

The Columns

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Student Body Election

The Executive Committee announced today that anyone desiring to be a candidate for either the office of President or Vice-President must file his name with the Secretary of the Student Body, Jack Davidson, by Monday, April 10 before 6 p.m. The elections will be held on Thursday, April 13, in Washington Hall.

The offices of President and Vice-President are being vacated due to the graduation of Bill Guthrie and Alex Walker at the end of this quarter.

Czech Patriot, V. Benes, Will Talk at Assembly

Will Speak April 11
On Czech Situation

There will be a University assembly in Lee Chapel on April 11, Tuesday, at eight o'clock, it was announced today by Dean R. N. Latture, head of the University Lecture Committee. This is a compulsory assembly, all students being required to attend.

The speaker of the evening will be Senator Vojta Benes, distinguished Czechoslovakian statesman, author, and educator. Benes is the older brother of President Eduard Benes, who is now guiding the affairs of his country in London.

Senator Benes has a great fund of first hand knowledge of events and problems of Central Europe. He is well qualified to give a vivid and dramatic account of present developments and their meaning for Czechoslovakia. The subject of his address will be "The Perils and Hopes of Czechoslovakia."

Robert O. Crockett Wins Lind Prize in Chemistry

The Department of Chemistry announces the award of the Lind Prize in Chemistry for 1944 to Robert O. Crockett, Jr., of Tazewell, Virginia.

This prize is a one-year membership in the American Chemical Society, offered by Samuel Colville Lind, B.A. '99, to that candidate for B.S. with special attainments in Chemistry having the best standing at the end of the first semester of his third or fourth year in Chemistry.

Crockett graduated from W&L last January and is at present employed in the Explosives Research Laboratory in Pittsburgh, Penna.

Finals Dance Set Is Now Certain; Vagabonds Play

Sixty IOUs Signed;
Formal-Informal Set

With the signing of about sixty ironclad IOUs for seven dollars and fifty cents each and the approval of the Executive Committee of the Faculty, the 1944 student-launched Washington and Lee Finals dance became a certainty this week. On Tuesday night, the EC took the affair under its protective wings and placed it officially in the hands of the EC Dance Committee after preliminary ground work had been laid unofficially by sophomore and freshman class representatives Bill Pifer and Jack Andrew Crowder.

The Vagabonds, this year's W&L Music Makers, were booked Saturday evening by Crowder to play for the two-night set to be held April 14-15. This Lynchburg orchestra has played for both the Fall and Spring Formals, and at several VMI Hops this year. Led by Angelo Perry, the band features Bea Cline as vocalist.

The first and only two-night dance set of this school year will be launched at ten p.m. Friday night and will run until two a.m. with a half-hour intermission at midnight. The Saturday night affair begins at nine and ends at midnight when the Virginia blue laws take effect. There will be a fifteen-minute intermission during the Saturday night event.

Formal-Informal

As a result of the survey conducted last week, the EC decided to make the dance half and half, that is, formal one night and informal the other. Friday night will be the informal evening, and Saturday the tux and tails time.

Decorations will be handled by Fred Coover and the Committee and are set to be in the traditional blue and white of W&L.

As yet, there has been no ticket drive among the pre-medical AST students left in school, Crowder announced, although one is scheduled for some time early next week. Advance subscription price is seven dollars and fifty cents, tax included. At the door the Friday night ball gate price will be five dollars and the Saturday admission charge, four dollars.

Speaking for the Dance Committee, made up of Alex Walker, Bill Davidson, and himself, Chairman Jack Crowder said today, "We wish to express our apprecia-

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Dean W. H. Moreland



Dean Moreland Of Law School Dies Suddenly

Heart Attack Fatal;
Funeral on Saturday

Dean William Haywood Moreland, of the School of Law, died at his home Thursday night as the result of a heart attack suffered Wednesday. He was in his sixty-fifth year, and had been a member of the law faculty for thirty years and Dean of the School of Law since 1923.

Dean Moreland was born in Norfolk, September 17, 1879. He was graduated from Washington and Lee in 1906 with the degree of LL.B. He was a member of Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Phi, and ODK.

Becoming a member of the Virginia State Bar, Dean Moreland practiced law in Norfolk from 1906 to 1914 as a member of the firm of Baird, Swink, and Moreland. In 1914 he returned to W&L to become a member of the faculty.

As a professor of law, the late Dean was a recognized authority on Pleading and Practice, and on Evidence. He contributed to many legal publications. In 1933 an honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by Hampden-Sydney.

Dean Moreland is survived by his wife, Mrs. Beulah P. Thompson Moreland; three children, W. H. Moreland, Jr., Mrs. Margaret Ann Ball, and Miss Nancy Moreland; and by one sister and three brothers.

Speaking of his friend and colleague Dean Moreland, President Francis P. Gaines said, "As a dean he stood unflinchingly for the highest standards, and he was one of the greatest teachers of law Virginia has ever produced."

Funeral services will be conducted by the Reverend James E. Bethea of the Robert E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church in Lee Chapel Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Burial will be in Norfolk at three on Sunday at the Cedar Grove Cemetery.

University Housing Rule

According to a ruling made this week by the Executive Committee of the Faculty, hereafter, from the end of the present quarter, all students will live in University dormitories, fraternity houses, and private homes. This means that no private apartments over stores, in cottages, and in other places not occupied by families will be approved for student residences.

6 Fall Freshmen Issued Bids for Phi Eta Sigma

Selections Were Made
On the Basis of Grades

Six Washington and Lee fall freshmen have been accepted for membership in Phi Eta Sigma, the freshman scholastic honor society, it was announced this week by President Bill Guthrie. The selections were made on the basis of the mid-quarter grades and the final grades of last semester.

The new members are: Jack Andrew Crowder, freshman class EC representative from Charleston, West Virginia; John W. Funkhouser, of Beavertown, Virginia; David V. Guthrie, Jr., of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; James T. Magruder, of Washington, D. C.; Charles H. Shook, of Kansas City, Missouri; and William Y. Smith, of Hot Springs, Arkansas. The new pledges will be initiated in a short ceremony sometime within the next few weeks.

In order to become a member of Phi Eta Sigma, it is necessary that a freshman have an A average for the whole of his freshman year. Men initiated on the basis of mid-quarter grades must be on the Honor Roll for two consecutive marking periods.

Members of Phi Eta Sigma now among the student body are Bill Guthrie, Stuart Faison, Bruce Quayle, and Charles Hedges.

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Something to Remember

THERE ARE PEOPLE who consider the current desire of a majority of the Washington and Lee student body for a dance set to be an unpatriotic act in this time when wartime sacrifice and civilian reduction of normal activities is essential. They stress the fact that college students should forgo their peacetime social life when the nation is buckling down to war. But no civilian group can claim a greater amount of self-denial than the American college students. They have given up the normal college experiences of fraternity life, intercollegiate athletics, large dances and all the many other factors of college life which play so large a part in the acquiring of the "college education."

UNDETERMINABLE numbers of young men have cut short their education or given it up altogether to enter the service. Some have made the supreme sacrifice. For what are these transplanted college boys fighting? In a larger sense they are fighting for that intangible thing, democracy. But in the final analysis, their democracy breaks down into the very elements which they have left behind. The fraternities, the football games, and the dances. Hardly a W&L service man that we hear from fails to ask, "How are the fraternities and the dances holding up? I hope you're not letting them go to ruin." These things are integral parts of the democracy for which they fight.

OUR STUDENT BODY this year can be broken down into two separate groups: One is composed of the older men who attended W&L before the war and were a part of the things of which we speak; the other represents the larger portion of the students who are the wartime scholars, those who are missing so much of college.

OF THE FIRST GROUP, most of those now here will be leaving at the termination of the present quarter. Some are fortunate enough to be able to graduate. Others will enter the armed forces, and still others must leave W&L to pursue their studies elsewhere. They want a Finals dance set; they want something to remember of their last year at W&L.

THE SECOND GROUP have never even known what real college life was like. They live in a pseudo fraternity atmosphere of the converted fraternity house dormitories, but they are missing almost everything else that fellows remember from college. When alumni get together, they don't talk about the English classes they used to attend, but rather they reminisce on the dances, the parties and the students activities. For the majority of these boys there will be no such memories. In a sense they are war casualties on the college home front.

AND THIS DANCE which they want is not extravagant. Compared with the big-time Fancy Dress, the coming 1944 Finals is a tea party. But the students had enough initiative to promote this dance themselves. They worked to sell subscriptions and to sign enough people to make the dance

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Show Team Time

by Bill Romaine

Bob Taylor's highly praised last performance comes up on Sunday and Monday in *The Song of Russia*, with Susan Peters. The Taylor-Peters combination proves to be a fine romantic team in a story of a young American symphony director who falls in love with a Russian girl; B. Benchley is present to get in on that comic touch, too. With Tschaikowsky and Shostakovitch for musical background and some guerilla fighting thrown in, this dish is well worth a taste. A large bite, mayhap?

Corvette K-225 pops up on TuesWed, and in a flurry of guns and action, the inimitable Randy Scott pops up also. Ella Raines and James Brown make for the brother-sister interest, Miss Raines showing in her first big role that she's another girl to watch. The simple, direct plot gives us another good mid-week feature.

I guess you'll have ample time to plant your peepers on Ella, 'cause here she is again on Thursday and Friday with F. Tone in the *Phantom Lady*. Franchot finds himself in trouble again, enmeshed in the toils of none other than a mean old frame-up, trying to prove that he wasn't there when wifey was eliminated by means of strangulation. Watch ER again, and see.

Henry!! (Will they never stop making these things?) Henry Aldrich!!!! Looks like Mrs. Sam Aldrich wants her *Boy Scout*; yeah, he's a BS now, keeds. It's funny, but don't cut a Lab to see it.

Get out your twenty-eight cents (hafta change that next week), and let us enter the revered portals of Club Lyrique.

Who confronts us as of Mon-Tues but Jimmie Cagney in a blood 'n thunder oldie, *Frisco Kid*? With a Shanghai here and a murder there, it's good pre-war stuff. Frank Buck tackles some *Tiger Fangs* on Wednesday, and PRC has another "hit." Watch that Tiger, B.B.T.; he might take a notion to polish off some of your obesity. (Look that 'un up.) Your life will be quite complete without *Rookies in Burma* on Thursday, but if you like Abbott and Costello, and you miss 'em, this imitation might ease your grief. Roy Rogers will be present on Friday and Saturday to entertain the thundering herd. Wanta be entertained? Oh—name of the thing is *Silver Spurs*.

Does Brotherton pay off the mortgage on the family grocery store? Does Clower buy himself a pack of cigarettes? Does "Teensie Weensie" get to breakfast on time? Listen next week and find out.

ON and OFF

Sports facts and oddities on and off the campus

by Ned Brooks

WE'LL START this week's doings with the answers to the baseball quiz given last week. The winner of said quiz was Wise Kelly, who got 'em all right. Take a bow, Kelly.

Here are the answers:

1. Mickey Cochrane.
2. Walkers, Dickeys, Ferrells, Deans, Waners and DiMaggios.
3. Derringer, Johnson, Warneke, Bush, Lombardi, Marion, Danning, Simmons, Hartnett, and Keller.
4. Williams and Terry.
5. Chandler.
6. Southworth, Cronin, Wilson, Mack, Durocher, and Coleman.
7. Hack Wilson.
8. Waner.
9. Walters and Derringer, or the Waners, the Dean Brothers.
10. .432 by Duffy.
11. Abner Doubleday in 1839.
12. Lazzeri.
13. 2130 consecutive games
14. Blue Jays.
15. The two teams that played in the series were the Cardinals and the Yankees.

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THE CURRENT National Basketball tourneys are just about over, with an upset occurring in the invitation to add to the excitement. Joe Lapchick's Redmen of St. Johns earned an upset victory in the Invitation Matches when they zoomed over De Paul 47-39. St. Johns had not been rated strong enough this season to duplicate its 1943 victory in the hardwood of the Garden, especially after the loss of star-point-maker Dick McGuire just two weeks before the competition began.

The De Paul quintet was outclassed in the final tussle, and Coach Ray Meyer is complaining about the way in which the game was refereed. Big George Mikan, voted the outstanding player of the year, was put out on personal fouls just after the second half got under way, and that also combined to lower the strength of the western five.

St. Johns was at a terrific disadvantage going into each contest as the underpup, but Lapchick's boys completely stymied the so-called experts (and Davidson). Joe Kotsos, St. J's key man during the tourney, received the Most Valuable Player award in the Tournament.

In the NCAA round-robin, Dartmouth, considered as one of the nation's foremost quintets, completed the eastern tourney as winner, while Utah triumphed in the western half. Utah, whether they win or lose against the Red Skins from Hanover, will meet St. Johns in the game which will decide the national basketball championship. Personally, I pick St. Johns!

Something to Remember

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a financial certainty before any definite plans were made. It would seem that a two-night dance set is a small thing to deny such a group when they work for it and put it on themselves. They want a dance to remember; they want to gather just once at the end of a night's dancing and sing "The Swing" and "College Friendships." This is a little of W&L that they may keep.

THE DEPARTED service alumni all over the world will cheer when they hear that the students of W&L are carrying on the W&L tradition, when they hear that "we're still in business."

YES, we're still in business; maybe not for long. But we've got our dance, and you can bet that it will be one to remember.

—W.M.-B.Q.

Men About Town . . .

We'll cross our fingers, hold our breath, and try again this week . . .

Campus Rendezvous—Last year it was The Corner, the year before that McCrum's, but this year all the students go to Davidson's Dive, Kelly's Kabaret, or the Club de Cooley, depending on how you look at it. But, anyway you cock your head, you're forced to admit that the Mattingly apartment is the axis from which radiate the spokes of student activity . . . all the men about town, the BMOs, and Doswell go there . . . Never a minute passes that D's D, K's K, or the C d C is not packed with a screaming, howling pack of students, dogs, and Doswell . . .

The day begins early on Lee Avenue when Killer Kelly turns off the fire alarm and crawls over to the Mess Hall to feed the army . . . at 8, Cooley pulls Davidson up and heads him for Spanish . . . by nine the day has gotten in full swing and a round of visitors begins . . . You see all the campus characters . . . Hart, Johnson, Brooks, Mayberry, Berry, Pifer . . . Doswell looking down the mouse hole . . . By mid-afternoon when the after the show crowd arrives, the air is full of smoke, the floor is strewn with records, and Doswell is doing his act . . . At night the cover charge goes on, and Davidson puts the pay booth into operation . . .

"The Apartment" is also W&L's own Tammany Hall . . . what with Big Spank "We'll stop Crockett somehow" Harman gone, Kelly and Davidson share the political reins . . . Right now the politicians are wondering who'll run for what . . . Davidson and Kelly are flipping for Presidency and Vice-Presidency . . . they might let Doswell run for Mouse-Catcher . . . if you want to get ahead, you ain't got a prayer without the "Fixers" in back of you . . . of course, they did not win the last election, but that was dirty politics . . . this one will be clean (as a dirty fox in a mud hole) . . . Right now a new sign is being made for over the portal—"Through this door pass the Most BMOest Guys on the Campus"—Doswell goes on at 4, 8, 10, and a midnight show . . .

Spring Offensive—According to the best military manuals, no two front actions can be carried on the same line at the same time . . . but that was before Johnson launched the Battle of Buena Vista or the Seminary campaign . . . "Slender, Tender, and Tall" is currently trying to establish a bridgehead on Moger bay and capture a landing strip on a piece of feminine heart known as Anne, all at once . . . On the Moger sector, Blood and Thunder Johnson is bucking Russian royalty . . . on the other line, merely patrol skirmishes . . . right now it's nip and tuck all the way, and the spring thaw, commonly known as Finals, is gonna smash the present stale-

mate, but good . . . Then's the time when Johnson moves the panzers into action and launches his all-out invasion . . . Eisenhower and Johnson for victory in the Spring.

Reunion—The Business Manager of this scandal sheet has finally come out of his hole with a bang and decided to repair the rips in his love life . . . After much swaying and delaying Davidson (the young and innocent one) has retraced his steps to lush, lovely, and delicious Frances Ellis . . . (he's breaking our heart by doing it . . . that lets us out) . . . we'll never forget the day we popped up to **The Columns** offices, hidden away in Newcomb Hall, and found Miss Ellis and Mr. Davidson supposedly typing some letters . . . big business conferences with heads together anyway . . . we walked away in a mist of red embarrassment . . . I guess we'll have to get a new dream girl now . . .

Flashes in the Pan—Pete Moses is invading the Patch this weekend to find out what in blazes happened to his queen, his love-light . . . his one and only, who ICCed him at the last dance . . . Drake is also making the trek to give the girls a break, let 'em see what a real hunk of man looks like . . . We see by the MB Campus Comments that "Tarawa" Coover's Miriam Buckles is quit a hot shot on the varsity basketball squad. Who taught who to play, Fred? . . . Basketball, we mean . . . Before we hit the trail, Quayle wants us to ask if anybody has an old girl friend kicking around that they don't want. He's expecting an ICC from the one and only "Glitterkitten" . . . And by the way, Sky Pilot Shamhart has let his flaps down at Keesler Field in darkest Mississippi . . . he got there in time to see "You Build 'em, I'll Fly 'em" Watkins make a three-point landing on the chow line . . . what a pair of fledglings . . . next thing you know they'll take "Prop-wash" Romaine in . . .

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Monday, April 24
3:00-5:00 p.m.
All classes in Block H—TTS-11:00

Tuesday, April 25
9:00-11:00 a.m.
All classes in Block J—TTS-12:00

Tuesday, April 25
3:00-5:00 p.m.
All classes in Block A—MWF-8:00

Wednesday, April 26
9:00-11:00 a.m.
All classes in Block C—MWF-9:00

Wednesday, April 26
3:00-5:00 p.m.
All classes in Block E—MWF-10:00

Thursday, April 27
9:00-11:00 a.m.
All classes in Block G—MWF-11:00

Thursday, April 27
3:00-5:00 p.m.
All classes in Block I—MWF-12:00

Friday, April 28
9:00-11:00 a.m.
All classes in Block B—TTS-8:00

Friday, April 28
3:00-5:00 p.m.
All classes in Block D—TTS-9:00

The hours for examinations in the Academic, Commerce and Science Schools are 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 3:00-5:00 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.

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Alumni in Service

Word has been received this week of the death of two more Washington and Lee men in the service of their country. Thirty-four alumni have now given their lives in the present conflict.

First Lieutenant Edward Roesler Downie, '40, Army Air Force, was killed in the crash of a Liberator Bomber on January 26th near the Wendover Army Air Base in Utah. The cause of the crash was not announced, but the wrecked bomber was not located until March 16. Lieut. Downie received his wings and commission in March, 1942, at Mather Field, Sacramento, California, and was raised to a first lieutenant in November of the same year. While at W&L, Downie, whose home was in San Antonio, Texas, was a member of Sigma Nu.

Private William C. Hood, '45, U.S. Army, died in action on the Italian front on February 2, according to a letter received from his brother. Hood was serving with the Headquarters Company of the Second Armored Division when last heard from. A resident of Ashland, Kentucky, he was a member of Beta Theta Pi.

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Air Cadets Roper Shamhart and Thomas Watkins, '47, Army Air Corps, have been assigned to the Keesler Field near Biloxi, Mississippi. Watkins entered training a week in advance of Shamhart,

who reported for duty on March 17, and preceded him to the Field by one week. Shamhart reported that upon his arrival he saw Watkins standing in chow line.

Air Cadet William J. Noonan, '43, Naval Air Corps, has reported to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, for a twelve-week pre-flight training period. Noonan went on active duty in August, 1943, and has attended Williams Navy Flight Preparatory School, and the flight school at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, for basic training before being assigned to UNC. Following this present course, Cadet Noonan expects to go either to Peru, Indiana, or Glenview, Illinois, for primary flight training.

Private Phil Page, '45, U.S. Army, is at present enrolled in an advanced AST engineering unit at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. Guy Hairston, '46, is attending the United States Military Academy at West Point. Aviation Cadet David Foerster, '45, Naval Air Corps, has entered twin-engine training at Whiting Field, Milton, Florida, where he expects to receive his commission within eight weeks.

"It was a double kick to be sent to Washington and Lee," says Pvt. Lawrence L. Wynn, a 1934 graduate, who is now a student in the Army School for Special Service. "The University is quieter but its appearance is the same and I don't think it will ever change. I was pleased when I dropped in to see President Gaines and found that he remembered me."

Of the Orientation and Education course to which Pvt. Wynn has been assigned, he says, "It was a double kick to come here, for the

Army has a splendid aim and is doing a grand job. I only hope I'll be able to carry out this work when I rejoin my outfit, but it's going to be hard to go back to army routine." Since leaving his alma mater ten years ago, Wynn has been in radio work in New York as a speaker, singer, and writer.

William Hartwell Toney, '45, U. S. Army, was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant at Briggs Field, Texas, his present station. Toney was a member of the AERC which was called to active duty a year ago. Previously he attended gunnery school at Laredo, Texas.

then taken and the opinion of the negative speaker, Forester Taylor, confirmed.

Next week the question, "Resolved that Public Schools should come under Federal Supervision," will be the topic of discussion, with A. H. Woodruff upholding the affirmative and Mitchell Harris the negative.

Assistant Speaker John Clarke presided over the meeting in the absence of Speaker John McWhorter, who had been confined to the hospital.

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tion to the W&L student body as a whole for the splendid cooperation which they have shown in backing this dance. Without the support given the advance subscription drive before the dance was even a surety, we would never have been able to have put it over."

Tickets will be distributed on or before April 11, at which time the IOUs not met at that time will be turned over to the Cold Check Committee for further action.

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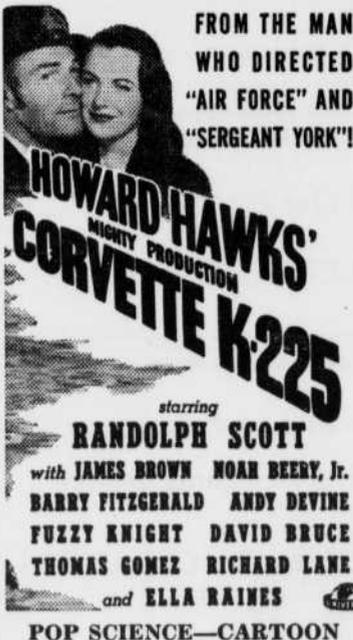
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**Socialized Medicine Vetoed
By the Forensic Union**

"Should Socialized Medicine be established in the United States?" With this question in mind the Forensic Union, at its last meeting, undertook to determine whether such a system of medical service should be considered desirable in the United States.

Upholding the affirmative mainly on the ground that it would lead to a more equal distribution of medical facilities among all classes as a whole, Dave Guthrie presented to the Union the urgency and necessity of establishing such a system.

Forester Taylor, speaking for the negative, maintained that the construction of such a plan would cause unnecessary political evils, and would place our medical system on a socialistic basis.

With the completion of these arguments by the speakers, the floor was then thrown open to debate and each member of the Union contributed. A vote was

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