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Forensic Union Hears Fournoy at Banquet

Exam Schedule

The following is the schedule for Examinations for the Quarter ending May 12, 1945:

Monday, May 7
9:00-11:30 a.m.

All classes in Block C—MWF-9:20

Monday, May 7
3:00-5:30 p.m.

All classes in Block E—MWF-10:15

Tuesday, May 8
9:00-11:30 a.m.

All classes in Block G—MWF-11:10

Tuesday, May 8
3:00-5:30 p.m.

All classes in Block I—MWF-12:05

Wednesday, May 9
9:00-11:30 a.m.

All classes in Block B—TTS-8:25

Wednesday, May 9
3:00-5:30 p.m.

All classes in Block D—TTS-9:20

Thursday, May 10
9:00-11:30 a.m.

All classes in Block F—TTS-10:15

Thursday, May 10
3:00-5:30 p.m.

All classes in Block H—TTS-11:10

Friday, May 11
9:00-11:30 a.m.

All classes in Block J—TTS-12:05

Friday, May 11
3:00-5:30 p.m.

All classes in Block A—MWF-8:25

The hours for examinations in the Academic, Commerce and Science Schools are 9:00-11:30 a.m. and 3:00-5:30 p.m. Any student more than five minutes late for an examination must present a satisfactory reason for lateness to be allowed to take the examination.

Faculty and Students Are Urged to Contribute Blood

Mrs. Charles P. Didier, acting chairman of the local blood donor group, has announced that University response for the trip to the blood bank in Staunton on May 2 has been slow. Both students and faculty are urged to become donors and to contact Mrs. Didier at Lexington phone 293 at the earliest possible moment. Student donors will be excused from classes during the time away from school.

Students Urged to Pay Their Subscription Pledges

All unpaid subscriptions to *The Columns* are now due and payable. Members of the student body are kindly asked to settle their pledges at the earliest possible date before Executive Committee action is enforced.

Student Tells of Roosevelt's Last Rites in Capital

Scene Was One of Deep Grief and Sorrow as Thousands Line Streets

The following is an eye-witness account of the funeral procession of Franklin D. Roosevelt, the late President of the United States, which took place in Washington last Saturday afternoon.

By Charles Dixon

A silent crowd of 500,000 people stood in reverent silence in Washington April 14 as Franklin D. Roosevelt made his last trip to the Capital—triumphant in death. Marching in the first Presidential funeral procession since that of Warren G. Harding were 680 midshipmen from Annapolis, enlisted men of Bainbridge, Maryland, WAVES, WACs, and a battalion of soldiers. An army band led the procession playing the funeral dirge, and several other bands followed playing *Onward, Christian Soldiers*, and Mr. Roosevelt's favorite carol, *Oh, Come All Ye Faithful*. The marine guard which lined the route on both sides of the street from Union Station to the White House was the Guadalcanal First Division. The black caisson bearing the flag-draped casket was drawn by seven white

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Rugel New House Manager

Due to the departure of Robert McNeil for the armed services, his position as house manager of the Phi Psi House, freshman dormitory, has been filled by Jon Rugel, sophomore student from Midland, Texas. Rugel is a member of Phi Eta Sigma and president of the International Relations Club.

Alumni Office Reports Koontz, Bagley Deaths

Both Men Perished in Air Action in Pacific Area

The Alumni Office has reported the death of two more alumni in the service of their country. They are: Arthur Burke Koontz, Jr., and Joe Higgins Bagley.

Koontz, a Lieutenant in the Naval Air Corps, was killed in the Pacific area on April 9, 1945. He was a graduate of the class of '42 at the University, a member of Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa, President of Opening Dances, Manager of Baseball, President of the Cotillion Club, Vice-President of the Glee Club, and "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." His home was in Charleston, West Virginia.

Bagley, a Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, was killed in the Phillipine area on February 23, 1945. He was a member of the class of '45, and his home was in Fayetteville, Tennessee. A report of his death stated that Lt. Bagley was shot down by ack ack fire from a Japanese destroyer. The plane crashed into the sea and exploded on impact.

Faculty Discussion Club Hears Report by Bradley

On Tuesday evening, April 9, the Faculty Discussion Club, of which Dr. W. G. Bean is president, met in the McCormick Library to hear a report by Dr. R. F. Bradley, of the Romance Languages Department, on "The humanities: Their opportunities and obligations in higher education in a democracy." This same topic formed the theme of a conference of fifty university professors, representing thirty-two Southern institutions, held at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, July 24-29, 1944. Dr. Bradley represented Washington and Lee at this conference. Dr. Bean, also scheduled to attend, was unable to do so. The conference was concerned with the place of humanities in post-war liberal arts curricula, especially as applied to institutions of higher learning in the South.

Faculty Adviser Informs Gathering That It Fills Definite Campus Need

Wednesday evening of this week, the members gathered at the Robert E. Lee Hotel for a steak supper and get-together. At that time, Professor Fitzgerald Fournoy, faculty adviser, spoke informally to the Union, and suggested that the reason for its success in remaining active at this time is due to the fact that it fills a definite campus need and is not loaded down with ceremony and silver trimmings, which have meant the downfall of other organizations, during these critical times.

The Forensic Union, at its regular Monday evening meeting, this week discussed whether or not this nation should adopt the British system of radio control. David Guthrie led a round-table discussion group.

The argument centered around whether or not government control would be better than commercial control. The main points in favor of the British system are that it would eliminate commercial announcements, so often a vexation; it would raise somewhat the cultural standards of the listening public, and that it would cost no more in the long run because the consumer must indirectly bear the cost of advertising in the American system. Under the British system costs would be collected by direct taxation on receiving sets.

Those holding out for the American system pointed out that under our present set-up, listeners are sure to get what they want; the cost is nil, and it is in line with the American tradition of free enterprise.

No final conclusion was reached by the body.

At its next meeting, the Union will debate the topic, "Resolved, That the American Legion Should Be Condemned for Its Interference in Political Affairs." The speakers have not yet been selected.

Alumnus in SPS Class

Richard John Bromley, class of '43, is at present attending the School for Personnel Services at the University. Bromley, a member of Pi Kappa Phi, was inducted into the Army on March 8, 1943. His home is in Freeport, New York.

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Saturday, April 21, 1945

A Report from Chapel Hill

Last Sunday, April 15th, student delegates from fifty colleges and universities, representing thirteen Southern states, met at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to discuss the problems of the forthcoming United Nations Conference at San Francisco. Though called upon short notice, the meeting was remarkable for a full representation and an intelligent awareness of the issues at stake. No better demonstration could have been had of the widespread interest of college students in the post-war world. Fully remembering the mistakes of the last peace, these students came from every corner of the Southland, eager to throw their weight behind the Dumbarton Oaks plan for world organization and the Bretton Woods plan for international financial security. Especially notable at Chapel Hill was the large number of Negro students in attendance. It seemed clearly indicative that the country is united at least upon the peace proposals, which form the vital foundation for the settlement of other post-war problems.

In order that Southern students might feel a sense of participation in the San Francisco deliberations, two student observers to the conference were elected at Chapel Hill. They will make a full report to Southern colleges. Further steps were taken to institute a Southern Students Conference in which this school is represented, to coordinate plans for the study of peace proposals among Southern students.

It is ardently to be hoped that the encouraging demonstration at Chapel Hill is accompanied by intelligent student body opinion on the campus of each school represented. No right-thinking citizen needs to be reminded of his high stake in the San Francisco conference. The forces of oppression, now toppling amid their own holocaust, must be replaced by effective world-wide action to see that they will never rise again. We cannot for one moment lose sight of the great sacrifice that again presents us an opportunity to see that it will not again be repeated. Especially is this true for college students in a free land. Because we are the youth of the land and the leaders of tomorrow, every eye and every hope on this campus must be turned toward San Francisco. We must be intelligently aware and ready to help in every way we can.

Show Team Time

By Dave Guthrie

Sunday and Monday at the State, **Fighting Lady**, a technicolor action film, produced with the cooperation of the Naval Air Force. It shows the action of a carrier through four major offensives—Marcus Islands, Kwajalein, Truk, and the Marshalls. Thrilling, inspiring, documentary are not inept adjectives to apply to what promises to be an exceptionally good feature.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Wallace Beery, Tom Drake, and James Gleason appear in **This Man's Navy**... the plot has to do with the heroism of a navy lighter-than-aircraft division, with human interest added. In addition, one of John Nesbitt's **Passing Parades**.

Thursday through Saturday, Roddy MacDowell and Preston Foster in **Thunderhead, Son of Flicka**, a sequel to **My Friend Flicka**. Filmed in technicolor, it is said to be right on par with the earlier show. Highly recommended.

Over at the Lyric, on Monday and Tuesday, a wasted effort called **Murder in the Blue Room**. Along with it, as if one weren't enough, comes Chapter 9 of **Zorro's Black Whip** (it runs on and on endlessly). Wednesday, another Lyric special, **A Song for Miss Julie**... quite trite.

Thursday, a return of **Laura**, with Gene Tierney, Dana Andrews and Clifton Webb; the story, action, and musical setting all add up to a darn good show. Friday and Saturday, Roy Rogers and Mary Lee in a romantic western, **Song of Nevada**, plus Chapter 10 of **The Black Arrow**. That's all for this week, we daresay.

We herewith return to our radio division, after a lapse of several weeks; our policy is to keep you posted on major events and changes on the kilocycles.

Instalment I is a convenient schedule of what we consider the best music available on the air every week:

Nightly, WQXR (1560 kc.) at 11:05, "Just Music";

Monday through Thursday, WOR (719 kc.) at 10:30 p.m., "The Longine Symphonette";

Sunday, CBS at 3 p.m., The New York Philharmonic Symphony under the direction of Arthur Rodzinski. Same day at 5-NBC the NBC Symphony under Frank Black;

Wednesday, CBS at 10 p.m., "Great Moments in Music." At 11:30-CBS, same night, "Invitation to Music," Bernard Herrman conducting;

Saturday, at 8:30 p.m., take your choice between the Boston Symphony on Blue, and the Detroit Symphony on MBS.

Men About Town . . .

The Weekend, Not as Scheduled: With the formal dance set for Saturday night cancelled, the entire day was one of improvising; such a loose word—improvise. . . Many of the crew went on with the intended sojourn to Goshen. There was a literal damper placed on the afternoon, but everyone enjoyed the informality, the sociability, and the Seminary girls. . . . McNeil's Miss Cunningham, from Farmville, almost drowned in the North River; Pinnell almost drowned. . . Walker, Fraier, and Rode liked it all so well that they camped out for the entire night. . . Rough. . . And Taylor was there, looking quite fresh, considering. . . His date looked even better. . . The truck rolled into Lexington at about eight with everyone nicely rolled.

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Town Life: Over at Lambda Chi simultaneously an affair best described by the adjective chaotic was in progress and continued the wee hours when most of the participants just gave up. . . Mrs. K. thoughtfully fitted out the basement with a chaise lounge which helped matters no end. . . Joel managed to keep things going in order to live up to his reputation as a youthful gigolo. . . Jefferies, his usual exotic self, just walked around and made sure that everything was to his liking or else! . . . Escorting Eloise, Joseph came and charmed the crowd with his theme song. . . McWhorter and Hochstim manipulated Gilleland's girl away from the sage of Friendsville who, at the time, did not especially care. . . Silverstein brought his date down from Richmond, giving her a small dose of college life. . . Doane Williams beating the piano to a pulp supplied the rhythm, assisted by Rode's utterly magnificent basso profundo. . . All in all, it was reminiscent of a joint of the Prohibition era. . . Only Texas Guinan was missing.

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Interlude: A few of the company left Lexington behind on the weekend. . . Carter hit Hollins where he dated Betty Simmons who has been cropping up persistently in this column and also in this vicinity under various auspices. Leonard, however, claims that he can handle that stuff. . . Notably versatile, Bauer entertained a lady marine on Friday evening and found that she was truly amphibious. He has since been detained at the hospital, but there is no connection in the two events. . . Discretion thrown to the winds, Woodruff, Dixon, and John Lee, three fearless Floridians, journeyed to the Nation's capital and returned under a withering cross-fire. They still live in Florida but they are no longer quite so fearless. . . To turn to other pastures, even more green, Lucy Barger, the belle of Lexington, is being viewed in a new light, now that McNeil has left for the armed forces. Many of the lads are striving to make her acquaintance. And understand that the fact that she happens to have a convertible is completely irrelevant. . . A potpourri of the little things that make up life.

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The Scenes of Our Childhood: Finding themselves in a social vacuum during the early part of Saturday evening, some stray minx headed for Buena Vista and the beloved Hotel. . . They ran into a concert and some cadets from Massanutten. . . Harriet Wolfe, an old familiar, was entertaining a military man who hovered dangerously close to thirteen. This week she dates Bernard. . . Peters whose full potentialities have been brought to bloom by the Seminary atmosphere continues to strut his stuff. . . In exuberant spirits, Peter Williams, with the sulfuric acid fumes still permeating him, showed the matrons how things are done in Yankee country. . . On Sunday afternoon, Zrike was finally lured to the "Lumber City" and with his date on one arm explored it thoroughly. . .

General Chatter . . .

By "Jeff"

Next Week

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

The Standings

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

SAE's Swamp Phi Psi's, 12-2

After three days of rain, the Phi Psi's and SAE's were finally able to lock horns, much to the distress of the Phi Psi's. Tom Lee twirled a masterful two-hitter, Fraier and Carpenter getting the only safe blows. The SAE's had their batting clothes on last Wednesday afternoon, as their twelve runs in five innings attests. Henry Hill slugged a round-tripper in the fourth inning and hit safely in one other trip to the platter. Also outstanding at the plate for the SAE's were Marsh, Burton, Lee and Hutcherson. Besides suffering from a lack of pitching strength, the Phi Psi's also looked weak afield. Several attempted double-plays boomeranged into scores for the SAE's.

Phi Psi's Rebound with 10-2 Win Over Lambda Chi

Thursday afternoon saw the Phi Psi's find their batting eyes again after their defeat of the day before.

They jumped into an early lead, scoring three runs in the first frame. Scoring two more in the second they drove Max Dennis from the box, who retired in favor of "The Rock." He succeeded in holding the Phi Psi's scoreless in the third, but they caught him in the fourth for one and tagged him soundly in the fifth for four runs. Max Dennis accounted for the only Lambda Chi scores when he slugged a line drive deep into right field chasing Bob Zrike across ahead of him.

The game was highlighted by the presence of "Doc" Holder who cavorted in right and left fields for the Lambda Chi's. However, he was not able to play both fields at once, a situation which led to Hank Oder banging out a screaming triple into MR. KAPLAN'S (Believe it or not, he did play) right field garden.

"The Grin" just couldn't seem to find the handle on the ball, and, by the time he decided to throw it, Oder was perched safely on third base. At the plate, "THE GRIN" was equally ineffective, although he did slug out a terrific welk. Buzz Fraier made the stop of

the year in the fifth inning when he pulled in Anderson's line drive at deep short almost in back of the keystone sack. Ray English also pulled in a long drive to left center, making a fine running back-hand catch.

The tennis situation appears to have faded completely out of the picture. With only two more weeks of school remaining it is improbable that any sort of schedule could be played out.

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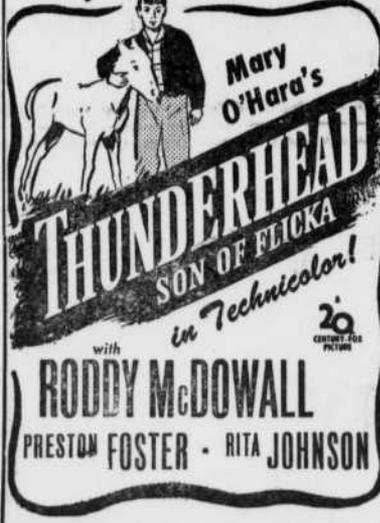
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Funeral Procession

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horses and preceded by 22 motorcycle policemen. As the "Chief" passed, many wept unashamedly; and all looked with sadness. The Roosevelt family, President Truman, Admiral King, Anthony Eden, and other notables were in the automobiles that followed the caisson, and formations of Mustangs circled over the city. As the stream turned at the White House, a band played softly, "Lead Kindly Light." It was the most climatic moment of all! The quietness that prevailed told of the calamity which had befallen the nation. Washington was truly a city in mourning.

New Veterans Fraternity

As an outgrowth of World War II, a new intercollegiate veterans association has been organized at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn and is now ready to expand in chapters in colleges and universities throughout the country. At the present time several chapters are being formed in widely

separated parts of the country.

With its initials standing for "GI Association," the name of this new organization, Gamma Iota Alpha, for honorably discharged members of any branch of the armed forces, has been registered in the Patent Office in Washington, D. C., under a trademark.

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