept there!

The biology classes are planning to go on a field trip to the Crummery soon, and they expect to find the usual number of interesting specimens of wild life in the sandwiches and milk shakes there.

Tears were brought to these sad eyes when it was pointed out to them last Saturday that a rummage sale was in full swing in the once hallowed Corner Store. How we long to see once more the smiling face of Jimmy Hamilton behind the counter instead of in the postoffice. Almost every full-blooded Mink is looking forward to the day when suds will once more be abundant in the traditional hangout.

Departing from the campus to enter the service, Bill Brotherton was one of the few remaining bright spots in the vicinity. He set an example that some of the more listless students would find profitable to follow by taking an active interest in all the events that took place at the University.

Adding joy and sparkle to the lives of the underprivileged who were forced to spend their Thanksgiving in the far from awe-inspiring village of Lexington were the dances at Southern Sem and VMI, not to mention the thrilling hockey game played at the belfry on Wednesday afternoon.

Giving the multitudes at the Institute their biggest thrill was J. Pendleton Carpenter who made a triumphant entry bearing several bottles and a bag on his strong right arm. Also present were Mr. and the soon to be Mrs. Ray English. On the well known third finger left was the ice cube that we've heard so much about.

Hart and his big moment were exchanging soulful looks and sighs all over the floor, and Doswell and McNeil managed to monopolize Lucy in spite of the objections of an unidentified ASTPerson. For a while bloodshed was expected, but the ultimate outcome was only the loss of the air in the rear tire of the "Puny Plymouth."

Buck and the "Mouse" spent "Turkey Day" in Richmond, being subjected to some apparently very enjoyable sinus treatments.

Next week read this column for "The Sex Life of a Campus Politician," or "Jack Crowder Goes to the Christmas Dance at Macon."

Taylor receives the medal of the week, having successfully given some keydet an I.C.C. through a fair Hollins lassie. Martin persists in recounting his boyhood days on the range whenever the atmosphere starts to close in on him at a dance.

**Sport Sidelines . . . . .**

By Warren G. Merrin

Starting the intramural basketball season with a startling upset the Lambda quintet trounced the SAE's by a 52-28 margin. The encounter was colorless with the exception of the individual scoring between Joseph of the victors and Tom Lee of the vanquished, in which the Louisville freshman managed to gather a greater number of points than the pride of the senior class.

Judging from the lack of interest and half-hearted participation, one might assume that the athletically-inclined members of the student body have little or no appetite for the dinner to be given by Dean Gilliam in honor of the winning team. E. P. Twombly, director of the intramural program, pointed out that there was very little difference in the abilities of the three teams, and he attributed the success of the Phi Psi team

to their greater interest and better spirit. It might be wise to suggest that with 53 games remaining, a definitely established position at the bottom of the league would add to the monotony and subtract from the enjoyment of the extended round-robin.

Further plans for any type of informal intercollegiate basketball for this season are apparently beyond possibility at this time. Never before at the University has there been displayed a similar tendency to devote time to crying in the beer over the failure of a University activity while absolutely no effort is being made by the chief mourners and dinner table crooners of the Swing to exhibit their professed abundance of school

spirit and love for the Alma Mater by attempting to alleviate the situation.

It now appears with the resumption of football at Virginia Tech that Washington and Lee will be  
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**Sport Sidelines**

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the last school in the conference to send teams once more onto the gridiron. We have already gained the doubtful distinction of being the only member of the Big Six planning to remain inactive next season. However, this seems to arouse very little interest among the members of our Board of Trustees who, like Congress, are deriving far too much enjoyment from their arguments about the post-war planning to worry about the present. The time for equivocation is past. There is now a definite need for the formulation of concrete plans. They must de-

cide whether or not Washington and Lee is to stand equal on the gridiron with the other leading schools, or whether we are to hide behind the skirts of de-emphasisation. Furthermore, they should take into consideration the desires of the student body. The wishes of those who will make up and support the teams must no longer be ignored by the Administration.

**Archie Mathis**

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Former students "adored this lean, handsome tutor" who, in 1931, wrestled his entire unbeaten team and won, 26 to 6, and who has recently repeated the same stunt at Iowa by pinning a whole platoon of ten men in 5 minutes, after this platoon let it be known that they doubted his abilities.

**We Apologize**

We wish to apologize to our readers for being late this week. You will notice that this is the thirteenth issue in this volume and it was with only great difficulty that we overcame this jinx.

We will not publish next week since Mr. Lauck, who is the entire mechanical staff at present and handles all of the details of typesetting and printing, will be at the Graphic Arts Sectional meeting of the American Vocational Association at The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia this weekend.

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