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ODK Taps Seven Men at Tuesday Ceremony

Military Training In Postwar U.S. Upheld by FU

Hillman Defeats Brown In Issue of Current Interest; Tories Win

Taking up one of the questions most concerning American youth, the Forensic Union, at its Monday evening meeting, debated the subject of compulsory military training in peacetime. Editor Don Hillman of the Tories, upholding such a plan, was voted the winner over Whig Dave Brown.

With the present situation as his chief argument, Hillman reminded his audience of the chaotic position this country was in at the time of Pearl Harbor in regard to trained officers. "The system of ROTC training," said Hillman, "touching upon only a few of even those few who attend college, can never be adequate to supply our nation's needs in time of emergency."

Compulsory military training, he contended, for one year between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one would not only train enlisted reserves but give young men of officer caliber a chance to show their worth. Hillman added that "no one today would try to argue that America can ever be safe from attack, geographically speaking. The sole way to safeguard against attack today is to have the most advanced weapons of war—and millions of men who know how to use them."

Calling peacetime compulsory training a dangerous break in our democratic traditions, Brown said that the fact that liberty has never flourished in countries that have had compulsory training. "As long as our standing army is small and our officer corps impotent, our structure of government will not be threatened. 'The man on horseback' will never appear in the existing America."

The cost of training, Brown noted, would be tremendous. He cited statistics to prove that at the present time the government spends over two thousand dollars per man per year of training; and that peacetime training would cost more than all collegiate edu-

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Alumni Casualties, Missing In Action Reported While Others Receive Decorations

Four Washington and Lee alumni have been awarded the Air Medal recently for "meritorious achievement" while participating in bombing attacks on vital German industrial targets, and on Nazi airfields, supply dumps, and gun emplacements, in support of advances by Allied ground forces in Western Europe. In addition to the list of those decorated, there is the inevitable list of the missing in action and the confirmed casualties. The list of these is effective only through December 16, 1944.

Confirmed Casualties

Paul Bolton Shamhart, Jr., '45, Lt. U.S. Army, Graham, North Carolina, killed in action, December 11, 1944.

Andrew Douglas Jamieson, Jr., '40, Lt. U.S. Army, Detroit, Michigan, killed in action on the Belgian front, December 15, 1944.

Leo Frederick Reinartz, Jr., '40, Lt. U.S. Army, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, killed on Leyte about November 27, 1944, by a Japanese shell.

John T. Kibler, Jr., '45, Lt. U.S. Army, Chestertown, Maryland, reported missing in action in Belgium, October 15, 1944, now declared a casualty.

Missing in Action

Emmett Warren Barger, Jr., '45, U.S. Army, Waynesboro, Virginia, reported missing in action December, 1944, over Mediterranean sea.

Jack Wheeler Brugh, '45, U.S. Army, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, reported missing in action December 16, 1944, in Germany.

Kramer Thomas, Jr., '42, Lt. U.S. Army Air Force, Cowart, Virginia, missing in practice flight on Pacific Island, when he was lost. Reported December 2, 1944.

Robert Hugh Flannagan, Jr., '46, Flight Officer, U.S. Army Air Force, Bermo Bluff, Virginia, missing in action over Hungary since July 30, 1944.

John Edgar Hare, '44, Lt. U.S. Army, Carybrook, Virginia, missing in action October 27, 1944.

Decorations

Samuel Graham, Jr., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force, Far Rockaway, New York, awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" while participating in bombing

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Gaines Stresses Leadership at a Special Assembly

In connection with the tapping of new Omicron Delta Kappa initiates at the University assembly Tuesday afternoon, January 16th, and the observance of Founder's Day, the birthday of General R. E. Lee, January 19th, Dr. Francis P. Gaines, in addressing the faculty and student body, challenged the University to "teach Lee" and follow the great examples he left. The week of Lee's birthday has, significantly, always been a time for recognition of potential leadership of Washington and Lee men, and this leadership has always been high.

Dr. Gaines quoted Mr. Newton D. Baker, alumnus and Secretary of War under Woodrow Wilson, who said, "The greatest thing our University can do for a boy is to teach him Lee." Lee was not identified with a great passion for liberty, as was Patrick Henry, or with any great document, as was Thomas Jefferson, or even with any great impact on the current of destiny, as was George Washington. To teach Lee rather purports to set forth a character, subjected to the same trials which we all face, which we can all humbly imitate.

Two of the supreme moments in the life of Lee were cited by Dr. Gaines. His decision to serve the South in that long night at

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One-Night Dance Will Be Held on February Third

A one-night formal mid-winter dance to be held in the Pine Room of the Mayflower Hotel on Saturday, February 3, was announced by the Executive Committee after a meeting Wednesday night. An orchestra has not yet been signed but Lee said he would know in several days what orchestra will play.

The advance price of the tickets was set at \$3.90, including federal tax.

This will be the first Washington and Lee dance to be held in the Pine Room since June, 1943, when a mid-summer dance was held there. Both dances had to be given there because the SPS has the use of the gym floor.

Campus and Alumni Leaders Honored by National Fraternity

Seven men—five students, an alumnus, and an outstanding citizen were initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa, national leadership fraternity, at a tapping ceremony held in Lee Chapel Tuesday afternoon, January 16.

ODK was founded on the Washington and Lee campus in 1914; the University chapter accordingly is known as the Alpha Circle. It spread to Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, and to the University of Pittsburgh, thence to other universities in the South and West, so that presently there are about fifty chapters in existence. Each year several men who show qualities of leadership are asked to become members.

Professor Rupert Nelson Lattice, one of the original founders of the fraternity, announced the initiates at the ceremony Tuesday. They are as follows: Colonel William H. Quarterman, Commanding Officer of the School for Personnel Services, Bland Terry, an alumnus, of Atlanta, Georgia, Thomas Carter Lee, of Roanoke, Virginia, William Alexander Davidson, III, of Chicago, Illinois, Jack Andrew Crowder, of Charleston, West Virginia, Donald Stuart Hillman, of New York City, and Henry Wise Kelly, of Fairfax, Virginia, members of the Washington and Lee student body.

Lee is now President of the student body; Davidson is a member of the Executive Committee and sports writer for *The Columns*, while Crowder is President of the International Relations Club and former Dance Manager; Hillman is Editor-in-Chief of *The Columns* and former Associate Editor of *The Ring-tum Phi* and the *Southern Collegian*; Kelly is a law student, former Vice-President of the student body, and former President of Pi Kappa Alpha, social fraternity. All five students were recently chosen for inclusion in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Student in Hospital

Hamilton Hutcherson, a November Freshman, from Culpepper, Virginia, was operated on for appendicitis Tuesday night. Dr. Frank M. Leech performed the operation at 9:30 p.m. Hutcherson is at the Jackson Memorial Hospital.

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Discord Among the 4-F's

The campus has heard with alarm the recent suggestions by Byrnes and Roosevelt that the drafting of 4-F's for war work be initiated as soon as possible. The good percentage of such classified men on this campus find themselves in a situation which is as uncertain as to whether or not the eastern seaboard will be attacked by giant robot bombs. If this 4-F suggestion is carried through it will certainly throw a damper on colleges and universities throughout the entire country. It may be that college presidents will reach some sort of an agreement with Washington as to whether or not college students will have to leave their books for the shipyard or factory.

Education is in the balance at present. The importance of education to our American way of life cannot be over estimated. That is why draft laws for service in our armed forces allowed college students to continue their pursuit of knowledge long after the laws went into effect. Whatever is done will be for a good reason. This is total war. The horrors are only too clear in our minds and we must face the grim reality that this struggle calls for all our possible resources. Manpower is, of course, the essential cog in a fighting machine.

We ask whether 4-F's who are engaged in engineering, pre-medicine, chemistry, and physics will be granted deferments. We wonder, too, whether it will be possible for a student to carry on in his studies while working in a nearby defense plant. As yet no statement can be given which will answer any of these questions. There is cause for anxiety, but certainly not hysteria. It is a small sacrifice to make at this time.

Those in the student body who would object to the placing of 4-F's in factories should glance at the rising list of casualties which appear in our daily newspapers. The names of many of our former friends, relatives, and former students who have given their lives may be found. We can hardly raise a sound objection to any action our government deems essential to the success of our military program.

Show Team Time

By "Bama"

Sunday and Monday at the State finds John Wayne and Ella Raines in **Tall in the Saddle**. A first class western with a man from nowhere falling for a girl from the same place. Plenty of action and outdoor scenes. Excellent acting on both parts and a good supporting cast. SEE.

Tuesday and Wednesday finds the swamps of Louisiana in the spotlight in the person of **Dark Waters** with Merle Oberon and Franchot Tone. The story of a ship-wrecked girl being driven mad by a few playful people and our hero—Tone—coming to the rescue in the nick of time. For those who like thrills at a mile-a-minute, SEE.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with one of the greatest teams of all time, Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon in **Mrs. Parkington**. We all remember them for their performances in hits of yesteryear and we will go on remembering them for years to come after seeing this picture. It combines comedy, drama, and colorful characters in a delightful combination that I am sure you won't want to miss. SEE

Another week and more don'ts at the Lyric. The only things of any value this week will be the shorts. Monday and Tuesday Jill Esmond and Sharyn Moffett in **My Pal Wolf**. The story of a devoted dog to his very young mistress. Supposedly containing some very good scenes and some good acting. DON'T.

Tuesday and Wednesday one of the greatest stories to come out of 1944. Bing Crosby and Barry Fitzgerald with Rose Stevens, Metropolitan Opera contralto, in **Going My Way**. Hollywood can hardly exceed the richness, the warmth and the captivation which distinguish **Going My Way**, and which make of it superlative entertainment. The two main characters are members of the Catholic clergy. However, this does not make the picture pious or stilted. One of the greatest pictures ever to come from Hollywood. Crosby and Fitzgerald were given the Motion Picture Academy Award for their performances in this picture, and it was voted number one for 1944. This speaks for itself. SEE

Friday and Saturday with another **Bullets and Saddles**, the worth of which is less than the ink used to print the same. DON'T.

Added to Talents

Paulette Goddard had to learn both the minuet and the gavotte for the lavish ball scenes in her new Paramount picture "Kitty."

Men About Town . . .

The gold cup for this week's prize boner goes to Carlos Latimer. It seems that the gay young caballero was forced to sit through a string quartet recital at the Sem, and he grew pretty restless. When the quartet reached the end of the last number on the program, he clapped long and loud, not from appreciation but from relief. The quartet announced an encore. Carlos sat there stunned, opened his mouth and pleaded, "No!" Unfortunately, the voice "from the soul" didn't carry far—the quartet continued.

If you're ever thirsty just go over to the gym and get "Cy" Twombly to shoot you basketball for cokes. The other day he bet Neal McNeill a coke that he could make five foul shots in a row. McNeill made the bet... "Cy" owes him 190 cases of coca-cola now

The ODK tapping came out just about as the campus sages predicted it would. D. Stuart says he was surprised when his name was called, but, just in case, he sat on the front row in an aisle seat, and took his overshoes off while Latture was speaking... but that's all right, would you want to be tapped into a leadership fraternity with your overshoes on?

If you're in search of good movie entertainment, just disregard the crummy movie column this sheet has and you'll usually come out right.

Clarke and Beddow journeyed to Hollins this past week-end where Clarke dated Merrin's old flame. Taylor, the smooth operator, seems to have run aground at last. We hear he couldn't get a date since he had a little trouble over the Christmas holiday.

Conducting regular pilgrimages to the Sem this past week were: Kaplan, Latimer, Mosbacher, and Oder (recently returned from the Navy). They're beginning to be seen in Buena Vista almost as much as Hart and Davidson.

Sometime last week Bill Burton had a date with one of the local lassies and came back with the love-light in his eyes. Shortly afterward he went to the movies with several friends, and who should come walking in but this girl all dolled up for some VMI cadet she had with her. She sat right in front of Burton and party, and McNeill, with all the tact of an Oklahoma Indian, whispered loudly, "Is that the girl you have wrapped around your little finger, Burton?"

Finally the issue of the dance has been settled and now all the lucky boys who know girls in the vicinity can get to work on the date situation. There isn't much time but with your ears pointed and your fangs bared you ought to do okay.

Some of the boys took in a double movie feature the other evening. Dr. Ming was in his usual gay spirit. His humor was the only thing that kept "Happy" from passing out from two much "Soul of a Monster." Holladay has since taken to a dapper crew cut to keep his raven locks from standing on end.

Intramural Volley Ball Keys

The keys which were awarded to the winner in the intramural volleyball program were donated by the Alumni Association and presented to the Phi Psi team through Cy Young, secretary of the Association. The key is a handsome article of black onyx adorned with the University crest in gold. The offering of such awards adds stimulus to the intramural program now being carried out, and a great deal of thanks must be extended to the University Alumni Association.

General Chatter

By "Jeff"

Burton Leads SAE's over Lambda Chi, 25-23

Last Wednesday afternoon the over-confident Lambda Chi's were given a lesson in shooting and team play. The SAE's dominated the game from the opening whistle when "Fur" Smith on a sneak play took a long pass and laid it up. Although the Lambda Chi's were able to tie it up in the last few minutes of the fourth quarter, the SAE's fought them to a standstill and then Burton popped one from mid-court. It meant the ball game.

The play of Black and Newburger was outstanding under the basket, where they captured nearly every rebound. Although Dodson and Dennis showed plenty of fight they were ineffective against the superior height of the two SAE guards. Wharton Peters showed

himself to be the most improved basketeer by repeatedly feeding Josephs and Bob Zrike, who, incidentally, failed to score a single point.

Last Saturday night we saw Bob Spessard lead the Old Dominion team from Roanoke to a 60-37 victory over the ERC's at VMI. Six feet eight inches of pivot man!

Bob Spessard is a former W&L student and probably the best center ever developed here. He was three times chosen on the All-Southern five and was an outstanding basketball player in all four years at W&L. His game average for four years was 16.5 which is really something.

Last Monday saw the Lambda

Chi's take the Phi Psi club by a score of 19-15. It is very interesting to note that the Phi Psi's scored one more basket than the Lambda Chi's, which means that the game was won from the foul line by

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Arlington when Virginia had seceded came about not through any consideration of wealth and prestige, but rather because the decision was the right thing for Lee. Doing the right thing as we see it is a highly imitable quality in Lee.

Again, after Appomattox, when Lee was a failure in the eyes of the world, he rose above circumstances in an incomparable triumph in human history. In the quiet of this college campus, "he met the darkness so boldly that the darkness became light." No one ever got on top of Lee. His favorite quotation was from the Latin of Marcus Aurelius, "Misfortune nobly borne becomes good fortune." "This does not mean," continued Dr. Gaines, "that we must patiently endure misfortune, but that misfortune can become something to serve you and make you greater" Lee was never greater than in the five years spent on this campus.

"We are all the benefactors of Lee," concluded Dr. Gaines. The leadership of Washington and Lee men will always be greater by emulating his examples.

Military Training

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cation, both public and private, did in 1939. In his conclusion Brown advocated volunteer training as the solution to the entire question.

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SUN.-MON.

John Wayne
Ella Raines

in

Tall in the Saddle

News—Cartoon

TUES.-WED.

Merle Oberon
Franchot Tone

in

Dark Waters

STARTS THURSDAY

Greer Garson
Walter Pidgeon

in

**Mrs. Park-
ington****Alumni Casualties**

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ing attacks against military and industrial targets in the Reich.

Edwin A. Zelnicker, Jr., '42, Lt. U.S. Army Air Force, Mobile, Alabama, awarded the second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "courage, coolness, and skill" displayed while on bombing attacks over Germany.

James D. Taylor, '41, Lt. U.S. Army Air Force, Lynchburg, Virginia, awarded the third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" while participating in Eighth Air Force bombing attacks on vital German industrial targets.

John Hicks Stansfield, '44, Lt. U.S. Army Air Force, recently awarded the Air Medal as navigator on an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress in the 385th Bombardment Group.

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Stevenson and Josephs who sank three penalty points each.

Next Week's Doings

Monday—Lambda Chi vs. Phi Psi—Basketball.

Tuesday—Second round of the Handball Tourney.

Wednesday—Phi Psi vs. SAE—Basketball.

Thursday—Semi-finals of the Handball Tourney.

Friday—Lambda Chi vs. SAE—Basketball.

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