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Second Annual Charity Chest Drive Begins Tuesday;

Washington and Lee Formal Dance Set at 8:30 Saturday

Tickets Reach 150 Mark As Gala Dance Opens; RMC Brings AST Dates

With the advance ticket sales totaling almost 150, the success of tomorrow night's Formal dance is assured, Bob Crockett, chairman of the Dance Committee, said yesterday.

The affair will begin promptly at 8:30, when the Vagabonds begin their music, and end at midnight with the playing of the W. and L. Swing. As a correction to last week's announcement, there will be a half hour intermission beginning at 10 o'clock.

In order to provide dates for the AST boys who wished to attend the function, but had no dates, the Executive Committee arranged with Randolph-Macon Woman's College for twenty-four blind dates to accommodate the ASTP men.

The decoration committee for this week's event is headed by Don Stephens. No other committees have been set up, the entire Executive Committee serving as the Floor Committee for the evening.

Chaperones invited to the first W. and L. Formal of the year are: the Mesdames Gaines, Tucker, Latture, Desha, Conaway, Barclay, Kinnear, Miss Margaret Wilson.

Dates from Nearby Schools

The following young ladies are expected to attend as dates of Washington and Lee men: Southern Seminary—Pleasant Gilman, Gloria Koser, Mary Jane Pritchard, Jean Parks, Bowie Starkey, Joyce McLaughlin, Mitzi Green, Doris Shelton and Glenn Munnie.

RMWC—Algie Ashie, Fran Griffin, Eleanor Malmfeldt, Nancy Wolfe and Miriam White.

Mary Baldwin—Lynne McNew, Mickey Dosset, Betty Jane Hamilton, Joan Craig, Betty Baker, Katherine McCants, Ethel McCants and Myrna Williams.

Hollins—Kit Bond, Ann Langform, Mickey Duval, Dot White, Jeanne White and Kitty Ford.

Lexington—Betsy Brown, Frances Ellis, Mary Sue Grosso, Jane Murray, Liz Shipp and Louise Williamson.

Marcheta Cunningham, Farmville; Anna Compton Taylor, Staunton; Anna McDowell, Richmond; Gladys Moxley, Birmingham; Betty Hughes, Virginia Intermont.

Lambda Chi's Defeat Laird's In Cage Contest

In the first intramural basketball game of the current season, Lambda Chi men defeated Laird's by the score of 20-13.

The cage season picked right up where the pigskin fancy left off, with tough games in prospect before a winning team can be crowned. In Tuesday night's contest held in Doremus Gymnasium, the Lambda Chis started off quickly pointing toward a robust score, but gradually Laird's slowed the game down and made it quite exciting. The individual high scorers for the night were Fred Coover and A. B. Motley of Lambda, each counting 6 points. Henry Oder led the losers with 4 points. Other scorers in the game included George Bowers, 4 points, Warren Merrin and Ned "Grin" Brooks, two apiece for the winners. Stuart Faison, Jack Watson,

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Nine Students On Honor Roll

The Honor Roll for the mid-semester consists of the following men:

Byrne, W. J. P.
Crockett, Robert Oscar, Jr.
Crowder, Jack Andrew (Freshman)
Funkhouser, J. W. (All A's—Freshman)
Guthrie, D. V., Jr. (All A's—Freshman)
Guthrie, W. B. (All A's)
Hedges, C. C., Jr. (Freshman)
Holley, J. B.
Shook, C. H. (Freshman)

Dean Latture stated today, "The grades indicate that a large number of the students have been doing superior work. A few of the students, mostly Freshmen, received unsatisfactory grades. Earnest and systematic study will bring improvements in grades for most of these students. We want to give aid and encouragement to every student who shows determination to raise his grades."

Compulsory Assembly

All students, except as noted below, are requested to attend a lecture by Dr. Munger in the Doremus Gymnasium at 12:00 Noon, Monday, November 22, 1943.

Attendance is required of all students who are not in some other class or regularly assigned laboratory at the time of the lecture.

Mahan Writing Award Posted

Despite the smallness of the Washington and Lee civilian enrollment this year, entries for the Mahan awards in creative writing will be accepted by Drs. Moffatt and Flournoy of the English department. Complete information governing the conditions of the awards is posted on the English department's bulletin board. Some of the outstanding points are as follows:

A. Awards consist of a \$100 exemption from college fees during the year following the one in which the award is made or \$60 in cash.

B. Prose entries may be short stories, literary criticisms, one-act or longer plays, biographical studies, or informal essays.

C. For the poetry award, a minimum of forty-two lines of verse must be submitted. A poetry entry may contain more than one poem.

D. For a prose entry, a minimum of 1500 words is required. A prose entry may consist of several short selections.

E. No entries will be received later than April 1, 1944.

F. No student may win a class award and a poetry award in the same year.

G. No awards will be made in any class unless the entries meet the required standard of excellence.

We Take a Rest, Sorry

There will be no issue of THE COLUMNS on November 26 due to the Thanksgiving holiday, it was announced today by Editor Watson.

Six Charities Listed as \$650 Goal Is Set in the Only Drive This Year

The second Washington and Lee Charity Chest drive will begin next Tuesday and run through to the following Tuesday. This united charity effort, sponsored by The Columns and the Christian Council, will benefit six worthy causes.

With a goal of \$650 set for the school total, "the sponsoring organizations are confident that the entire student body will support this community venture to the fullest measure," Chest Chairman Dick Watson stated today.

Actual student solicitation will commence Tuesday when representatives of the two sponsoring groups visit the various campus eating places and AST platoon houses and contact each student individually.

Students Asked to Give \$3.50

The committee hopes that every student will contribute at least \$3.50 and more if possible. Contributions may be in the form of cash or post dated checks payable by January 15. "If a student feels that he can not afford \$3.50, any lesser contribution will be welcome," Watson said.

From the funds collected by this united Charity Chest donations will be made on behalf of the student body of Washington and Lee to the following charities according to the percentages indicated: American Red Cross, 30 per cent; United War Fund, 20 per cent; American Friends Service Fund, 12½ per cent; World Student Service Fund, 12½ per cent; Lexington T. B. Association, 12½

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You Pick 'em

Entries for the games of the 27th must be handed to Bill Davidson or placed in The Columns box by 12 noon on the 26th. The winner will receive two passes to the State Theatre.

...Georgia vs. Ga. Tech...
...Army vs. Navy...
...Minnesota vs. Iowa S'hawks...
...So. Cal. vs. UCLA...
...Texas Christian vs. SMU...

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Contribute Freely

THE SECOND Washington and Lee Charity Chest Drive will be launched on the campus next week. This is of the utmost importance to every member of the Washington and Lee community for it gives every man an opportunity to be of service to his fellow men through his contributions to this campaign.

The average contribution sought from each student is only \$3.50. Some of course, will not be able to give this much, there are many who will be able to give much more. The Chest's only request is that they give as much as they can afford.

The support which is given to the drive will be of prime importance to all who are interested in its success, for it is the first and the last opportunity that W. and L. students will have to show their willingness to make a small personal sacrifice as a contribution to the security, health, and happiness of some of the people who are less fortunate than we are, the wounded, the prisoners, and the diseased, not only of the United Nations, but right here in Lexington.

The Charities included in this drive need no recommendation. The largest share goes to the Red Cross, an organization which today must assume responsibility of supplying the nurses and medical aid to many of the fighting men of the United Nations, of handling all communications between prisoners of war and their families and friends.

The United War Fund will receive the next largest contribution. This organization combines the interests of the USO, the United Seamen's Relief, as well as various national relief organizations such as the United China Relief.

Of the other organizations represented in the drive, the World Student Service Fund provides books and university courses to prisoners of war all over the world. The American Friends Service Committee furnishes food and clothing to many of the war torn countries of the world.

The Children's Clinic will use the money you give to restore some poor local child to health. Some American will be given a new lease on life by your contribution to the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Fund.

And what does this cost you? Only \$3.50. One Saturday night date at a girl's school, ten picture shows, one week-end party, or a pair of wool socks. No one can seriously compare the relative merits of the two investments. By supporting the Charity Chest you will be doing an immeasurable good.

Congratulations

THE TROUBADOURS deserve a great deal of praise for their recent production of "The Male Animal." The performance was not only as good as any we have seen on the campus, but it had the professional touch to it which is so seldom found in an amateur presentation.

Congratulations to the men and women of the Troubadours whose hard work and long hours brought forth such a fine performance.

Show Team Time

by Bruce Quayle

Musically speaking this is sort of an off beat week, but a few hot licks do crop up. . . .

The down beat for Monday and Tuesday is an off key piece of **Fired Wife** with Robert Paige and Louise Allbritton. The score reads "an unrationed, sophisticated comedy," but it sounds a little out of harmony from here. The main melody is about a slightly balled up honeymoon which leads to all sorts of minor themes in the second chorus. There are no big names and if this weekend has left you in tune, you might fight it, but otherwise fohgetit.

Strictly classical heavy theme Tuesday and Wednesday with John Garfield and Maureen O'Hara in the **Fallen Sparrow**. This is a four beats to the bar opus which will have you hanging to your seat from the minute the metronome starts. Garfield is an ex-Loyalist fighter from the Spanish Civil War who is trailed by a Nazi torture fiend. Swell fear psychology in here. Martha O'Driscoll as an added attraction is strictly the business. I caught this in NYC so I can say for sure don't miss it.

Encore Wednesday night with a **midnight show** to begin the three day run of **Northern Pursuit**, the latest Errol Flynn melody, lyrics by Julie Bishop. This time Sterile Errol puts on the red of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and trails Nazi spies across the snow covered wastes of the Northwest. Not much harmony, but some trills and glissandos pep up the theme melody.

Columnizing

By Captain F. A. Conaway
(As told to Our Reporter)

Olympic swimmer, crack-shot rifleman, and veteran of the Tunisian campaign—these are but part of the notable career of Captain F. A. Conaway, commandant of the Army Specialized Training Unit of Washington and Lee University. His long and enviable career as sportsman and Army officer have forged another link in the chain of prominence military men are bringing to the campus.

For his excellence in breast-stroke swimming, Captain Conaway was chosen in second berth place on the team representing the United States in the Olympic Games held at Amsterdam, Holland, in 1928. However, due to lack of subscriptions for the games, only the first berth swimmer was sent. The following year he received first place position. Several of his breaststroke records are still unbroken.

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ON and OFF

Sports facts and oddities on and off the campus

by Bill Davidson

IN THIS EDITION we are picking an All-American backfield and in the next, an All-American line.

My choice for quarterback goes, of course, to Angelo Bertelli of Notre Dame. In 6 games Angelo completed 25 of 36 tosses for 10 touchdowns. He is a great field general and a great team player.

Bill Daley of Michigan is my choice for fullback. Up to the time that Daley was transferred from Michigan, he had gained one-half of the total yards picked up by his team in play. This in itself is quite a feat when one realizes that he does not pass. Daley alone was responsible for holding shattered Michigan together under the terrific pressure from the Notre Dame powerhouse. He set up and scored the only Michigan talleys in that contest

Northwestern's Otto Graham gets my nod for one of the half positions. As Graham goes, so goes Northwestern. This has been the story all season with this triple threat back making the opposing coach spend a very unpleasant Saturday afternoon each and every week. He's dangerous, fast, and a fine defensive player. Truly he deserves to be in anyone's All-American backfield.

Last but not least is Creighton Miller of the Irish. Miller, not the triple threat man that some of the other boys may be, but he is rated as the best lugger in the country. Not the slippery hipped, elusive runner of the Hirsch type, he runs with terrific power, speed, and at the same time has the knack of cutting in short without the loss of speed. Miller, one of the hardest backs in collegiate circles to get off his feet, combines all of the desirable qualities of a great running back.

Go ahead and pan me, fellows! !!

Men About Town

FLING WIDE the gates! Sound loud the klaxons!! Grab hold of the city's keys!!! Wow. The very essence of feminine effervescence will arrive here of woe, "The Whizzer." Of course BJD will also add from MBC's Hill Top led by that charming bundle, her bit to the fray, but let's leave that for later. I got my info straight from "Swoose." He let me look over his shoulder (the good one) and read his letter. Let me quote you some of the famed masterpiece. . . .

* * *

"Dear Swoosie: Thanks oodles for yo tweet invitation, and too fo yo very nice wetta. It was too, too divine of yo to invite poo wittle me to the dance, and yo'll never know how much. . ." and so into the night. It was dramatically signed with an X followed by innumerable other X's.

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BILL GUTHRIE asked me some time back to mention his name in this column when the going got tough. . . here goes; Guthrie—Guthrie—etc. etc. It really wasn't that tough, but you know how it is with these people who want their names mentioned. . . Heard about the radiator jumping up to hit Tom "Keller" Wright on the back of his head? ? Three stitches and a lot of H. . fire was heard when the needle pierced the thick layers of what Tom affectionately calls his head. Did you know Chuck Shook and Bill Wilcox have taken to sleeping together, they're afraid. Fred Coover will have to do without any buckles this weekend, but that too has its fine points, eh Fred? Wonder whether Max Dennis will again try his neat trick of the week? You know the one where he leaves her faltering in the meditative moodiness of the R. E. Lee to die alone, unwanted and dismayed. Why don't you get together with Harrison's, Max, to be sure you'd do a rushing business.

Platoon News

2nd Platoon

This ain't the army column: "If we walk faster, we can salute this WAC officer, boys." : : K Section had no trouble beating Maxwell, Crane & Co. at touch football Monday. . . . Attempts are being made to gather a company table tennis team of six men to take on outside competition. Anyone who is interested should see Bob Leach of the Second Platoon.

C.C.C. Jones, J.A., retires from the ranks of the local romantic abstainers. His government girl will arrive from Washington Saturday. Her name is Jeanne, pronounced Mary. The last name is Love, of all things! . . . The cadet officers of the platoon have drawn particularly fitting aliases; "New Order" Jones and "Divine Right" Kraft head the list. . . Latest rumors report Veldon Boge has purchased one of those "ties that bind" in the form of a gorgeous diamond ring. The only question yet to be answered is: "Which one of those three women got it?" Only time will tell. . . When "Papa Bear" Beck returned from his furlough he looked at his bed and—well, remember the story? . . . Kwiatkowski has cut Joe Ray out of the top notch in the "Operations Club" . . . Whitey seems to have located his paper doll at last.

5th Platoon

If this platoon is to maintain its reputation, it will have to be more active than it was last week-end. However, several of the cadets did enjoy the Troubadour' production of "The Male Animal." Hogan and Dorsman journeyed to Roanoke, the former to see his wife, the latter to see his steady. Larson, Kraft and Briggs were seen on the hills of Buena Vista. The tremendous job of fixing the platoon piano was undertaken by musician - mechanics Bonner, Drewniak, Shampanier and Bagaley.

No one can accuse Cadet Theodore of tardiness in falling out. Sunday midnight he awoke and, on being informed that it was time to fall out, dressed, prepared his room, and was going out the back door with his sheets. At this point the conspirators could not refrain from laughing any longer, and Theodore philosophised on the fallibility of mankind.

6th Platoon

This dance promises to be an occasion of great but varied grandeur for the pre-meds. Preparations on a large scale have been in evidence for two weeks. Excitement and fluctuating interest have all been part of an otherwise normal but dull scholastic life. Blood pressures have gone up, adrenalin

has been put into circulation, minds have oxidized glucose into neutral energy, thalami have been pulsating, and a new dawn of awakened life is upon the horizon. Let's hope that many of our dormant estrogens remain potential until the orchestra starts. The reasons for this sudden holocaust of cheap stuff would be incomprehensible to the average puerile mind. However, as Plato probably once said, "Nothing ventured is nothing ventured." So, we have a cue. We see that first of all, one S. Kartus is throwing a dinner party, the trouble here is a variable membership of patrons and a complete heterogonmer of les femmes; second, a selling and interbuying of already sold dance tickets—indeterminate in nature; third, an auctioning of dates right and left for somebody else at any price; and fourth, a complete befuddlement of the new students as to what sacrifice of study and social standards this dance will entail.

Letter to the Editor

November 16, 1943

Dear Editor:

A complaint to you is a complaint to the public, thus—

Most of the AST men are seeing the Honor System for the first time. We find that it is good. It does a lot for the spirit of moral ease and is the mark of a good school. However, from the objective point of view, I can offer one suggestion in consideration of some misunderstanding that has been evidenced by a few students so far. And that is, let's have one hundred per cent cooperation from our professors, too. There are one or two men on the faculty that insist on mistrusting the student regardless of honor. Such a professor hovers over the students at tests, allows little freedom of action, and requires that no books be brought to examinations.

Somehow, these actions and attitudes make us suspect that perhaps the professor doesn't believe in the System himself. And under such a condition, I'd feel no compunction of conscience to cheat myself.

Sincerely,
An AST Cadet.

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Columnizing

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Captain Conaway, skilled also with the rifle, was a member of the Iowa State Rifle Team participating in national matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, in 1928 and again in 1940.

Associated with the Army since joining the National Guard in 1927, he was sent overseas in the spring of 1942, and took part in the African invasion later in that year. He was active with the American regiments participating in the battles of Faid Pass and Kasserine Pass during the Tunisian campaign. Upon his return to the United States in the summer of this year, he came to his present position at Washington and Lee.

Captain Conaway is a native of Iowa where he attended Iowa University in Iowa City. In civilian life he was employed by the State of Iowa. Captain Conaway's family, which includes two children, resides in Lexington.

Laird's Defeated 20-13

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Bernard Cox and Wes Todd scored for the beaten opponents.

Offensively, the Lambda Chi men looked good, but the best defensive playing occurred when the zone technique was employed. Unaccustomed to playing together Laird's didn't start to click until the last quarter, but when they began rolling, they went places.

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Charity Drive Opens
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per cent; and the Lexington Children's Clinic, 12½ per cent. A student may designate the whole of his contribution to any one organization, if he so wishes.

One dollar of the contribution will go to the Red Cross entitling the donor to a year's membership in that organization. Also, all full subscribers to the fund will receive

Christmas Seals from the Tuberculosis Fund. This united Charity drive is the only one which will be made on the campus this year, the Executive Committee stated.

The Washington and Lee Charity Chest plan was founded last year under the auspices of the Christian Council as a wartime measure because of savings in time and money which would be derived from such a united effort. At that time, an individual student contribution of \$3.50, the Chest collected \$1925.

Drive Sponsors

When the drive gets under way next Tuesday, every student will be contacted at which time he will

amount for the school-wide Chest. Representatives of the Christian Council and **The Columns** who will conduct the drive are: J. Stanton Blain, John Davidson, L. Roper Shamhart, Fred Coover, Alex Walker, Bruce Quayle, Brent Breedin, Bob McNeil, Lee Silverstein, and Bob Worms. Dick Watson, as editor of **The Columns** and president of the Christian Council is chairman of the Charity Chest Committee.

As the drive progresses throughout the week, the new totals will be posted on a thermometer which will be set up in the lobby of Washington Hall. Contributions from any person not a member of the Washington and Lee student body will be gladly received.

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