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School Assembly in Mourning for Roosevelt

Dance Planned For Tonight Has Been Cancelled

Friday Night Informal Held in Pine Room of The Mayflower Hotel

In tune with wartime conditions, Washington and Lee danced out its Finals at an informal dance last night in the Pine Room of the Mayflower Hotel. In view of the announcement of a National Day of Mourning today, the formal dance scheduled for tonight has been cancelled, as has been the tea dance planned for the Lambda Chi lounge this afternoon.

Playing from nine o'clock to midnight curfew was Jimmy Sinclair and his orchestra, an aggregation from Roanoke. The Pine Room was decorated to simulate a cabaret atmosphere.

The following is an incomplete list of the attending couples:

D. Elaine Westlye of Baltimore, Md., with Bill Jefferies; Annette Glick of Fairfax Hall with Bernard Kaplan; Ann Stowers of the University of Tennessee with Dave Brown; Betty Simmons, Hollins College, with Jon Rugel; Margaret Mish, Lexington, Va., with Roscoe Stephenson; Peggy Wallerstein, Richmond, Va., with Carlos Lattimer; Francis Bickers, Sweet Briar, with Charles Pinnell; Ruth Raftery, Hollins, with Matthew Paxton; Mrs. Mat O'Keefe with Mat O'Keefe; Susan Williamson, Mount Vernon Seminary, with James Taylor; Nancy Hill, Randolph-Macon, with Charles Dixon;

Nancy Baar, Centenary, with Don Hillman; Elaine Krause, Sweet Briar, with Wise Kelly; Laura Roe, Hollins, with John Clarke; Pfc. Polly Hart, SPS, with Bill Almistead; Jackie Worthington, Southern Seminary, with Peter Williams; Ann Arnold, Hollins, with S2/C Charles Glasgow; Eloise Knox, Lexington, Va., with Arthur Joseph; Elizabeth Matthews, Randolph-Macon, with Peter Beddow; Mrs. T. Ryland Dodson with T. Ryland Dodson; Peggy Bingham, Lexington, Va., with Hamilton Hutcherson; Joan Eakins, Southern Seminary, with Bill Bernard; Elenora Faison, Staunton, Va., with Guy Yaste; Betty Lou Turn-

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Registration Date Set for Forthcoming Sessions

Dr. Robert H. Tucker, Dean of the University, has announced spring registration for Wednesday, April 25th, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., in Washington 33. At this time students should register for courses desired both during the summer session and during the first semester of next year. Students are urged to consult immediately with their faculty advisers or major professors and prepare lists of all classes they will require for both the above periods. This information is needed in order to give each student what he desires and needs.

Loyalist Veteran Discusses Background of the Spanish Civil War at IRC Meeting

Mr. Pierre Daura made for the International Relations Club one of the best meetings of the year last Wednesday night. Speaking to a large audience, he gave a graphic account of the Spanish Civil War, first emphasizing the causes of the overthrowing of the monarchy, the domination of the poorer classes by the landed aristocracy, the church, and the military. Following the defeat of these factions in the elections, they found sympathy in Berlin and Rome, and with this foreign support staged an army revolt, anticipating an early collapse of the republic. However, they miscalculated the tenacity and ability of the Spanish people and that of the foreign volunteers who fought along side them, and the war lasted over three years.

Besides being of interest from the chronological standpoint, Mr. Daura's talk was doubly enlightening because of the many eyewitness accounts which he mentioned, instances of single fighters destroying several German tanks with home made bombs, and obsolete planes dispersing an Italian force before Madrid.

Forensic Union

By a narrow margin, the Forensic Union Monday night supported the contention of the Negative in the question, "Resolved, That the President's Plan for 'Jobs for All' Is Impracticable." J. A. McWhorter debated the Affirmative, while T. R. Dodson took the Negative.

Kelly Will Head Student Body

Brown and Patterson Are Also Victorious

Wise Kelly, Dave Brown, and Bob Patterson were elected president, vice-president, and secretary, respectively, in the student body election Wednesday. Kelly was unopposed for the presidency. Brown defeated Ryland Dodson in the vice-presidential race by a 45 to 27 margin, while Patterson barely defeated Marsh for secretary by four votes, polling 38 to Marsh's 34.

These three officers will take office the day after commencement and serve for the summer session and the 1945-46 academic year.

In accordance with an amendment to the constitution made in 1942, the three student body officers will appoint an executive committee to serve for the summer session and until the regular elections in the fall. Kelly has called for candidates for appointment as executive committeemen to submit their names to the secretary before 6 p.m., Friday, April 17.

In the absence of the present secretary, who is entering the service, the secretary-elect, Bob Patterson, will be the acting secretary for the remainder of this quarter.

Election Requirements

Mr. Frank J. Gilliam, Dean of Students, desires to call the attention of the student body to a notice recently posted on the bulletin board in front of Payne Hall regarding the eligibility of students for student body offices.

Students Are Again Asked To Become Blood Donors

All students desiring to give blood at the Staunton Blood Donor Clinic on Wednesday, May 2, will be excused from the necessary classes on that day. Names must be handed to Mrs. Charles Didier, who may be reached at Lexington phone 293. Minimum age limit for blood donors has been set at 18. All persons under 21 must have written consent from their parents. Transportation will be furnished to and from Staunton.

Will Put Emphasis on Spiritual Aspects of the World Peace Conference

A memorial service in tribute to the late President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt, will be held in Lee Chapel today, April 14, at 12:05 p.m., it was announced by Dr. Francis P. Gaines yesterday.

"This assembly is called in order that we, as an institution and as individual citizens, may offer tribute to the late President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Commander-in-Chief of our armed forces and leader of the host of humanity. At the same time an effort will be made to bring spiritual emphasis and to implore Divine guidance in behalf of the San Francisco Conference, which presents an opportunity for the completion of Mr. Roosevelt's dream."

There will be no classes today since this day has been proclaimed as a National Day of Mourning. The University service will begin promptly at 12:05, it was emphasized by the announcement which has been placed on all bulletin boards.

The assembly will be compulsory for all students.

W&L Student to Attend Meeting at Chapel Hill

Rex Criminale, of Mobile, Alabama, has been chosen to represent Washington and Lee at a Southern Students Conference on the San Francisco United Nations Meeting, to be held at the University of North Carolina, Sunday, April 15th. Student representatives from fifty colleges and universities in thirteen Southern states will convene at Chapel Hill to consider the problems facing the coming San Francisco conference and to coordinate a plan for study on their respective campuses of Bretton Woods, Dumbarton Oaks, and other plans related to world peace organizations.

Highlight of the conference will be the election of two delegates to attend the San Francisco meeting as observers and representatives. These delegates will report to Southern colleges through their campus newspapers in order to give Southern students as a whole a sense of participation in the deliberations.

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Saturday, April 14, 1945

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

At 4:35 p.m., April 12, 1945, the enemies of freedom lost their greatest enemy; and the liberty-loving people of the world, their greatest friend, Franklin D. Roosevelt. The Squire of Hyde Park passed away in the unpretentious little White House in Warm Springs, Georgia. It was there in Warm Springs that he found the health needed to shoulder the burdens of governing the United States. In the past, Roosevelt's efforts had been directed towards social legislation and other means of helping improve the conditions of Americans, and the present contained primarily plans of war.

Joining the ranks of America's great war presidents—Washington, Lincoln, and Wilson—the Commander-in-Chief will be ranked as great, if not greater, than these three by future historians. And it is the future that we Americans must heed. We must gain from the loss of our President the unity and strength necessary to bring this titanic struggle to a successful conclusion. In this hour of national—and international—mourning we shall find the courage to meet the trials awaiting us in the planning and development of the brave new world for which Roosevelt gave the last "full measure of devotion."

The ideals of President Roosevelt, as he set them forth in The Four Freedoms, have found their way into the hearts of Americans who are going to help build future peace and cooperation on the right foundation—the foundation on which it would have been built by Franklin Roosevelt.

To the enslaved and conquered people of the world, our President stood as the symbol of independence, peace, and liberty. Now that he is no longer here, we who are left must make that symbol a reality. Free the oppressed! Strengthen the belief in democratic processes! Aid the lowly! Insure peace to a war-weary world!

We rise from this defeat stronger in the knowledge that a cause worthy of Franklin D. Roosevelt and the sacrifices he made warrants our every effort. With this new vigor we will make our cause—the cause for which Franklin Roosevelt died—live!

Show Team Time

By Dave Guthrie

Here's that colyum again of pre-views and comments in the realm of the cinema. At the State, Sunday and Monday, we have **Keep Your Powder Dry**, featuring Lana Turner, Laraine Day, and Susan Peters, all three, no less...story about girls in a WAC regiment, who have bitter personal animosity lost to realization of a greater cause. Good laughs, good looks, bad story. What's more and besides, we have "Bugs Bunny."

Tuesday and Wednesday, we regret to inform you that Laurel and Hardy are back in town. Avoid if possible. The name of it is **Nothing But Trouble**....just in case you're interested.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, we turn big-time and have the film version of Betty Smith's best-seller, **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn**. Feature players are Dorothy McGuire (of **Claudia** fame), Joan Blondell, and Lloyd Nolan. Advance comment says it deals with the "triumph of the human spirit"...sounds corny and trite a bit, but we have it on good authority that it's darn good, anyhow. As our predecessor would say in great big capital letters, SEE.

Dr. F. P. Gaines Declines Gubernatorial Candidacy

President Francis P. Gaines has recently been in the political limelight. As Lieutenant-Governor William Tuck is the only avowed candidate for governor of Virginia in the Democratic Primary in August, several possible men have been mentioned to run against Tuck. Douglas Freeman, author of "R. E. Lee," and "Lee's Lieutenants," and editor of the **Richmond News-Leader**, suggested the President of Washington and Lee University as a candidate. Immediately Virginius Dabney, editor of the **Richmond Times-Dispatch**, and other editors of the leading state newspapers saw in Dr. Gaines a leading candidate.

When interviewed by **The Columns**, Dr. Gaines said that he was interested only in continuing his work as President of the University. Telegrams, letters, and telephone calls have been coming to Dr. Gaines' office in Washington Hall from alumni and other citizens who are interested in his running for governorship; but Dr. Gaines says that he has never considered entering politics and still does not.

Dr. Gaines formally removed himself from the contest by stating, "I can truthfully say that I have no ambition except to work with and for youth in the field of education."

Men About Town...

Coming Up—One Dance Set: At feverish pace the gay set is making ready for the last festivities (official, that is) of the year this weekend in the environs of the Mayflower....The main feature of Saturday afternoon, at least for the sedate among us, will be the tea and crumpets, Southern style, served in the Lambda Chi lounge to the accompaniment of canned music, if someone comes across with a needle, we should add...The adventurers, the bon vivants, and some of the other hale fellows, however, leave cafe society behind to strike out into the great wilderness that is Goshen. Clower, Bernard, and Burton, to mention but three of the explorers, intend to attempt what has not often been done. They will strive to climb all the way up...House Mountain, of course...Their equipment for the trek includes a truck, several Seminary girls, and, to employ a useful cliché, last but not least, a chaperone....Good hunting, all.

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Out of the Night: Lending a military air to the occasion will be Almistead's WAC, who is one enlisted man we'd like to know. Continuing to amaze the boys with his uncanny display of masculine pulpitude, Almistead is fast assuming the dimensions of a lady-killer. We don't know how he does it and neither, for that matter, does Almistead....Probably more Hollins and Sweet Briar girls will be seen in Lexington this week than at any time since 1943....For many reasons it is a pleasure to see them again....A goodly number of the girls 'back home' are present, too, to observe their 'men' mid collegiate surroundings. Leading the field in this classification are the young ladies escorted by Jefferies and Freshman Henry Hill. The only publicity the latter's Ginger has had is her picture and we await her in the flesh with baited breath....Another point of interest is Mr. and Mrs. O'Keefe (he's the well-known chemist, she's his wife) making their reappearance in Lexington society after an absence that has been much too long....Rugel comes with Betty Simmons who caused quite a stir the last time that she was in Lexington. Those Texas women....And Taylor is bringing a girl we haven't seen before, which for Taylor is something....With slicked back hair, Hutcherson arrives with Peggy in whose company it becomes increasingly difficult not to see him....Guthrie makes his entrance, smiling benignly at the rabble, proudly carrying the silver shaving mug awarded to him by a grateful student body as the champion stag of the year....Many characters, and not a few celebrities.

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A Look Backward: T. Simon Hochstim re-entered Lexington Monday morning much refreshed by a brief sojourn in New York. Reticent as usual, Simon made no further comment than to say that he thought traveling conditions in wartime to be excellent....Unsubstantiated rumors persist that the telephone is to be removed from the Phi Psi and a system of smoke signaling introduced. This was Twombly's idea to test the agility of some of the lads now regularly employing the lines to Buena Vista....Hitting it high, Walker, Beddow, and Freshman Charley Dixon ran amuck at Randolph-Macon last week. Beddow, especially, forgetting his academic standing, had a grand time, completely alienating several new girls....Walker forgot that he had Fraier's girl; convenient lapse....Dixon did not forget anything, but he could not remember much, afterwards....We were graced this week, too, by visits from two of our confreres now in the Navy, 'Gentleman John' Funkhouser and Charley Glasgow. Glasgow looked the same, but Funk, with his head practically shaved, decidedly did not....And that was life in Lexington this week.

General Chatter . . .

By "Jeff"

Next Week

Monday—Phi Psi vs. SAE.
 Wednesday—Phi Psi vs. Lambda Chi.
 Thursday—SAE vs. Lambda Chi.

The Standings

	Won	Lost
Phi Psi	3	1
Lambda Chi	3	2
SAE	1	4

Lambda Chi's Toppie League Leading Phi Psi's, 8-7

Last Monday afternoon Max Dennis twirled the Lambda Chi softball team to a hard-won victory over Pinnell's Phi Psi team. Max pitched well and received better support afield than any Lambda Chi pitcher this year. Max also was conspicuous at the plate, getting two hits in three official trips. The fourth inning was the scene of the action for the Lambda Chi's, as they tallied four runs in the inning to tie up the ball game. Dennis, McNeil, Stevenson, and the inevitable "Grin" figured in the scoring. As for the Phi Psi's, they rallied in the top of the fifth, but they lacked one run of a tying score. The Phi Psi defensive play was as loose as any team's has been all season, which is rather poor. Nothing seemed to go right.

Phi Psi's Rebound over SAE's 5-4 In Slugger's Duel

Tom Lee bowed again to the Phi Psi's last Wednesday evening, as his team again failed to show the defensive strength so necessary to a winning club. The SAE's were leading by two counters going into the fourth inning, but the peppy

Phi Psi's tallied twice in the fourth and repeated in the fifth. That was the ball game as the SAE's went down in order in the final stanza. Again it was CARPENTER (again?), Pinnell, Oder, and Bernard who delivered at the platter.

Lambda Chi's Run Streak to Three over SAE's, 7-4

Graybeal and Peters twirled the Lambda Chi's to a decisive win over the SAE's, 7-4. Graybeal worked well, using a slow pitch which kept the SAE batsmen swinging from their heels and hitting nothing but the ozone. Dennis again led the Lambda Chi's at the plate as he lashed out two stinging singles. Lee again led his club at the plate as he drove a double and a single scoring two

of his team's four runs ahead of him. The SAE's still played listlessly afield and their line of encouraging chatter was absent.

Henry Hill broke well into the RBI column as he blasted a home run, chasing two team-mates home ahead of him.

COLLEGE FADS AND FANCIES, CLASS OF 185

Fads and fancies in college costumes are by no means modern phenomena. Here is a gay undergraduate of the Class of 1850. Observe his flowing collar and tie, his super expanse of Panama brim, and his studied air of nonchalance.

This was in 1850, when America was basking in peace. The Golden West was opening up, and Express Service was keeping pace. Today, there are few fads and fancies on the college campus. They have given place to the uniformity and efficiencies of war time. Thousands of students are concentrated on the needs of the nation in arms.

Railway Express is devoting its nationwide services, both rail and air, primarily to speeding war materiel. To help all concerned, you can do three simple things with your 1945 home packages and baggage: Pack securely—address clearly and adequately—avoid abbreviating state names.



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Dance Date List

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age, Southern Seminary, with Wharton Peters; Ann Trinkle, Lexington, Va., with Seaman Williams; Alice Weber, Southern Seminary, with John McWhorter; Patricia Doggett, Ottrimwa, Iowa, with Leonard Carter; Joan Wallerstein, Richmond, Va., with Robert Silverstein; Edith Page Gill, Sweet Briar, with Robert Mosbacher; Carol Mackensen, Southern Seminary, with Bill Burton; Betsy Brown, Lexington, Va., with Irving Joel; Mary Cannon, Randolph-Macon, with Roland Fraier; Marine Schlieff, Southern Seminary, with James Clower;

Jane Pennybacker, University of Tennessee, with Tom Lee; Bunny Cunningham, Farmville State Teachers, with Bob McNeil; Cornelia Davidson, Lexington, Va., with Albert Woodruff; Jean Har-

rison, Southern Seminary, with Henry Oder; Ginger Franz, Louisville, Ky., with Henry Hill; Lee Dinsmore, Rollins College, with Ted Hochstim; Marian Lawless, St. Paul, Minn., with Alan Bauer; Matty Lou Simple, Sweet Briar, with Tom Gilleland; Ida Laiter, Southern Seminary, with Ray English; Hernia Garretty, William and Mary, with Joe Sullivan; Pat Day, Barnard, with Bob Herman; Betty Thoren McCluer, Lexington, Va., with Henry Rode; Leigh Farredy, Hollins, with Robert Totty; and Jane Hansen, Elizabeth, N. J., with William Parsons.

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