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Two-Night Dance Set Planned for Mid-April

Tucker Views Manpower Draft

To Be on Local Basis; Many Details Uncertain

Dr. Robert H. Tucker, Dean of the University, has announced, for the information of all students concerned, certain aspects of the national service legislation now pending before Congress in the form as approved by the House of Representatives. This bill provides for induction into essential industries of men between the ages of 18 and 46 now engaged in non-essential work. When the Director of War Mobilization and Reconstruction, to whom enforcement of the bill is entrusted, certifies that there is a manpower shortage in a given area which cannot be relieved by voluntary recruiting, he is empowered to direct local draft boards in the areas affected by the manpower shortage to draft men into essential employment. The bill in its present form, therefore, would mean that, if approved, some would be affected while others would not. There is at present no indication as to what areas will be considered as critical.

Occupations which are considered are left to the discretion of the Director of Selective Service. At present, university faculty members are classified as essential, and conferences are now being held with appropriate governmental agencies to make every effort to include, also, students at least in essential fields. It should be borne in mind, however, that this is the bill as approved by the House. It will probably be substantially changed in the battle in the Senate now in progress, and students should continue as formerly until final approval or rejection of the bill.

Review by Professor J. H. Williams

Book notices appearing in the Sunday and Monday editions of the New York Times and the New York Herald-Tribune and other newspapers carried a photograph and comment by Professor John Higgins Williams of the Political Science department of Washington and Lee University. The book is "The Gentlemen Talk of Peace," the original review of which appeared in the Nashville Tennessean.

Army Group Totals 1170; Largest Enrollment to Date

Frank J. Gilliam, Dean of Students, has announced that the new class of the campus School for Personnel Services is the largest since its inception at Washington and Lee, totaling over 1170 men. Marine officers are included in this number for the first time.

Mr. Gilliam has also announced that, in an endeavor to acquaint SPS members with campus history and tradition, a special information sheet has been issued for distribution.

McNeil Chosen By ODK Society

Leadership Organization Elects Student Officers

At a meeting of Omicron Delta Kappa faculty and student members held recently, it was decided to initiate Robert Booth McNeil into the Alpha Circle. McNeil is a junior and comes from Blacksburg, Virginia. He has been secretary of the student body, serving on the Executive Committee, Phi Kappa Psi councilor, and news editor of *The Columns*.

Wise Kelly was elected as President of the ODK student members, Tom Lee was chosen Vice-President, and Don Hillman will act in the capacity of Secretary of the organization. A committee headed by Dean Gilliam was selected to look into the possibilities of securing a billiard table for the Lambda Chi house lounge.

Members of the national honorary leadership society also voiced their approval of the recent Mid-Winter dance set and looked forward to more of the same type.

Lt. Taylor Missing

Lt. James D. Taylor, USAAF, a member of the class of 1941, has been reported missing over Germany since February 3rd. Lt. Taylor, a native of Lynchburg, Virginia, entered the service in November, 1941, and was graduated from the AAF Technical School, Keesler Field, Mississippi, in June, 1942. Made a second lieutenant in September of the same year, he holds the Air Medal and four oak leaf clusters.

Four Alumni On Campus in SPS

Two Alumni Represented In Previous Army Class

Among those in attendance at the present session of the Army School for Personnel Services on the camps are four alumni. They are Porter Duane Berry, class of 1937, Vinton, Virginia, captain of Varsity football in 1936; Norman Lee Fiero, class of 1943, Rahway, New Jersey; Jerry Ade, class of 1932, New York City; and Tony Young, class of 1938, Louisville, Kentucky, a member of the Varsity football and basketball teams while at the University.

Among those in attendance in the last class at the School were two former Washington and Lee students. They were Lt. William Carlton Church, class of 1940, and Sgt. James Franklin Cunningham, class of 1941. Lt. Church is from San Antonio, Texas, and enlisted in July, 1942. He was commissioned at Miami Beach, Florida, and promoted to 1st Lieut. on May 27, 1944. Sgt. Cunningham is from Chicago, Illinois, and has served in the East Indies, Papua, and New Guinea campaigns, returning to the United States on August 28, 1943. Both men entered the Army School here with the class of January 24, 1945.

Against Grade Changes

The Forensic Union, at its first meeting of the new quarter last Monday, favored the resolution that the University's proposed change in the value of letter grades is unjustifiable. Next week's subject for debate is whether Greece or Rome has contributed most to our civilization.

Alumnus Writes Book

James Edward Brown, class of 1935, has just had a book published by Scribner's. It is entitled "Russia Fights" and is an account of what Brown has seen as a foreign correspondent. He is a former editor of *The Southern Collegian* and president of Sigma Delta Chi, honorary journalism fraternity. Brown, upon graduation from the University, became a writer for King Features and the Hearst Syndicate, later becoming foreign correspondent in Russia.

To Be Held in Pine Room With Roanoke Orchestra; Tax Will Help Finance

A two-night dance set will be held on April 13 and 14 at the Pine Room, it was announced today by Tom Lee, president of the student body. The Executive Committee plans to get Jimmy Sinclair and his orchestra from Roanoke to play.

There will be no dance on March 23 and 24, as was previously planned, because there was no available orchestra on that date.

The price of the April dance has not been announced yet, but is expected soon after the orchestra is signed. Lately the Executive Committee has found it unwise to attempt a two-night dance for financial reasons, but the profit from the last dance and the money which is expected from the Campus Tax will help, and for this reason it was decided to attempt another two-night dance.

Campus Tax Drive

Collection of the \$1.50 voluntary Campus Tax was begun on Wednesday and the drive will continue until March 15. Lee, Brown, Dodson, Patterson, and McNeil have been appointed as a committee to collect this money. Each man has a list of certain students to collect from and he will approach each man during the drive.

Colonel Frank B. Hayne, Prominent Alumnus, Is Pictured in Life Magazine

Colonel Frank B. Hayne, an alumnus of the class of 1915, was pictured in the recent February 12 issue of *Life* magazine. He was among the guests at a weekend party given by the Maharaja of Jaipur, an Indian state, for military and diplomatic attaches in that country.

As a student, Colonel Hayne was prominent as a member of the 13 Club, track team, and ATO social fraternity. In 1937 he was sent to Moscow as American military attaché; later he went to Helsinki and Stockholm in a similar capacity. He returned to Washington in 1940 and was connected with Army Intelligence. In December, 1941, however, he was returned to Moscow as a member of an important U.S. military mission to the U.S.S.R.

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The Returning Veteran

The presence of more ex-servicemen, many of whom were former students, has been noted in our classes since the new quarter began. This will not be an uncommon sight in America's educational institutions as the number of her sons discharged from the battle fronts increases with time and with victory. To many of these veterans college life will be a tonic and an opportunity to take up where they were forced to leave off, however, a problem could exist for these men.

Will the veteran be able to concentrate on his studies, participate in sports, and engage in college activities to the best of his ability? Will he once more become assimilated into a civilian group? Will he prefer to group himself with similar students and remain apart? These are all questions which can easily be asked. The number of ex-servicemen on the Washington and Lee campus are few compared to the number we will have a year from now, so we cannot really judge how the veteran will act. From the group which we do have, we see there is no cause for anxiety.

Age differences will be great and experiences will be even greater. This should not prove to be a factor in the harmony of a college campus. The returning veteran does not want to be pitied nor does he want glory. All he wants is a chance to start in again on a college education. Leave him to himself and he will assimilate himself better than proposed plans which want to do all the thinking and acting for him.

Education is a priceless thing. The veteran who has seen men die, buildings destroyed, and humanity suffer, now has a chance to prevent a recurrence of all the misery he has seen. Let us not impede his chance for learning by creating a problem which does not really exist. Instead let us welcome him into our midst and together we shall prepare ourselves for a world of peace and prosperity.

The student body is urged to give the Campus Tax drive now in progress its wholehearted support. It is essential that we have a one hundred per cent total subscription.

Show Team Time

By Dave Guthrie

Shows lined up at the State promise an action-filled week, so here we go again. Sunday and Monday, Hedy Lamarr, George Brent, and Paul Lukas star in the screen adaptation of Margaret Carpenter's **Experiment Perilous**; this is another one of those psychological melodramas, on the order of **Guest in the House**. The plot requires a mature understanding of some psychological and medical conditions, so is labeled for "Adults Only."

Another old release turns up Tuesday and Wednesday at the State. You remember **Wuthering Heights**, with Merle Oberon and Laurence Olivier, the movie version of Charlotte Bronte's superb novel. Should prove very enjoyable for those who like heavy fare.

The highlight of the week comes Thursday, **Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo**, with Phyllis Thaxter, Van Johnson, Robert Walker, and Spencer Tracy. It is the actual story of Doolittle's raid over Tokyo, with Captain Ted Lawson as the hero. Real names are used throughout, so that the film becomes almost documentary. Hollywood has added the touches of romance and comedy, however. One of the principal characters is Lieutenant Jack Manch, of Staunton, a Washington and Lee alumnus. If any picture ever was, this one is a MUST.

Now over to the Club Lyrique, where Jane Withers plays Monday-Tuesday in **Faces in Fog**, another movie dealing with the problem of parents versus kids, a sort of modern Romeo and Juliet affair. Also running, chapter No. 2 of **Zorro's Black Whip**!

Ellen Drew plays heroine in the Wednesday melodrama, **Dark Mountain**. The picture opens with a forest fire and closes with a mad auto chase, but, as the reviews say, it sags in between. **Irish Eyes Are Smiling** makes a comeback Thursday; this technicolor musical features June Haver, Dick Haymes, and Monty Woolley, and Irish tunes aplenty; as you remember, it's the story of Ernest R. Ball's song-writing career. **Flicker Flashbacks** livens things up on the same program. Everything goes black Friday and Saturday, when **Black Hills Express** and **The Black Arrow** share the screen. That is all.

The life story of Bing Crosby, as told by "Archie," is one of the main sequences of "Duffy's Tavern," Paramount's all-star screen production based on the radio program. In this picture Bing plays himself as a ten-year old boy with Dorothy Lamour in pigtails as his girl friend.

Adrift in the Blue Ridge

Editor's Note—This is the first of a series of articles on the many womens' colleges which surround Lexington. To these institutions have flocked many students. All have brought back accounts of their travels. We present these unprejudiced descriptions for your reading enjoyment. Next week—Sweet Briar!

It is altogether proper, or shall we say fitting, that a discussion of organized femininity within the confines of the University's wartime radius of operations should lead off with an estimate of Southern Seminary. Traditionally dear to Washington and Lee men is this famous old Buena Vista finishing school. The "Sem" has proved to be the testing ground for youthful males who are commencing to spread their wings and also for those who already have had theirs somewhat clipped. The new "Mink" may at first feel wary in making the trek to the Seminary, being initially frightened by some of his elders who are obvious snobs in such matters, but sooner or later he will reach the "city" outskirts of Buena Vista. The advantages are indeed unique in such a flanking movement. Proximity to Lexington is the primary asset, but there are others as well. In regard to the rules, we all realize that a junior college must have a few. Exactly why the forty-five minute deadline after a dance is a constant source of complaint, though only to the more adventurous among us, is hardly understandable, since the dance has already ended and it is time to return home anyhow.

This is not intended to be a mundane account of that educational institution, for that one should send away for the Sem's catalogue. We are dealing here with the spiritual side. There is a school of misogyny which claims, with some justice, that woman is eternally and internationally the same. To confront this idea, however, is the existence and the propagation of the Seminary type; if we may be permitted to designate her arbitrarily. Certainly no Washington and Lee man would deny that the Seminary possesses a very singular, not to say, single group of young ladies. They can be told apart by their physical appearance, though just why this is so, it is difficult to say. Perhaps it is the sympathetic glint in their eyes. At any rate, it is sufficient to say that Seminary girls are truly an experience.

We have found that the girls attending the sessions at the Sem have been trained in all the more vital social amenities, and they have been trained well, testifying to the splendid school in which they are enrolled. Those of us who can remember our own preparatory school days will recall, after a few dates at the Sem, that St. Catherine's and Miss Hewitt's were nothing like that. Time spent at the Southern Seminary is in some respects the epitome of collegiate life these days. On Saturdays, if one is able to complete a phone call to Buena Vista, he will at last be able to sit on the wooded nook that is Sem's porch. With his fair female date he will soon travel to realms of fancy. Before him lies the grand metropolis that is Buena Vista. Around him rise the limestone peaks of the Blue Ridge. Indeed he is enthralled and refreshed by an evening's light entertainment at Southern Seminary.

Men About Town . . .

The boys at the Phi Psi house have been thinking recently about installing a private telephone to the Sem for Bill Burton so he can talk to Carol without interrupting the social life of the other inmates there. Burton, it seems, has cut the other Brooklyn lad, Kaplan, out of the picture.

Rumors and jokes can be carried to a certain point, beyond which they lose their humor and assume a serious aspect. Here is one that has passed

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General Chatter

By "Jeff"

Joseph Leads W&L Over Special Service

Art Joseph, sophomore sensation of the intramural league, racked up 12 points in leading the W&L quintet to a 28-20 victory over the enlisted men of the Special Service staff. Martini and Horton, who tallied 11 and 7 points respectively, were outstanding for the Army team.

Bernard Sets Record of 28 points

Last Monday afternoon Bill Bernard created all the excitement in a lop-sided contest by scoring 28 points of the 41 which his team scored in winning 41-7. Outstanding among the fighting Lambda Chi's was Bob Black who scored four points and gathered in many rebounds. The Lambda Chi team was greatly hampered by the absence of their star, Art Joseph, who, incidentally seems to have turned "prima-donna." Art was present for the entire massacre, and yet he did not decide to enter the game until late in the final quarter. We think that Art made quite a mistake when he said that he was unable to play that afternoon because of a skin condition. If he was able to play in the closing minutes, he could just as well have played for a few minutes in each quarter and thus prevented the lop-sided defeat that his teammates had to suffer. Black and Peters deserve credit for the game that they put up in the face of such odds.

On Wednesday evening a spirited SAE quintet staged a flashing comeback to overpower the Phi Psi club 23-22 in the fastest game Doremus Gym has seen this season. The Phi Psi's took a first quarter lead of 10-1 as Hank Oder sank them from the corners.

At half-time the score stood 16-9, but the SAE's kept grinding out the points until at the opening of the fourth quarter the score read only 18-14 against them. The final quarter was a classic. The Lee-led team played defensive ball and on the offensive moved the ball with big-time precision. The game was decided by a long shot from the hands of Bill Burton. One of the finest set-shots of

the year was seen when that ball rattled through the nets. The SAE's have uncovered a freshman "find" in big Henry Hill, an able pivot man and a good, steady defensive player. He gathered six points in his initial effort, and he was ignored by his teammates for almost two full quarters, as he stood clear under the basket and awaited passes that were not forthcoming until half time, when Tom Lee began setting him up by drawing out the Phi Psi defense with long shots.

SAE's Take Early Lead In Bowling Tournament

Wednesday night found the SAE's coming from behind again, but this time it was their bowling team that squeezed out a six-pin lead over the second place Lambda Chi duckmen. Hal Chittum led his team to victory by rolling a 321 total for three games. His team-mate, Tom Lee, fresh from the toughest basketball game of the year, rolled a sweet 287 to gather third place individual honors. Dennis and Hillman paced the second place Lambda Chi's by rolling 301 and 288, respectively.

Cy Twombly and Cy Young were on hand as score-keepers and coaches. They were both pleased by the turn-out and the keen interest that the students exhibited in rooting their favorites home.

Next Wednesday night the three teams meet again and you can rest assured that the pins will fly. Many of the competitors have been seen practicing in hopes that they may be the ones to eat a steak dinner at the expense of the other teams.

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far beyond the humor stage. It seems that one of the Sem girls was in the hospital with an innocent little cold and two other parties, one from the Sem and one from here, have started the rumor that she was about to increase the population of this fair land. They even went so far as to send a birth announcement out.

We lost out when the paper wasn't published for two weeks and have several old stories to tell. (Printer's Note—They're all old, McNeil.) Here is one that will bear telling even though it is a little musty with age. Finger bowls were brought to the victorious Lambda Chi team at the dinner party Dean Gilliam gave for the winning team, and Zrike, another boy from Brooklyn, thought it was consomme and was wondering whether to use his fork or spoon on it, until told that it was to rinse off his fingers.

Whenever the Colonial Ball at the Sem comes off, "Flashy Boy" Clower will be there with some girl he met at the last VMI hop. The nickname comes from his telephone salutation, "Hello, Marie, this is 'Flashy Boy.'" He also calls himself "Bogart."

Time changes everything, and now it has changed the residents of the Apartment, campus hang-out. Kelly is still there, but two new occupants, Rocky Stevenson and Dave Brown, will hang their

hats there, now that Hart and Davidson have left. This paragraph was inserted just to let people know who lives there—it's really hard to tell, so many people stay there.

Faculty Hears Second Talk On Guidance Program

The second in a series of lectures at Washington and Lee University on the educational guidance of veterans was given on Thursday before exams by William Savage, director of the Richmond Counselling Service. Mr. Savage spoke in the Browsing Room of McCormick Library.

Christian Council Reception

A reception for all new students entering this quarter was held Sunday night by the Christian Council at the home of Dr. William W. Morton, faculty adviser to the Council.

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Class Visits Covington

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Following this the party attended a cocktail party where they had the opportunity of meeting many of the Corporation's supervisors and leaders, as well as some of Covington's outstanding citizens. The presence of many University alumni injected a personal spirit into the party.

The group then retired to Industrial Rayon's Recreational Building where a banquet was given to about 100 other men and

women, including representatives of labor, the United States Conciliation Service, and plant employees. The highlight of the evening's proceedings came when Major Charles T. Estes, a member of the Conciliation Service, addressed the gathering on mediation between worker and employer. This was followed by discussion in which many of the Psychology students participated.

When the banquet activities came to a close, the group of students, Mr. Latture, and Dr. Flick returned to Lexington after a most enjoyable time in Covington.

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