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Mid-Winters Held Tonight at Mayflower

University Poll Attests Students' Desire for Action

Dances, Campus Tax Urged; Reorganized Troubadours Suggested

Results of the student opinion poll show that a majority of the student body are in favor of having a campus tax, a definite dance policy, fraternity house dances, and feel that the dances at the Gym are worth the effort. Forty-two of the students who answered the poll will return to the campus next quarter, fourteen will not and eight are doubtful.

The vote was tabulated for the forty-two who will return and the others were read for suggestions. Thirty were dissatisfied with the extra-curricular activities while ten answered that they were satisfied. The Glee Club was voted down by a 22 to 14 count but 23 students said they would work on a theatrical production.

Assimilation Approved

More than half of the students feel that the freshmen are assimilated and introduced to the Honor System and traditions of the campus properly.

The Columns received a vote of confidence from 27 students while 13 did not feel that it served its purpose as "the organ of the student body." Such suggestions as, "Add a schedule of events for each week," "More conscientious reporting," and "More organization," were made.

Only one student definitely opposed the campus tax while others felt that it should be made compulsory and some expressed the opinion that \$1.50 was too cheap. The consensus of opinion of most of the students was expressed on one paper in this manner, "The student body must pull together 100 per cent to get some campus activities."

The State Closes

The State Theatre will be closed for 72 hours until Monday at 7:00 p.m., due to natural gas shortage, and the movies scheduled for this weekend will be shown at the Lyric, according to Mr. Ralph Daves.

Forensic Union Debates Peace-Time Price Control

Calling for a continuation of price control in peacetime, David Guthrie defeated Jim Carpenter, his opponent in a debate on that topic at the Monday evening meeting of the Forensic Union.

Guthrie's primary weapon was the question he put to Carpenter, "How do you propose to avoid business chaos, such as we enjoyed for ten years prior to this war, without the regulation of business and business prices?"

In reply, Carpenter said that "the control of prices would spell the end of our free capitalistic system." This, however, failed to move the Union as it voted eight to two for Guthrie's contention.

Phi Psi's Plan Party

Bob McNeil, councilor of the Phi Psi House, announced to a meeting in the lounge on Wednesday evening that plans were being made for a house party to be held early next quarter. McNeil appointed Kaplan, Taylor, Latimer and Joseph to work out the details.

EC Fills Posts To Be Vacated By Enlistments

Don Marsh, Dave Brown, and Jack Crowder were appointed by the Executive Committee Tuesday night to fill the vacated Senior, Junior, and Sophomore positions on the Committee. These vacancies were left by Davidson, who is graduating at the end of this quarter; Wilcox, who is to be drafted soon; and Doswell, who is in the Marine Corps.

Crowder will take office immediately since Doswell has already left school.

Members of the Committee at the beginning of next quarter will be: Tom Lee, president; Wise Kelly, vice-president; Bob McNeil, secretary; Don Marsh, Senior representative; Dave Brown, Junior representative; Jack Crowder, Sophomore representative; Bob Patterson, Freshman representative; and T. Ryland Dodson, committeeman-at-large.

W&L Students and the Women

There are women in Lexington again. They are a very special species: the Hollins, Sweetbriar, Macon, and Baldwin kind. As far as most Minx are concerned they are the only girls in the world (except during vacations). They have not been around in a long time, mainly because there have not been any social functions in a long time; but the important thing is the fact that they are here. We have missed the adornment they give to the campus on dance weekends, and the way they have of making us forget the Chemistry grade. Deprived of the opportunity of "taking her around the school," we had felt an empty spot in our collegiate careers. Of course, using logarithms, we have been able to work the bus schedules and get over the mountain to Lynchburg and Sweetbriar or down the Valley to Hollins or back up the other way to Baldwin. But that did not give us the chance to show our date off to W&L and W&L off to our date.

No, there was something lacking, and it left us grievously unhappy. With all modesty, we venture to say that many of the young



ladies of our acquaintance had been sad about it, too.

But now, come the long-awaited dance, we are drying our tears and pulling our college spirits out of the closet. Tonight is the night we come out of our forced winter hibernation and "spread joy up to the maximum."

As has been said so many times before, this is not Fancy Dress and the orchestra isn't Dorsey or Goodman, and there'll be no cars and parties from dusk to dawn. But it's our dance; the Washington and Lee Mid-Winter Formal.

Oh, there are women in Lexington again.

Southern Colonels Will Play from 9 to 12; Dance First Since Fall

Carrying on its social tradition, if somewhat cramped by circumstance, the Washington and Lee student body holds its Mid-Winter Formal from nine to twelve this evening at the Pine Room of the Mayflower Hotel. On the bandstand will be The Southern Colonels, an aggregation from Blacksburg whose advance notices have been favorable. Preceding the dance, a buffet supper is scheduled to be served for the habitues of the Phi Kappa Psi and Lambda Chi Alpha houses and their dates.

Date List

A tentative list of dates, compiled well before dance time, follows:

Bunny Cunningham from Farmville State Teachers College with Bob McNeil; Carol Mackensen from Southern Seminary with Bernard Kaplan;

Eloise Knox, Lexington, Va., with Jack Crowder; Laura Jane Atkinson, Mary Baldwin College, with Carlos Latimer; Ann Arnold, Hollins, with Art Anderson; Elenor Faison, Charlottesville, Va., with Guy Yaste; Mrs. Ryland Dodson with Ryland Dodson; Betty Simmons, Hollins, with Jon Rugel; Margaret Davis, Vassar, with Bev Jefferies; Ruth Faulkner, Sweetbriar, with Robert Patterson; Maty Lou Simple, Mary Baldwin College, with James Taylor;

Betty Thorne MacCluer, Lexington, Va., with Bill Wilcox; Charlotte Harris, Florida State College for Women, with Tom Hutcheson; Matilda Martin, Hollins, with James Sammons; Ida Laiter, Southern Seminary, with Ray English; Helen Day, Mary Baldwin College, with Jack Martin; Laura Cantrell, Virginia Intermont, with John Lee; Elizabeth Matthews, Randolph-Macon, with Pete Beddow;

Cornelia Davidson, Lexington, Va., with Al Woodruff; Joan Jacks, Barnard, with Bob Herman; Virginia Givens, Lexington, Va., with Bill Burton; Harriet Wolfe, Southern Seminary, with Seaman Williams; Joan Craig, Mary Baldwin College, with John Funkhouser; Ann Trinkle, Lexington, Va., with Matthew Paxton;

Henrietta Schlobney, Mount Holyoke, with Bill Davidson; Joan Biershank, Greenbrier, with

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See It Through

The survey taken of the student body last Thursday showed that there is still plenty of spark remaining on a campus which has been harder hit by war conditions than other colleges of the same size. Many of the boys who filled out the questionnaire sheets in Washington Chapel will not be with us next quarter. They leave us for one of the armed forces after a brief respite at Washington and Lee.

These boys and their comrades who remain behind to carry on this University's finest traditions have expressed their hopes for keeping some sort of spirit high. A college in the position which we find ourselves in cannot afford to have a student body which is devoid of all interest in what goes on about them. That is why this newspaper was kept through the dark moments. There were many times when the staff shrugged its shoulders and thought it foolhardy to continue with such a depleted circulation and dearth of news. The staff has made a sincere effort to present the news of the campus to its student readers.

Along with the newspaper we have our Executive Committee or student government. Without the EC this student populace would be like a shell shocked soldier not knowing where to turn next. The Executive Committee has done a fine job considering what is to be done. We can be assured of a specific dance program to be followed in the future by the EC. They were not to be blamed entirely for what seemed a half hearted attempt to scheule dances. We should realize that our facilities are limited here at Washington and Lee.

From the survey the Executive Committee has been able to find out exactly what the students would like to have done while they still remain. Let us emphasize "like." It is one thing to like something, and it is a far more important thing to carry out the desired object. It is all well and good that many of the votes asked for a revival of the Troubadours. We wonder how many of those voting would actually take time to rehearse lines, paint scenery, and erect lighting systems. The Glee Club was brought back because of a large demand. Student attendance was unusually large for the first few meetings, but dwindled down to a mere handful of the many that started. The fault could not be laid to rehearsal hours or meeting places because they were quite suitable.

The student body has asked for many things. They will probably receive subsidies from the University to aid in the development of the projects. But, along with finance there has to be cooperation. There has to be a will to see a thing through to the finish. This is the only way that anything will be crowned with success. Without a spirit, nothing can be achieved. These are dark moments for us who remain behind. Once we lose interest and fail to cooperate—we lose everything.

Show Team Time

By "Bama"

On to the State after a week-end of fun with **Bowery on Broadway** on Sunday and Monday with Maria Montez, Turhan Bey, Jack Oakie, Susanna Foster, Donald O'Connor and Peggy Ryan, supported by a host of other famous stars in the story of two men and two women starting out in the Bowery of New York and ending up on Broadway. The thrilling songs of Susanna Foster with the comedy of Donald O'Connor and Peggy Ryan woven into a story of love and heart-break. In accord with the best of Hollywood traditions all ends well in the end. TRY IT.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Ray Milland and Marjorie Reynolds in **Ministry of Fear**. Milland plays a Britisher released from an asylum following conviction for a mercy killing. He attends a county fete, and later finds himself pursued by all manner of persons who ransack his belongings, try to kill him and complicate his life for reasons he does not know. For thrilling excitement in the field of the Supernatural, SEE.

Recently **Frenchman's Creek** was at the State for a Bond Preview. Now, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Joan Fontaine and Arturo de Cordova return at popular prices. Joan Fontaine plays the wife of a noble no-good who wants her to be sweet to a gambling pal with a yen for her. She declines and goes to her country place, near which is parked a French pirate whose cut-throats sings lovely songs in close harmony, and two of them get together through a servant who's a jewel of understanding. As de Cordova defies the nobility of England for the love of a nobleman's wife you will go with him through every breath-taking adventure and will hate as he hates and love as he loves. For superb entertainment, SEE.

At the Lyric on Monday and Tuesday is the story of the most infamous of all lovers, **Bluebeard**, starring John Carradine and Jean Parker. The story of the one man who was irresistible to all women, and who searched every one of them for something he could not find. When at last he does find it, he realizes he can't have this love that he desires above all else. As a result he commits his last murder. Carradine comes through in the role of villain that has made him famous. Jean Parker and a great supporting cast give the pic excellent acting and entertainment. SEE.

After a none-too-popular three days at the State, **Heavenly Days**,

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Men About Town . . .

With the hour of the Mid-Winter Formal rapidly approaching, we find most of the boys sitting impatiently by the mail boxes or the telephone awaiting word from "the dream-girls." Will it be ICC (I can come) or ICC (I can't come), that is the question of the week. From the looks of the date-list it seems that most of the answers were "I can't come." But, as usual, there were enough of the I can come answers to send many of the boys into dazes and all week. These lucky fellows have been wandering around bumping into anything that happened to be in their paths.

In view of the dance, we'll be good to you, and not spread too many rumors and will keep your secrets well guarded while your dates are here.

But, now for a few things we feel that we can safely print—Neal McNeill, the big, tough, woman-hater, who boasted that we couldn't print anything true about his social life in this column, was caught running from the Phi Psi house to the PO to mail a letter to his "Dearest Sarah." Now, we know that that doesn't seem like much to write about, but if you knew McNeill, and caught him running all of the way to the Post Office, you'd think that the millennium had come!

Have you noticed the make-up and content of the rest of the paper, or don't you read anything but this column? In case you're wondering about the management this week, here's the story. . . Hillman has "took" the Industrial Psychology class and Dr. Flick to a banquet in Covington Friday night, and left a couple of hacks to run things. They proved that he's not the indispensable man!

From the looks of the ticket sales, we seem to have a great many students who just sit on their fists and rare back on their thumbs and yell to the top of their lungs about having dances. "Why can't we have dances?" or "You give the dance and I'll come!" but when the time to fork out a little of the green stuff comes, they vanish into thin air, or find some long overdue parallel that "just has to be done." We give fair warning, we are going to hold these fellows up for public ridicule next week.

Oder, we hear, has broken up with Mickey from the Sem. The facts of the case are too well hidden for us to find out all about it, but the fact remains that the two, who seemed to be getting along all right several weeks ago, are definitely emancipated.

Tonight, Crowder, Paxton, Wilcox, and Woodruff are going to be escorting Lexington H.S. girls. Wilcox is taking his usual, B.T. MacCluer, and Woodruff seems to have beaten Newburger out and has a date with "Corny" Davidson.

Sammons has a date with Merrin's old flame from Hollins. Poor Merrin is having a tough time fighting off the wolves from the long distance that separates Lexington and Atlanta.

Hutcheson, who has recently had his appendix removed, seems to be worried about the "body beautiful" and ever since he heard that he was to lose part of his torso and has been driving Dr. Leech mad by asking him whether he will have a scar. Never fear, Hutch, high-waisted pants are in style nowadays and you can cover up the patch.

Zrike seems to have had an "on-week" for pool this week, and when he was asked whether he was ready to take Lee on, replied, "No, I think I'll take the harder ones first." Nice goin', Zambo!

We hear that Yaste and several of his buddies had great sport making wisecracks at the SPS boys and girls while zooming by in his Chrysler. Speaking of the car and Yaste, we also hear that he kept to himself after the boxing matches last Saturday in Charlottesville and two fellow Minx could not find hide nor hair of him all weekend. What they wanted was a ride back to Lexington, that's all.

General Chatter

By "Jeff"

Lambda Chi's Roll On

Lambda Chi added another tally to their win column last Monday by rolling over an obviously inferior Phi Psi team. It was "The Rock," Peters and Josephs who reaped the harvest at the expense of the fumbling Phi Psi's. Stevenson, high man for the day, dropped seven shots from the floor to give one of the best individual performances of the season. Wharton Peters helped out by scoring five shots, four of which were beautiful one hand counters. Josephs, covered like a tent for the entire game, was unable to score more than six points, although he consistently fed Rocky and Peters in championship fashion. Peters is still improving, although he has a tendency to ignore a shot when he has a clear opportunity, and if he would pop them more often he would certainly have a chance to rob Josephs of the Lambda Chi scoring honors. The most spectacular shots of the season were scored by Mayberry, filling in for the Phi Psi's, when he sank two beaubs from beyond the center line. Honors for defensive play go to Dodson and Ray English.

Bill Burton annexed the handball crown last Monday by defeating Bill Wilcox in the finals.

Last Wednesday the Phi Psi's bounced back into the win column by defeating the SAE's 31-28, in a hard fought contest.

The Phi Psi's jumped to an early lead, but the SAE club kept whittling away at the score.

The victory of the Phi Psi's was even more interesting because the Phi Psi's won it under the handicap of playing only four men.

The second half of Wednesday's contest found Bernard the hottest man on the court as he sank shot after shot. Bernard scored 16 points to garner scoring honors for the day.

Outstanding defensive players

were "Buck" Pinnell, newly appointed captain of the Phi Psi's, Tom Lee and Ray English.

Next Week's Doings

Monday—Lambda Chi vs. Phi Psi.

Wednesday—SAE vs. Phi Psi.

Friday—Phi Psi vs. Lambda Chi.

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Minister Speaks

Dr. Candler, Methodist minister, spoke at the Phi Kappa Psi house Tuesday night on the subject of "Keeping Your Faith While at College." This was the last in a series of talks sponsored by the Christian Council in which the ministers of the local churches were invited to speak and be introduced to the students.

A new series of meetings are under consideration which will feature the members of the faculty committee on religious emphasis.

Show Team Time

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with Fibber McGee and Molly comes to the Lyric on Wednesday. The story of the average voter who demands to know what is going on in Congress does not prove the many laughs that are to be expected from the stars. Don't.

Not content with two days of westerns, we must be punished by another on Thursday. Nevada with Bob Mitchum and Anne Jeffreys. The same story that is never changed. Boy, girl, crooks, hero, and you-know-what. Don't.

The same goes for Arizona Whirlwind on Friday and Saturday. The usual western, but this time with the advantage of excellent additional comedy and serial. Still don't.

It has been brought to the attention of this column through the recent questionnaire that a num-

ber of our readers are not satisfied with the reviews. We will be very glad to receive suggestions for improvement from anyone desiring to give them, either as a letter to the Editor or one to us.

Mid-Winter Date List

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Mitchell Booth; Marine Schlieff, Southern Seminary, with Henry Oder; Peggy Phillips, Southern Seminary, with Jim Graybeal; Lila Roanoke, Westhampton, with Tom Gilleland; Ann Smoot, Randolph-Macon, with Bob Jones.

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