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Dance Will Not Be Held Before Christmas

Col. Arthur Bondurant, '28, Makes 45,000-Mile Trip

A Washington and Lee alumnus has recently flown 45,000 miles around the world to speak with renowned Allied commanders, according to an army release obtained through the Alumni office.

Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Bondurant, class of 1928, conferred with such Allied leaders as Mountbatten, Chennault, Kenny, and MacArthur while he was on his globe-encircling trip. The nature of his discussions with these men is naturally a military secret, but since he is the Chief of Overseas Air Technical Services Command's depots it may mean that the air war against Japan will be stepped up soon.

White House Spurns 'Senator'

"Boss" Brotherton, Democratic leader of the Phi Kappa Psi house and aspirant to the presidency in 1972, wished to spend the weekend at the White House in order to receive some first-hand information on the art of winning an election from Roosevelt, who has demonstrated his knowledge and agility in the art by winning the presidential race. The "Boss" wrote to the White House requesting that he, and two of his lieutenants, Ben Newburger and Bob Patterson, be permitted to stay at the famous home of the presidents in Washington. Their request was politely, but firmly, refused by William D. Hassett, Secretary to the President.

They received the following letter written on White House stationery:

White House
Washington
November 7, 1944

My dear Mr. Brotherton:

This will acknowledge the receipt of the letter of recent date from yourself and two of your fellow students. I regret that it is not possible to send you a more favorable reply, but facilities at the White House do not permit compliance with requests of this kind. I know that you will understand.

Very sincerely yours,
(Signed) William D. Hassett
Secretary to the President
Brotherton and party had to

Glee Club Will Sing at Service; Public Invited

Dr. Gaines Will Speak At Candlelight Program

The annual Christmas Service, featuring the Glee Club, will be held on December 20 this year, with Dr. Francis P. Gaines as the speaker. The songs for the program were chosen at the last meeting of the Glee Club. This service is being put on by Washington and Lee students for the general public on the last night before the holidays.

The Glee Club is to sing two special numbers—"Pat-a-Pan," a Burgundian air arranged by Katherine K. Davis, and "Adoramus Te," by Giovanni da Palestrina. The hymns chosen were: "Silent Night," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Adeste Fidelis," and "Good Christian Men."

The Christian Council is in charge of arranging the program.

Dean F. J. Gilliam Attends Meetings in New York

Dean Frank J. Gilliam is attending the National Interfraternity Conference in New York this weekend, and he will also attend a special meeting of the National Association of Deans of Men. These meetings are to be devoted to the question of the reestablishment of fraternities on the campus after the war.

Mr. Gilliam said the faculty has plans to return fraternities to the same general plan that was followed here before the war, but since the end of the war is yet to come and there are so many uncertainties ahead that it is impossible to make any definite plans. He said his main interest in attending this meeting was to see how other colleges were going to handle this problem.

In former times, the fraternities formed the main centers of campus social life.

stay at the Willard Hotel, where he plans to stay during the time he expects to spend in Washington prior to his election to the presidency, as Senator from West Virginia.

Dean's List

November 10, 1944

Beddow, C. P. (Freshman)
Breedin, B. B.
Carpenter, J. P.
Criminale, L. R. (Honor Roll)
(All A's)
Crowder, J. A. (Honor Roll)
Dennis, M. H.
Dodson, T. R.
Funkhouser, J. W. (Honor Roll)
Guthrie, D. V. (Honor Roll)
(All A's)
Holley, John (Honor Roll)
Lee, J. A. (Freshman)
Lee, T. C.
Patterson, R. C. (Freshman)
Paxton, M. W. (Honor Roll)
(Freshman)
Pinnell, C. W.
Tolley, C. D.
Williams, P. M. (Honor Roll)
(Freshman)
Woodruff, A. H.

FU Keeps Up Reform Effort

Speaking Instruction Continues To Be Active

Ratifying the first amendments to its constitution in history, the Forensic Union on Monday evening retained the pace of its reform movement, which is now one month old. With one of the additions creating the posts of Majority Leader and Leader of the Opposition, Bernard Kaplan of the Whigs and Tory Tom Wright were elected to the respective positions.

The vote of the Forensic Union members on the amendments, which, in addition to the above mentioned, give the Speaker greater control over the disposition of visitors, and bring into being a permanent committee on debate topics, was almost unanimous. In pursuance of the mandate of the second amendment, Speaker Rex Criminale appointed the designated committee, naming Jack Crowder as chairman.

For the latter part of the meeting, the Union members listened to a continuance of the series of lectures on the oratorical art, which had been begun at the previous meeting. Talks on speech interest, types of evidence, and the structure of a speech were given by Matt Paxton, Bernard

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Decision Announced Due to Unavailability of Gym and Orchestra

A Christmas dance was found to be impractical by the Executive Committee at their regular meeting last Tuesday. The only night the gym would be available was December 16, four days before the holidays, but no orchestra could be obtained for that night.

Only twenty-four votes were cast in the poll of student body opinion, but they showed that a formal dance was desired by the few students who voted.

February 3 was suggested as a possible date for a dance to be held after Christmas.

EC Will Appoint Junior Committeeman This Week

The position of Junior Executive Committeeman, formerly held by Bill Berry, will be filled by appointment on Tuesday night, according to an Executive Committee announcement.

Berry left school at the end of last quarter in order to go into the Army. He had served on the Committee since June, when he was appointed as Junior Committeeman. When the term he had been appointed to fill expired in July, he was elected to continue for another term.

Students who entered in June and September of 1943 are eligible for this position. This will be the first chance the September class has been permitted to run as Juniors since the three semesters required to be eligible for a Junior position were not completed until this quarter.

Two Alumni Now Enrolled In Army School at W&L

Two alumni, Major Addison Whitt and Capt. Seth Baker, are stationed at Washington and Lee University in the School for Personnel Services, according to Cy Young, Alumni Secretary.

Major Whitt, of Winchester, Kentucky, is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and was graduated with a B.S. degree in Commerce in 1931. He has been in the army for four years and came directly to Lexington from Iran.

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Wartime successor to The Ring-tum Phi

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Saturday, November 25, 1944

Less Talk: More Action

How long are we going to sit around on our respective gluteus maximi, pampering ourselves, feeling sorry for ourselves, and bemoaning the fact that these aren't the "good old days"?

It's about time that we awakened to the fact that conditions have changed here on the campus and that our thinking **must** change with the times. If we could be content to let the situation rest with occasional remarks directed at other institutions in the neighborhood to relieve repressed feelings, there would be no kicks coming, but we have talked ourselves into believing that everything is wrong, with the catapulting result that everything is wrong.

We talk about lack of school spirit but do we turn out for intramural football games, or for the basketball team? There are plenty of remarks about the superficiality of **The Columns**, but is there anything going on around here to report? Are there any constructive criticisms given? No.

Are we going to derive more pleasure from going to the shows and having dates than coming out for the basketball team? Are we going to be content to assume the "comfortable cabbage" attitude and consider it "too much trouble" to tear out a ballot and give our viewpoints on what we want for a forthcoming dance? If so, it isn't worth the effort on the part of Cy Young to try to produce a team, or on the part of the staff to put out **The Columns**. Why should some few individuals do the work which could benefit all, if all they're going to get in return is a deluge of lazy, cynical, backwash remarks?

If the complaints are in earnest, then let's get out and work at them and improve life and activity on the campus. If they aren't, despite what Dr. Flick may say to the contrary, shut up! It's getting tiresome.

Here's What We Can Do

Upperclassmen can take a more active part in the assimilation of freshmen. This doesn't mean to

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Show Team Time

By "Bama"

The STATE gets off to a fast start this week with **Impatient Years** on Sunday and Monday with Jean Arthur and Lee Bowman. The story of a war marriage of four days with the husband returning later to find he is the father of a child, but he also finds that the marriage doesn't mean as much as it once did. A great supporting cast in Charles Coburn provides swift action and good comedy. SEE.

Two of Hollywood's new finds on Tuesday and Wednesday in the persons of Diana Lynn and Gail Russell in **Our Hearts Were Young and Gay**. Two of New York's upper class take a trip around the world with stops in London and Paris. Both fall in love aboard ship, one with a Doctor and the other with a Football Hero. A very good travelogue-comedy. SEE.

Wednesday night finds a midnight preview of **Dough Girls** (also on Thursday, Friday and Saturday) with Ann Sheridan (Oh! Those Eyes) and Alexis Smith. This story of three girls in need of husbands and a Russian woman sniper who just wants fish is the third in our list of good comedies this week. SEE.

After surviving a week of Roy Acuff and the usual western, the Lyric is trying to make a fast come-back this week by starting on Monday and Tuesday with **A Wave, a Wac, and a Marine** with Elyse Knox and Henny Youngman. This pic concerns two Hollywood agents who, by error, bring two pairs of roadway actresses to Hollywood instead of one. The rest takes care of itself and so should you. DON'T.

Mein Fuehrer, Adolph, and the boys do their best on Wednesday in **The Hitler Gang** with Robert Watson and Victor Varconi. This is the much talked of pic showing the rise of Hitler and his stooges to power. There are no punches pulled and the pic shows what really happened in Germany. SEE.

Judy Canova and Richard Lane in **Louisiana Hayride** on Thursday portray the farm girl with money who is "taken" by two of Hollywood's smoothest crooks. She invests in a picture that isn't to be made but our hero comes to the rescue in time and all is well except the pic. DON'T.

Ken Maynard (who has come to life again after many years of absence from the screen) and Hoot Gibson (another old timer) on Friday and Saturday in **Westward Bound**. The usual western with the girl, the money, the crooks, and the hero. How can they do this to us every week? NO! NO!

Men About Town...

The unusual was the feature of the past weekend during which the most widely attended event seemed to be the Hollins dance. En route back to the University, Parson Parsons gave his passengers an admirable display of patience while trying to persuade an obstinate jack to behave while he changed the inevitable flat tire, but in the end temper got the better of him, and the increase of adrenaline seemed to hasten his success. Edwards and Clark were discarded by the wayside due to a surplus of ballast, and Steve even prostrated himself before several farmers before obtaining transportation back to the homestead.

During the fracas itself there were about seven very self-conscious Minks who felt as though they had been betrayed by their ladyloves who misinformed them. They stood out like so many sore thumbs in their immaculate tuxes amid the sloppily-clad Wahoos and the uniformed servicemen. Several young ladies, however, defended them by asserting in definite tones that they were "really cute."

Doswell and Mosbacher were conspicuous by their absence.

This weekend promises to be one of comparative quiet with most of the gentlemen either remaining at home or scattering to a few of the nearby schools, and a few are even forced to resort to the Sem for amusement.

Pinnell has departed for Durham where he will take in the Duke-North Carolina game and mingle with the deep South brothers of Phi Kappa Sig.

Mosbacher is inviting the wrath of Wilcox by offering to show the "Push-Up Girl" the sights of New York, while Hillman is stooging for a few of the boys by doing their Christmas shopping for them in that same rural community.

Looking into the future, no dates have been reported among the students for the VMI dances and this presents quite a predicament to the Cadets who usually rely on the W&L men to escort the more popular girls. There will undoubtedly be a number of stags from this institution, for the usual number of complimentary tickets will be distributed.

Here's What We Can Do

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jump on them for the slightest misdemeanor, but to get them thoroughly introduced to the ways of the campus. Help them to pick up the friendly and lively spirit which ought to be part of the campus.

Everybody can take an active part in the Forensic Union. There's a new program in effect trying to give real instruction in Public Speaking and Debating. Aspirant lawyers should consider this a part of their training.

Those interested in singing and with any ability at all are only too welcome in the Glee Club. With the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service just around the corner we are coming as close to approximating "the good old days" as we can.

Cy Twombly's intramural schedule deserves the participation or following of every man on this campus who calls himself a Washington and Lee gentleman.

Let's look around. There's plenty to do if we put our minds on it.

The more we put into this business of college education the more we'll get out of it and there is no reason why we should look back on these years as being devoid of any activity, unless it's that we didn't half try to provide it.

Sport Sidelines

By Warren G. Merrin

Things we didn't know 'til now:

Coming to Washington and Lee since the arrival of the lean, wartime years, many of our students might have failed to learn of the accomplishments of some of our athletic heroes.

Occupying the office of Alumni Secretary is one of the greatest athletes in the history of the Big Blue. Harry K. "Cy" Young was the captain of the 1916 football team that amassed a magnificent record. According to the files of The Ring-tum Phi, the Generals lost only to Army and Washington and Jefferson, while Georgia Tech was described as "jubilant" over gaining a 7 to 7 tie.

The brilliant halfback scored 66 points, over a fourth of the team's total, and his punts averaged "about 60 yards," drawing the notice of the nation's leading sports writers.

Aside from the complimentary write-ups concerning Young in the Pittsburgh papers, Daily of the New York World placed him on the honor roll of American football players, the Atlanta Constitution raeed him as All-Southern, and both the Washington Post and the Richmond News Leader awarded him places on their All-South Atlantic teams.

Ending the season with the only unblemished record in the section, the basketball team was led in scoring by the sensational Young. That year the Blue handed Roanoke and Trintiy, now Duke, their only defeats, and among the other victims were Richmond, Vanderbilt, West Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

Running the 100 yard dash in 9:4.5 seconds and the 220 yard dash in 21:4.5 seconds, he proved to be an able leader of the track team.

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with
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Sport Sidelines

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tion, the career of the first man to captain four Washington and Lee teams was cut short after the start of the baseball season when the majority of the scheduled games were cancelled as a result of the outbreak of the war, but he had proved himself quite able on the diamond by his performance during the previous season.

Two Alumni Attend SPS

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Captain Baker, of Freeport, New York, is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, journalism fraternity, and Pi Kappa Phi, social fraternity, and was graduated with a Certificate in Journalism in 1938. He attended the General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan-

sas, and several other posts in this country.

Forensic Union

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Kaplan, and David Guthrie. The latter's was particularly detailed in its execution.

It was announced by the Speaker that the present program of lecturing will continue until the Christmas recess when the traditional system of debating will be resumed in a more intense manner than has been the custom in recent years.

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