

The Columns

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W&L Traditions Presented Before Student Body

"Washington and Lee Goes On," Says Gaines

"Washington and Lee goes on," said President Francis P. Gaines in an address to the combined student body of Washington and Lee at the second assembly of the present semester. Speaking in Lee Chapel President Gaines pointed out that physically and biologically all colleges are alike, but spiritually "colleges vary." And it is these spiritual qualities, these traditions, which students remember about their school.

W&L Has Many Notables

The first tradition brought out by Dr. Gaines was that of the "distinction of personnel in student body and alumni groups" which has come down to us since the early days of Augusta Academy from whose ranks came Revolutionary generals, members of Congress and other early notables. W&L has always been a small school, but has always had a fine group of students.

Secondly, the W&L tradition of a devotion to the ideals of democracy and Americanism was stressed as Dr. Gaines told how the faculty of Augusta Academy in May, 1776, changed the name of the school to that of Liberty Hall. This quality of spirit was further perpetuated through the work of Robert E. Lee during his term as president of the school. In speaking of General Lee, Dr. Gaines brought the General's famous statement, "never consider time spent in the army as lost," home to the ASTP students.

Lee Starts Traditions

General Lee was the instigator of two of W&L's most cherished traditions, the Honor System and courtesy. The Honor System was begun by Lee during his term as president in order to introduce some element of student discipline without adopting a military attitude. The Honor System has gone on and grown for seventy-five years to become one of the most cherished traditions of the school.

Gaines Is Humorous

A humorous note was injected into the assembly as Dr. Gaines told of the frolicking dedication of Washington Hall in 1823, sponsored by "Jocky" John Robinson, one of the school's earliest bene-

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A Christmas Message

To all of our boys—on the campus or away, in uniform or out—this holiday will bring, I hope, not only happiness but a new understanding of the Christmas message. While the world still makes its painful way through "the era of the troubled heart," we are driven back to simple and enduring things for the reward of our effort and the strength of our spirit: the conscience that approves of duty well done, the solid satisfaction of friendship, and the beauty and the inspiration of faith that never falters. Of such things Christmas speaks, now as always, perhaps more eloquently now than ever. May your soul hear and be glad.

FRANCIS P. GAINES

Lambda Chi Quint Tops Phi Psi; SAE. 22; Laird 18; In Overtime

Anderson Ties Score as Final Whistle Blows; Pinnell Is High Scorer

Last Thursday evening the SAE basketball squad won an exciting overtime game in Doremus gym from the Lairdmen to the tune of 22-18. This was the first win of the year for the SAE quintet.

The game was one of the more thrilling of the cage year with the Lairdmen coming from behind in the last two quarters to tie the score as the whistle blew. Alden Anderson shot the tying basket in the last fraction of a second. The SAE men then put on the pressure to win the game.

Tom Lee starred for the winners as his usual dependableness kept the team at a steady pace. Buck Pinnell was high scorer for the SAE quintet for the evening.

Laird's team showed the lack of a dependable defense and the presence of Stu Faison. However, aided by borrowed Andy Gottschall, who was high man for their team, the Lairdmen put up a good fight.

Caps Off, Freshmen!

"The fall freshmen will remove their caps at 1:00 p.m., on Saturday, December 11," chairman Bill Guthrie of the Assimilation Committee said today. This ruling applies to all but one man. Guthrie further stated that "the present freshman class as a whole has cooperated splendidly with the freshman regulations." The other rules will still be in effect and all violations of them will continue to be dealt with by the committee.

Winner Yet Undefeated; Loser Drops First Tilt; Bowers Leads in Scoring

Last Tuesday night in a brilliantly fought basketball game, the Lambda Chis remained unbeaten by defeating the hitherto undefeated Phi Psi five by the score of 27-17. From the beginning to the end, with excellent refereeing, the few onlookers saw a clean, snappy contest waged.

An edge was given the Lambda Chis at the start of the contest when it was learned that Kimber White of the Phi Psis would not be able to play; Johnny West made his first appearance for the victors.

Led by the excellent floor playing of West and A.B. Motley, and paced by the ten points scored by George Bowers, the Lambda Chis rolled to a well-deserved triumph.

Members of the losing squad fought back gamely throughout the second half of the game, but the twelve point half-time margin held by their opponents was never threatened seriously.

Meeting a zone defense for the first time in three games, the Phi Psis were not able to cope with it. Attempts were made to work the ball in under the basket, but they were continuously broken up, while the Lambda Chis were building up a lead by breaking through the defense of the losers.

V-12 Additions

In the last issue the names of three men who have passed their V-12 physical and mental examinations were unintentionally omitted. These men are Alden Anderson, Bill Kraft, and Bill Magee.

School Explains Details of New Four-Term Plan

Changes Announced By Tucker, Mattingly

With the beginning of the new term on February 7, 1944, Washington and Lee will have several new policies and procedures regarding courses, degrees and fees, Dr. Robert H. Tucker, Dean of the University, and Earl S. Mattingly, University Registrar, announced today. These changes, drawn up by the Committee on Courses and Degrees, were adopted in the faculty meeting last Tuesday.

Beginning on February 7, the University will replace the present semester system with a four-term quarter plan. Regular work will be given in four terms of approximately twelve weeks each. This change has been made to coordinate the regular work with that of the Army Specialized Training Unit on the W. and L. campus.

The new terms will begin on February 7, May 8, August 7, and November 6, 1944. However, emphasis will be laid on the nine months period between August and May.

Quarter Hour Credits

Classes will meet at the usual number of hours per week but credit will be made in quarter hours instead of semester hours. The quarter hour represents two-thirds of the semester hour.

Dean Tucker further stated that "reasonable adjustments will be made to prevent hardships or serious inconvenience to students in the transition from the present semester schedule to the four-term system."

In spite of the many changes being made, the regular Freshman and Sophomore courses will be continued substantially as they have been in the past. Junior and Senior courses will be offered next term according to the particular needs of the students concerned. These needs will be indicated by the registration lists prepared last summer and revised in January, 1944. At that time it is expected that the plans of students will be more definite than they are at the present time.

Graduation April 29

Dean Tucker also announced that "arrangements will be made to enable this year's seniors to complete the work for graduation

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Exam Schedule

The following is the schedule for First Semester Examinations Monday, January 31, 1944, through Friday, February 4, 1944.

Monday, January 31
9:00-11:00 a.m.

All classes in Block D—T.T.S.-9:00

Monday, January 31
3:00-5:00 p.m.

All classes in Block F—T.T.S.-10:00

Tuesday, February 1
9:00-11:00 a.m.

All classes in Block H—T.T.S.-11:00

Tuesday, February 1
3:00-5:00 p.m.

All classes in Block J—T.T.S.-12:00

Wednesday, February 2
9:00-11:00 a.m.

All classes in Block A—MWF-8:00

Wednesday, February 2
3:00-5:00 p.m.

All classes in Block C—MWF-9:00

Thursday, February 3
9:00-11:00 a.m.

All classes in Block E—MWF-10:00

Thursday, February 3
3:00-5:00 p.m.

All classes in Block G—MWF-11:00

Friday, February 4
9:00-11:00 a.m.

All classes in Block I—MWF-12:00

Friday, February 4
3:00-5:00 p.m.

All classes in Block B—TTS-8:00

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

Jive and Stuff

by Bill Romaine

Despite the present record situation, many good discs have been waxed in the past few weeks by Decca; Victor and Columbia have released a few records recently which were made two years ago. Let's have a good look at a couple of 'em.

Woodie Herman—The Herman herd hits its stride on two Decca sides, and the result is one of the group's best waxings in a long time. The first side is *Jingle Bells*, which starts off with a couple of really relaxed bars of Herman's clary, followed up by a bevy of brass section work which is truly tricky, but for outshined by the ensemble band work. The flipover, *Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town*,

though not as good, is in the same vein, and spots Woodie's clarinet and voice, both of which display his fine beat. All in all, this is a platter well worth listening to, and I don't think it'll disappoint you.

Harry James—Cherry is patterned after most of the James band sweet, but it showcases some pretty Cory Corcoran tenor sax work, and the fiddles show up to a better advantage than usual. The other side, *Jump Town*, holds religiously to the pattern set by James jive in the last couple of years, and not the least of these is the muted trombone solo. Columbia has a seller here. Dig it!!

Positions on 'The Columns' Available for Next Term

All men desiring to be candidates for the positions of Editor and Business Manager of *The Columns* for the coming term are requested to hand in written applications to Bill Davidson, Secretary of the Student Body, on or before 6:00 p.m., Monday, December 13th, retiring Editor Dick Watson and Business Manager Alex Harman announced today. Applications must contain the candidate's name, age, military status as well as a full statement of the applicant's experience and qualifications. Any member of the student body may submit his name. The new Editor and Business Manager will be announced in some later issue of *The Columns* and will be chosen by the Publications Committee of the Student Body. Alex Harman, Dick Watson, and Bob Vaughan, President of the Student Body.

ASTP Cadets In FU Debate

Next Tuesday night, the topic to be discussed by the Forensic Union is, "Resolved, that all soldiers should be allowed to vote in federal elections under federal jurisdiction." AST cadets Hanks and Moskowitz will argue the negative and affirmative respectively, bringing out the army point of view.

The society's meeting last Tuesday night featured one of its most interesting and provocative debates, "Resolved, that segregation of whites and negroes on public conveyances in Virginia cities should be abolished." Lester Wallerstein upheld the affirmative, while John McWhorter spoke for the negative side.

Following adjournment, members of the Union discussed the question further in round-table style. During this period, many interesting points of view were brought forth. The group was fortunate in having several AST men present to add to the discussion.

Gaines Speaks at Assembly

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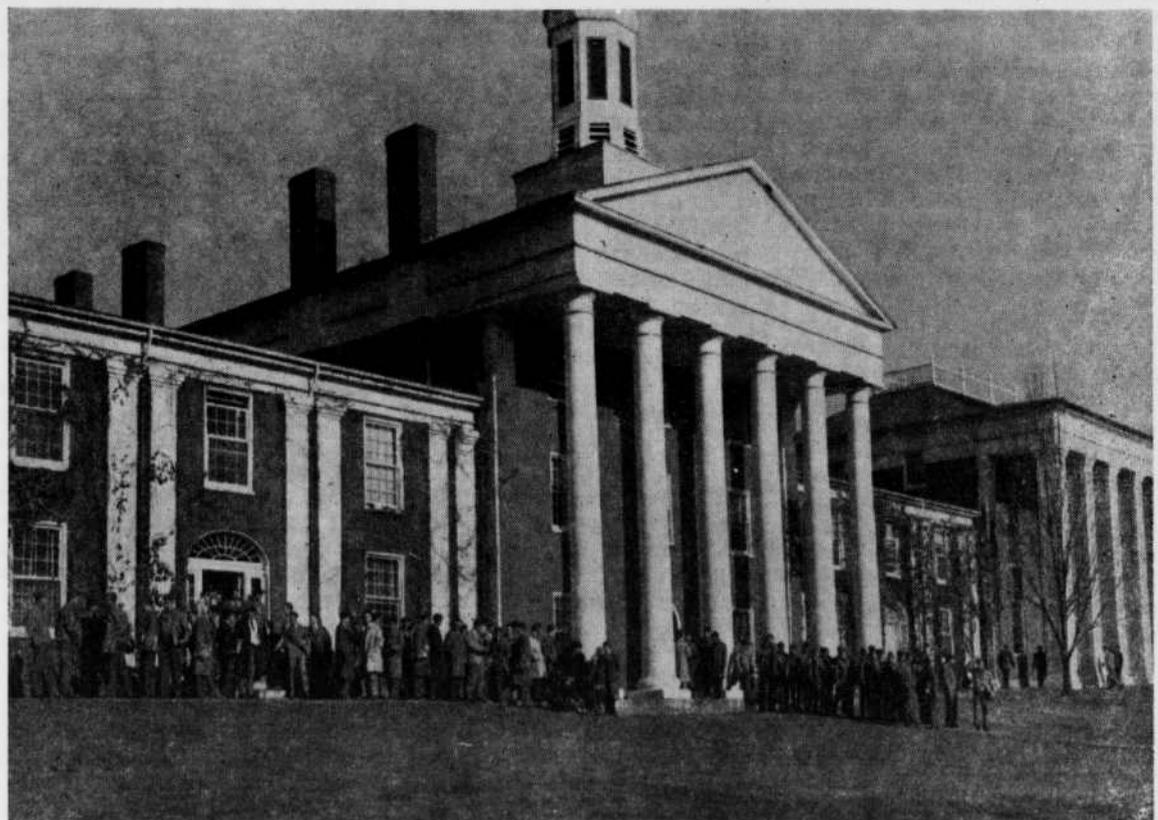
factors; and of the student who knocked down an early president.

Dr. Gaines closed by saying that in his address the voices of Washington and Lee past, present and future were speaking and expressed for W&L the profound hope, "may it be as great as those voices would have it."

Alumni in Service

A Silver Star for gallantry in action has been awarded to First Lieutenant Ernest Woodward, II, '40, according to a letter received from Lt. Gen. M. F. Harmon, U.S. Army South Pacific Headquarters. The citation said that at New Georgia in the Solomon Island Group on July 22, Woodward "volunteered to traverse an area for 600 yards alone past a Japanese ambushade in order to reach his regiment's bivouac area and return with assistance for an advance party of thirty-one men." Lt. Woodward entered the army on July 9, 1941, and attended OCS at Fort Benning, Georgia, in March of 1942. He has been in several major engagements in the South Pacific, including the battle on Guadalcanal.

Two recent graduates of the summer school class of '43, Jay Cook and Robert Mehorter, have entered the Marine Corps Officer Candidates' School at the Marine Base at Quantico. Both men were formerly at Parriss Island, S. C. Leo Signiago, '43, U.S. Army, has recently been commissioned as a Second Lieutenant from the OCS at Camp Davis, N. C., and was assigned to the CA(AA) at Fort Eustis, Virginia. Lt. Signiago was captain of the 1942-43 Generals' Basketball Squad, being called into the army last February. Ensign Joseph Ellis, '43, U.S. Navy, is now on active duty with the fleet some place in the South Pacific. Ellis was editor of *The Ring-tum Phi* last year and received his commission at Notre Dame in May, 1943.



1943 Washington and Lee: Students and Cadets Change Classes

Platoon News

2nd Platoon

J. A. Jones, the second platoon's representative in the Service Club Art Show received an honorable mention for his stylized landscape. Johnny swears that it wasn't as good as his geometrical nude, but it appears that his judgment of his work is not quite reliable.... "Frenchy" Gilland and his Atlanta date at Randolph Macon went together like a cat and a canary. They were both utterly unimpressed. To anyone who knows "Frenchy," this is very unusual. . . Some of the boys have had a stiff tussle with the company rifles this week. To an unfortunate few, "right shoulder arms" was just another Greek phrase. "Rookie" Fushton looked at his rifle as though he had never seen one before, to the complete consternation of "Hashmark" Bondurant, platoon leader. . . The amount of lipstick used by those sixteen year old Lexington lasses is truly amazing. Jimmy Campbell is making an extensive collection these days to prove the point. And just wait until she grows up. My! My!

3rd Platoon

After a long and conspicuous absence from *The Columns*, the Third Platoon once again emerges from its dormancy and intends to enrich the perspective of this section's devoted readers.

With its three new members, Stomel, Wright, and von Riesen, together with the veterans of the last campaign, fought against such adversaries as Physics, Chemistry, and Math, the third platoon rushed out, at the opening bell, led with its right and immediately was floored for the count of "nine." But it wasn't out, by any means. Starting out in low position leaves that much more room for improvement, the men keep telling themselves. Watch this platoon. It is bucking for 100 per cent Phi Beta Kappa, although "C" averages will satisfy and make for high morale.

In the athletic department, Section C is right on top in basketball in games won and lost. As yet the "C" first team has not been defeated and is boasting a forty

AST Defeats SSS, 43-31

Last night, the AST Washington and Lee basketball team defeated the School for Special Service team to the tune of 43-31.

The AST men were led by Captain "Rock" Pence, former West Virginia University man, who was high scorer for the evening with 20 points. The SSS quintet was captained by Lt. Rodenbaugh, an All American from Ohio State.

point per game average. We wonder whether Section D is convinced of "C's" supremacy in a very one-sided intra-platoon rivalry. Ask Jim Williamson, he knows.

5th Platoon

This platoon takes great pride in announcing its 100 per cent participation in the Charity Chest drive! Because of the limitations of a private's pay the amount per cadet was not large but there was not a single cadet who failed to respond with a contribution. Cadet Behan wishes to use this column as a means of expressing his gratitude for the sympathetic gesture by the platoon.

The girls from Southern Seminary again were the attractions of the weekend. Stechel, Shampagner, Collings, and Sisson met the contingent that attacked the Service Club. Buchholtz was especially happy with his jitterbugging companion. Larson took his friend from the merchant marine to gaze on the scenic grandeur of Buena Vista. Also present for the Christmas festivities were Theodore, Stavisky, Behan, Corbett, Kraft, and Baggeley.

6th Platoon

Three more pre-meds will have left for the med-school by the first of the year, making eight all together since August. These three are Joe, John, and Cecil.

Joe Shapiro is one of the most self-confident and yet blase personages that we've ever met. Possessing a perhaps cold-blooded or cynical philosophy that may be derived from living in Brooklyn all of his life, Shapiro can face any problem with either a shrug of his shoulders or a quiet smile. His approach to life, however, is

Cadet Chow Line Forms to Left and Right



not his only qualification for success. In sports, catching hard flies and running for touchdowns seems to be natural as well. Joe has studied three years at Brooklyn College and will leave for NYU dental school.

This next individual is a person of much mystery—John Fedor is normally a very reticent character, having expressed very little about his life to anyone. Hence people have hardly had a chance to know him. Our own experience in talking with him has been well rewarded. Not only are his grades justification of his success, but his humanitarianism and sensitive instincts will stand well for him at Hahneman Med-school as at Lafayette where he attended for three years.

Cecil Butt represents one of the only two fellows from the deep South in our platoon. He hails

from Florida. However, anyone will agree that he is the type of individual that can and does act at home in every circumstance whether it be Western, Eastern, or Northern in origin. This ability of his personality can be attributed to many causes, namely, his own amiability, a significant record at Rollins College, noted for its progressive liberal arts course, an A.B. degree, a journalistic career, a major in psychology, and above all, a swell girl. Cecil will attend Emory Med school where his father once set the pace years ago.

Perhaps these fellows, along with Schreiner, Lynch, or Pike were your close friends. Perhaps you have had long talks with them, perhaps the talks were short and lively, perhaps they were just quiet moments—moments of complete understanding, moments that

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Saturday, December 11, 1943

Traditions

THE TRADITIONS of which President Gaines spoke in Lee Chapel yesterday, the Honor System, the courtesy of Washington and Lee gentlemen and the genuine feeling of fellowship that exists in the school, are not physical things which can be put away in a closet during these war times. To exist at all and to be perpetuated for future classes of students these traditions must be carried on in the spirit of a living student body. The Honor System can not be suspended and later brought forth and set before a student body after the war and be expected to work. Its very breath of life depends on keeping it alive in the students, so that they in turn may pass it on to those who will come along.

These are war times, every one knows that, and the large majority of American boys are entering the armed service. Students for Washington and Lee are naturally scarce. But the University feels, and feels deeply, that it has something to offer a boy, even if he only can manage one year of college before entering the armed service. Part of that something is a contact with the traditions mentioned above. Therefore, Washington and Lee is asking the present classes to help it find new students, to recommend to the administration boys who they feel would be suitable to enter W&L next January or later. In this way those of us who are here now, living these traditions, can help our school, that they may live.

Whiskers

WHISKERS ARE in fashion, gentlemen. To be a real Washington and Lee gentleman you won't sport a zoot suit, but you will wear a fine growth of beard on your cheeks and upper lip.

We have been noticing some particularly fine beards recently. We saw an upperclassman the other day wearing a particularly pretty set of whiskers. It wasn't one of these of two or three days' growth, but the real thing. It was nice and full with just enough shagginess to it to give it that rustic look which is found only in the best beards.

Another upperclassman had almost as fine a beard. This one was done in a little different manner. Stylists are calling this model the subtle fringe. This person was wearing a particularly enticing one. It was cut short and had a fine nap to it which showed off the face especially well.

The latest creation in mustaches is being worn by one of the freshmen. It is a particularly fine shade of brown with slight hints of gold running through it, giving the upper lip a nice two-toned effect.

We'll loan a razor to anyone who wants to use it.

Show Team Time

by Bruce Quayle

I wish to state here and now that anything BMAS (Big Man at Sem) Davidson may say about me is just meant to be a foul joke and furthermore... oh yeah, here's your movies, fellas.

SunMon, In Old Oklahoma with John Wayne, Martha Scott, and Albert Dekker clears the air after the Pine Ridge ordeal. (Hinson is probably the only W&Ler to see that, too). IOO is a saga of the oil era in the west with John Wayne battling for the rights of the poor landowner and Dekker playing the oil tycoon who wants everything, including Scotty, but this is not for him. Tremendous action shots of range rifles, gushers and all. Saddle your mustang Davidson, it's solid.

MonTues. at the Lyric, **Revenge of the Zombies** (or Davidson's triumph) with John Carradine and Gale Storm. Eerie and weird as the living ghosts turn on their masters. Good stuff for pre-vacation spirits. Wednesday, **Cabin in the Sky** returns with "Rochester" and Ethel Waters if anybody is here, they can see it. **Coney Island** featuring "Legs" Grable and George Montgomery takes a curtain call on Thursday.

Tuesday and Wednesday at the State it's **Hostages** showing William Bendix and Luise Rainer. This is one of the best underground stories yet, and Bendix comes through with another of those marvelous jobs of his. A Nazi Oberleutenant is murdered and 26 Czechs are held as hos-

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Columnizing

By Jas. Lewis Howe

(Editor's Note: James Lewis Howe, Ph. D., M. D., professor emeritus of chemistry and University historian, came to Washington and Lee in January, 1894. Born in New England in 1859, Dr. Howe attended Amherst College and Gottingen University. He is recognized as having gathered material for the world's greatest bibliography on the platinum metals, and as one of the outstanding chemists of the world.)

When I began work at Washington and Lee there were really two departments of Chemistry, 'General Chemistry,' which was taught by experimental lectures, textbooks and recitations, and 'Applied Chemistry,' which consisted entirely of laboratory work in analytical chemistry and for which no previous knowledge of chemistry was required. For the Applied Chemistry a new laboratory, now occupied by the the printing department, had recently been built and there were two students in the department. General Chemistry used the room in Payne Hall on

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ON and OFF

Sports facts and oddities on and off the campus

by Bill Davidson

ONE OF THE greatest sportsmen and grandest characters in organized baseball has just hung up his players uniform and donned the uniform of a baseball executive. King Carl Hubbell, veteran of 16 years on the Giants mound staff, has just become the new head of the Giants' farm system.

HUBBELL CAME upto the majors only to be sent back down by Ty Cobb of the Tigers because of his freak delivery, the screwball. Hubbell was rediscovered by John McGraw and came up to the Giants in 1928 and has been with them every since.

McGRAW'S FAITH in Carl was rewarded during the 1929 season when he pitched a no hit game against the Pirates. He still holds the National League record for his scoreless 46-inning streak. He has won 4 of his 6 starts in the World Series. His record of 24 consecutive wins is still the envy of pitchers in both leagues. He has been a twenty game winner several times.

THE KING'S career reached a peak in the 1934 All-Star game when he struck out Ruth, Gehrig, Foxx, Simmons, and Cronin in that order.

THIS PAST season proved beyond doubt that the old master's days were numbered but baseball, even the cold business that it is, found a place that befitted Hubbell, a great ballplayer and a great guy.

"QUAYLE" SEASON has just opened. The illustrious movie columnist who is also a great athlete (or so he tells me but I really don't believe it after he finished 14th in a 16-man cross country race last year, the last two contestants being one-legged Wahoos) has been telling me how to write a sports column. I suggest that said Show Team Two-Timer go to the show more than once a month and perhaps he could write a good movie column.

Men About Town

IT ALL HAPPENED this week one night, when Honorable Shook attempted to put through a long distance call to a neighboring Female Asylum. Little did he realize the fate that was to be his before the evening was over. Lifting with hesitancy the receiver, Shook shook a bit (JOKE) and murmured softly into it... "Long distance, please." "This IS long distance" howled the operator, quickly changing from local-tortural-to-long-distance in three pulls of her headset... "Stawnton, please." "Yawl mean Stanton?" gushed she, snuggling close to her tender switchboard... "Yup," swallowed S. "Yo-ah neigh-am???" "SHOOK-S*H*O*O*K... "S" as in shoehorn... "H" as in holobastic... "O" as in oblique... "Ah've got it," cried she in triumph, "S.tt!" "Hello-ah-Hellow-ah!!" Poor Shook, they picked him up from where he had fallen to gently place him on the nearest bed till he'd recover... he hasn't yet.

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JACK WATSON hasn't been feeling the same the last few days. His one and only has been acting up on him. It seems that the Russian debutante, who once went with Jack alone, has now started to go out with other men. One of these happens to be an SSS officer. Get on the ball, Watson, we're pulling for you.

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VAUGHAN RECEIVED a sweet letter from Squidunk today, and what do you think SHE wants for Christmas??? NO!!! Guess again. Well, not to keep you in suspense here goes... "YOU." Now tell me isn't that "It"?? You'll recall that our Vaughan stated earlier this year that he simply could not run... well, he'd better learn how—fast!!

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WELL, until we meet again... yes we MUST... A Merry Christmas to all and to all... a good night.

Columnizing

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the ground floor, which now houses a part of the Law Library. The Library of the Chemical Departments contained seven volumes; with its five or six thousand volumes today it has become one of the larger libraries of the South.

A few years later the department had grown to such an extent that it moved to the Main Building, where it occupied all of what is now Payne Hall and a part of the ground floor of Washington Hall. Nearly twenty years ago the present laboratory was built. Up to the opening of the present World War the number of students has greatly increased, but the number of students in the University had more than quadrupled. I am asked regarding the quality of the students, compared with those of today. In that early day among the men 'graduating' in chemistry were those who have attained eminence, Colville Lind, Ed. O'Neal, Ran Shields, Charlie Thomas; of the four who took the Ph.D. degree—later abolished by W. and L.—Perrow became City Chemist and Health Officer of Lynchburg, Lord died in harness at Kenyon, White rose to high position in Steel, and Liv. Smith is still with us. Mason, who was not so successful in chemistry at W. and L. apparently knew enough of it to make a success of 'masonry.'

Today there are more distractions, movies, athletics, dances (then if there were ten girls at a University dance, it was a success), autos, etc., etc., but give our chemical students thirty or forty years to develop after graduation and I feel confident that they will measure up well to those of the past.

Platoon News

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you'll miss later. Friendships, not deep or profound, but perhaps just comfortable and pleasurable. Moments of gaiety, of thought or questioning purpose. No conclusions reached, just thoughts furthered, you'll remember them sometimes as the years pass and memories dim. How many friends we make, lose track of, then sometimes wonder where they are, what they are doing, how they are faring.

To those who leave us now in the midst of our year, we wish all happiness and success. We wish that their goals for the future come true and that once in a while they too will look back and think of parted friends who are hoping the best of everything for them!

Editor's Note: George Moore, the author of the Sixth Platoon news, leaves along with the rest of his comrades to attend Temple University Medical School. George

will be missed not only by his friends in the platoon, but by The Columns staff. He has been one of the best of the reporters. It has been a great pleasure to work with him and to have him as a friend.

Community Group to Sing Handel's 'Messiah' Sunday

On December 12, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, Handel's great oratorio, The Messiah, will be performed at the Presbyterian church. As has been the custom for the past seven years, townspeople will form a community chorus. Washington and Lee students, VMI cadets, and AST cadets, and children assisted by the Lexington high school Glee club will join in singing the Christmas portions of the Messiah.

Miss Edythe Schneider, soprano, head of the voice department at Madison College, and Captain Flournoy H. Barksdale, tenor, director of the AST at VMI, will handle the solo parts.

Members of the college community taking part are: Mr. and Mrs. George J. Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. C. Harold Lauck, Mr. John a Graham, Mrs. Allen Moger, Mrs. Fran Russell, B. R. Criminale, Stuart Faison, Bill Guthrie, Alex Walker, and Pvts. R. L. Hobart, J. H. Osborne, R. L. Sedlacek, and Roger Smith.

We Go Home, Too

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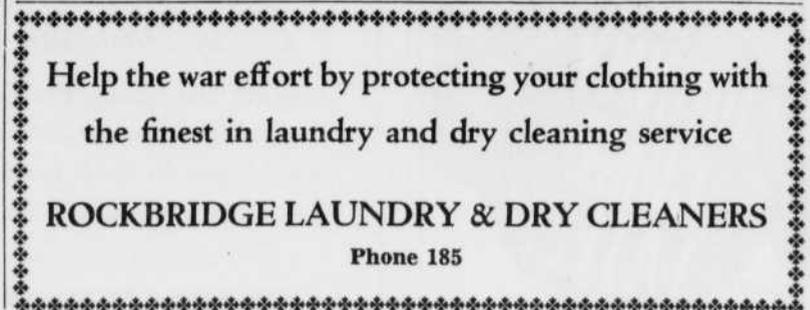
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Four-Term Plan Explained
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by April 29, instead of May 17, as provided in the present University calendar."

New fees to be used in the four-term system were announced Thursday by Earl S. Mattingly, W. and L. Registrar. Mattingly stated that each student will pay a \$25 university fee plus \$5 per quarter hour. He further announced that Registration day will be Saturday, February 5. Fees based on these approved schedules will be paid either at the beginning of the term, February 5, or shortly after the term starts.

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ting the city hall boodlers. Hate to miss this one.

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