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Guthrie, Walker and Davidson Victors in Elections

W&L ODK Chapter Nominates Watson and Harman

Omicron Delta Kappa Taps Columns Heads On School Leadership

Two students were selected this week for membership in the Washington and Lee Alpha chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, national leadership fraternity. They are Richard Stanley Watson and Alexander M. Harman.

Richard S. Watson is retiring editor of *The Columns* and president of the Christian Council. He is president of Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity. Watson, who comes from Philadelphia, Pa., is graduating this term.

Alexander M. Harman, Jr., leaves the position of business manager of *The Columns* and of senior executive committeeman. He is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity. His home is in War, West Virginia, and he also graduates this term.

Watson and Harman are the students responsible for the birth of *The Columns*. With The Ring-tum Phi, last year's student publication, suspended for the war, they felt that Washington and Lee should have a newspaper in spite of the war. Theirs was the initiative that organized *The Columns*.

ODK Founded at W&L

ODK was founded at Washington and Lee in 1914 as an honorary leadership fraternity. There are now chapters throughout the universities and colleges of the country.

The annual banquet has been done away with this year to save expenses, according to Dean R. N. Latture, one of the original members of the fraternity. A simple initiation ceremony will be held Monday afternoon at Washington Hall. Present student members are Bob Vaughan and Bob Crockett.

AST Overcomes SSS In Last Minute, 47-42

Last night in Doremus Gymnasium the Washington and Lee AST basketball team defeated the School for Special Service All Stars 47-42. Pence and Perelli, starring for the AST quint, brought their team from behind in the last minutes of play to win the game in a thrilling climax.

Gaines Elected Group President

Dr. Francis Pendleton Gaines, president of Washington and Lee University since 1930, was elected president of the Association of American Colleges at its convention in Cincinnati on January 14.

For ten years Dr. Gaines has been chairman of the association's important Commission on Public Relations and last year was vice-president. Since coming to Washington and Lee from the presidency of Wake Forest College, Dr. Gaines has served as president of the Southern University Conference, as president of the Co-operative Education Association of Virginia, and as a member of the Board of Visitors of the United States Naval Academy.

On Many Committees

At present he is a member of the five-man National Patent Planning Commission, a trustee of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, chairman of the Virginia State Planning Board, and Virginia Chairman of the War Finance Committee.

The Association of American Colleges has a membership of some six hundred four-year liberal arts colleges from all sections of the United States. Its board of directors include James B. Conant, president of Harvard University; Earl Smith, president

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Crobaugh Back; Registration Set

In order to schedule advanced courses for the third term beginning February 7, 1944, the Dean's office held advance registration Wednesday and Thursday afternoons for all Seniors, Juniors, and advanced Sophomores.

Tentatively, the present Freshman and Sophomore courses now being taught will be continued during the next term.

Courses Given

These include work in the Departments of Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, Economics, English, Romance Languages, Geology, German, Ancient Languages, History, Hygiene, Journalism, Mathematics, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, and Psychology.

Advanced courses tentatively scheduled are Biology 252 and 254, Chemistry 253, Commerce 206, 220, and 256, Education 256, English 263, French 212, Geology 254, German 212, Greek 202, History 252 and 256, Latin 202, Philosophy 252, Psychology 204, and Spanish 202 and 252.

Two additions to the faculty will be made for the coming term. Dr. Mervyn Crobaugh will return to Washington and Lee as professor of economics and will also instruct in the A. S. T. program.

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Quayle and Davidson Are Named Columns Heads For Second Term by Publications Committee

According to an announcement from the Publications Board, Bruce Quayle and Jack Davidson will be editor and business manager respectively of *The Columns* beginning next quarter. They will replace Editor Dick Watson and Business Manager Alex Harman, both of whom are graduating at the conclusion of this semester.

Both appointees have been active in campus life. Quayle, who will be a senior come February, is present news editor and columnist for the newspaper. In former years he served as assistant business manager and columnist for The Ring-tum Phi, while writing

for the now quiescent Southern Collegian. Quayle, who hails from Freeport, New York, is councilor at the SAE house.

Jack Davidson, present co-advertising manager of *The Columns*, is secretary-elect of the student body. In addition, he is a member of the executive committee of the Christian Council and will be a sophomore next quarter. Davidson's home is in Lexington.

The new staff heads will take over the paper with the next issue. Members of the Publications Board, which made the selection, are Robert Vaughan, Alex Harman, and Dick Watson.

Ammendment Passes; New Committee Heads In Office Next Term

Bill Guthrie defeated Bill Davidson in the Student Body President race by a popular vote of 57 to 41. Guthrie will replace the retiring President, Robert Turnbull Vaughan.

Alexander Walker, unopposed candidate for the vice-presidency, secured 89 votes to win that position vacated by Robert Crockett; and Jack Davidson amassed 62 votes to Buck Pinnell's 26 for the secretary's post vacated by Bill Davidson.

Amendment Passed

The amendment to the Student Body Constitution which concerns student classification for voting was passed by a vote of 68 to 8. The amendment defines a senior as one who has completed at least five semesters, this group including the law students; a junior as one who has completed three semesters; a sophomore who has completed one semester; and a freshman as one who has completed less than one semester.

The amendment stipulates that "A quarter shall hereafter and forthwith be considered and counted as two-thirds of a semester, no fraction thereof of a semester shall be considered as a semester."

Officer's Records Fine

Bill Guthrie's record at Washington and Lee has been a notable one since he first arrived here three years ago from Petersburg, Virginia. His name has appeared on the Honor Roll and Dean's List regularly; he was chairman of the Freshman Assimilation Committee during the fall semester of this year, and he was a member of last year's Washington and Lee Golf Team.

Alex Walker came to W&L in the fall of 1940 hailing from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He has held the position of Executive Committeeman for the Senior Class as well as being a member of the Freshman Assimilation Committee.

Jack Davidson is from Lexington, Virginia coming to W&L last summer, he is Business Manager-elect of *The Columns*, and member of the Executive Board of the W&L Christian Council.

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Saturday, January 22, 1944

A Plague on Both Your Houses

THE EVENTS of the past week on the Washington and Lee political front may well be scrutinized by each and everyone of us. For now is the time to decide, with the events of the latest political campaign fully in mind, whether the type of election that was held is the pattern that Washington and Lee wants to follow in the future.

WE ARE ALL cognizant that the past election was at least as bitter as we have ever seen before. We may wonder about the way some of the things were done; question the wisdom of political factions fighting each other with mud slinging, name calling, duplicity, and Tammany Hall tactics.

STOP, look around you. You know everyone else on this campus pretty well. You know who is fitted to hold political office and who isn't, if you stop and think about it. You know that behind the scenes politics are fraught with danger. Wouldn't it be better next time to forget the type of campaign that has just been held? Wouldn't it be possible to hold an election in which that kind of politics would not be played?.

Fourth War Loan

THE FOURTH WAR LOAN DRIVE opened on January 18th with a goal of 14 billion. This is the fourth time that the people of America have been called upon to dig deep for the sake of the future. Every dollar which is put into bonds and stamps brings the day of final victory one day closer. For college students all the ballyhoo and slogans about future security may not mean too much. For most of us the future still seems to lie upon some foreign battle field; our college career is just a brief stop over before "destination Tokyo." But after the war, what? Money in bonds and stamps will mean that when the uniform is cast aside, that you may return to college, maybe to W&L. And a different W&L than that which we know now. Our war bonds and stamps can put the Fighting Generals back field and bring Fancy Dress and Finals. Think of your war bond money for your college career and for your college. Buy war bonds; buy more bonds.

Show Team Time

by Bruce Quayle

Our last crack at Show Team Time, but, as Davidson says, "It's been swell!"

First off we'd like to mention the War Bond Premier at the State on February 8 for the 4th War Loan. The picture will be **The Gang's All Here** and admission will be by bond purchase only. This will be the only showing of this new hit show until some time in the future. Back the attack, fellas.

Pat O'Brien as **The Iron Major** shows up at the State Sunday with Ruth Warwick in a picture that's really tops. Drawing a parallel between the football field and the fighting front, it gives you the story on Frank Cavanaugh, one of America's all-time football greats. The shots include some memorable scenes, as you follow Cavanaugh thru B.C., Holy Cross, and Fordham. Also on the show, **March of Time**.

Frivolousness itself on Wednesday with Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake in the latest Blondie opus, **Footlight Glamour**. B. is all agog over a little theater movement as Dagwood turns actor. If you're in the mood for something puffy and light, okay. Mostly Suds.

If Blondie is suds, the beer follows on Thursday **As Thousands Cheer** with Kathryn Grayson and Gene Kelly. This is like thumbing thru Movie Guide and catching a brief glimpse of Rooney, Garland, Skelton, Powell, ad infinitum. Director Pasternack has a load of personality to deal with

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Jive and Stuff

by Bill Romaine

New Records: With the record situation getting little better, Decca presents a lone release this week in the form of Johnnie Long's "No Love No Nothin'." His new singer, Patti Dugan, proves to be good material, and her vocals on this side and the reverse are worth-while listening. Long's band continues to improve, too, and is swiftly losing the slightly mickey-mouse style of former days.

Young Gabriel: In recent years a few big bands have featured unusually talented youngsters of seventeen or eighteen, but little "Red" Andrews of New York City tops anything that has occurred so far. Fourteen years old now, he has been tooting a trumpet for quite some time, and both the neighbors and Tommy Dorsey seems to think he's pretty good at it. Dorsey's wife, Pat Dane,

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ON and OFF

Sports facts and oddities on and off the campus

by Bill Davidson

THE BOYS have started early this year. Rip Sewell of the Pirates has already announced that he is a holdout and Bagby of Cleveland is asking that he be traded. No doubt there will be more to follow this time honored yearly custom of making headlines in the off season. What we're wondering is whether the so-called "Little Steel" Formula applies, and if it does whether the OPA would be cruel enough to deprive the players of their simple pleasures.

BOB "I'M A CHAMP" VAUGHAN is trying to get Cy Twombly to have a rapid wrestling tournament. "I simply must win the 145 title before I leave W & L," our Prexy declares. We can't see how this could be done properly since it would give Turnbull an unfair advantage. He's been in training over at Macon all this past season.

WILLIE HOPPE and Welker Cochran are now on a cross country 3 cushion billiard tournament. At the halfway mark Hoppe is ahead and seems a sure bet to win. It's a shame that the two experts can't make a stop over at the "Fat Man's" so that T. C., Gunk, Wise and all of the other local sharks could pick up a few pointers.

COLEMAN BEAN, son of our professor of history, cut loose with 26 of the 36 points scored by the Lexington Hi quint in a recent game.

RAYMON LUINA dumped in 29 points for the losing SAE's in their battle with the Lambda Chi's this week. George Bowers is still nursing the blisters on his feet.

Men About Town

THIS WEEK'S EPIC of impromptu thought took place within the sacred walls of the Temple of Lamba Chi . . . there, upon the night of January following the day that preceded it, took place one of the most foul assaults of the century . . . barring none!! It seemed that Pompus Pilot otherwise termed with affectionous names . . . The "Sham"-hart . . . took to beating one of our weaker friends upon his nasal septum . . . Ah! Ha!! "T'was foul indeed for our humble offender was taken unaware . . . in the best of backhanded blows . . . surprise!! . . . Swooping down upon his victim . . . El Sham took one healthy swat at the extended sniffer of "Humane" Wright and thus vanquished still another foe . . . He repented naturally, but too late . . . for the deed was done, the blow had been struck, and the injury (and how!!) evident . . . Needless to say; Pomp-pus . . . did try to make-up . . . and "Humane" did accept the offered olive branch . . . and so the friendship was future cemented.

BILL (GLAD TO SEE YOU SOBER) KRAFT . . . was, and has been seen in one of the local biblical establishments of late . . . What has caused this late-in-life effort on the part of Bill??? Well on future observation we took notice of the fact that here and there in the enmassed humanity was our old neighbor El-Jivo . . . better known as Romaine . . . accompanied by a certain soprano of "Great" fame!! Bill, it seems plays second to Bill, and thus provides the added attraction that is needed when older folks are within seeing distance of the t-woo!!

WELL GOOD-BYE to Bill Hart for he's off . . . to the army Sunday; Good-Luck Billie!! The Sham-hart is also off into the "blue sky yonder" . . . reaching ever into the blue . . . there to dispense Beatitudes wholesale . . . (eh Swoose??) and receive the wholehearted thanks (??) from his boys . . . all for the sake of common ground that must be acquired before maturity is reached.

Platoon News

2nd Platoon

Less than five weeks after a holiday pass, most of us will be on our way home again next week. It is doubtful that anyone will regret a few more days of freedom.

Section K nears the end of its six-months' tour of duty at W. and L. At present the destinations of its members are clouded with uncertainty; most of the men have expressed a desire for some branch of advanced work, with a few applications for air corps training thrown in. However, whether these choices will be granted by the powers of the Service Command remains to be seen. . . . Some of the section will be rather sorry to leave Lexington; the lads have formed a strong affection for the beautiful "scenery" in these parts. Nace Meford has another reason; he's only forty-four miles from home here, and he swears they'll ship him to Madagascar. . . . We expect what some might call a "high old time" at our party next Wednesday.

6th Platoon

With the end of another term rapidly approaching, comes time to bid a fond farewell to those among us who will be seeking their fortunes elsewhere in the near future.

Ralph Bolstad, a fine product of the "Ever Green State," will cast his lot at the medical school of the University of Southern California. Ralph was a high school teacher before deciding to try his luck with the medical profession.

"Deep in the Heart of Texas" is the destination of Al Burris, who will be enrolled as a dental student at Baylor University before many more months have passed. Al hails from the neighboring state of Oklahoma.

And then, of course, we have Sam Kartus—that staunch, Alabama Democrat, whose flare for romance has been transformed into a burning desire.

Sam will return to his alma bama Democrat, whose flare for

fortably deep in the malaria belt of the sunny (?) South.

Robert Smith, perhaps not quite as fortunate as those heretofore mentioned, joins the legions of ward walkers shortly. Due to the fact that his medical class does not begin for some time, Bob, after much deliberation, has decided to take an extended vacation with the G. I. boys.

And who was that dashing medic who wanted to go home from the Service Club last Saturday eve, only she wouldn't let him have his coat? Too bad—and women are at a premium in this fair city, too.

Don't look now, but this house has gone hypnosis crazy after the impressive demonstration given by Cadet Moskowitz in psychology class last week. So don't be surprised if some sleepy looking cadet comes up to you in the near future, sings a few verses of "Clementine," recites Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and then knocks you in the head with a baseball bat. He's probably just suffering from a post-hypnotic suggestion.

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and mixes it superbly with a love story for Grayson and Kelly, two coming stars for sure. Also notable is Jose Iturbi showing his musical versatility.

Following our nose around the corner we see: MonTues, **Harvest Melody**, with Rosemary Lane and Johnny Downs romancing while victory farming. Strictly snafu. Wednesday **Here Comes Elmer** as radio's Al Pearce drags a lively show in front of the camera. Thursday, Richard Arlen and Jean Parker travel the thrill packed **Alaskan Highway**. Weekend the **Range Busters** investigate the **Haunted Ranch**. Very T square.

National Service Act Set For Debate Next Tuesday

The topic for debate at the regular meeting of the Forensic Union to be held on Tuesday evening, will be, "Resolved that the draft of labor as provided in President Roosevelt's national service act be enacted into law." This subject has aroused a great deal of discussion throughout the nation. It was the major portion of President Roosevelt's address on the state of the nation to the Congress and if enacted will affect most of the American people who are not in the armed forces.

Lee Silverstein will uphold the affirmative side of the question
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On Thursday night in Doremus gym the Phi Psi's continued their winning streak by blasting Lairds by the score of 49-8.

The victors had practically little trouble in running up the score and at times displayed a flashy attack. The Phi Psi men jumped into an early lead and continued widening the margin throughout the game.

Stu Faison and Swoose Walker played exceptionally well for the losers while the whole Phi Psi team was outstanding. Mauck and Stephens led the winners with 14 and 11 points respectively, but the excellent feeding by Breedin, White, Crockett, and Todd was one of the major causes of the victory.

Lairds seemed to have a great deal of trouble getting the ball in close to the basket and had to make too many shots from far out often losing position on the backboard because of lack of height.

Registration

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A course in Japanese, to be taught by Col. George M. Brooke, will be offered if registration is sufficient. Col. Brooke is an alumnus of Washington and Lee and Virginia Military Institute and was stationed for many years in Japan.

Registration for all Freshman and Sophomores will be held Saturday afternoon, January 29, from 2-5. Indications are that approximately 100 civilian students will be in attendance next term. About 10 new Freshman are entering to begin college work.

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In a bitterly contested ball game last Tuesday night, the still unbeaten Lambda Chi five eeked out a close decision over the SAE men, 47-44.

The cage duel was tight all the way, and at times it threatened to become an upset. Although the losers were never in the lead, they managed to keep the victors hard-pressed and under pressure at all times. Sparked brilliantly by Ramon Luina who tallied 29 SAE points, and by the constant set shooting of dead-eye Tommy Lee, the vanquished foe put up a valiant struggle in a losing cause.

A huge factor in the Lambda Chi triumph was the hawk-like accuracy with which Teddy Hochstim sank six points on set shots. As usual, Fred Coover played his brilliant defensive game and A. B. Motley continued his high scoring ways for the Lambda Chi men. These three boys were aided by George Bowlers and Ned Brooks with 12 and 4 points respectively.

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saw Red play, and immediately got hubby to audition the boy. Red now has a contract to play with TD when he comes of age, sixteen, so watch out for this em-

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bryo Gabriel in the near future.

Spotlight, Shaw: Artie Shaw is in the Coast Guard now, but none of his fans will forget his tempestuous pre-war career, or his consistently fine brand of music. Shaw's "full and mellow" sax section, his powerful brass, his incomparable rhythm section—these and Artie's own great reservoir of new ideas helped to make the organization the most popular of its kind in the country. His strong and frank disapproval of the jitterbug epidemic quickly lost him this popularity, however. The later addition of fiddles was another successful Shaw idea, but as time went on, mediocre attempts at imitation proved that Artie's ideas were only for Artie's band. He's just come back from a morale-building orchestral tour in the South Pacific with his Coast Guardsmen, and they've been tremendously successful, as well as being much "sought-after" by the Japs. You're in there, Art!! Keep it up!!

Debate Tuesday

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for the Whigs, while Mitchell Harris will defend the negative for the Tories.

At the meeting on Tuesday, January 18, the topic of the debate was, "Resolved that Congress should pass a bill permitting all soldiers to vote in national elections." The affirmative, upheld by AST Cadet Pivin, won the debate, while Cadet Hanks argued the negative side.

Robert Goodell, faculty member, was present as a guest observer and took part in the debate for the affirmative side.

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