

The Columns

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Tenting Tonight

Nestling five miles this side of Roanoke, quietly emerging from the side of Tinker Mountain, like a newly born child, stands Hollins College, actually one of the oldest women's colleges in the state. Ever since 1848, Hollins has been sending her finest to traverse our sacred lawns, arm in arm with us. The very epitome of decorum, Hollins' products have consistently surprised us by turning out to be raisers of merriment (yes, that's the word) during dance sets in the time-tested Washington and Lee manner. Those are only rare moments, however, and, while Smith may have its alcoholics, Wellesley its blue-jean clad tom-boys, and the Seminary its four-letter girls, Hollins has the ladies. Make no mistake about it.

Since Hollins is only forty miles from Lexington, Minx hardly have any trouble in getting there—but when they want to leave! Let's not get ahead of ourselves, though. First, there is Tinker Tea House, general headquarters for tea and introductions. From here, you head in-land to the college itself which is designed in the usual, attractive Southern architecture, as are the girls. The receptionist, looking somewhat like Melanie of GWTW, will welcome you, speaking with a delightful Elizabeth, New Jersey, accent. Before being allowed to follow the pursuit of happiness with your date, you must sign up and provide means of identification; but there is no blood test.

As a preliminary, the couple usually descends to Keller Hall, which is the equivalent of a Munich beer cellar. There you may dance, smoke, look at etchings, and, if worst comes to worst, hold hands. Then it's out into the cold, clean air! The wise man will head for the Hotel Roanoke in the "Magic City." This hostel is indeed the Waldorf of the South—everything but the salad. The sagacious male will also order oysters for an entree, as they always provide a re-enforcement for the evening, adding that certain kick. The rest of the meal is inconsequential (and so, relatively speaking, is the rest of the evening). From the hotel, you and your date waddle over to the Roanoke Country Club, of which all Hollins girls are members; so, for once, there is no need of worrying about the old heave-ho. The music is fine, the company is great, and the putting on the nineteenth green even better. It is generally possible to follow up your golf lesson with a dip in the nearby pool. Coming to the surface soaked, in more ways than one, your

Caesar Triumphs As Pericles Bows And FU Debates

Orators take Bold Stand On Hot Current Topic; Finish Confused Utterly

The Forensic Union, at its meeting Monday night, decided in favor of the resolution, "Resolved, That Greece Has Contributed More to Our Civilization Than Has Rome." D. V. Guthrie took the Affirmative, and J. P. Carpenter the Negative on the question. The debate soon became one of material versus immaterial things in our civilization, it having been agreed that Greece has contributed most to our immaterial well-being and Rome more to our material side; in short, it became a question of the Justinian code versus the Parthenon. The Union, however, upheld the Parthenon, in spite of good debate on both sides.

Next week, Charles Dixon, a Freshman, and Albert Woodruff will take sides on the question, "Resolved, That the United Nations Suffered Loss of Face over the Polish Question at the Yalta Conference." The Union also voted to plan a banquet to be held for its active members in the latter part of the quarter.

Hollins girl is for the most part willing to oblige in giving you a brisk rub-down (with alcohol, of course), also vice-versa.

When the midnight curfew knolls, you push your way through the quadrangle, by this time filled with VPI cadets, some stray Wahoos, and beer bottles, and head for the dormitories. Eventually you make it—with a Hollins girl you always do. A stroll around the campus, a warm handshake in parting, and you have left Hollins behind. As we hinted earlier, hitching back to Lexington is a gruesome history much too intricate to relate here. However, a good general rule to follow is never to accept a ride from anyone connected with Roanoke College. Heaven knows where you will end up.

Finally arriving at the point of departure, you will find that your day has been well spent—about fifteen dollars worth, for some pleasant conversation, good looks, social grace, and high speed action. To Hollins, aristocrat of schools, a place in our hearts always.

Golf Tourney Announced

The first match in an intramural golf tournament will be played Tuesday at the Lexington golf course, according to "Cy" Twombly. Guy Yaste and Pete Beddow will captain the two seven-man teams in the tournament. The tournament will be played by matches.

All who are interested in playing in this tournament are asked to contact either one of the team captains.

Bowling League Won by SAE's

Phi Psi's Run Close Race With the Lambda Chi's

It will be steak some night next week for the SAE team, which won the bowling tourney by an impressive 221 pins more than the second team, the Lambda Chi's. The Phi Psi team was in the cellar but it pushed the Lambda Chi team hard all the way, and did not concede that it was the last team until the final frame had been bowled.

Chittum led the SAE's to victory with an average of 110, and he was the high scorer of the league with 132 pins in the third game of the second match.

The SAE team was never seriously threatened as they took an early lead and ran out the string. The fighting Lambda Chi team hung close by the top for five games, but in the second match they dropped considerably, nearly losing second place to the slow starting Phi Psi's.

Each player in the tournament placed fifty cents in a kitty and the winning team collected it. This money will be used to entertain the SAE's sometime in the near future.

Expressions of thanks and praise for "Cy" Twombly and "Cy" Young for their work and interest in the tournament have been heard from all parts.

Washington and Lee Men Pictured on Booklet Cover

A photograph showing three Washington and Lee students leaving the Main Group of buildings appears on the cover of a vocational booklet published by the Investment Bankers Association of America and just received at the University.

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EC Announces Six Dollars as Price of Finals

Campus Tax Fund to Aid In Financing Dance Set; Jimmy Sinclair Will Play

Six dollars was set as the price of the Finals dance set to be held April 13 and 14 in the Pine Room of the Mayflower Hotel, the Executive Committee has announced. Tickets for one night only will cost \$3.50. These prices have the federal amusement tax included.

The price of the set has been lowered about one dollar by the campus tax, which will be used to help finance the dance.

Jimmy Sinclair and his orchestra from Roanoke will furnish the music for the dance, which will have to close at midnight both nights because of the new ruling by the WPB closing all amusements at 12.

Dodson and Patterson were appointed to invite chaperons. This was the only committee appointed for the dance at the last meeting.

Gaines Will Deliver Dancy Lectures at Alabama SWC On "Oratory in the South"

President Francis P. Gaines will deliver the third series of Dancy Lectures at the Alabama State College for Women on April 25 and 26, the college announces in a news letter received here. The subject of Dr. Gaines' two lectures will be "Oratory in the South," and of him the college says, "Not only a teacher and college president, Dr. Gaines who comes as Dancy Lecturer to speak on oratory, is himself a polished and colorful orator."

The first of this series of lectures was delivered in 1939 by Dr. Douglas S. Freeman on "The South to Posterity," and the second in 1941 by Lewis Mumford on "Southern Architecture." Funds making possible these lectures were left to the college by Unity D. Dancy whose maternal grandfather was Gen. Jesse Winston Garth, an attorney of Albemarle County, who, according to tradition, provided the land upon which the University of Virginia was founded.

The news letter carries a picture of Dr. Gaines and one of Lee Chapel looking through the main entrance of Washington Hall.

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The Red Cross War Fund

Colleges and universities have made a material contribution to the American Red Cross in its tremendous expansion in recent years. Today more than 7,000 men and women are serving with the Red Cross overseas, while additional thousands are stationed in this country.

Their jobs require not only skill in human relations, but in many cases professional and technical training of the highest order. Thanks to the academic training furnished by American institutions of higher education and the all-around development which our way of life provides, the American Red Cross has been able to carry on its world-wide duties in a manner which has brought praise from every quarter.

The blood donor project, the program of services to the armed forces, and the never-ending work at home which looks to the improvement of health and happiness of the individual community, have been continued and expanded as needed. Each new job has been tackled with a will borne of the belief that if it is to be done it must be done well.

With the advent of peace the Red Cross will face new tasks. New people will be needed to carry on, and it will be largely from American colleges and universities that these people will be drawn. In the meantime, however, the Red Cross must continue its wartime work. It must maintain an increasing flow of blood plasma. It must continue to serve in every theater of operation. It must provide for our men in training camps and in hospitals. It must maintain its activities on the home front.

To do this during the next 12 months the Red Cross needs \$200,000,000. Last year thousands of dollars were contributed to the Red Cross by American colleges and university students. This year will be no exception. We are contributing 10 per cent of our Charity Chest Fund.

The Campus Tax drive is about to close, but as yet we have not received the final results of the drive. A few members of the student body have been a little slow in paying, thus delaying the final tabulation of the results.

Response to the drive has been gratifying, and this additional money in the treasury has enabled the Executive Committee to cut the price of the dance from seven dollars to six.

We have shown by our response that we are ready and willing to back campus activities by giving our money, and we feel sure that every student will back any activities that the Executive Committee may see fit to subsidize with this money.

Show Team Time

By Dave Guthrie

Nothing very substantial in store for us at the State this week, but enough to keep us occupied. First off, on Sunday and Monday, we have a gala technicolor job, **Something for the Boys**, with comedy, music, dancing, and singing. The plot, which seems to deal with army maneuvers, is rather threadbare, and if the main players are any indication of what the acting is like, we'd write the whole thing off—Carmen Miranda and Michael O'Shea taking the leads, but we have it on good authority that the music and such is fair enough at least to TRY.

Tuesday and Wednesday, **Sunday Dinner for a Soldier** is the feature attraction. The soldier's part gets a terrific build-up in the first half of the show so that the soldier can make a terrific entrance in the second half; but if you like John Hodiak as well as we do, you know what we mean when we say it isn't worth it. Anne Baxter and Charles Winninger play with the odds against them. Don't worry if you miss this one.

Or the next one, either. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the long-awaited **Winged Victory** shows up. But Moss Hart's spectacular stage play is quite a let-down on the screen. (Gee, we're cynical this week.) The reviews are not quite so hard on the show, but we sat through over two hours of the thing, and do not recommend it, unless you've got two hours to throw away, anyhow.

And if you're looking for anything better at the Lyric, you're still in bad luck. In fact, to sum up our indignation, there's not a good movie in town this week. Well, anyhow, we'll fill up the rest of the column with our biting criticism. Monday and Tuesday, **Jinx Falkenburg** and **Dave O'Brien** are featured in a flimsy little piece of nothing called **Tahiti Nights**. We might go for the atmosphere and to see Chapter 4 of **Zorro's Black Whip**, but for nothing else.

Guy de Maupassant gets a beating on Wednesday. Little did the famous and wholly innocent French short-story writer realize that Hollywood would someday get hold of his **Mademoiselle Fifi** and put Simone Simon in the lead. The story is one concerning the German occupation of France in 1870. The reviews recommend it for adults only. In addition, there is a **This Is America** short and a good old **Community Sing**.

Thursday, the Andrews Sisters are shown in some outrageous outrage (we're even losing our sense of humour)—**Moonlight and Cactus**. There is an old **March of Time** feature, too, **What to Do With**

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Men About Town...

Notes on an Experimental Weekend:

Background—Lights shone only figuratively at the Lambda Chi house last Saturday as, quite by accident, of course, the long-awaited house party retired en masse to a darkened basement dance floor. The frantic dancing, and sweating couples created a scene closely resembling the Black Hole of Calcutta. There was spirit, however, and people made noise to signify to all that they were having a great deal of fun. Most of it came from the girls; the lads were slightly apathetic about the whole thing. And girls there were, too, contrary to some predictions, which placed undue importance in the direction of Southern Seminary. Many new girls and a few that have grown familiar to us all.

A couple of painful sights... Betty Thorne McCluer running the usual rat race with "Happy Jim" Taylor of the Everglade Taylors. Later in the evening, he lost a hundred yard dash to the lady in question... Pete Beddow, deservedly known for his sharp line, hugging the phonograph so that the other fellows would have a chance.... Jeffries, whose girl with the walkie-talkie gams, was unable to make it this weekend. It seems that Annapolis threw a dance, too... Freshman Charley Dixon, who claims that he can't dance except under certain conditions of stimulation and who was dancing.... Serif, the exotic Turk, occasionally drawing one of the girls off into the corner and offering her a drag on his water pipe.... Kaplan and McNeil looking very official the entire evening. They now plan to become proprietors of a night club, possibly located in Buena Vista.

Dancing in the Dark—John Lee and his date, Betty Thornton from Mary Washington, about whom he is still receiving compliments.... The couch, in the far corner, where Hutchinson sat with his girl and where Dean Gilliam happened to stumble, inadvertently and inopportunistically... Betty Simmons of Hollins, escorted by Freshman Henry Hill, who showed us what a girl from Texas is really like. The boys, even Rugel and Bernard, that expatriate Texan, were amazed.... Paxton and Eloise, looking a shade matronly, but youthfully gay... Almistead doing his, by now, famous "Nashville Skip" and exhausting everybody but Almistead. It seems he had three different girls coming down on Friday, and then on Saturday they had all taken a powder. Frally, thy name is woman, Bill... Looking very sagacious, but definitely not bored, were Bauer and McWhorter. And they did enjoy the punch... Seaman Williams having his first date with Ann Trinkle, a well-known Lexington deb, and finding it altogether to his liking... Hochstim and Zrike were up above aiding Mrs. K. in her household duties. Theodore ran a private hat-checking concession and Robert spent most of the time reading "The Consolations of Philosophy"... Virginia Givens of the famous family of equestrians giving Burton a rough hurdle for his money. She is the "wrapped around my finger" girl of VMI notoriety... Freshman Bob Silverstein with a Hollins girl, disappearing at intermission and being heard from no more. Intermission made quite a dent in the attendance, all around... A Mary Washington girl and Bill Bernard, the last-named more contented than he has been for some time... The canned music was good, but few seemed to care whether it was going or not.

Juke-box Saturday Night—Everything ended at twelve with the playing of the Swing and a big apple. That "everything" is just a technical term, for the college girls had an hour to go and the town girls had time on their hands... On Sunday, for those young ladies who were able to remain with us, there were a variety of things going on... Loud

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General Chatter

By "Jeff"

Phi Psi's Trounce SAE

The Phi Kappa Psi team had a field day last Monday afternoon when they whipped the SAE team by a score of 54-20.

Captain Buck Pinnell tallied a total of twelve points, while Hank Oder added five field goals and one foul shot for a total of eleven points. Most of his shots originated from his favorite corner position. The big man of the afternoon was little "Might-Mite" Clower. He looped the ball through the basket from almost every spot on the floor. The score at the end of the first quarter was Clower 12, SAE 2. When the final whistle blew, the "Mite" had scored twenty-eight points to tie Bill Bernard for the record. We mis-quote Doc Smith in saying, "Great day, Mr. Clower."

SAE's Nip Lambda Chi

Wednesday night a very close and hard-fought battle was played on the Doremus hardwood. A rejuvenated SAE team overshadowed the Lambda Chi quintet by the heart-breaking score of 16-15.

Both teams held a tight defense and goals were few and far between. Most of the shots were made from half court because of the tight defense. Lanky Sherwood Smith, who received set shots from Henry Hill in the pivot, led the scoring with eight points. Art Joseph was kept from his usual form by Tom Lee, who guarded him very carefully.

W&L Bowls Over WACs

Monday evening W&L bowled ten pins against the WACs of the School for Personnel Services. The

first game was won by the Generals by seven pins. The WACs were spotted fifty pins in the second game but they were still beaten by a score of 666-515. The high WAC game was 151.

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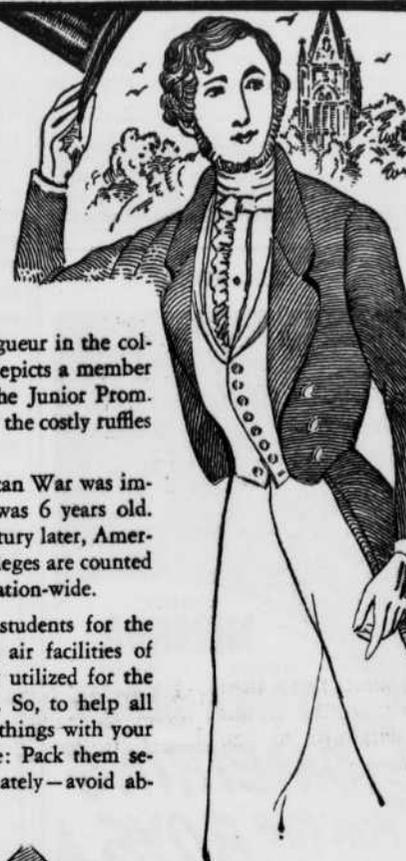
were the lamentations of Pete Williams, who, if he had only gotten a date could have had the whole Chemistry building to himself. . . . All was really over at about three-thirty in the afternoon, however, when the last bus pulled out for points well-known. . . . All was over, that is, for a little while.

Mid - Week Lull — Uneventful weeks stretch out in front of most of us. The first event of any consequence is the set in April which should be quite an affair. There is the Colonial Ball at the Seminary this month, but its appeal is strictly a matter of taste. The approach of social famine was felt on the Monday after. On Monday afternoon, the Dean of Randolph-Macon rushed into the Lambda Chi, looking for beds, (which, by the way, she found), but that was the only event which broke the dullness. The girls back home are beginning to receive letters regularly again, which is a sure sign of something or other. Clower was calling Marymont and Carter, Iowa. Almistead has given up phoning. Some are even ringing Buena Vista between nine forty-five and ten thirty. Lucy, over at the Telephone Company, nauseated at the rather adolescent conversations carried on the lines to the "Lumber" city is petition-

ing to have the service discontinued. Everything they call service. In passing, we can mention

that the quarantine at Sem is finished. . . . come one, come all, there's plenty.

A MEMBER of THE CLASS OF 1845



Spickness and spanness were de rigueur in the colleges of the 1840s. This portrait depicts a member of the Class of 1845 attired for the Junior Prom. Observe the height of his stock and the costly ruffles on his shirt.

In that same year, 1845, the Mexican War was imminent. Railway Express service was 6 years old. The colleges were few. Now, a century later, America is fighting a global war, the colleges are counted by thousands, and our service is nation-wide.

Today, the colleges are training students for the armed services; and the rail and air facilities of Railway Express are being largely utilized for the speeding of war-goods shipments. So, to help all concerned, please do three simple things with your 1945 home packages and baggage: Pack them securely—address clearly and adequately—avoid abbreviating state names.



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Titled "Toward Careers in Finance," the booklet will be distributed to thousands of young men who may be interested in investment banking upon their re-

lease from the armed forces and to others who will enter college. It is illustrated by full-page pictures of the heavy industries and gives information about investment banking.

Students appearing in the photograph are James S. Taylor of Jacksonville, William M. Wilcox of Charlotte, and Robert C. Needham of Jackson, Ky. A credit line explains that by a gift of \$50,000 of James River Navigation Company stock made to the University in 1796, George Washington contributes \$3 yearly toward the education of each student at Washington and Lee.

A product of the Lakeside Press, Chicago, the booklet is handsomely printed by the sheet-fed gravure process.

The meeting of the Fornsic Union on April 2nd will be held at 7:15 p.m., and adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Show Team Time

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Germany. They would do well to put one out called, **What to Do with the American Movie Industry!**

And, of course, to add insult to injury, there has to be a Johnny Mack Brown show on Friday and Saturday—something called **Range Law**. Chapter 5 of **The Black Arrow** and an Edgar Kennedy comedy (they call them that) complete the mess. Well, that's all for now, hope to meet you in a less vindictive mood next week.

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