

INDEPENDENTS WIN TWICE

As of six this afternoon, when the final tallies of the student body election were completed, five new faces appeared on the Washington and Lee political scene.

The office of President of the Student Body was taken by Bill Bailey, a freshman law student from Wilmington, Ohio. Bailey, a Pi Kappa Phi, running on the Independent slate, copped the top position by a near two to one majority over Gil Bocetti, the University party's nominee.

In the past at W&L Bailey has been president of five honorary fraternities. At present he is the head of the Freshman law class.

Aside from this, Bailey is a member of ODK, Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Gamma Sigma, and is Battalion Commander of the ROTC.

Bob Paxton, a SAE from Lexington, topped Gordon Taylor for the vice president honors. Paxton, a Phi Beta, is vice president of the Christian Council, a member of the Calyx, Ring-tum Phi, and Shenandoah staff, an dis president of the Concert Guild.

The post of Student Body secretary went to Jerry South, a Phi Delta. South won over Gray Castle. A junior from Frankfort, Ky.,

South is a member of the Assimilation Committee, president of PAN, a lacrosse player, and a member of the Commerce Fraternity. He also maintains a Dean's list average.

Beta Beau Redmond, perhaps the most popular man on the University Party ticket, was selected President of Fancy Dress. He beat out Steve Schlossman of the Independents. Redmond is a sophomore from New Orleans, La. He is currently a member of the White Friars, an Executive Committeeman, a member of the Calyx staff, and a Dean's list student.

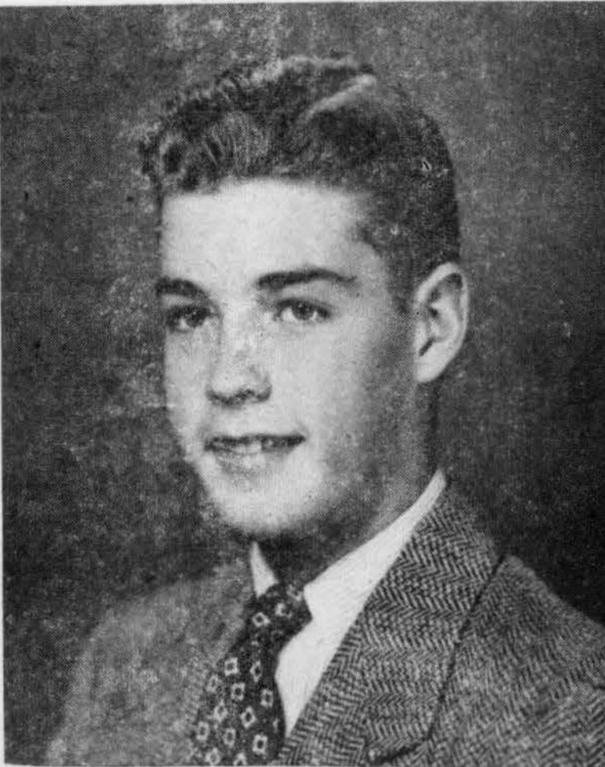
The presidency of Finals was taken by Sigma Chi Dean Guy. Guy, a junior from Kansas City, Mo., is a member of the SWMSFC; he is on the Intramural Board, and The Ring-tum Phi, and Southern Collegian staff.

Those are the Student officers that will lead W&L next year, President Bill Bailey, Vice-President Bobby Paxton, Secretary Jerry South, President of Fancy Dress Beau Redmond, and President of Finals Dean Guy.

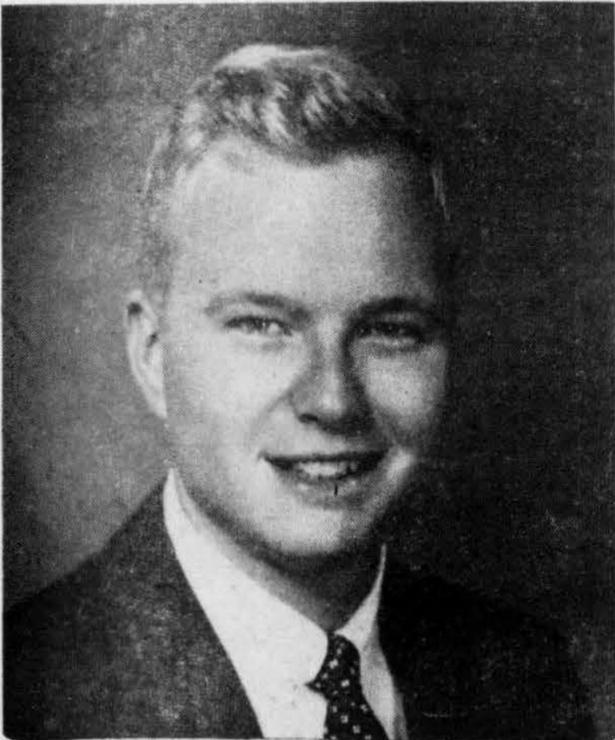
Guy was the second candidate of the Independents in this election to win over his University Party opponent, Charlie Smith.



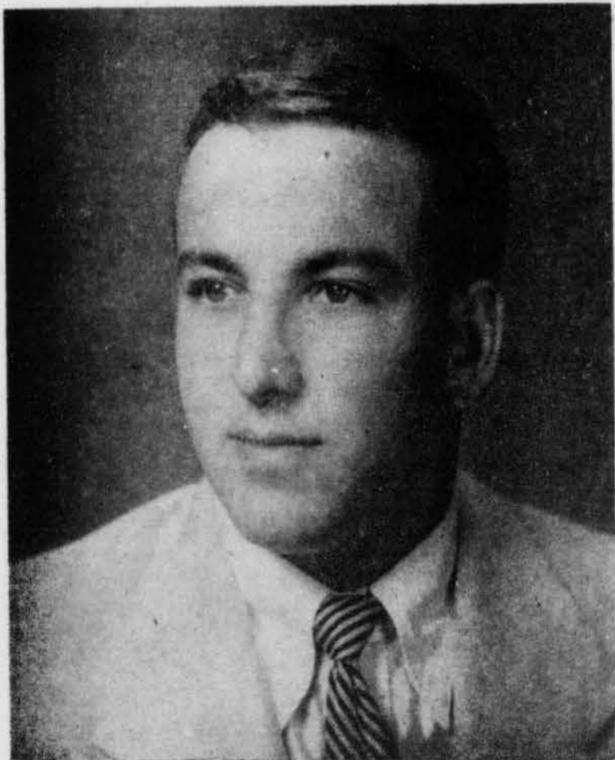
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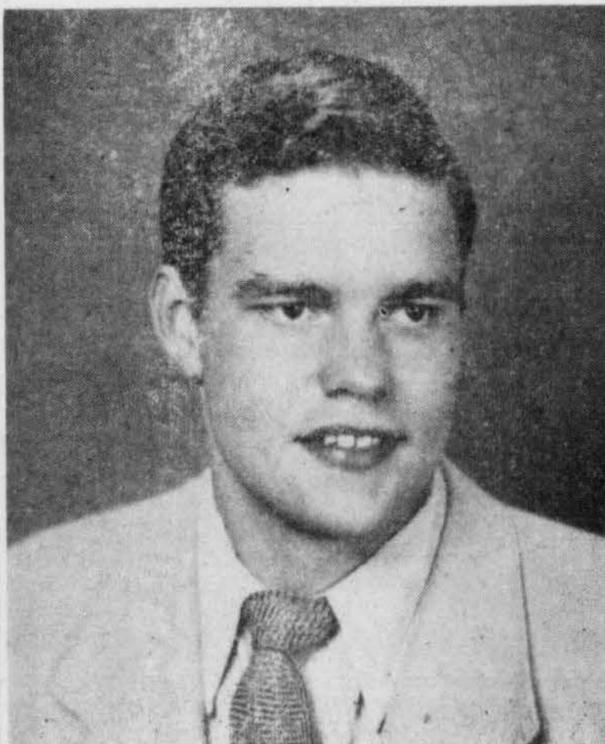
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Secretary Jerry South

Bailey and Guy First Winners In Three Years

Bill Bailey carried a near two-to-one victory over the University Party's candidate Gil Bocetti, marking the first Independent party victory since 1949.

Dean Guy edged out Charlie Smith by only twelve votes for the only other Independent victory. On the University Party slate, three victories saw Bob Paxton, Jerry South, and Beau Redmond elected.

Bailey's win was by a count of 591 to 352—the greatest margin of victory in the presidential race for the Independent Party. Guy won by only twelve votes, 470 to 458, to eke out the second win for the Independent party in today's election.

Paxton is next year's vice-president of the Student Body by virtue of his 555 to 383 count over Gordon Taylor. South carried a sizeable but not so large victory over Gray Castle, 504 to 433, to be elected as student body secretary. Steve Schlossman lost to Redmond, 602 to 323, in the race for president of Fancy Dress dance set.

The results of today's election were announced by the Executive Committee of the Student Body at 6:22 p.m. after balloting stopped at 5:00 p.m. With over a thousand men in the Student Body, only thirty men failed to let their choices be known at the polls today in what was termed by one committeeman as a "record turnout."

The last Independent party victory was in 1949 when a last-minute decision brought organization of the formal party. Before that time, the "little clique" was the only opposition to the Student Body administration then in power. The final decision to organize resulted in a win for the Independents in more races than today's election; their win in the presidential race, however, was not near so decisive. The Independent party in the next three elections failed to break the tight hold of the University Party.

Today's victory for the Independents in the presidential election brought the long-sought return to the top political office of the party. Still, 271 more votes were cast for the five men on the University Party's slate than for their Independent opponents.

As a result of the 1949 victory when Phi Psi Mark Saur was elected to the Student Body presidency, the Big Clique houses formally re-named their group the "University Party" and even formally adopted a constitution. From the class elections in May, 1949 until today, nominees of the University Party won every single office except for certain positions in the School of Law.

During the year 1950-1951 Sam Hollis, an SAE, held the top position; in 1951-1952, Howie Bratches, a Phi Kap, took the top position; and last spring, I. M. Sheffield defeated Johnny Maguire in a close race for president.

Results Of Voting Today
The final official results of today's balloting are as follows:

President	
Bill Bailey	591
Gil Bocetti	352
Vice President	
Bob Paxton	555
Gordon Taylor	383
Secretary	
Jerry South	504
Gray Castle	433
President of Fancy Dress	
Beau Redmond	602
Steve Schlossman	233
President of Finals	
Dean Guy	470
Charlie Smith	458