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Honor Positions to Be Filled by Election

Debaters Reject 4-Way Alliance To Keep Peace

Dodson Upholds View That All Nations Must Cooperate Completely

At its last meeting on June 12, the Forensic Union decided against the establishment of an alliance between the four great powers to enforce world peace.

Gene Hinson spoke for the affirmative. He believed that the United States is better fitted than any other nation to take the lead in establishing a permanent world order. Already, American statesmen are working toward this goal. Hinson said the first problem was what to do with defeated nations. He warned against a military peace, and said we must carry a "Big Stick" to enforce peace. However, we must always be careful to use the stick with moderation and justice. Nations, he predicts, will continue to expand, whether for good or bad, but a world police force is essential to prevent aggressive expansion in the future.

The negative was upheld by Dodson, who maintained that an international police force would "only destroy what we are trying to achieve." Such a force would constitute a powerful state in itself. Instead, he advocated a league of sovereign nations based on an international law which would outlaw war. He questioned the advisability of any kind of alliance. An

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Three-Week Vacation

A three-week vacation will be given to the student body at the end of this quarter, according to the University calendar adopted by the Faculty at a meeting held June 12.

This was done by dropping the recesses which were to have been given between quarters in October and January. According to the new system an eleven-day holiday will be given for Christmas, whereas there was none provided for under the old system.

Washington and Lee changed from the semester plan to the term plan in February to synchronize the civilian program with the AST program, and to allow the faculty a vacation.

Assembly on Tuesday

Dr. Francis P. Gaines, president of Washington and Lee University, will speak at a University Assembly at 4 p.m., Tuesday, in Lee Chapel. All students are required to attend this assembly.

Dr. Gaines, as chairman of the Virginia War Finance Committee, is now touring the state, speaking in connection with the Fifth War Loan Bond Drive.

New Freshmen Enroll for Short Summer Term

To Take a Six-Week Intensified Course

Seven new Freshmen have enrolled for the special summer term which began on June 12. These men are residing at the Phi Kappa Psi House and are as follows: Robert G. Patterson, Williamson, West Virginia, attended the Mc Callie School where he was Editor of the school paper and an honor man; Matthew W. Paxton, Lexington, Virginia, a graduate of the Darlington School, Salutatorian, honor man, and Editor of the school paper; Ellison Gaulding, Jr., Richmond, Virginia, a member of the track team and debating society at Fork Union Military Academy;

John Augustus Lee, Live Oak, Florida, Valedictorian and honor man at Sawannee High School; Ben Newberger, St. Louis, Mo., a member of the varsity football team and business manager of the school paper and yearbook at St. Louis Country Day School; Charles Peter Beddow, Birmingham, Alabama, attended Phillips High School where he was captain of the golf team and a member of the literary society; Robert Clay Needham, Jackson, Kentucky, Editor of the Jackson High School yearbook, Business Manager of the paper, varsity basketball player, and winner of an honor award.

We Beg Your Pardon

The headline in the last issue of **The Columns** was not intended to give the idea that Dr. Flournoy was stating the official faculty stand on the fraternity question. The story goes on to point out that his statements were entirely his own and had no official connection whatever.



Lauck Awarded Friedman Medal By N. Y. School

Washington and Lee University has been notified that C. Harold Lauck, laboratory instructor in journalism and superintendent of the Journalism Laboratory Press, was elected to receive the Harry J. Friedman Memorial Gold Medal for outstanding contributions to graphic arts education.

The medal is awarded annually by The New York School of Printing, and presentation of it will be made at the school's graduation exercises in New York on June 22. Among others who have received it are Dr. Frederic W. Goudy, type designer, and Harry L. Gage, vice-president of the Mergenthaler Linotype Company.

Mr. Lauck has been active in graphic arts education since 1932 and was president of the National Graphic Arts Education Association in 1939-1940. He was a member of the annual printing conferences which founded the association in 1935 and is its first charter member. He is also on its board of directors.

Mr. Lauck, a native of Frederick County, Virginia, and a graduate of Roanoke College, came to Washington and Lee in 1932 and has supervised the printing of many keepsakes and collectors' items. He wrote and printed "A Short History of Printing."

Students to Vote on Proposed Amendment Wednesday Morning

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee a plan was proposed whereby appointments to fill vacant committee positions will be made by public election. In the past these vacancies were filled by approval of nominations, however, rising student opinion has necessitated this recent EC move. The student body will vote on the proposed amendment to the Constitution this Wednesday from nine o'clock to noon in Washington Hall. The complete text is as follows:

June 13, 1944

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Student Body of Washington and Lee University

Vacancies occurring in Student Body offices and positions of honor shall be filled by Student Body elections. In such cases, a notice calling for applications for candidates for such vacancies must be published at least ten days before election as provided for in Article S, Section 3(f).

(a) Representatives must be chosen according to provisions set forth by amendment to the Student Body Constitution of Washington and Lee University, passed on August 12, 1943, states that the Executive Committee shall be composed as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, one member from the Senior Class, one member from the Junior Class, one member from the Sophomore Class, one member from the Freshman Class, and one member from the Student Body at large, who has completed at least two quarters at the University.)

b) This amendment shall apply and have effect for the duration of the war.

EC Appoints Zrike

In a special meeting last week of the Executive Committee, Robert L. Zrike was appointed to fill the vacancy of Charles Hedges.

The new committeeman entered Washington and Lee last September with the class of 1947. He prepared for the University at the Vermont Academy, Saxtons River, Vermont. He was captain of that school's varsity baseball team and also participated on the football and basketball squads. As captain of the rifle team he was winner of the Connecticut Gallery Championship in 1941.

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Friday, June 16, 1944

Principle or Ambition?

We have witnessed this past week one of the greatest fiascos in the history of the University. We have seen before us a group of childishly confused men; we have struggled in the coils of would-be politicians and so-called crusaders; we have perceived the lowest extents of mass hysteria. And we have seen how few, how disappointingly few, of us can stand by principle rather than ambition; by what is good for the whole rather than what is good for the one.

There are factions among us. There are those who are ambitious—these are to be feared; there are those who are weak—these are to be pitied; there are those who are undecided—these are to be watched; and there are those who are leaders of the right—these are to be praised.

It is irrefutable that strength is gained through unanimity, but it is equally irrefutable that unanimity can not be gained by prejudice and ambition. We are a small group; we have all inherited the same ideals, the same natural desires, but we have not all inherited the same principles.

We are not suggesting nor do we strive toward a Utopia; we are only advocating the triumph of right. Which is to gain the ascendancy, principle or ambition? That is for the future to decide.

Keep Off the Grass

Several hundred dollars have been expended by the University to landscape and sod the front campus. The full results of this work will not be realized if students and members of the Special Service School persist in walking across the front campus grass.

Those "Keep Off the Grass" signs were not meant to go unheeded. They were meant to keep you from stepping on one of Washington and Lee's most sacred institutions—its renowned beautiful campus. Freshmen live up to their rule of not walking on the grass, but upperclassmen and others seem to have forgotten.

There are ample walks ideally located to lead you to your destination. A few minutes gained might mean a few acres lost forever. Just remember that next time you start to cut across the lawn.

Show Team Time

by David Guthrie

The State comes up Sun-Tues with Errol Flynn, Paul Lukas, and Jean Sullivan in a story of the French underground, **Uncertain Glory**—quote, "packed with thrilling action," unquote—but, no kidding, this story is good stuff; make it a date at the State, Gate.

Wednesday only is booked for a bizarre (have to look that one up, Brotherton, or are you reading this?) little plot in **It Happened Tomorrow** with Dick Powell, Jack Oakie, and Linda Darnell. Powell wakes up one morning to find that he can predict headlines the day before the papers are printed, even foresees his own death. Won't say any more, leaving it to your imagination what a guy like that does, or better still to your bill-fold (?) so expend a few shekels to see for yourself; it'll do you good, won't do Warner Bros. any harm either. Special to 'Swindle Incorporated': on the same bill, **Crime Doesn't Pay**.

TFS always brings the show of the week, and this week is no exception. Mickey Rooney and the Hardy family again, all involved this time in **Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble**. Andy's in a sympathetic spot, 'case he's a freshman in a college, only this college has coeds and that's where blonde trouble develops in the form of Bonita Granville. Herbert Marshall, as Dean, serves to ameliorate the baleful circumstances by his prudent counsel (gosh, did I write that?). The rest of the Hardy crew is present.

Around at the Lyric, Arthur Lake returns this week in **Sailor's Holiday**; **Tiger Woman** is still clawing her way through in Episode 5. Another couple of mid-week re-runs; Claudette Colbert and Paulette Goddard in **So Proudly We Hail** Wednesday—Red Skelton in **Whistling in Brooklyn** on Thursday. **Gaucho Serenade** and **The Great Alaskan Mystery** are Fri-Sat's contribution to horse opy.

A Mink's-Eye

★ View ★

Yes, darnit, George, I came back again. Just some leftovers that we didn't have room for in the garbage truck last week.

Don't know how many of you have visited drugstores near the third ward, fifth precinct, around election time. If you've been up at Cholly Higgin's Annex during the last week ya haven't missed much. This hi skule politicking is just too much for me to stomach, so I meandered down to that

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THE PITCHER'S BOX

by Ned Brooks

Although it may be a little early in the season to start picking Major League All-Star Teams, I shall, nevertheless, endeavor to give my predicted array of stars who will perform in the July classic.

This week I shall pick the National League starting team as I see it now.

FIRST BASE—As we try to pick a man justified in starting at the initial sack, we must closely survey his season record so far in regard to hitting, fielding, and all-around playing ability. Three men shape up as possible choices for this coveted position. They are Howie Shultz of the Dodgers, Frank McCormick of the Reds, and Ray Sanders of the Cards. I am inclined, however, to pick the lanky, beanpole Sanders as my starting choice because of his ability in poling long balls, and because of his good fielding average with the Redbirds.

SECOND BASE—The keystone sack presents numerous problems, because if you'll scan the eight Senior Circuit clubs you will find no veteran playing second, so the choice must be a rookie. Two such novice second sackers loom as possible starting whackers, Woody Williams of Cincy and Don Johnson of the Cubs. Both these rookies are about equal in playing ability and hitting, but for experience sake I give the nod to Williams.

SHORTSTOP—Coming down to the "middle" position we can see two possibilities, Martin "Slats" Marion of St. Louis, and Eddie Miller of the Reds (what again!). Both boys have had All-Star experience, and both are able at handling a starting berth on an All-Star team. The choice is a hard one, but I will put Marion on short because of his ability to hit harder than the weaker Miller. Hustling Eddie is a superb fielder, but he lacks the punch at the plate that the tall Marion possesses. If the position were to be given solely on the basis of fielding I would certainly say Miller, but since the job must be filled by a hitter as well as a fielding fool I say it's all "Slats."

THIRD BASE—The hot corner is the one position that is not too hard to choose, for George "Whitey" Kurowski stands head and shoulders above any competitors. The slugging, good fielding Kurowski has all the experience needed, what with All-Star and Series backgrounds. He can hit hard, and he is a sure fielder. No worries are needed when you've got "Whitey" on third.

CATCHER—Walker Cooper is the logical choice for this job, so Cooper gets it. Last year the mighty Cooper started the All-Star game, and did a good job. His only rival for the spot is Mickey Owen of the Dodgers, and the Mick will undoubtedly be installed on the squad.

OUTFIELD—Three men stand above the rest of the pack when it comes to picking a starting outer garden defense. In the left field I put Stan Musial of the Cards. Need we mention Musial's record. In center field Dixie Walker. The mighty Walker is hitting at a phenomenal rate so far this season, and certainly belongs on any 1944 All-Star team, and in right field the powerful Mel Ott should stand. Otty is once again proving his worth as a home run hitter by leading both leagues at the present time with 14 circuit clouts. I don't think there can be much argument in the outfield unless Bill Nicholson sneaks into right.

PITCHERS—As starting pitchers we pick Max Lanier of St. Louis, Rip Sewell of the Pirates and Bucky Walters of Cincy. That trio has done a superb job this year and most definitely deserve positions as starting hurlers on the team. As back-ups I would put Clyde Shoun of the Reds and Jim Tobin of the Braves. **THERE IT IS!** Do YOU agree?

Men About Town . . .

News Item: Governor Darden will speak Wednesday to the students of Washington and Lee University, and he will review the cadets of the school.

—Richmond Times Dispatch

The hell you say.

With the political mud flying across the campus in enormous quantities, the Annex seemed to be housing a meeting of the student body last Friday. The boys were lined up behind their brews slinging logic, insults, sarcasm, and beer foam at each other. Before the night was over roommates were calling each other you know whats, and friendships were at the breaking point. Zrike's comment on the situation was: "Have I got B.O. or something?"

There was little change in the beer situation at press time. The Annex had run out of draft, but the boys merely wandered up one street and sipped it out of bottles. Rumor has it that the Annex will soon install a cover charge. It seems that the beautiful red leather upholstery and the gold-plated bar have raised the overhead somewhat. Several students with weak stomachs have started a movement to collect enough money to buy Uncle Charley a glass sterilizer.

Society note: Aunt Lou, everybody's guardian and the students' best friend, has returned from her brief vacation in New York and has resumed her business as usual.

Carpenter and Wright are continuing their battle of psychological knowledge. Neither of them seems to know what he's talking about, but the good Doctor Flick should feel quite flattered when he looks about the room and sees

them diligently taking notes. It seems that whenever the sole remaining brain of the psychology faculty uses a word that the contestants believe the other one cannot define they take it down and use it in the next argument. Who can argue when he doesn't know what his opponent is saying?

A certain campus financial genius has now gained complete control of Swindle Incorporated, and he has started a merciless campaign to corner campus capital. The local merchants have called out the militia, and a frantic plea has been sent to the White House for federal aid. The local labor leaders were in a panic, but Johnny Lewis calmed them by assuring them that he will be down to look out for their interests as soon as he can get his eyebrows trimmed. The cause of the excitement has only appeared in public twice in the past week. Once he was seen selling the bridge on Nelson Street to Dean Latture, explaining that it was the best method of keeping the boys in the Lambda Chi house at home at night. His other appearance was at the local telegraph office where he was caught red-handed sending a tel-

egram to Doctor Gaines. He was forced to confess the reason for the message, and he told reporters that, "People have talked a lot about the fact that Frank has been away a lot lately. I might as well tell you why he's not around. You see, I've assigned him to the Lydia Pinkham's Vegetable Compound route in Mississippi, Alabama, and Arkansas. He shows promise, and he might make a half-way decent salesman some day."

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Forensic Union

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alliance would destroy the balance of power among nations. It would consist of only four states, excluding all other peace-loving nations. The League of Nations would be superseded by force. A free world could not exist under such conditions.

All nations, Dodson thinks, must equally share in the preservation of peace, and no one nation must be in a position to control the world. A certain amount of control of nations is essential, but they must preserve their individual independence. A round table discussion followed.

John Clarke pointed out that no international law had yet prevented aggression, and he also stood for an international police force to enforce international law. Bob Jones suggested that the executive heads of governments should delegate to the four great powers those powers which would be necessary for raising a world police force. Bill Patterson stated that necessity controls nations, and that consequently Russia would work for peace because she would be economically exhausted. He discussed the Four-Year Plan of Stalin, and said that Russia needs peace to recover from the effects of war. Patterson also predicted that Russia would be the only country to hold Germany down

after the war, because Britain was apparently abandoning the balance of power policy.

John Clarke then defended the Russian economic system saying that if Russian peasants were dissatisfied with the Stalin regime, they would have revolted during the invasion of 1941.

A Mink's-Eye View

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meeting place of humanity, Mc Crum's, where the Imperial Embassy of Japan holds forth every nite about nine. Sitting there and learning much about Amelikens were Honable Ambassador J. Hollyama-chief envoy; Baron Lewisuko-right assistant and strong arm man; Baron Mingolyama-left assistant and research sadist at Tojo Memorial Hospital; and Wilhelm von Krafstedt-representative from Berlin. As I sat in the other corner of the Crumatorium I noticed their various and sundry agents report.

Hollyama declares, "The invasion is purely English propaganda—the French coast is impregnable. The

Allies have not landed on the continent." At this point Von Krafstedt ordered another cupa cawfee.

Any of you men who enjoy beautiful bodies may drop around to Deaver's Backyard Gym any afternoon and gape with the rest of the officers' wives at the weight lifting jockey. He is one Latissimus Pectoral Sperow who strips to the (darn that editor) and—well, need I say more.

To the new freshman: A Rockbridgian "Hiyou!" (which you will get to recognize), a really handy greeting from a fellow Mink (you will get to know how that word was derived, too) who also bears along with a sadly war-torn Washington and Lee. We trust you have all those qualifications which mean a true Mink.

That's about it, George, except for a little chorus of

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