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KYSER SIGNED FOR DANCE

Goebbels Speaks to IRC; Tells Them to Go to Heil

At a meeting held in the Phi Kappa Psi House, Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels, recently returned from a tour of the Continent, presented a lecture entitled, "Porque Perdi La Guerra." Doctor Goebbels, who is here under the auspices of the Carnegie Endowment for Peace, was introduced to the student gathering by Jon Rugel who last met Paul in a Munich beer hall.

Raging Students Denounce End Of ABC Board

Momentous Rally Held At Mattingly Apartments Sets Great Moral Issue

Electrified by the news that liquor rationing in the State of Virginia is to be abolished on April 3, a mass protest rally was held last night at the secluded residence of Henry Wise Kelly, acting leader of the "drys" in the southwestern part of the Commonwealth. A swelling human mass overflowed into the meeting place at about nine o'clock and did not leave until the small hours of the morning. It is reliably reported that some are still there, denouncing alcoholism from the floor.

By candlelight—the candles were placed in convenient wine bottles—Kelly rose to speak in ringing terms. With heartfelt fervor, Kelly assaulted the decision to sell spirits without state control. "This act," said Kelly, pointing his finger off into space, "definitely will impair the morals of our children and our students, not to mention the farm people."

Agilely jumping to his feet, Robert Zrike, a deputy doer of good, supported the speaker. He declared, "By not vetoing this dastardly law, the Governor shows himself to be what I have always known, namely, a non-W&L man."

Kelly began to recall the sentimental past, bringing tears to the eyes of many in his audience. "We have always found the system to our liking," he insisted. "We liked

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March Dance Scene Will Be Repeated



Back to Normal Campus Theme

Convertibles Hit Hollins; Seminary Closes Doors

The presence of 15,000 people in Wilson Stadium last Saturday certainly shows that things are slowly but surely returning to normal. Downtown Lexington reported that a census taken of all parking lots on that day revealed a total of 10,000 cars parked by Roane Incorporated. Sweet Briar, Hollins, Vassar, and Smith all report the presence of many Washington and Lee gentlemen in their shiny, new convertibles. The cars are with us again, but we must take heed and precautions with them or else the Government will take them away from us again for another punishment period.

Dean Gilliam's office has stated that this year more than 20,000 applicants were refused after February when at that time the University quota of 995 had been filled. With the presence of Memorial Auditorium, a field house, biology building, and journalism building, students this year have the added benefit of splendid facilities.

Dr. Gaines Looks Forward To Light Speaking Tour

The following is an incomplete schedule of places where President Gaines will speak during the course of next week:

Monday—The Nome, Alaska, Alumni Association.

Tuesday—San Francisco Longshoremen's Association.

Wednesday—Philadelphia Anti-Defamation League.

Thursday—Boston Cod Club.

Friday—Miami Beach Bathing Beauty Society.

Saturday—Mexico City Alumni Association.

Sunday—2 University Place, Lexington, Virginia.

Eminent Somnambulist Tells How He Does It

Doctor James Strongwit Morefat, professor of English here, will deliver a series of lectures to the Buena Vista Lions Club entitled, "How to put the student asleep in the classroom," it was learned here from authoritative sources here this morning. Doctor Morefat, an authority on the subject of insomnia, said, when interviewed, that it took ten years to master the technique.

Ole Professor Swings Out At April Frolic on Roof Of the Mayflower Hotel

In a surprise move made at a secret meeting on Wednesday evening, the Executive Committee announced that Kay Kyser and his orchestra have been signed to play here at the dance set on the thirteenth and fourteenth of April. The arrangement was felicitated, it was stated, by the fact that Kyser will be in this section at that time visiting his daughter who is a student at Hollins College.

While the sum to be paid Kyser was not revealed, it has been reported unofficially that the price is almost staggering. Charles Pinnell and Irving Joel, acting for the Executive Committee, are believed to be negotiating a short-term loan from the Peoples National Bank in order to cover the expenditure. When approached by Washington and Lee's representatives, Kyser declared that "so that I might again play at good old W&L, I will sign for a mere pittance. Shall we say three thousand dollars and expenses."

The dance set, which is to be formal from three o'clock Friday afternoon on, will last until four a.m. both nights. Special dispensation from the Office of Price Administration was gained through the influence of John McWhorter's father who has a few extra gasoline coupons in his possession. In addition, the Vagabonds, a noted string ensemble from Lynchburg, will play Saturday afternoon at a tea dance to be held in the Phi Kappa Psi basement.

The outlook for a dance set has never before looked quite so good, according to many people who really should know what they are talking about. Said Robert Totty, President of the Student Body, "If student cooperation is up to par, and the band really shows up, this should be the best collegiate affair of 1949."

The Executive Committee refused definitely to confirm the wide speculation among the students concerning the possibility that the dance will be held on the Starlight Roof of the Mayflower Hotel. However, **The Columns** has learned from a usually reliable source that such will be the case.

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Faculty Meeting

The minutes of the regular meeting of the University faculty on the second Tuesday of last week, released by Mr. E. W. Withers, Director of the News Bureau, was the occasion of much lively discussion and of many important decisions. President F. P. Gaines, opening the meeting, declared that the University had reached its rock-bottom financially and made it plain that a reduction in expenditures was absolutely necessary. Dr. R. W. Dickey, professor of physics, thereupon requested an explanation of Dean Frank Gilliam's recent purchase of an inter-phone system for his office, but was immediately declared out of order. Dr. R. F. Bradley, head of the Department of Romance Languages, after giving the third person plural past definite tense of the French verbs "mettre" and "courir," asked what was the use in keeping two deans and a registrar, since Mr. E. S. Mattingly did their work, or at least tried to, for them. Treasurer Mattingly requested that the matter be tabled.

Dr. L. J. Desha, head of the Department of Chemistry, requested that the Department of Philosophy be "administered a severe reprimand" for promulgating Bishop Berkley's theories of idealism that matter exists only in our minds. "It is a severe blow to common sense, not to mention science and the financial good of the University," said Dr. Desha "for W. W. Morton to say that the illustrious statue of Cyrus Hall McCormick exists only in our minds." Dr. Morton, rising to his defense, made it clear that he was not a propounder of Bishop Berkley, but rather a stern disciple of the ancient Greek Heraclitus, who made that great, dogmatic statement that set the world of philosophy aflame, "Whatever is, is." The evolution of this masterful assertion through Kant, Hegel, Schopenhauer, and Karl Marx was traced by Dr. Morton for forty-eight minutes to the great delight of the many faculty lovers of philosophy.

Mr. John A. Graham, in an impassioned speech, requested that the University take immediate steps to save the English language from corruption and ruin, and make it an English Department requirement that greater use be made of reflexive pronouns in all student themes. He called attention to his recent letter to the Richmond Times-Dispatch concerning this matter. Mr. Graham also wished to have entered on the record his objection of Dr. Gaines' pronunciation of the word "get" as "git."

Dr. F. B. Holder, of the Commerce School, stated that this branch of the University has entirely too much work to do and requested that its load be lightened by requiring all students to take five years of Greek and three of Latin for graduation. D. H. V. Shelley, head of the Department of Ancient Languages, blanched at the thought of having so many students, and, although expressing his appreciation for this generous concession to liberal

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Show Team Time

By Dave Guthrie

Another rigorous schedule of cinematractions this week. Here we go again. Sunday through Tuesday, the State presents **Keys of the Kingdom** with Gregory Peck, Thomas Mitchell, and Roddy McDowell. This picture is classed with **The Song of Bernadette** in scope of dramatic feeling and beauty. And we're not just kidding. Seriously this A. J. Cronin story, adapted splendidly to the screen, should be seen by everyone. A timely Easter movie.

Wednesday only, Universal puts forth a melodrama and a fantasy all in one, titled, revoltingly enough, **Destiny**—that's it, just **Destiny**. Has Alan Curtis and Gloria Jean (just Gloria Jean) in the cast.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Bing Crosby, Sonny Tufts, and Betty Hutton are in **Here Come the Waves**—a light and entertaining musical in which Crosby parodies Sinatra, Tufts provides comedy, and Hutton plays a double role. What's more, there's a Donald Duck. Biology lab will meet in the left balcony Thursday.

The Lyric, next... about which we will not make a crack this week. Monday and Tuesday, as we said, has Gloria Jean in some waste of celluloid, called **Reckless Age**; chapter six of **Zorro's Black Whip** shares the bill. Will they make Zorro take off her mask, or will they not? Humm....

Wednesday only we have **Babes on Swing Street**; with that title, anything can happen. Thursday, an old British film shows up, titled **Candlelight in Algeria**. We know absolutely nothing about it, so will keep respectfully quiet. Friday and Saturday they have **Call of the Rockies**. We do know something about this, but for other reasons will restrain ourselves.

Society Note

Midst the brilliance of the main ball room of the Robert E. Lee Hotel, Edgar Dinwiddie Holladay, (of the Virginia Dinwiddies, suh!) was presented to Lexington society last Saturday afternoon. Under wraps for the past nineteen years Holladay was finally ready for his debut which brought such comment as, "It was a miracle," and "Unbelievable!"

While the crowds cheered and groaned, Edgar was introduced to a charming girl whose family records had been carefully investigated before the introduction. When interviewed by **The Columns** society reporter Miss Carol Mack and son, Holladay had this to say, "Gosh, this is ever so keen. I guess I'll just have to attend more University dances in the future."

Men About Town...

One Thousand and One Nights at a Fraternity House—The social event to end all social events, and incidentally coming close to finishing society altogether has come and gone. It was only after the Colonial Ball, however, that the real fun commenced. Bringing their dates back to the Phi Psi House at one o'clock, the debonair lads definitely on the ball this evening anyway, rolled out several cases of champagne which were served by Slick on the veranda in several forms, even some of it—for the men—straight.... Woodruff, who was unattached, came to the aid of the festivities with several casks of ancient Italian vermouth out of his private stock which he had been saving all the while to give to his friends, his good friends, that is.... For a time, it appeared that the girls would have to go back to Buena Vista at three a.m., the usual Sem deadline for the boys that count. But a few of the girls, obviously Big Women on the campus, managed to convince their chaperone via telephone that it would be perfectly harmless if they stayed on until dawn.... It was harmless, besides saving the maids much trouble... And so it continued until the sun shone through, at which time the boys gave the girls a ride back to school.... Everything considered, well—everything was considered, that's all.

Here's Looking at You and You and YOU—Hap Holladay, referred to in greater detail in other sections of this newspaper, and known in his select circle of friends as the Cleveland Side Show, has pulled one out of his hat (a Knox) again Famous as a writer of letters to the Times-Dispatch, Holladay has this time directed his efforts toward less prosaic matters.... By his written invitation Jennifer Jones is coming to Lexington to attend the dance set in mid-April... Modestly disavowing that he had any special prowess in such things, but finally admitting that, after all, he didn't know how he did it, Edgar promised that he will don a white dinner jacket just for Jennifer... If the headwaiter at Steve's lends it to him, that is... To leave the mundane behind, Serif has begun recruiting Janisaries on the campus, making everybody quite uneasy as they feel to make sure their necks are still there.... His first recruit was Bauer who resigned, however, because he will not give up meat.... The bounty to every recruit is three hundred Turkish pounds and a spare infidel... A golden life of adventure.

FACULTY MEETING

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education, finally was successful in having Dr. Holder's motion voted down.

Dr. G. D. Hancock requested and obtained permission to add two new courses to the Commerce School, to be known as Baggage Transfer 302 and Accounting for Women 157. Dr. W. G. Bean, without being recognized by the chair, remarked that there was no accounting for women. Dr. J. S. Moffatt, of the English Department, expressed the opinion that the post-war plans of the University should include several new faculty homes on the campus and wished "to make the point plain" that he was next in line for vacancies.

A petition from the student body for the appointment of a new Dean of Students was read, and Dr. Walter Flick announced his candidacy. The latter also proposed that, for the sound emotional development of students, a fourteen-foot statue of General Grant should be erected in a prominent place on the campus.

Librarian Richard Shoemaker requested permission to purchase several new books for the library, among which was the current best seller, **Is Sex**

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General Chatter

By "Jeff"

Holladay Beaten by SAE's 16-5

Tom Lee twirled a convincing 16-5 win over the mighty Holladay. Happy just couldn't find the plate with the right pitches at the right time. However, the support that both pitchers received was decidedly ragged. Easy outs rolled through infielders legs and outfield flies were dropped at crucial moments. At the plate the SAE's displayed unexpected power when they sent "God's Gift to Women" Hutcherson to the plate. He promptly slugged the ball all over the lot throughout the entire game. Max Dennis proved to be the only long-ball hitter that the Lambda Chi's could produce. We must not forget Hammerin' Hal Chittum who got two good drives, but he made up for them to the Lambda Chi's by trying an Adagio catch of a long drive to center field. What happened, Hal, did you get a mint leaf in your eye? (Mm!)

Spirited Phi Psi's Slug to Victory

Exhibiting plenty of the old ginger and fight the Phi Psi ten slugged out a win over the once-defeated Lambda Chi team 11-4. They gave their pitcher the best possible support as they gathered in long drives to the outfield or snapped up ground balls to peg many a Lambda Chi man out who thought he had an easy single. Max Dennis was the big gun for the Lambda Chi's again as he bagged one of the longest homers we have ever seen in softball. "Knife in the back with a grin" Kaplan proved to be ineffective in halting the driving Phi Psi club. Afield the Phi Psi's were par-

ticularly strong around the key-stone sack as was evidenced by the snappy double play which they pulled in the fifth inning.

NextWeek

Monday—Phi Psi vs. SAE.

Wednesday—SAE vs. Lambda Chi.

Thursday—Lambda Chi vs. Phi Psi.

Generals Picked as Top Team Throughout Nation

The members of the W&L mumbly-peg squad finished their season with the cheers of 50,000 ringing in their ears. They pegged a win from the United States Naval Academy peggers, sweeping every match. They are the first team in the country to compete for three consecutive years and never suffer one defeat. The mighty mumbly peggers will be feted at a dinner at the Biltmore Hotel in New York City. They will be the guests of the Sports Writers Club of America and will each receive a solid gold watch in honor of their hard won victories. Doctor Gaines has announced that school will close on May the first, instead of the seventeenth, in honor of this greatest team in the history of the University. It is also announced that all members of the team will not have to attend any classes before eleven o'clock and they will be provided with a limousine to carry them to classes and to nearby girls' schools on the weekends. The rumor that each man would be provided with a secretary and a personal valet has been squelched due to the shortage of man power.

Varsity Crew Has Stroke; Then Emerges All Wet

Practicing to repeat last year's victory in the Poughkeepsie regatta, Washington and Lee's renowned varsity crew yesterday splashed its way through the choppy waters of North River to finish a close second behind the shell navigated by a picked Sweet Briar crew.

The girls who were coxswained by Miss Sandra Payson held the lead throughout the whole distance. They were never threatened until the closing seconds of the race when they turned on the heat to stave off an attempt to catch them—winning by a neck.

Facing a tough schedule which besides the usual Harvard, Yale, and Columbia races includes Rollins, Cornell, and Randolph-Macon, the rowing Generals have been working hard. Dave Guthrie, a member of the Exeter shell which defeated Andover in 1942, now number three man on the University shell, predicts a great season ahead for the crewmen.

Tennis Courts Still Not in Shape

Due to the weather conditions the tennis courts have not yet been put into condition for the tennis team practices. Dave Brown acting manager of the team, has announced that a schedule will be released as soon as he hears from Virginia, William and Mary, Roanoke, and Hampden-Sydney.

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Necessary? This book was recommended to him by a Senior Library Assistant. A letter from Miss Fannie P. Allen, R.N., of the Department of Student Health, expressing grave concern over the rise in the student hypochondriac rate, was read.

Dr. Livingston Smith recommended that a committee be appointed to tabulate the number of women entertained at 8 Lee Avenue. A collection among faculty members was made in order that Dr. Fitzgerald Flournoy might have his clothes pressed, Mr. Graham might buy a new necktie, Mr. Mattingly a camel's hair rag for his use on a "softer spot," and Mr. C. Harold Lauck a sounding board to listen to his own griping.

Registrar R. N. Latture arose to make a few brief and pertinent remarks, a brief resume of which is as follows: "To sum up, I would like to say, moreover, that inasmuch and thereby it might be. Maybe possibly, on the other hand, it should be remembered that, indeed, since there is an objection on the part of the other party, I think, peremptorily, therefore." Mr. Charles Tolley, who had previously gone to sleep during Dr. Morton's speech, awakened, yawned, and moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Not so respectfully submitted,
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Students Rage

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the immaculateness of the ABC store, the professional air of the salesman, and most of all the yellow paper bags."

At this, the crowd went wild with emotion, carrying Kelly off the platform on their shoulders, to the tune of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

When order was restored, the meeting appointed a committee composed of Don Marsh, Max Dennis, and Ernest Myers, all prominent sociologists, to investigate conditions at El Patio and elsewhere and then confer with Chief King to see what can be done to alter the deplorable situation. It is understood, however, that the committee may never get as far as the local constabulary in its investigation.

Students Pack Rods

Alan Bauer, Rifle Club president, has announced that there will be a practice meet for all members on this coming Tuesday at 8 p.m. The event will be held in the Club's spacious shooting gallery behind Mattingly Apartments. The practice is being held in connection with the Biology Department who is in dire need of more alley cats. Co-Captain Bob Zrike still leads the team in number of felines shot down during March. The WAC's at the Sigma Chi House are invited to attend.

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