

The Columns

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Assembly Next Friday

On Friday, April 21, at noon in Lee Chapel, Dr. William Thomas Hanzsche will address a compulsory University assembly on the subject, "What Men Live By." The occasion of the assembly is the annual Washington and Lee Phi Beta Kappa meeting.

Dr. Hanzsche, a member of the class of '13, is pastor of the Prospect Street Presbyterian Church in Trenton, New Jersey. He was elected in January to honorary membership in Phi Beta Kappa by the Washington and Lee chapter.

Democracy Vital For the Peace of Europe—Benes

Traces Czech History In Assembly Address

"There will be no peace in Europe without democracy," said Senator Vojta Benes of Czechoslovakia before a University assembly on Tuesday, April 11. Speaking in Lee Chapel on "The Hopes and Perils of Czechoslovakia," Senator Benes, whose brother is the President of the Czech government in exile, brought home to the combined audience of students and townspeople the need for a post-war democratic government of the people in Europe.

Czechs Spiritually Strong

Senator Benes, in his opening remarks, stressed the fact that his nation belonged to the world insofar as it shared in common ideals and a singleness of spirit. He said that his people were not numerically strong, but that they are spiritually strong and have been so since the beginning of the Czech race. He pointed out that the people of Czechoslovakia did not want to fight, but if they had to fight, that they would fight.

Beginning with the struggle of the Czechs under John Huss in the fifteenth century against the spiritual centralization of the Holy Roman empire, which he said was the first democratic revolution in Europe, the speaker traced the growth of the spirit of democracy and freedom among the Czech peoples. He mentioned the fact that the first Evangelical church in Europe was established by the Czechs one hundred and two years before Martin Luther arose to preach religious liberty. For this act, the Czech nobility was exterminated. Senator Benes cited the American

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Lee New Prexy; Kelly Voted VP; McNeil Elected

Class Committeemen Chosen Next Week

In what was possibly the calmest election to ever take place on the campus of Washington and Lee, an unopposed slate of candidates was ratified Thursday to head the student body of the University for the coming quarter.

Elected to the Presidency of the Student Body was Tom Lee, junior, of Roanoke, Virginia, by 65 votes. Wise Kelly, who began the race for the Vice-Presidency against Gene Wright, became the sole candidate when Wright withdrew several days before the election. Kelly received 66 tallies to place him in the Vice-President's chair.

Bob McNeil, left as the sole candidate for Secretary by the withdrawal from the contest of Jack Crowder, became Student Body Secretary with a total of 66 votes. Crowder was compelled to remove his name from the slate because he is not returning to school next quarter. Sixty-eight votes were cast in all.

Installation Next Week

The new electees will be sworn in by the retiring officers at the next meeting of the Executive Committee on Tuesday night, April 18. At that time the old EC will select the men who will act as class representatives to replace the present departees.

The posts left open will be: Senior Class representative, now occupied by Wise Kelly; Junior Class representative, held by Tom Lee; and Freshman Class representative, handled by Jack Crowder.

All those among the student body who wish to make application as candidates for these posts must give their names to the present Secretary of the Student Body Jack Davidson by 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 18.

According to the amendment to the Student Body Constitution adopted in January, the following are the classifications of students for purposes of student government: a senior is one who has completed at least five semesters; a junior, one who has completed three semesters; a sophomore, one semester; and a freshman, less than one semester. The amendment further stipulated that a quarter should be counted as two-thirds of a semester.

Spring Registration Set For Wednesday, April 19

The usual Spring Registration of classes, for the term beginning May 8 and the term beginning August 7, will be held in Rooms 32 and 33, Washington Hall, on Wednesday, April 19, from 2 to 4 p.m.

All students, except those who are certain they will not be in attendance at any time after April 29, are urged to report promptly and register the courses they desire to take. Lists of proposed courses have been posted on the bulletin boards. Individual copies of these lists can be secured by calling at the Dean's office.

The cooperation of all students is requested in this registration. The information to be secured in this way is necessary in order to enable the Committee on Schedules to prepare a satisfactory schedule of classes for each of these terms.

"Trial by Jury," G-S Operetta, In Court House

Musical Scheduled for Hospital Landscaping

With the music of Sullivan and the book of Gilbert, the Blue Ridge Garden Club will sponsor the gay operetta, "Trial by Jury," in the realistic setting of the Rockbridge County Court House on Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22, for the benefit of the Red Cross Council of Woodrow Wilson Hospital in Staunton.

One of the shorter of the Gilbert and Sullivan light operas, "Trial by Jury" was written in 1875 and has been performed many thousands of times throughout the English speaking world. It is rare, however, that an audience has the opportunity to sit in an actual court room to witness a presentation of this entertaining musical. Word of the uniqueness of the production has reached to the Tracy Music Library in Boston, and they have requested that photographs be made of the production for a permanent record in their pictorial files.

The two-night performance, under the direction of Miss Mary Monroe Penick, features in the cast several members of the Washington and Lee student body and faculty. The leading feminine role will be portrayed by Mrs. Edward Allen, wife of a member of the School for Special Service staff on

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'44 Finals Dances This Weekend; Vagabonds Play

Blue and White To Be Decorations Motif

With the hanging of the last blue streamer at three a.m. Friday morning, the long awaited, and much planned for '44 Finals dance set blossomed into a reality. W&L was ready for the first two day weekend of the year, and the first W&L dansant for a majority of the students.

Dance Tonight

The Friday night ball, the informal dance of the set, will begin at approximately ten o'clock to the music of the Lynchburg Vagabonds, led by Angelo Perry. An intermission of about half an hour is scheduled for midnight, with the dance running until two in the morning.

The Saturday night Formal begins at nine o'clock and lasts until midnight when Virginia's Blue Laws silence the music. An intermission of about fifteen minutes is planned for some time midway in the evening.

Begun as a popular student movement, the '44 Finals is being sponsored by the Dance Committee of the EC under the chairmanship of Freshman Representative Jack Crowder.

In Blue and White

Decorations for the dance, which are in the traditional blue and white of Washington and Lee, were handled by Fred Coover and the gym was decorated by a volunteer crew under his direction. Lighting effects are by Joe Mingioli, and the front of the stand was arranged by John Funkhouser.

Tickets for the two night set, which originally sold during the advance subscription drive for \$7.50 are \$5.00 at the door on Friday night and \$4.00 on Saturday evening.

Music for the set is being furnished by the Vagabonds, from Lynchburg, the former Freddie Lee Orchestra, now led by Angelo Perry and featuring lovely Bea Cline on vocals.

Chaperones invited by the guest committee, headed by Bill Guthrie, are: Dr. and Mrs. F. P. Gaines; Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Tucker; Dean and Mrs. R. N. Latture; Dean and Mrs. Frank J. Giliam; Captain and Mrs. F. A. Conaway; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton E. Williams; Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Desha; Dr. and

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Friday, April 14, 1944

Nice Going

"THE SENTIMENTAL slow-moving strains of 'College Friendships' echoed through Doremus Gymnasium for the last time at 6 a.m. today. The crepe paper shriveled to the floor and W&L had seen its last dance set for the duration of the war."

So The Ring-tum Phi recorded the 1943 Finals in its last issue of May 19, 1943. But according to reliable sources a 1944 Finals is taking place tonight and tomorrow night in that self-same Doremus Gymnasium and with similar crepe paper and sentiment. The 1943 Finals dance set was by no means the last W&L dansant for the duration of the war, not by a long shot.

When W&L ended the 1942-43 session last May, those of us who bid the campus farewell thought, "this is the virtual end of W&L for the duration of the war...Everybody is pulling out, what will be left? A few fellas and a motley group of teen-aged freshmen. So long W&L, it's been swell, but we wouldn't want to see you next year." So The Ring-tum Phi reflected the mood of last year's student body. This was the end. Dark oblivion would fall across the campus.

But those of us who thought that way reckoned without the typical W&L spirit of getting things done even in the face of impossibilities, such as are present in this time. We figured that there wouldn't be anybody around to put on a good dance set, or run a newspaper. We thought that we'd just about made it to the end of May on our last legs, who could carry on from there?

The student body of 1944, small but mighty, could and have. They wanted a dance set, more than about anything else at W&L they wanted to put on a Finals dance set, and they've done it. And done it on much less than the Dance Board or the Cotillion Club ever had to work with. From the intangible desire of some ninety or so students to float a dance has come the 1944 Finals. No seven hundred students to back it, or big name band to play; but here, one year after the curtain supposedly rang down on W&L dances, here is a dance set that would do justice to a peace-time student body.

Like the Phoenix bird, the spirit of Washington and Lee was seemingly crushed in the dark days of 1943, but has risen anew to carry on the traditions. They have backed this dance with hard work and with cold cash. We think that the students of W&L should pat themselves on the back. So, speaking, as it were, for the gang which has gone, we say to the whole student body, which has put on this dance by their united effort, "Nice going, boys, nice going."

Show Team Time

by Bill Romaine

C'est la guerre again at the State with **Rationing** on the Sunday-Monday slate. Marjorie Main and Wallace Beery exchange a few choice pleasantries during the course of the bout, but there's little that is overly distinctive about this, and the Main-Beery combination is, in short, not funny. You could spend your Sunday in a better way.

On Tuesday and Wednesday we have some **Uninvited** guests, Ray Milland and Ruth Hussey, but it's not the usual haunted-house stuff. With a touch of bitterness and a touch of the supernatural, this opus proves very effective and very terrifying. See it if you have the time.

ThursFriSat release **Shine On, Harvest Moon**, with Dennis Morgan, Ann Sheridan, and Irene Manning. A good musical, this is a biography of Nora Bayes, a musical comedy star of quite some renown in the past. See it

Let's pitch some corn, huh?

Monday and Tuesday offer **Girls on Probation**, a consolation being that Ronnie Reagan is in it. **She's For Me** according to David Bruce on Wednesday, but that doesn't mean necessarily for youse guys. It's a "romantic comedy," at least that's what the reviews say. On Thursday some logs and a **Timber Queen**, (and a blonde), followed by the usual FriSat pork an' beans. This time it's **Boots and Saddles**, with some guy whose name I forgot.

RECORDS: Glen Gray's solitary offering on Black Decca is **Sure Thing** and **Suddenly It's Spring**, spotting vocals by Eugenie Baird, neither of which is anything to yell about. Try it and see.

Romaine's Political Dope Sheet:

Lexington, Va (W&L Press)—The Senator from West Virginia—you know painfully well who—stated at press time that in taking up his duties as Chairman of the University Party for the nominating convention of 1944, he is confident that the Party's candidate will win, as Mr. B.B.T. put it in his own rustic way, "hands down." Mr. Reid was approached but would give out no definite statement concerning his availability for the coveted nomination. He did agree, however, that the Convention should be held at the W&D (Wes and Don) Snack Shoppe, and that if he was drafted, he'd probably accept. It is rumored that the notorious Georgia politician, "Doc" Hedges, will lead the Left Wing opposition against DR, but this ineffectual, incompetent, pseudo-Communist movement will avail its mercenary backer naught. Next week we will take you to the nominating convention itself.

ON and OFF

Sports facts and oddities on and off the campus

by Ned Brooks

IN THIS, the last column before the 1944 curtain rises on Major League Baseball, I would like to give my viewpoints as to how the National League pennant race shapes up. There are three clubs in the running for the flag, according to various sports writers, and they are the Cincinnati Reds, St. Louis Cards and Chicago Cubs (attention, Bill Davidson).

TAKING the three in order, we come first to the Reds from Cincy. Piloted by Bill McKechnie, the Redlegs this season have not got as strong a club as last year. A much depleted hurling staff is what is hurting the team the most. The loss of Johnny VanderMeer and Elmer the Riddle sends Mac's mound corps into somewhat of a whirlpool. With only Joe Beggs, Clyde Shoun and a bunch of green rookies to help Bucky Walters, the Reds pitching staff will not prove to be as sharp as it has been in past seasons. The Redleg infield, minus hustling Lonnie Frey, still owns Big McCormik, Woody Williams, Eddie Miller and Chuck Aleno, with Eric Tipton, Frank Kelleher and Max Marshall patrolling the outer garden. Yep, the Redlegs, outside of their mound staff, might prove to be a tough adversary throughout the whole season, and who knows but what the experts might be right.

"Watch the Cards," is the vivacious cry echoing forth from the vicinity of St. Louis. Why? Because with Mort and Walker Cooper back, with Ray Sanders, Johnny Hopp, George Kurowski, Stan Musial and a host of good hurlers also returning, the Cards should again have a very strong outfit. Manager Southworth feels sure that his replacements for Lou Klein, Marty Marion, and the other missing links are more than enough to assure the team a successful season. Oh yeah, and Pepper Martin's back too, to assure the fans at Sportsman's Park a very rough and tough campaign also.

Last but not least (MR. Davidson) we have the Chicago Cubs. These Bruins managed by Jimmy Wilson might well prove to be the terrible pain in both the Cards' and Redlegs' necks. The Cubs have the most potent bat in the League today with Big Bill Nicholson swatting it (Nicholson is personally vouched for by Bill D.). Wilson has lost Stan Hack, Claude Passeau and Lonnie Warneke, but he still has a lot of valuable material floatin' around the Cub camp. F'rinstance, Phil Cavaretta, Lenny Merullo, Peanuts Lowery, Ival Goodman, Clyde McCullough and Paul Derringer. What 1944 Mgr. could ask for much more in the way of talent?

Yep, watch dem Cubs (as they say in Zrike's home town). Watch dem Cubs, and don't take your eyes off dem Bums from Flatbush either. They may not be as powerful an aggregation (hail Romaine) as the above-mentioned three, but the Dodgers never give up. Durocher's boys will be hustlin' all the way, and might surprise even Zrike himself.

Dance Regulations

The following dance regulations to apply at the Finals dance set have been announced by the Executive Committee:

1. No drinking shall be permitted.
2. Smoking shall be permissible in the balcony only.
3. All non-members of the Washington and Lee student body wishing to attend the dance, except VMI cadets, must be vouched for by a member of the student body. Student vouchers shall be held responsible for the actions of their vouchees.
4. Students and visitors to the dance are expected to conduct themselves as gentlemen at all times.
5. Violations of the above rules shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee and are punishable by a suspension of dance privileges.

Men About Town . . .

I Can't Come: And this time, kiddies, the quote of the week is... "Thank you so much for your sweet invitation, BUT..." To judge by reports the feminine population of America has suffered a major set back. Every girl for 200 miles has sixteen quizzes on Friday and Saturday, 150 grandmothers have broken their legs, and 222 brothers have just gotten a six-day pass before hopping the banana boat for Timbucktu... in short, gentlemen, the student body of W&L has suffered a blizzard of ICCs; and on top of everything, those damn Wahoos have to throw a dance this weekend, too... We'll not even recognize the tin soldiers up the valley who are drawing so heavily on Seminary charm. Some guys got off lightly with one or two, but the thrice ICCed club is no exclusive organization either. We could probably start with the letter A and name poor unfortunates who have received the lurid letter and the touching telegram, but it would probably be shorter to name those who have dates. To them we give the DFC, Silver Star, the Congressional Medal, and six Sweet Pea clusters... Me, I'll take a Purple Heart, wounded in the battle of Seminary Hill...

Lexington Merry - Go - Round: From one aspect this will be a pretty dull dance... the Gift, Patty Gift won't be among those present... Curl did his best, but that was none too good... we don't know that Drake even tried... He aimed at Sem, maybe, but got the wrong trajectory and ended up over the mts. in Sweet Briar, which is probably better... he's just taking one more girl from those damnwahoos... Mayberry got on the band wagon, and then jumped off when it was still rolling... A certain Vice-President-elect of the Student Body does not want his name mentioned... Among those twosoming it on Easter morning were Blain and Mary Alice Lauck, and B was looking mighty Sonny, (joke)... We hear that Max Ailor has finally tied the knot. If you see this Max, all the best... And there aren't very many freshmen who get to wear those nice little hats all the year, are there MR. Frank???? ... If Becker had his way, Julian wouldn't even have a head to wear it on... If you look carefully this weekend, you might see Holt and "Pete" Zrike at the dances, in one of their few public appearances... together...

BLIND DATE—Some guys are smooth, and some guys know girls, and some guys get dates easily, and then there's Quayle... the "Dirt Slinger" has pulled a looloo for this set... he's got a date with a doll, he thinks... Safunny story... way back last fall, some little girl over at Randolph-Macon (or as Guthrie says, Randolph College for M... but let it go) dropped

some SAE who's now probably piloting a B25 a letter... BQ wasn't getting any mail those days, that was BG (Before Gilman) and so he latches on to this billet-doux and files it away... Come about two months later, he looked at this letter, from the outside, of course, and saw a return address... after getting Mayberry to read it to him, he wrote this little girl and said that her SAE wasn't about, and his name was Quayle, etc., etc... Real smooth you know... as those things will, that led to a snappy correspondence, Quayle said, as he wrote pages and pages... finally says he, I wonder what-inhell she looks like... Come the dance... ah ha! the perfect chance... and so, after Davidson opinioned as how he couldn't get him a date elsewhere, over went an invite... BQ looked daily toward Lynchburg with his tongue hanging out... even he might get a date... and then it came, "Arriving Friday"... phew, says he... still he doesn't know who he's dating... talk about your blind dates... he ain't even got an agent in Lynchburg to do some picking and choosing... but as he says, crossing all fingers, she's a doll... and as the SAE house says to him, oh yeah, we'll see... we'll see...

Alumni in Service

Naval Aviation Cadet Edwin F. Robb, Jr., '43, received his Navy Wings as a blimp pilot and a commission as an ensign in the Naval Reserve last week upon completion of flight training at the Lakehurst Naval lighter-than-air operating and training base. He will be assigned to duty with a blimp squadron as a pilot for anti-submarine patrol duty.

On Tuesday a week ago, Robb was married to a former Mary Baldwin girl at the First Presbyterian Church of Staunton. While at Washington and Lee Robb was business manager of the Calyx, co-coach and co-captain of the

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wrestling team, and is a member of Phi Kappa Psi and Omicron Delta Kappa.

First Lieutenant Henry Parr Baker, '42, Army Air Force, has been reported missing in action as of February 28 during action in the South Pacific theater. Lt. Baker was a pilot of a B24 bomber and a member of the famous Jolly Rogers Bombers Group that have been distinguishing themselves in the bomber raids in the New Guinea theater of war. He received his wings and commission last June at Foster Field, Texas, being the No. 1 ranking flying cadet in his graduating class. Lt. Baker, whose home is in Newberry, South Carolina, is a member of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity and Kappa Phi Kappa fraternity.

Private Cullen F. Wimmer, '44, U.S. Army, is now recovering in an Italian hospital from a severe head wound received in action on the Italian front early in the year. Wimmer, a native of Waverly, Virginia, has received the Purple Heart.

Lieutenant (j.g.) Robert Edward Holland, '36, Naval Air Corps, has been reported killed in a plane crash shortly after leaving Norfolk, Va. Lt. Holland entered the Navy in February, 1941, and received his wings in December of the same year. He was awarded the Navy Air Medal in October, 1942, for meritorious achievement during a raid from the USS Hornet against the Japanese near the Santa Cruz Islands. He also received a Presidential citation for participating in raids while on the USS Saratoga in the South Pacific. Lt. Holland, whose home is in Lexington, attended W&L for seven years in the academic and law schools, and was a member of Delta Upsilon.

Lt. Thomas Martin Ford, Jr., '43, of the Army Air Force, was

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killed in a plane crash in North Africa on March 12. No details of the crash were given in the government notice announcing the mishap. Lt. Ford entered service on July 22, 1942, leaving the W&L law school to do so. He attended navigation school at San Marcos, Texas, and had been in the North African theater of operations but two weeks. A member of Kappa Alpha during his undergraduate days, Lt. Ford's home was in Martinsville, Virginia.

Lieutenant Joseph M. Zamoiski, '45, AAF, has been transferred to a Bomb Crew Section at the Columbia Army Air Base, Columbia, South Carolina. Zamoiski was called from school in March, 1943, and received pre-flight training at Nashville, Tennessee, and basic training at the AAF PBilot School, Courtland, Alabama. He was a member of Pi Epsilon Phi and leader of the Southern Collegians and cheerleader while at W&L.

Walter Pope, Larry Mansfield, and Bert Myers, all of class '44, are attending the U.S. Naval Midshipman's School at Columbia University, New York. Pope and Mansfield were formerly at the Naval Training Unit in the University of North Carolina. Myers advanced from the pre-midshipman's school at Portsmouth, Va.

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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.

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Wednesday, April 26

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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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the campus. Members of the faculty and student body of W&L in the cast are: Professors Francis Drake, George Irwin, John A. Graham, Robert Goodell, Fitzgerald Flournoy, Lew Williams, Joseph P. Mingioli, Alex Walker, Bill Guthrie, Rex Criminale, and Tom Lee.

Costumes are being furnished by Van Horn of Philadelphia, and advertising posters were designed and executed by the members of Pierre Daura's art class.

Benes Address

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and French revolutions as the beginning of the "march of mankind" in the light of freedom. With these events, he said, the Czechs were resurrected.

In telling of the founding of the Czechoslovakian Republic at the end of the first World War, Senator Benes spoke of the work of the first president of the Republic, Thomas Masaryk. Comparing Woodrow Wilson and Masaryk, Benes commented that when a democratic leader is born, a nation is born. Czechoslovakia was built in the light of a Christian ideal. Free from the nobility, the Czechs were able to found a democratic government, an impossible step for the neighboring central European nations which are burdened with the stagnant nobility. Before the Munich betrayal, the Senator said, Czechoslovakia was the leading nation in Europe in the development of the democratic ideal.

The only basis for future peace in Europe, Senator Benes stressed,

is democracy and cooperation of all peoples and nations, a union of East and West. In this connection he spoke highly of the inclusion of Russia in the post-war world. Using the doctrine of Masaryk, he told how the world must build a bridge to Russia. Russia, according to Benes, is a nation of farmers who wanted to be free, but who are not yet educated to freedom. Czechoslovakia, he remarked, is not afraid of Russia and wishes to cooperate with her in the post-war world.

"I believe that I will go home to die," the aged Senator said as he closed his speech on a note of hope for the world and of a better future for the peoples of Czechoslovakia and Europe.

Tennis Courts Ready

Cy Twombly, University head of the Physical Education Department, announced this week that the University tennis courts are being put in shape and expressed a wish that all students signed for the tennis tourney play their matches as soon as possible.

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