

The Columns

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Six Freshmen Initiated Into Phi Eta Sigma Society

Six fall freshmen were initiated into Phi Eta Sigma on Thursday afternoon in a brief informal ceremony at the home of Dean Frank J. Gilliam, faculty adviser of the honor society. The meeting was presided over by Bill Guthrie, president of the organization.

The new initiates, Jack Crowder, John Funkhouser, David Guthrie, James Magruder, Charles Shook, and William Smith, were presented with a certificate of membership and the gold scroll key, symbolic of membership in Phi Eta Sigma.

Following the formal portion of the gathering, refreshments were served to the attending new and old members.

'Hubba Hubba' SSS Class Show, Set for Tuesday

Graduating Group Will Present Musical

With a fast-moving parade of laughs, songs, and fun, the 20th class of the Army School for Special Service will present their final class show, "Hubba Hubba," in the Washington and Lee gymnasium Tuesday evening, April 11, at 8 o'clock.

The colorful musical revue will present original skits, blackouts and musical numbers by members of the class and is to feature a cast of 175, including many well known stars of the entertainment world. Spectacular costuming and scenery will highlight the big production numbers of the "circus" opening, "Together Again" and the "Drum" finale.

The show is under the direction of Lt. William Luden with Pvt. William Rabinowitz assisting. Original music for "Hubba Hubba" has been written by Lts. Jess Minker and F. B. Mower and Sgt. Fred Valdez.

All costumes and scenery are being made by members of the class under the supervision of the Soldier Show Division of the SSS.

This performance by the graduating class has become a feature of the SSS classes on the campus. It is the grand finale in which the soldier-students can apply what they have learned as part of the SSS course.

On Wednesday, graduation ceremonies will be held in Lee Chapel. The next class arrives in Lexington one week later on April 19.

IOUs to Beome Due Next Week As Dance Nears

Collections Begin on Monday and Tuesday

Redemption of advance subscription dance ticket pledges will begin the first of next week the EC dance committee said today, as plans for the April 14-15 Finals dance set were being rapidly completed. Committee Chairman Jack Crowder requested that all those who have signed up be prepared to meet their pledge when an EC member contacts them.

Under the rules of the Student Body Constitution, IOUs which are not met when due must be turned over to the Cold Check Committee for further action. Collection by the Cold Check group will cost the delinquent an extra toll of fifty cents. Tom Lee is the present head of this committee.

57 Pledges Signed

Total advance subscriptions for the dance reached a final total of 57 pledges, according to figures released this week by Crowder. This number signed in advance plus those who will purchase admission at the door the night of the dance ensure a sufficient margin of financial safety to prevent the EC running into the red on the event.

Early this week members of the AST were canvassed, but no advance subscriptions were taken. The committee merely wished to determine how many of the Cadets might be counted on. Crowder stressed the fact that AST men are invited to both nights of the dansant, if they are permitted to attend the Friday night ball. He mentioned the fine support which they lent to the two previous W&L dances without which these socials might not have been possible, and expressed a wish that those Cadets now left on the campus would attend this Final dance set.

As was announced last week, the Vagabonds of Lynchburg, led by Angelo Perry and featuring the vocalizing of Bea Cline, have been signed for both nights of the set. The Friday night dance will be a four-hour affair from ten p.m. until two a.m. with an half hour intermission at midnight. The Saturday night ball runs three hours from nine until midnight with a short intermission midway in the evening. Fred Coover is in charge of decorations, while Crowder and Bill Guthrie are managing the guest list.

Quayle and Davidson Will Leave Columns Positions

Following this issue of *The Columns*, two more issues will be published this quarter, after which both Editor Bruce Quayle and Business Manager Jack Davidson are leaving Washington and Lee. Plans are being formulated for subsequent issues.

Any person in the student body wishing to make application for the position of Editor or Business Manager for the coming quarter is requested to present his name to Secretary of the Student Body Jack Davidson by April 14. Applicants should list their past experience in scholastic or professional journalism.

One for Prexy; Two Entries for V.-P., Secretary

Lee, Kelly, Wright, McNeil, Crowder Run

Despite the lack of a two-man race in the Presidential slot, the coming election of officers for the Student Body promises to be a typical Washington and Lee political contest with two candidates opposing each other for the Vice-Presidential and Secretarial posts, in which races the two political factions of the campus face a test of strength.

Sole candidate for the office of President is Tom Lee, junior, who now holds the post of junior executive committeeman and is chairman of the Cold Check Committee. A member of Kappa Sigma, Lee comes from Roanoke. The present president of the student body, Bill Guthrie, will graduate at the end of this quarter.

Opposing candidates for Vice-President are Wise Kelly, present senior executive committeeman, and Gene Wright. Kelly, who hails from Fairfax, Virginia, is chairman of the Freshman Assimilation Committee. Wright, a summer school freshman from Clarksburg, West Virginia, is a pre-medical student. Alex Walker, who holds the post is graduating.

In the race for the position of Secretary of the Student Body, which is to be vacated by Jack Davidson, who is entering service, two candidates have tossed their hats into the ring. Jack Crowder, present freshman class EC member, is contesting with Bob McNeil. Crowder, a fall freshman from Charleston, West Va., is the

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Senator Benes, Czech Patriot, Speaks Tuesday

Hour Switched for Compulsory Assembly

Vojta Benes, brother of President Eduard Benes of Czechoslovakia, will be the guest speaker at a compulsory University assembly to be held Tuesday afternoon, April 11, at 4 o'clock in Lee Chapel. His subject will be "The Perils and Hopes of Czechoslovakia." This new time is a change from the original eight o'clock hour announced last week.

The speaker of the day, Vojta Benes, called by his American friends "Czechoslovakia's Paul Revere" is a well known statesman, educator, and author. He comes from a family of poor Czech farmers in western Bohemia near the German border. His older brother John emigrated at an early age to America and resides in Wisconsin. His younger brother Eduard is now Czechoslovakia's president in London.

At the Teachers College in Prague, from which he graduated in 1897, Vojta Benes was a devoted disciple of Thomas Masaryk, one of his teachers who later became the first president of the Czech Republic. As a teacher, Benes taught the Masaryk brand of democracy to his pupils, and he organized the national school system in the Republic.

Worked with Masaryk

Masaryk and the Brothers Benes worked together during the World War to liberate the provinces of Bohemia, Moravia, and Slovakia from Austro-Hungarian yoke. The end of the war saw their efforts rewarded, and Vojta Benes returned home to employ all his strength and talent in the service of the new Republic.

In 1924 Benes entered the National Assembly and served as a member for ten years, after which he moved to the Senate, where he was responsible for the passage of the famed Czechoslovakian school law, which established junior high schools throughout the Republic.

Just before the Munich betrayal, Benes came to the United States to participate in the festivities which the American Czechs were planning on the 20th Anniversary of the founding of the Republic. But the Munich Pact was signed while he was aboard ship, and when he arrived he could only speak of the sorrow of his people.

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Buckle Down

IT IS TRUE that a majority of the Washington and Lee students face induction into the service in the immediate future. It is also an established fact that many of those who leave will never return to the familiar, white-columned buildings, but one is hardly entitled to adopt a "to hell with everything" attitude on the assumption that he is predestined to be deprived of a college education.

IT APPEARS that this outlook of total despair toward life is becoming dominant on the campus. Those students scheduled for induction at an early date are now prepared to settle down for a good time, to "coast" for the duration of the term.

THIS MAY WELL BE a form of rationalization on the part of the delinquent scholars to give themselves a satisfactory excuse for their laziness. They have grasped greedily at the easiest method of avoiding the work required of them.

THE ESCAPISTS have failed to take into consideration the effect of this current action on their future. They certainly can't assume that every one of them will be killed in the present conflict; those who are bound to return will have to decide whether or not they wish to resume their collegiate studies.

If they decide against returning to school, they will be facing the problem of securing post-war employment. When they enter into competition with the other millions of returning service men and former workers of the now over-expanded war industries, their prospective employer will undoubtedly inquire into records of scholastic accomplishments and choose only the cream of the crop. How much will their opportunities be bolstered if these records show an unimpressive let-down immediately before leaving school?

After the war there will be a mad rush for acceptance for readmission to college all over the country by students whose courses of study had been interrupted. Colleges will be crowded beyond their capacity, and only those students with satisfactory grades before the war will be allowed to re-enter. Many of those students who decided to gain enjoyment from their last term at Washington and Lee while neglecting education will be on the outside looking in during the post-war years.

In addition, if not for yourself, you owe an obligation to your country to keep at the books. The Army and Navy need educated men. They have in the past asked those who are in school to stay in school until such time as they are called. Millions of dollars are being spent to send the ASTP and V-12

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Show Team Time

by Bill Romaine

On Sunday and Monday we have Cry Havoc and Ella Raines appears on the scene for the third time within the week. Margaret Sullivan, Joan Blondell, and Anne Southern top off a stellar female cast, and all three hand in excellent performances in this story of war nurses and the highly commendable work they are doing now overseas. Watch Ella again.

Mike O'Shea gets another chance to show how he can act, and he doesn't miss in **Jack London**. The story proves to be as good as the best fiction action-scenario that Hollywood has come up with so far, and rightly so, for Jack London's turbulent existence was far from the peaceful. With Susan Hayward supplying the romantic interest in the famous writer's life, the mid-week boys will again be well satisfied on Tuesday and Wednesday.

ThursFriSat bring back an imitable actor and **A Guy Named Joe**, both of whom are pretty swell guys. Starring Spencer Tracy, Irene Dunne, Van Johnson, and Barry O'Neill, the pic makes you use your imagination overtime. But it's well worth it. I might add that Tracy is just as good a ghost as he is flesh and blood, and... Oh, heck!!! See it!!!

How's about some of that jive at the Lyric, huh?

Casanova in Burlesque on Mon-Tues and no Ann Corio? How can they do this? Joe E. Brown and Gypsy Rose Lee's sister, June Havoc got through this opus, with JEB doubling as a fall-guy in an "art" show and a college prof. College prof, huh???? Wednesday offers an Arch Obler idea that ought to be good, with John Caradine, Robert Ryan, and Margo. **Gangway for Tomorrow** weaves together several individual stories of war-workers finally bringing these people together at the end of the tale. Should be better-than-usual Lyric fare. Don't commit suicide if you miss **So's Your Uncle** on Thursday, it's only distinction being that it features the girl who's going to marry Tommy Harmon soon. Right, Ned? FriSat gives **Carson City Cyclone**, the only trouble being: which will last longer, Lexington or Carson City?

What's all this talk about Roosevelt, Dewey, and this guy Wilkie? (No, at press time it was not known who Senator BBT intended to put up for the nomination). It's all so futile, you know. Nestled among the lovely little hills(?) of New York State is rustic little Queens Village, and there resides our own Don Reid. A profound oracle on domestic and foreign affairs, Mr. Reid has shown that we can choose DR (not FDR) and only DR for the presidency.

ON and OFF

Sports facts and oddities on and off the campus

by Ned Brooks

BEING A NEW YORKER, I think it only fair to devote one of these columns to New York baseball. When speaking of baseball in good ole Gotham town, one naturally speaks of the "BrawnX" (the pronunciation is strictly the property of a Joe named Merrin) Bombers, or in the correct vernacular, the Yankees.

Ever since Joe McCarthy has been piloting the Yanks, they have had exceptionally successful seasons. Marse Joe contributes this statement to back up the numerous victories hung up by his sluggers. "I attribute the wealth of pennants which we have won to the luck we have had in obtaining great ball players." Witness this ace-round-up of stars who have played under McCarthy: Joe Di Maggio, Lou Gehrig, Joe Gordon, Spud Chandler, Bill Dickey, Lefty Gomez, Red Rolfe, Joe Dugan, and Red Ruffing. Such an array of stars could make any manager believe in miracles.

McCarthy also attributes his great success with the Bombers to his two great coaches, Art Fletcher and Earle Combs. Pennants come as a habit to the Bronxites, and only once in many years have they dropped a World Series. Just recently McCarthy picked his all-time Yankee infield. It was made up of Lou Gehrig at first, Joe Gordon at the key-stone sack, Frankie Crosetti at short, and Smiling Joe Dugan at the hot corner. McCarthy is not one to beef at an umpire, and only at very infrequent times have the fans at the Yankee Stadium seen Marse Joe on the diamond throwing verbal swords at the ump. Yes, the Yankees will probably go down in the history of the national sport as one of the greatest aggregations (sorry Romaine) of ball hawks ever assembled, if not the greatest. Facts and figures don't lie, and they say that the Yankees are the tops.

Major league round-up: Shakespeare's famous "Double, double, toil and trouble..." hits the mark this season with the big league mentors. There has not been a day but some well known ball player has been called to report for a physical or induction. The key men besides being A1 with their clubs are 1A with the Army. But through all the hardship and misfortunes of the game, a big league meeting held last week gave promise to the baseball fans of the country and also to the players and managers that big league baseball will continue.

(Editor's Note: Where there's baseball, there'll be a Brooklyn Dodger and where there is a Dodger, there'll be a winner. With Wyatt still on the mound, Towering Howie Schultz at the initial sack, and Senor Olmo patrolling the outfield garden, Durocher's crew is a sure fire bidder for the Senior Circuit pennant.)

Buckle Down

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boys through college in order to give them an education which will serve both in the service and after their term in service. Those of us who aren't fighting yet, even though we may soon be, owe it to those who are to do our duty on the home front, to keep at the studies, to "hit those books." Think of these things next time you feel like skimming through the lesson after the first show.

Make up your mind now to drop the expression "C'est la guerre" from your vocabulary, and replace it with a determination to work to the end so that you can insure yourself of ample opportunities for success after the war.

—W.M.-B.Q.

Men About Town . . .

In the Afterglow: About a score of the more rapid W&L gentlemen took part in the exploratory expedition to the Patch last week and came out of the forests of Amherst claiming a mighty discovery as they refitted a safari for an immediate return led by the intrepid Funkhouser. A diary of the explorers would show: Half a dozen young bucks still trying to figure out whatinhell Smith was doing in the boat house with everybody's and anybody's date, and Clower's in particular. . . . Jawn Funkhouser battling a mighty hurricane on the lake as he pulled at the oars lest he be stranded unchaperoned, unguided, and unarmed with a blind date on the Sweet Briar pond. . . . Wes Todd making like a lover under the traditional marrying emblem of the SB girls. . . . Todd a little later tearing like mad toward Amherst with his or somebody else's date for a brew, and in a Cadillac yet. . . . Just about all th VMI cadets and W&Lers trampling each other following the pert little gal with the cute smile, the flaxen hair, the yellow skirt, and the whiskey on her breath. . .

About the biggest Man About Town there was Test Tube Hinson. . . just for the record Hinson belonged to about every fraternity on the campus, had his home in all the choicest places in the country, and made the triumphant trip to SB in a Packard, a Fiat, a Buick convertible, and roller skates. . . . poor "Hink" slung so much bull that he didn't even bother to listen when the gals were giving their names. . . He's now trying to figure out who he met from Waco, Texas. . . . A beautiful friendship was smashed that night, Kelly got a Mayberry a "girl", no, a "date" . . . well, we'll say, Mayberry had a companion by courtesy of Kelly. Nothing much wrong with the girl, but she was bigger than TO, among other things. . . Mayberry hates women, hates SB, and Kelly isn't his favorite cigarette source either. . .

Lexington Merry - Go - Round— Since last week, we have seen Bus. Mgr. Davidson's she-pal in the company of various other local males, such as Hank Oder in McCrum's on Sunday. Maybe we

called a wrong turn in giving Jack the decision in the match. Wednesday night the ubiquitous BMOC Davidson (that's Bill) was seen skulking outside the State, jangling his keys, and reported that he was waiting to see who Bus. Mgr. Davidson was dating. . . we couldn't wait, but we hope that it was Miss Ellis. We'll still put our wampum on "Carrot Top" for a decision. . . . Reports have it that there was a narrow escape from death at the Phi Psi House the other night. Wes Todd and Drake nearly fell out of the window looking SAEward to the third floor front room window. Over in SAE land, the betting has fallen to 3-1 on Zrike. He's being beat out by a couple of "Uncles". . . . We hope there's no truth in the story that Patty Gift gave Bobby Curl an ICC. What would a dance be like without the Gift. . . Mayberry is claiming that she's waiting for him. All we can say is give us a drag on that before you throw it away, TO. . . Still the burning question is, "WHAT was Smith doing in that boat house?" . . .

When interviewed last week regarding his future plans, all that Swoose would say was, "No, the Whizzer is fizzer". . . Incidentally, we'd like to doff the old topper to Earl Stansbury Mattingly, Registrar, for his fine piece of vocal work on Palm Sunday. It was a masterpiece, the only trouble was that Mr. M. was shaking so much that he looked like a choir. . . Hart

says that he is definitely not running for dog-catcher. . . Doswell is still the potential dark mouse in the political race. With his fur clipped, the "Dozz" looks like his

younger brother, if he has one. . .

Mail Order Romance: Seems that way back last Christmas, Todd met a doll through courtesy of the now departed John West. Said hunk of charm lived in Bronxville, N.Y., but we won't hold that against her. Well, Todd fell pail over tin cups, we mean he thought she was a good kid. This little sugar had her headquarters in California with some big time radio company, but even from 3,000 miles away she would write

. . . and she did write. . . the sexiest darn letter ever. . . Todd crowed like a rooster. . . here was a queen.
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a doll, a sugar... "Listen to this..." says he... "I can't live without you... you are my only one... yours forever and ever"... Todd had the boys drooling til some big kill joy looked over his shoulder and saw that said billet-doux was a mimeographed form letter filled in with the right names... Todd was disgraced, Todd was outraged, wait till he sees that gal again... just wait....

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Faculty Works On Courses for Terms to Come

Will Consider Credit On Service Studies

"The policy of the University is to continue intact the usual freshmen and sophomore courses and to offer junior and senior courses in accordance with the need as indicated by the expression of student preference," Dean Robert H. Tucker said this week in announcing the decision reached in the meeting of the Faculty held on Monday.

At this meeting further steps were taken toward working out such courses for the summer term and for the fall term to begin August 8, as will meet the needs of the majority of the students. Dean Tucker said that all classes have been canvassed to determine the students preferences for the summer term, and that a survey is being made of the sophomore and junior groups as regards courses to be offered in the fall quarter.

Dr. Tucker said that as soon as a satisfactory schedule of classes is worked out by the Faculty committee, a list of these subjects will be announced and used as the basis for an informal registration of all students before the end of the present quarter.

Action was also taken on the application of four students who had been called from W&L for military service for permission to apply for a degree. This permission was granted to Henry S. Ashe, Richard C. Cooke, David Hamil-

ton Smith, and Lucius Smith. These men have secured the necessary credits needed to complete their degree requirements while studying under the college training program of the Army and the Navy.

"In the case of students who have completed two years work at Washington and Lee before being called away," Dean Tucker said, "the University will grant a degree on the basis of work completed elsewhere under one of the service college programs, if such can be done without lowering the standards of the University. Each case will be considered on its own merits." In some cases, the Dean said, some substitution is allowed in subjects which closely parallel the required courses.

EC Elections

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chairman of the EC Dance Committee. McNeil, from Blacksburg, Va., is serving as student elected councilor of the Phi Psi dormitory.

The election will be held Thursday, April 13, from nine a.m. until twelve noon in the lobby of Washington Hall. All those wishing to be candidates for either of the three student body posts to be filled, i.e., President, Vice-President, or Secretary, must present his name to the Secretary of the Student Body, Jack Davidson, by six o'clock Monday afternoon. He may be reached from four to six that afternoon at the Mattingly Apartments, Lexington 412.

Following the elections for major officers of the EC, the present members will select class representatives for the posts which will fall vacant.

Czech Patriot

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In spite of the great personal danger, Benes returned to Czechoslovakia to try to help save what was left of the Republic. The Nazi forces, however, took complete possession of his country, and the sixty-two year old patriot was forced to flee his country across the Polish border. His secret escape was dramatic. Since that time he has been in the United States crusading for the ultimate resurrection of his beloved Czech Republic.

Senator Benes, as a first hand observer of events in Europe, is well qualified to give a vivid and dramatic picture of modern history in the making.

In announcing the new time for this compulsory assembly, Dean R. N. Latture, head of the University Lecture Committee said the switch was made because the University did not wish to prevent any students, who so desired, from attending the Class Show of the School for Special Service which would have fallen at the same hour as the assembly.

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