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Dr. F. P. Gaines To Address IRC On November 15

President J. C. Crowder Expects a Large Turnout

Dr. Francis Pendleton Gaines, President of the University, will address the International Relations Club on Wednesday, November 15. The meeting is to be held in the lounge of the Phi Kappa Psi house at 7:15 p.m. All members of the student body are invited to attend this meeting which, according to the chairman, will undoubtedly be one of the most outstanding of the year.

The IRC has at present approximately fifteen regular members, Jack Crowder, president, has announced. Professor John Higgins Williams delivered a talk on India at the last meeting, which was held several weeks ago. The club hopes to be able to obtain speakers all through the year whose addresses will be both educational and interesting to its members.

Executive Committee Will Sponsor Charity Drive

Washington and Lee will contribute its share in the national charity drive during the second week of the next quarter—November 20-25. Each students' contribution of \$3.50 will be divided on a percentage basis by the Executive Committee for such worthy charities as the Red Cross, Community Chest, Russian Relief, and others. By giving this one sum, the student will be able to make all his contributions at once and will avoid having to give separate sums to independent charities.

President Gaines to Speak Before Kentucky Society

Dr. F. P. Gaines, president of Washington and Lee University, has been on several speaking trips during the past week. On the twenty-eighth of October, he spoke at the 75th anniversary of the Pennsylvania College for Women, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. On the second of November, he went to Richmond, Virginia, to meet with the War Finance Committee there.

He is scheduled to speak to the Eastern Kentucky Teacher's Association, in Ashland, Kentucky, on the tenth of November.

An Ode to Washington and Lee

Moonlight casts strange shadows over these
Familiar grounds, and wiry trees describe
Gaunt patterns on the rolling lands of old
Virginia. Columns white in daylight gleam
Brightly in the dark, and silence deep
As death enfolds the university.
Here, where college boys once clustered round
In jolly groups and sang, worked, lived, there is
No sound of such activity. Instead,
There is the tramp of many feet—of heavy
Shoes—and cadence shouted in the bleakest
Part of morning. No college this—though school
It is—a school for men who go to war.
Platoons that march along these gravel paths
Are olive drab—the bright ribbons that flash,
The limping soldier here and there stand out
As symbols of men who have seen war,
And have returned again—a short respite,
And then, the battlefield will claim its own.

These are the men who cheer long gray tense days
Between battle and battle, in a thousand different ways.

Cpl. Marian Connelly
WAC Detachment, SPS, Lexington, Va.

Hallowe'en Was Gala Occasion With Mummy, Fire and Riot

As the flames from the O. D. Compton trucking depot rose skyward, Washington and Lee students thought they had seen the last of one of the most active Hallowe'en nights in years. Soon afterwards a mob of unknown identity stoned the Lambda Chi house. Immediately cries of help were issued from the barricaded students to all the far flung dormitories, apartments, and beer parlors, bringing about half of the student body to break the siege around the house. Registrar Lature has been informed of the damage which consisted of a few broken windows.

The evening began when out of the Chemistry building limped the year's greatest makeup job. It was a page out of "The Mummy's Curse," in the person of Funkhouser who has wanted to play this terrifying role all his life. This weird apparition soon made its way across the campus, scaring numerous pseudo ghostlings half way back to their civilian status, and then "it" groped its way toward the outskirts of town. Dr. Ming, creator of the horror, followed close upon the mummy's heels, making sure that Funkhouser would not play his part too seriously. Plenty of Tana leaves were on hand to quench Jawn's thirst and make him immortal.

With chains dragging behind him, and his guardians nearby, the mummy eluded the watchful

eyes of Chief King who was looking for another promotion, and headed towards the Lambda Chi, Phi Psi, and SAE houses. There, too, he made a hit. All enthusiastically proclaimed the skill of the mad doctor. Others then carried the exhausted Funkhouser back to his tomb in the Chemistry building, there to shed his wrappings, death mask, and join his ancestors, but the night was still young!

A few explosions were heard, debris filled the cool evening air for an instant, and then the fire bell rang. Some minutes after the alarm had sounded the firemen broke in on the scene. The depot was blazing merrily away while gathering crowds wished they had brought some marshmallows along. Soon two hoses went into action with three helmeted volunteers running here and there and they were accomplishing little when a few of the University's "muscle men" dashed into action and hoisted the hoses nearer the burning building. A few minutes before they had been staving off an attack at the Lambda Chi house. Dr. Ming rode over from the Lab on a broom stick and was soon directing operations with his powerful flashlight.

The Army also put their shoulders to the wheel in the person of one Captain who takes Political

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Reorganization Plan Adopted by Forensic Union

Criminale and Other Old Officers Elected

Three of five executive officers were reelected to serve during the coming months at the last Monday evening meeting of the Forensic Union. In addition, a plan of reorganization, calling for drastic changes in the FU's mode of operation, was adopted with slight modification.

Rex Criminale, Jack Crowder, and Dave Guthrie succeeded themselves as Speaker, Vice-Speaker, and Secretary respectively. Ryland Dodson was elected Treasurer by an overwhelming vote, while Matt Paxton defeated Bob Jones for the office of Sergeant-at-Arms by a close margin.

Speaking as chairman of the committee that had prepared the report on reorganization, T. M. Wright called for resumption of the serious study of parliamentary methods in the Forensic Union. "The Union," said Wright, "is forgetting its true purpose. During this quarter it has come to be a very near imitation of a vaudeville stage at times. The Forensic Union must not continue in that way."

Among the more important alterations proposed by Wright were the devotion of the first part of next quarter to instruction in the fundamentals of debating by various members of the faculty or students, and extensive practice of the points of instruction by the members.

The committee report also favored limiting the period of admittance to membership to only during the first three meetings of each quarter and reducing the number of cuts allowed members from three to two. Revival of the Washington and the Graham Lee Literary Societies, together with the issuance of Forensic Union keys, was recommended by Wright.

With an amendment creating the positions of Majority Leader and Leader of the Opposition in order to fix the responsibility for the organization of the various debates, and another restoring the office of Publicity Director to an independent post, which the report had transferred to the Secretary, the report was adopted and immediate action was promised by Speaker Criminale.

Wartime successor to The Ring-tum Phi

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Edifices of Progress

Whenever students gather to converse, the topic of post-war building at the University frequently arises. Perhaps it is because of their deep sense of pride in Washington and Lee, or then again perhaps it is a necessity. A University committee might very well be working along these lines at the present time, but here are some of the suggestions from a student body which is seeking to expand the University facilities.

(1) There is a definite need for a Biology and Geology building situated near the present Chemistry edifice already overcrowded by the physical equipment of the former two departments.

(2) The Lee Memorial Chapel has always been crowded to capacity, perhaps not now, but surely in peacetime. Therefore, an auditorium which will have facilities for Glee Club studios, radio workshop, and Troubadour productions is suggested.

(3) A Journalism building is a "must" on the campus. We do not say this because we are prejudiced, but we feel that it is only fitting as a tribute to Robert E. Lee, who first started the now famous University School of Journalism, that we have a modern, progressive building to match a modern, progressive school. Such a plan might call for the printing shop with its presses, linotype and other necessary implements in the basement in improved quarters to eliminate the present cramped conditions, an expansive journalism library and reading rooms on the main floor, class rooms and lecture chambers on the second floor, and all student publication offices on the top floor.

(4) A remodeled Gymnasium and Field House would fit the athletic arrangements, along with two more athletic fields. A more definite arrangement should be worked out with the Lexington Golf Club whereby the club house would be altered and other facilities improved.

(5) While we're on the subject we might as well go "whole hog." We'd like to see an amphitheater built on the embankment of the creek on the north-east side of the footbridge. This would be very suitable for vesper services, glee club concerts, commencements, etc. The grounds around it could be landscaped—providing a beautiful knoll—a great contribution to the campus.

Some of these suggestions may sound fantastic and out of the question to some members of the faculty committee. We need but point to articles which appear almost every day in our daily newspapers. We read of colleges of all sizes already making plans for widespread building improvements to be started the moment that the war is ended and construction restrictions lifted. We cannot overlook these omens of progress.

If it is at all possible for the University to act along the lines we have suggested, we heartily recommend that they do so, and issue forth some sort of statement notifying the student body and the huge alumni group of its intentions. All will be received with the greatest enthusiasm and will bolster the hopes of those who are so genuinely interested in the progress of Washington and Lee. These are the needs—can they be fulfilled?

Show Team Time

By "Bama" and Dave Guthrie

The STATE gets off to a fast start this week with **Sensations of 1945** on Sunday and Monday. The producers have included a list of great names including Dennis O'Keefe; Eleanor Powell; Sophie Tucker; W. C. Fields; Woody Herman; Cab Calloway; Eugene Palette; and many others. They all work together at top speed with the result that tedium gets no chance to set in. **SEE IT.**

Tuesday and Wednesday—Jon Hall and Evelyn Ankers in **Invisible Man's Revenge**. Something new in the way of mysteries and murder. If you don't have an exam on one of the days, **SEE IT**, but don't waste needed time for it.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday brings the hero of **Miracle of Morgan's Creek**—Eddie Bracken and Ella Raines in **Hail the Conquering Hero**. Another Preston Sturges "great." Sturges gets into the story through a barroom scene that is strong in humorous content yet spiked with realism. From here, Sturges introduces one sharply drawn character after another with telling results. **DON'T MISS!**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WEEK: Opening on December 10, **Since You Went Away**. A great picture. Make plans to see it!

Another week at the Lyric with more return pics. The only new one for the week of any importance is **Block Busters** on Monday and Tuesday with Leo Gorcey and his East Side Kids. The story of a suave French refugee who tries to get in with the gang provides plenty of laughs. **TRY IT.**

The No. 1 Pin-Up Girl of the country—Betty Grable returns on Wednesday in **Pin Up Girl**, with Joe E. Brown and Charlie Spivak. Grable turns on the heat in another 20th Century extravaganza in Technicolor. Included in the story are songs by Mack Gordon and James Monaco such as "You're My Little Pin Up Girl"; "Once Too Often"; and "Don't Carry Tales out of School." A pic to take your mind off your troubles. **SEE IT.**

Thursday—Gary Cooper and Laraine Day in **The Story of Dr. Wassell**. One of the great pictures of the year. This story of a Navy doctor and his struggles to get his men to safety is one of the few pictures that brings the war home inauthenticity. If you haven't seen it, **DON'T MISS!**

Friday and Saturday brings back the second Gene A.—Roy Rogers in **Cowboy and the Senorita**. Also, **Haunted Harbor** again tries to make amends for the feature, but **DON'T** waste valuable time here. **Try the Annex.**

Men About Town . . .

Will Holley never give up in his attempt to prove that we're all liable to be scalped in our sleep one of these nights by one Geology Instructor? Carlos seemed to be making headway with Sem, but of late is now a Greenbriar fan, dragging Newburger and Kaplan over with him last weekend to enjoy the sights. They report that Greenbriar Military Institute provided some sort of competition, but all Latimer had to do was flash his nail file and the keydets ran for home. Seems like Bob McNeil had better tuck his Phi Psi boys in bed from now on—they've been seeing too many mummies, fires, and riots—and Bernard has been having nightmares.

That mummy which created such a riot in town and the outskirts was none other than old Town-houser, taking a moment off from his paramecium to delve into the mysteries of Egypt. He's been picking the wax out of his hair and ears ever since that ill-fated Hallowe'en. This columnist would like to know more about Ruthie and Mildred—"Mouse" and Kelly have been doing well along these lines. Bauer has been learning to drive both cars and airplanes at the expense of women plus other mere incidentals. Doswell keeps on complaining that he hasn't been mentioned in this column, so here's a plug for Dos. He's been keeping the dining hall at Phi Psi in an uproar with informal song fests. Hope this will satisfy the Glee Club's leading soprano.

All Dewey supporters are asked to get in touch with Pinnell and Guy Yaste—meeting to be held in secret at appointed times. Talking about Yaste—here's a salutation to this year's best host along conveyance lines. He showed his passengers a good old time over to Macon—all on the house—until the boys decided that after all gas did cost something and they all contributed some change to old Yaste who at first didn't want to accept it—**PARSONS TAKE NOTICE!** They tell us that Bob Jones is getting to be the smooth man in these parts—have you seen his dapper blue pin stripe suit lately—anyway he keeps the wires between here and Sem busy to the satisfaction of the Telephone Company.

What's happened to our Circulation Manager and "Corny"—she of the red hair. Looks like it's Hollins for Woodruff from now on in. Oder was seen sporting the first Dewey campaign button seen on the campus—they say he has an armed bodyguard trailing him to make sure he doesn't meet Tulsa McNeill.

Happy Holladay is convalescing at the Phi Psi house and is wrapped in some sort of collar. Sammons is thinking of putting bars in front of Holladay's room and then passing off the unfortunate individual as a captured Ubangi with rings around his neck.

BEST CRACK OF THE WEEK: Doc Flick tells us this one which happened at the VMI-Virginia slaughter last Saturday. One of the polluted Wahos got to his feet in a group of VMI supporters and shouted, "Say, where are your good football players?" The answer quickly came back to the miserable one, "They're overseas fighting the Japs and Germans!" To which the poor lamented Wahoo slowly sank back to his seat, consoling his hurt feelings with some I. W. Harper.

The boys hit Lynchburg last Saturday after a long time of no see. Mosbacher got his signals crossed, his Hollins-date failing to meet him in the Hill City, so he just upped and went to New York for some 24 hours. All Minks report that Lynchburg was filthy with Wahos. Is it any wonder that Randolph-Macon has never extended a formal invitation to the Charlottesville crowd? Taylor had a fair time at Macon's dance, dating one of his Jacksonville flames, and then returning to Lex to play bridge until 5 in the morning. Beddow, Clarke, Zrike, and Marsh all went along to join in the

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Sport Sidelines

By Warren G. Merrin

The Phi Psi monopoly on intramural sports has apparently been broken, as the Lambda Chi outfit grabbed an early lead in the volley ball tournament by defeating the SAE's, who in turn put the Phi Psi's in the position of the underdog for the first time this year.

Usually the habitual losers, Captain McNeil's squad substituted freely in the contest that established them as the definite favorites. Arthur Joseph looked good while playing on the front line, and the altitude of Roscoe Stevenson was an additional aid.

The SAE team has recruited Bill Davidson, the PiKA flash, to bolster their attack which already features such outstanding performers as Eacho and Lee.

Numerous members of the Phi Psi aggregation made themselves conspicuous by their absence when

their team dropped its opener to the SAE's. However, Needham, Bernard, Williams, Wilcox, Pinnell, and English carried on as well as possible without the additional support of their teammates.

The standings now read:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Lambda Chi	1	0	1.000
SAE	1	1	.500
Phi Psi	0	1	.000

In the last of their semi-weekly workouts before exams the basketball squad went through a strenuous workout Thursday night, closing with a 30-minute scrimmage. The slow, steady improvement continued, and the drill was featured by the brilliant play of Billy Doswell who has advanced by leaps and bounds since practice started.

Perhaps the most important feature of these early workouts has been the tremendous increase in spirit both on the court and in the locker room. The proper attitude has long been considered one

of the more necessary factors of a successful intercollegiate squad, and there has been a detestable lack of spirit at the University during the war years.

Meeting at Lexington today on the gridiron will be two of the South's weaker teams, VMI and North Carolina State. There is little doubt as to the outcome of

the encounter, and it will probably be rather colorless, featured by ragged play, but it represents the one thing that is missing from our college life: football. The old itch remains imbedded deep within most of our students, and they will be unable to resist being in the stands when the leather of
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festivities. A dollar to that clever Mink who left the seat up in the powder room at Macon's New Hall!

They tell us that the Lexington Fire Department has praised the

fine showing of the Washington and Lee volunteer unit in helping to put out the marshmallow roast on Hallowe'en night. Shucks, 'twas nothing. Wright, Mosbacher, and others responded to the need for help. All we ask now is that next time there's a little blaze the good people of Lexington come out in force with doughnuts and coffee for our heroic firefighters. Mingioli aided the crew with his trusty 6-battery flash. When asked in Psychology class why he always carries the light with him, the good doctor replied, "To see in the dark, of course!"

After long observation, it has been ascertained that Friday is the day Betty Co-op wears that print dress with all the oomph. Merrin and Carpenter will give further details.

Some of the lovers of horse flesh attended the "Society" Horse Show at the Fair Grounds last Saturday. Among the many notables in the boxes were Donald S. and James H. and their respective entries from the Sem. Worms was there filming the affair for the Shenandoah Newsreel Company.

SIGHT OF THE WEEK: Junior peeping over the window sill of the Lambda Chi house as an unknown mob stormed its sacred walls. The pride of the Lambda Chi aggregation urged his constituents on by shouting, "Here they come again—hundreds of them—all over the place!" One would think that Patton was trying out a new invasion plan at the expense of the University. The "hundreds" were soon put in flight.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What did our Porto Rican friend think of Carmen Miranda in her current role?

Hallowe'en

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Science and Psychology with us. A lot of good those courses did that night! The biggest crowd in years gathered to watch the main feature. Due to a misunderstanding the Washington and Lee volunteer hose unit received a thorough drenching from one of the other squads. They emerged soaking wet! In about an hour the last flame was out—half the town reservoir was gone—and so was the crowd. Funny what some people will do for a light!

What with Tana leaves, riots, and fire, all had a gala evening in old Lexington which managed to survive through its most exciting Hallowe'en in many a full moon. Wright never did finish his feline autopsy at the Lab!

Sports Sidelines

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the shoe meets the leather of the ball at the opening kickoff. They will be surprised to find themselves cheering with the rest of the mob as the Cadets are making another unsuccessful try.

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