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Dr. F. P. Gaines Gives Talk on 'State of W & L'

Resurrection of Original Fraternities Discussed Informally at Assembly

In an informing and impressive talk at high noon Wednesday, President Francis P. Gaines spoke to the entire student body on the "State of the University."

Preceding Dr. Gaines informal address, Dr. W. W. Morton made the invocation, and the Dean of Students, Frank J. Gilliam, made several announcements regarding married veterans. He asked that all wives of students who had experience in business, secretarial work, or nursing, if they were interested, to make application for jobs in the school.

Opening Note Glad

President Gaines' opening note was a glad one, stating how good it was to see the Chapel full again after having previously watched the student body fall off to a mere sixty-five students. Because the number of students had once been so low and because college life, as such, did not exist for those few boys, he commended them highly on having seen Washington and Lee so successfully through the war years.

In pointing out that the war-time student body was smaller than it had been since 1865, Dr. Gaines emphasized also the fact that not once, in spite of all difficulties, had the standards been made more lax; rather they had been more rigid. Speaking of the Army Special Service School, he said that while its presence had caused certain difficulties by allowing no time for reorganization and repair, the University had been not only willing, but proud, to have had it located here.

Past to Present

Shifting, then, from the past to the present, Dr. Gaines illustrated how the problem facing educational institutions today is unique. Not only will the regular group just out of high school want

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Library Adopts Longer Hours

All Rooms are Available To Students; Many New Books Appear on Lists

The University Librarian announced today that a new schedule of hours will be adopted by the McCormick Library beginning Monday, February 11. The library will be open, Monday through Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. On Saturdays the library will open at 8:15 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. with no night hours on Saturday. For Sunday the regular schedule is being followed, opening at 7 p.m. and closing at 10 p.m.

For the first time since the Army School for Personnel Services arrived on our campus all of the rooms of the library are now open to students. All of the reserved books have been moved back into the East Wing along with the periodicals.

Will Lead Figures



Miss Marilyn Oden of Macon will lead the Junior Prom figure.



Miss Kakie Hundley, Farmville Junior, and Friday night leader.

Judges Name "Queen of Hearts"; Coronation Set For Night of 15th

Reorganization Of Glee Club Now In Process

Mary Baldwin, W & L To Sponsor Cooperative Performance in Spring

On Tuesday night of this week, the Washington and Lee Glee Club resumed its activities for the semester. Approximately thirty-five men were enrolled at that time and president Bill Rattner has expressed the hope that membership should soon total fifty with the large influx of new students.

It is believed that the list of probable engagements with the surrounding girls' schools will be tempting enough to bring many new members into the fold. Early in April, a concert will be held at Mary Baldwin and later a joint Mary Baldwin-Washington and Lee glee club will perform in Lexington. Several other of the girls' schools have been contacted in this same connection. Other plans include those for a double quartet which will sing at vesper services once each month.

The fine record which the Glee Club has established for itself in the past is best exemplified by the fact that several years ago, under the direction of Mr. Varner, the former director, it qualified in the Fred Waring Glee Club Contest at Madison Square Garden and was chosen as the finest glee club on the Eastern Seaboard.

Public performances during the past fall were limited to the single annual vesper service on December 19. Continuing, however, under the capable direction of Mr. Robert See and the leadership of Bill Rattner, the group is looking forward to an active and interesting season this spring.

All students who have any interest or past experience with singing of any sort are invited to attend the next regular meeting. It will be held on Monday, February 11, at 7:15 p.m., in Washington Chapel.

Tickets Moving Slowly Boom Expected Monday

"The Sweetheart of Washington and Lee" was chosen in an extraordinary meeting of the Faculty Sweetheart Committee, last Wednesday night. She will be crowned "The Queen of Hearts" at the Sweetheart Dance, the first of two dances which will be held in the Doremus Gymnasium on the evenings of February 15 and 16.

The identity of the girl chosen will remain a secret until the time of the crowning, February 15. She was selected from the many pictures which W & L men submitted to the Sweetheart Committee. These pictures will be returned to the students who submitted them on Tuesday, February 11, in the main lobby of Washington Hall.

The Junior Prom, the Saturday night dance, will be led by Miss Marilyn Oden of Randolph-Macon. Her escort is Jon Rugel, the representative of the Junior Class on the Student Executive Committee. Miss Katherine Ann Hundley, of State Teachers' College at Farmville, will lead the Sweetheart Dance on Friday night, until the "Queen of Hearts" is crowned. Jim Watson, President of the Dance Committee, will escort Miss Hundley.

Monday, February 11, is the last day on which tickets for the dance set may be purchased at the special advance subscription price of \$5.50. Those students who have submitted IOU's in payment for their dance tickets should pick up those tickets the next day, Tuesday, February 12, at the desk in Washington lobby.

Tickets are now on sale, and the last report of Floyd McKenna, who is in charge of ticket sales, showed that about 100 tickets have already been sold. He confidently expects that approximately 250 couples will attend the dances each night.

Tickets for the dances may be procured from the members of the ticket committee, or from any member of the dance committee. The personnel of the ticket committee is: Floyd McKenna, Chairman; Dick Spindle, Jack Crist, Chad Smith, Billy Doswell, Jim Lovins, Lynch Christian, Andy Powers, and Howard Goldman.

W & L Inter-Fraternity Council Reorganizes After 3-Year Lay-Off

Honor Lists

Honor Roll

Burcham, E. E.	
Criminale, L. R.	(all A's)
Dempsher, John	(all A's)
Guthrie, D. V., Jr.	
Holley, J. B.	
Lyons, E. P., Jr.	(all A's)
McDowell, C. R., Jr.	
Patrick, J. C.	
Patterson, R. G.	(all A's)
Pettus, R. H.	
Rattner, W. H.	(all A's—Fresh'n)
Rugel, J. R.	(all A's)

Dean's List

Breedin, B. B., Jr.
Daves, M. L.
Harlan, E. H. W.
Harman, J. W.
Harper, J. C.
Holley, F. S.
Hollyday, F. B. M.
Humphrey, J. T.
Lanier, L. A.
McRae, F. W.
McWhorter, J. A., Jr.
Magee, J. H.
Mardin, S. A.
Markoe, F. A.
Otter, W. M.
Rowe, J. P., III
Schewel, H. H.
Stanley, F. A., Jr.
Wimmer, C. F.
Witte, R. D.
Wood, G. T.

Thornton Strang Is Voted President By Full Representation

By William Byrnes

At its first meeting held Wednesday evening in the Student Union the Inter-Fraternity Council decided that fraternity rushing would not begin immediately. However, a future date will be announced by the Council regarding the commencement of rushing.

"The Inter-Fraternity Council has resolved," stated Thornton Strang, newly elected president of the Council, "that there will be no rushing of non-fraternity men by fraternity men until such date as determined by the Council.

"Rushing will be considered as to include any mentioning of a fraternity or its activities (past or future) by a fraternity member to any non-fraternity student or prospective student while he is within the limits of Lexington."

Rushing Not Discarded

This announcement is not an indication that rushing has been completely neglected. The Council's main objective is to keep rushing on a fair basis—fair to both fraternities and prospective members. There are houses on the campus which, at present, do not have a sufficient number of active members present at school. Consequently such houses would be at a distinct disadvantage should rushing begin.

"We don't want the fellows to think that the idea of rushing has been discarded," said Strang. "But we want each fraternity to be equally represented when it does begin."

Should a house be found guilty of any premature rushing it would be subject to investigation by the Inter-Fraternity Council, the maximum penalty being one week's suspension of rushing privileges when the formal rushing period opens.

Officers are Elected

Each fraternity on the campus was represented at the initial meeting as eighteen members were present. The following officers were elected to head the post-war edition of the IFC:

Thornton Strang, President; Gus Stombeck, Vice-President; George Wood, Secretary; Adison Lanier, Treasurer.

Attending the meeting were: J. B. Stombeck, Lambda Chi; John Fox, Sigma Nu; W. R. Krausman and Al Overton, Phi Kappa Psi; B. W. Gillepsie, Phi Gamma Delta; Dick Heard, Kappa Sigma; Lynch Christian, Delta Tau Delta; George Wood, ATO; Sam Silverstein, ZBT; Wise Kelly PiKA; John Jordan, Kappa Alpha; Charles Bagley, SAE; Adison Lanier, Beta Theta Pi; Herroz Schewel, PEP; E. P. Lyons, Sigma Chi; Thornton Strang, Phi Deltas; Paul Shuford, Phi Kappa Sigma; Gus Heatwole.

Enrollment Now Numbers 438

Exceeding all previous estimates, the student body at Washington and Lee now totals 438 students. And according to an address made Wednesday by President Gaines, new applications are arriving daily.

The total number registered comes to four hundred and fifty-six, but of these some eighteen students have either graduated, withdrawn, or made unsatisfactory marks.

According to Magruder Drake, Registrar of the University, one hundred and forty-four of the two hundred and eighty-nine new students have attended Washington and Lee previously. Many have already graduated and are returning for graduate work. The remainder of the new arrivals are either freshmen or transferees from other schools and number one hundred and forty-five in all.

Dean of Students, Frank J. (Continued on Page Six)

Registrar's Notice

A complete register of students, with names, local addresses and home town will be published within the next two weeks. All students who failed to list a local address on the information blank when they registered, or those who have changed local or home address since registering (except those who moved into the dormitories) are requested to come by the Registrar's office and leave their addresses.

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All Is Not Well

Lexington is a small, easy-going, college town nestled comfortably in the rolling Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is quiet and peaceful, and located at a safe distance from any of the big cities. There are two men's colleges in Lexington, taking full advantage of the atmosphere so conducive to study, and offering the sustenance for a large part of the population—for there are no factories or industries to mar the harmony of the location. The townsfolk and students seem happy and contented.

But all is not well. There is something rotten in the town of Lexington. These two colleges—Washington and Lee and VMI—are essentially ignorant of each other's existence. There is no commerce between the two schools; neither scholastic, nor social, nor athletic. And this rottenness can be traced finally to the policy of the two administrations.

It is not our object here to analyze the history of this intolerable situation. Briefly, many years ago there was clean and friendly rivalry between the two school in almost all planes of student activity. Then, gradually, situations arose where some foolish students of both schools were too intense in their quest for "fun" at the expense of the rival student body—and people were getting hurt. The administrations threw up their hands, confessed an inability to control the situation, and decided to remove all opportunity for such happenings to arise again. They decided to segregate, to divorce utterly, the two student bodies forever.

And thence we inherited the situation of today. Minks do not hate Kaydets, nor the Kaydets, the Minks. There is no friction between the student bodies, and that is good. Some W & L professors teach at VMI, some VMI profs at W & L. Some men teach the students of both schools. One lends the other its facilities when they are needed. There is no friction between the administrations, and that is good. But this passive toleration of each other's existence is not good. There is no competition nor cooperation, and such is necessary for a condition that is normal, that is logical, that is Christian. The administrations are determined, however, to retain the status quo, and so it stands.

General Lee inaugurated the Honor System, not to protect the property of the students and the University, but to so impress each student with a sense of pride in personal goodness and with the beauty of mutual trust, that he would treasure that truth throughout his life. The Washington and Lee student goes into the world a better-educated man because he has lived under the Honor System. **But Robert E. Lee would never tolerate such a condition as now exists between W & L and VMI.**

When a wise man has a run-in with one of his friends, he will dress the wound, apologize, and seek to regain the lost friendship. The foolish man will turn heel, and ignore his former friend, so as to "avoid a situation." Someone said that the only way to defeat your enemy totally and forever, is to make him your friend once more.

Take one more glance, from high above, of the sleepy town of Lexington, and of the two colleges side by side. The situation is rotten, and it stinks. This present time, when W & L is in a state of

change and the rapid growth, is the great opportunity for strengthening the old time-tested traditions, and for killing those customs and habits that are bad. Progress in education, as in anything else, necessarily entails a building up, but no less a tearing down.

Let the students themselves tear down the barriers. Let the various activities on each campus enter into competition. Let there be inter-campus debates, and concerts, and athletic contests. Let's back the Kaydets when they are in competition with other schools—and Lexington will be a far better place in which to live, in which to seek a true education.

Now Is the Time...

Recently one of the editors of *The Columns* happened to strike up a conversation with a discharged captain of the Air Corps, enrolling for the first time at Washington and Lee. As is inevitably the case when a man thinking of entering a school is talking to an old man from that school, the question was soon asked this editor, "What one thing do you think makes Washington and Lee better than any other college?" In many schools this would be a difficult question to answer, but at Washington and Lee the answer was inevitable—the Honor System.

"The Honor System!" The captain was quite startled. "Why didn't someone tell me you had an Honor System? Does it work? I mean, really? Maybe this isn't the school for me to come to after all... Of course, we have a theoretical honor system in the Air Corps, too, but—well, I don't know how long I can last here if the Honor System really works."

It seems incredible, almost unbelievable, that any man could go so far as to come to Washington and Lee from out of town with the purpose of enrolling, and not have heard of the Honor System. Surely something is wrong somewhere. Perhaps this is an extreme case, one that would not be repeated in fifty years. And yet the questions which the Air Corps captain asked are questions which we who are at Washington and Lee would do well to consider carefully.

Do we have an Honor System? Does it really work? We believe that the answer to these is affirmative. But if ever there has been a time when the most careful and scrupulous attention has been needed to see that the Honor System is carefully preserved, that time is now. There are more now enrolled in the University who have never been indoctrinated into its principles in proportion to the number of men who have been indoctrinated, than ever before. No possible breach must be overlooked, for on the day that one breach goes unpunished, on that day will the Honor System have begun to die. There must be cooperation as never before between old men and new men. New men must available themselves of every opportunity to learn about the Honor System; old men must never tire in their efforts to see that each new man learns about it. There must be a careful explanation by professors of exactly how the Honor System applies in each class. No doubt must be left in any mind as to when the Honor System applies, and above all there must be no doubt as to what will happen when the Honor System is broken.

The Honor System at Washington and Lee is facing a crisis. Now is the time when all men in school must rally to the defense and propagation of the Honor System as never before—if that tradition is to remain on our campus.

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The feature page of *The Columns* is presently in a metamorphic state. To some this may be obvious, to some not. Some may like the idea, others reject it... but it will stand as established! Percentages of editorials, humor, and serious columns will go unchanged.

In Journalism the most galling insult any paper can be paid is to be spoken of sincerely as "yellow"—and at times in the past *The Columns*, or at least its feature page, nearly deserved that slam. It was sensationalist in nature; the faint yellow spots were beginning to show.

"But everyone read it" people say, "that's all that matters."

That is not all that matters, "Feature page" is no synonym for "joke book" or "scandal sheet." The page of a newspaper, like a person, is no good when it gets in a rut. It shallows the character of both... and a person capable of reading and understanding only the lighter parts does not deserve even the enjoyment they afford.

"The Lighter Side" will retain its variety. The editorials will continue in the same vein. "Men About Town" will provide its usual inimitable brand of wit and scandal. "Out On A Limb" will deal with something of current importance, on the campus or off, and "Reporter at Large" will be as unpredictable as ever.

Reporter-at-Large

By Charley McDowell

This week we don't vary the column at all, but just go right on running our favorite subject in the ground.

The news is good from Mary Baldwin, where they learn something new every day. The wonders of science, in the guise of a plumbers' catalogue, have finally come to light in the halls of the Staunton institution, and the installation of the missing convenience is promised as soon as possible. This news is not official as yet, but the very fact that a rumor is out is more than welcome. We hope we can be present at the grand opening. The fact is, we got a letter (quite anonymous) from the school in question, and it contained a song which we can all sing when the great day comes. The title is "No Johnny, No Johnny, No," and it continues, "Not even a vase on your patio." (We are an editor now, and can print this stuff, you see.) We also laid eager hands on another letter, the contents of which would have done many of us no end of good months ago. Now it is strictly another lock on the long since evacuated stable, but we appreciate it. The writer says that if one goes down a few halls and numerous flights of stairs, one finds one. He adds, though, that the janitor is usually in it. "He thinks it is his

privi—pardon me!—leged precinct," says the writer.

In spite of the evils of the situation, it did save a friend of ours the price of a parking ticket last week. Having just returned from the Army, he tied a fox-tail to the radiator cap of his touring car and set out for Staunton to visit one Coleman Bean, whom he had known before the war. In the course of the day he parked the touring car in an illegal zone (a hotel lobby) and naturally received a ticket. So he wandered into the police station to pay up. As he entered, a tough sergeant smiled and said, "Right through that door, son." He went where he was told and much to his surprise found himself in a men's room. Our friend disposed of the ticket and returned to the sergeant, who said, "I know how it is, son. It's too bad, but you fellows are welcome." And that, new students who appreciate visiting Mary Baldwin, is how it works, straight from our friends, the Staunton police, who faced the same problem in their younger days.

Wahoo department:

This week we heard an old story that everyone has heard before, but the circulation of which shows that W & L is definitely back to the spirit of the old days. Two

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OUT ON A LIMB

By Marshall S. Ellis

(Editors Note:—Hereafter in a regular weekly column Marshall Ellis will go out on a limb. We wish to emphasize that both the limbs and the extent of his features are of his own choosing. On some occasions we will devote this space the following week to a guest columnist who professes an ability to saw off limb, Ellis, and all. For instance, next week Bill Hart answers in defense of Labor in the current wage dispute.)

... speaking in favor of U.S. Steel:

The labor situation in the United States today is reaching the point at which a compromise must be affected or big business and labor will systematically and simultaneously destroy each other's foundations; or at least it seems so. The United States Steel Corporation has shown itself eager to compromise; but a compromise should be something resembling a median between present wages and what labor demands... and President Truman's 18½ cent

hourly increase proposal is a far cry from that median. It is only one cent beneath the demand made by the Steelworkers but it is 3½ cents more than U.S. Steel's over-generous offer of fifteen cents.

Phil Murray's statement to the effect that American industry is out to destroy labor unions has been proved to be completely without basis, ridiculous! Does U.S. Steel's fifteen cent offer indicate that? Does General Motors 13½ cent offer indicate that? Do any of the many similar proposals made by other industries indicate that? Certainly not!

The very fact is that there is a limit which wages must not exceed if U.S. economics is to be maintained on a substantial footing. And Labor realizes this. It is evidenced by the fact that even rampageous Walter Reuther no longer screams hysterically to see the books of big business.

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The Lighter Side

By Dave Guthrie and Bill Romaine

Show Team Faces Tough Schedule

As we originally stated, the purpose of this little weekly dissertation we propose to view and comment on, with a certain philosophic detachment, and certainly with more than a grain or two of the proverbial NaCl, the passing parade of cinemattractions as it passes down Lexington's Great White Way. Naturally, we express our own whims and fancies on the subject, and don't give much of a hoot about anybody else's; in fact, at present we consider it a pretty paltry parade, a lot of bright costumes, some silly-looking clowns, and plenty of noise, but nothing more. That's all some people are looking for, anyhow, but we're looking for a little more than that, and when we spot it, we'll be sure to let you know... The most colorful passer-by

this week is surely the adaptation of Ben Ames Williams' *Leave Her to Heaven*, tri-starring Gene Tierney, Cornel Wilde, and Jeanne Crain. As those familiar with the book know, the story concerns a psychopathically possessive woman whose selfish love for her husband is so great that it leads her to the murder, first, of her husband's mother, and then of her own unborn child, eventually to her suicide. Definitely for a mature audience who can follow the psychological subtleties and can stand the emotional jolts; the story is handled well and production is smooth. Look out for it at the State Thursday through Saturday.

Another colorful movie, literally speaking, is *Frontier Gal*, scarcely more than a glorified western, but it has its points, particularly some good camera shots, which paint some refreshing strokes of

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Men About Town . . .

By Russ Drake (in absentia) and Roy Witte

Though it is true that the big week-end of the current season is but one week distant, there seems to be little doubt in the minds of many of our colleagues about the gala nature of the one which has ended most recently. The decision to print some of the more interesting stories was difficult to reach because of the rather delicate subjects with which some of them dealt. (Delicate and revolting can be used interchangeably in this instance alone.) A further (though quite insignificant) reason for our state of indecision was the respect we have always held for certain individuals the stories defame . . . Also, we're towards . . .

W & L Mid-Winter Hop, Feb. 1 and 2

Taking our lives in our not too capable hands we will begin by congratulating the gay set of Minks who turned the VMI Mid-Winter Hop into a brilliant Washington and Lee success. Not the least among these hearties was Jim (ten percent) Watson, who astounded fellow lodgers at the Pi Phi domain with not one, not two, not five (Give up?) but nine charming late-dates. The bright boy escorted the beauties into the lounge, (especially set for the occasion) coerced them into waiting a few moments, and proceeded to wake his sleeping buddies for an impromptu, but delightful party. Chad Smith, Charlie Belcher, and Mad Bill Richards not altogether enthused over the idea, when approached by Jim, recovered their senses sufficiently, and appeared in the lounge a scant ten seconds behind the returning Jim . . . Nothing daunted by a recently-turned second John's billicose attitude, W. Burton and Davis (same first initial) fairly overwhelmed the fair Alice of Southern Sem with their attentions . . . Harry Berry was just overwhelmed . . . Seaman Williams tried very hard with a group of Lynchburg lasses, and when last seen seemed well-pleased with himself . . .

Lynchburg Department

Over the hills and far away, in the fair Oakwood Club of Lynchburg renown, old-time W & L activities were resumed. Charley Stieff and Frank Markoe were back in their Damon and Pythias roles, though the combination seems to have had a reversal in leadership (at least for one damp night.) Stieff was actually leading the mighty Markoe . . . Jimmy Halloran and Nate Adams, after a successful performance at VMI the preceding night, staged an equally successful performance at the Club, Saturday. Aiding and abetting their act was a little, old, yellow, dog . . .

Now that he's gone and left us, and there's slight possibility of his returning, a sad, true story can be told about Mat-the-Monster O'Keefe. Mat (long known for his vigorous imitation of Pat Kennedy, when refereeing intra-murals) culminated an age-old dispute with an ABC official by announcing to a group of his associates that before leaving Lexington he was going to have it out with the abominable being. Unfortunately for our hapless superman, this same official just happened to be passing by at that very moment. The following remark, from Mat's own ruby lips, "Don't pay any attention to me, I'm drunk." will undoubtedly endear the boy to all collectors of famous last words.

Not that we're short on information, (if you believe us, best you go have Doc Flick talk the thing over with you) but actually because of the deserving nature of the individuals concerned, are we digging back into the annals of the late Madison College Dance. Spike Wemmer and Wes McAden strove valiantly to convince their hostess that they weren't in dire need of reform. After taking the pledge from the old darling, they were rewarded by a lengthy dissertation on her "Home in Russia where it snows up to here . . ." Proving the readiness of Madison gals' wit was the bit of sophistry expounded by a host of the lovelies after hearing the "SWING" bellowed three or four times, "Oh they are from Washington and Lee . . ." Bowman, perfect gentlemen from the old school (where it was rough) followed through with a carefully aimed snowball . . . Bot Totty, after driving the Blue Bullet (heavily loaded) up the treacherous terrain of Highway Eleven, spent a troublesome two days explaining to the Dormkeeper that he wasn't nervous—just crazy . . . One Madison date displayed the maximum of equanimity when faced with the lifeless form of some nonentity who was supposed to be her drag, when she flipped, "Don't worry about him, the sweepers will get him in the morning." Actually, the sweepers didn't get him in the morning. Mr. Robertson, local gendarme, chased him out. Nothing daunted, our hero returned fifteen minutes later disguised as a centerpiece . . .

Opportunity Knocks!

Bob Lundy and Ted Bowie, heated up over the possibilities of the coming Sweetbriar Brawl, were chilled thoroughly by Marge Christian's letter with the regulations forbidding a "lost week-end," enclosed . . . Ralphalpha Davis, (head of the local date bureau and famed for his difficulties experienced in trying to cheat the police station near Baldwin) has announced that the Dean of Baldwin has requested the delivery of fifty live Minks for their coming "Occasion." Ralph also maintains that

twenty-five seniors of Fairfax Hall stand poised and ready for any W & L invasion. In the same vein is the Open-House invitation to Macon, Saturday. The only qualification that prospective swains must have to attend any of these functions is that he must not be named Russ Drake or Roy Witte . . . Cheap Publicity . . .

In passing, we would like to relieve a few worried souls who have been fretting over Steve Ramaley and Bert Graham, missing in action on a Saturday mission to Washington. First word received maintained that they were prisoners in a not-too-unfriendly camp. As this goes to press, word has been received that both have been returned to our sway. Don't believe any story about being lost in the Pentagon. We have it on good authority that both gentlemen know their way around . . .

Returning men bringing their wives with them pose an interesting if not very serious problem. One good man has already returned crushed (only figuratively) by having mistaken a veteran's wife for "someone I thought I knew." The mentioned unfortunate first suggested that all wives emblazon their coats with a huge green and gold "W," visible at three hundred yards. But gradually he cooled off and compromised for "some kind of a pin that would let you know . . ." It sounds like a good idea to us.

We might add that it's been a good week, here. W & L men, old and new alike, have been pouring in—and the Damwahos were beaten again . . .

Forensic Union Elects Patterson To Be Speaker

Inter-Collegiate Debates With Near-By Schools Are Possible in Future

R. G. Patterson was elected Speaker of the Forensic Union for the coming semester and G. R. Bouldin, Vice-Speaker, at the regular meeting of that organization last Monday night. Mr. G. S. Jackson, Assistant Professor of English in the University, spoke at the meeting, outlining the past history and future possibilities of the Union.

At this same meeting Joe Rowe was re-elected Secretary, Roy Rice was re-elected Treasurer, and Rogers Fred was elected to the combined positions of Sergeant at Arms and Keeper of the Keys. Fred replaces Roger Dodson.

Rex Criminale and John McWhorter are to lead the debate next Monday night, which will be concerned with the location of the UNO headquarters.

When asked about the possibility of inter-collegiate debating matches between Washington and Lee and other schools, Patterson made the following statement: "I am not yet familiar enough with the set-up to be able to answer that question. I do know, however, that the Forensic Union will be interested in furthering exactly that type of activity, and that an attempt will be made to restore to the students of Washington and Lee public speaking opportunities equal to those enjoyed before the war."

Fee for Changing Classes

Effective Monday, February 11 there will be a fee of one dollar charged to any student who changes a course, according to regulations on page 97 of the current catalog.

Du Pont Digest

Items of Interest in the Fields of Chemistry, Engineering, Physics, and Biology

Good News for Unsuspecting T. B. Victims

HERE is news that marks another step ahead in the fight against t. b.—news about free tests and new x-ray equipment.

As a means of locating possibly one and a half million undetected cases of tuberculosis, the U. S. Public Health Service plans to offer chest x-ray tests to nearly every American during the next five years. This survey is made possible through the use of new equipment which produces chest x-rays on small film, thus permitting mass examinations at reduced cost.

The development of the new film and the special fluoroscopic screen was not accomplished overnight. Organic chemists, physical chemists, physicists, and other technically trained men were required to make exhaustive studies before the problem was solved. Special sensitizers had to be found. Phosphors and activators had to be formulated for the screen. Both screen and film had to be of ultra-fine grain, and the spectral emission of the screen had to be adjusted to the spectral sensitivity of the film.

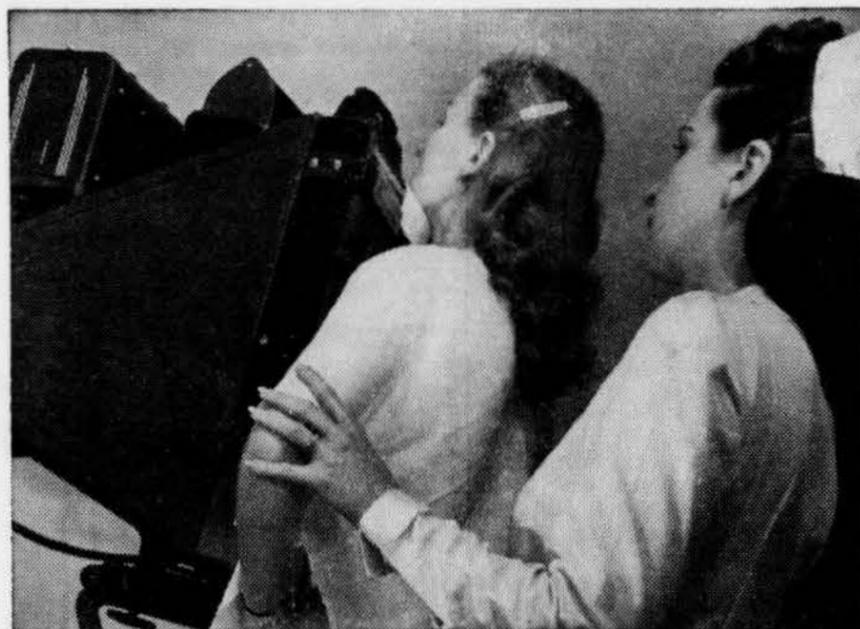
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Student Union Reopens With Reception Feb. 12th

Everyone Invited to Informal Gathering By Christian Council

The Christian Council of the University, in observance of the re-opening of the Student Union, will hold an informal reception at the Union Tuesday evening, February 12, from 8 until 10 o'clock. At this time all students, students' wives, and faculty members and their wives are invited to call at the Union as guests of the council.

The Student Union, for a number of years before the war, was the center of many student activities, being built especially for student purposes. Included in the building were the offices of the Director of Religious Activities, the Treasurer of the Student Body, **The Ring-tum Phi**, the Executive Committee room, the Forensic Union room, the O.D.K. Circle room, and several other committee rooms. With the exception of the rooms used by the Executive Committee and the Forensic Union, the building was taken over for Army use during the stay on the campus of the School for Personnel Services. During most of the war period, the first floor was the site of a service club for the Army men in Lexington, operated by several women's clubs. Later taken over exclusively by the Army, the Union was run as a cadre club for enlisted men. The second floor was used for offices of the School for Personnel Services.

With the departure of the Army, the Union has been returned for student use. For several weeks, painters have been busy refurbishing the interior, and, in this improved condition, the Union will be formally reopened with the reception Tuesday evening. During the remainder of the semester it will again be employed by the different student organizations having headquarters there. Facilities for recreation will be available to all students. Normally a number of magazines and books are received at the Union, and there is a phonograph for playing records.

In charge of arrangements for the reception is a committee of faculty wives, with Mrs. Clayton Williams as chairman, and a committee of student wives, with Mrs. Ryland Dodson as chairman. Robert Patterson is in charge of the Christian Council committee for the event.

It is expected that several hundred, including student body and faculty and the wives of both, will call during the evening. All students should keep the date open.

Troubadour Rehearsals

No definite date has been set for the Troubadour's presentation of Eugene O'Neil's Broadway hit, "Ah! Wilderness." The play went into production before the Christmas holidays, but presentation has been delayed due to the lack of women to fill the female roles.

Director Tom Wright announced Thursday that any student's wives who are interested in dramatics and would like a part in "Ah! Wilderness," get in touch with either him or Mrs. Richard Spindle in the Registrar's office. Rehearsals will begin immediately.

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students are driving to Charlottesville, the home of the University of Virginia's inimitable Wahoos. The night is dark, but the driver turns to his friend, who is asleep, and says, "Wake up, Joe, we're getting close to Charlottesville." Joe wakes up and, looking out into the dark, asks: "How do you know?" And the driver answers, "Because we've started hitting Wahoos." That story goes back to the days when it was a horse and buggy that ran over the Wahoos, but it shows how long good traditions last.

The Lighter Side

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New Mexico scenery. We can't vouch for the story, but we can tell you Rod Cameron, Yvonne de Carlo, and Andy Devine take the leading parts—something for a lazy Sunday or Monday afternoon or evening at the State.

Briefly noted: **Getting Gertie's Garter**, Dennis O'Keefe, Marie ("The Body") MacDonald, and Binnie Barnes. Opens at the State

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Tuesday. God only knows, we can't imagine! **Girl of the Limberlost**, Gene Stratton Porter's novel come to celluloid, MonTues at the other place (the Lyric, to the uninitiated). **The Dolly Sisters**, Betty Grable, June Haver, John Payne, S.K. Sakall...all songs and legs. Thursday only at the Lyric, where on the same program they're showing "Flicker Flashbacks."

"The High Barabee"

There's no telling what you'll read in here from one week to the next, but this columnist intends to run the gamut from baseballs to kitchen sinks.

"The High Barabee," by Nordhoff and Hall, is another unbeatable literary success written by an incomparable team of authors. This book can be set apart from the well-known Bounty Trilogy and other volumes by the same authors simply because it is concerned more with things of the mind than with things which are real and tangible. The story is about a dream come true, one of those castles of the mind that only the limitless scope of imagination could possibly create. Alec Brooke is the sole survivor of a crew of five on a Navy Catalina shot down by a Jap sub. He is fortunate enough to drift onto an island which he has been told about since childhood, an island marked "Existence Doubeful" on all maps and charts. What happens then is not for you if you're a strict dyed-in-the wool realist, for you'll certainly brand it as a lot of malarkey. If you've got that touch of

the impractical it takes to read something like this, I recommend it heartily.

Try Woodie Herman's eight to eight thirty evening shot for Wildroot on Fridays. This organization has really qualified as the band of the year, and is unquestionably one of the best big jazz outfits to climb that long ladder to the top in quite some time. (You might even buy a bottle of Wildroot.)

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By Bill Burton

The intramural athletic program, which took the form of a mere shell in the 1944-45 school year, promises to develop by leaps and bounds this semester. Last year, with the student enrollment under a hundred, there were only three teams competing against each other. Although the competition was rather one sided with the Phi Psi's coming out on top in softball, football, volleyball, and the second basketball league, the enthusiasm was not lacking. Thanks mainly to the efforts of Cy Twombly, intramural director, and Wise Kelly and Bill Davidson, who did most of the officiating, the morale of the students was kept up considerably during the school year.

Last September enough students signed up for intramural sports to warrant having five teams. So far, in three sports the competition has been very keen. The Lambda Chi, ZBT, and Phi Psi have paced the field through the first semester, capturing softball, football, and volleyball, respectively. The SAE's, who were murdered by everyone in softball, finally collected their senses and finished a respectable third in touch football. The most erratic club of the year, the Pi Phi's, threw away a sure first place in softball, and after getting off to a good start in the football league wound up in a tie for last place with the Phi Psi's.

This semester with the enrollment upped by some 250 students, the intramural picture looks even brighter. If a large enough percentage of the returning veterans and new men go out for intramurals, there is the possibility of forming two leagues of five or six teams each and having a playoff between the winners of both divisions. During the spring semester the principal sports will be basketball and softball, followed by handball, bowling, and possibly swimming and track. Under the expert direction of Cy Twombly,

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Enlarged I-M Program To Open With Basketball

Mr. "Cy" Twombly, director of intramural athletics, released on Wednesday his plans for the semester athletic program.

He has asked that all new students who wish to participate in the intramural program sign one of the lists placed around the campus; there is one in the gym, one in the dorm archway, and one on the main bulletin board in front of Payne Hall. He is asking that every one be signed up by noon Saturday as the first games are to be held on Monday. The Law School is also to have a team. Basketball is to be the current sport and wrestling will follow if there is enough interest. Mr. Twombly wants also to run an intramural handball tournament along with the basketball, and all who are interested in this connection are asked to sign a sheet which will be posted by the handball courts.

Full cooperation in making the intramural sports program is asked of all students.

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Hampden-Sydney Rolls W & L To Defeat In One-Sided Game

Taylor, Balas High-Men For Night; Rough Game Sees 39 Fouls Committed

Wednesday night the Blue and White cage combine dropped a 48-31 decision to a fast Hampden-Sydney squad on the victor's court. It was a bad night for the Generals as they missed one shot after another, while their adversaries were building up a substantial lead which they maintained throughout the entire game. The contest, while not close, was extremely rough—both teams committing a total of thirty-nine fouls.

Roehl opened the scoring for Washington and Lee by making good his free throw; however, the Tigers made three of the same to take the lead. Bean retaliated for the Blues by sinking one from underneath, but the Hampden-Sydney lads bounced back, tallying seven points before Vierbuchen could get in an easy shot for the locals. McDowell then turned loose with an under-handed try which rested on the rim for several tense moments before dropping through. This ran the score to 10-7. Blanton completed a difficult over-head shot from the side for the Tigers, but Chamberlin tapped one in after a scramble under the basket to keep the Generals in the game. The winners then splurged and rang up nine points before Lauck and Bean each sank a foul shot to aid the Blues' cause. But the damage had been done, and Hampden-Sydney left the court at the half on the long end of a 26-11 count.

Balas started things off in the second half with a set shot from the side, while teammate Taylor tapped in a rebound a moment later. Bean sank his free throw, but the Tigers pushed in three more points to stay ahead 33-12.

Bean started off the short-lived W & L rally by forcing in a missed shot; Chamberlin arched a long set shot through the bucket; Tobyansen followed by banking a high-one-hander off the backboard into the twine, and Tercek added still more with a foul shot. Blanton and Balas added two apiece for the Tigers, but Vierbuchen kept things hot by depositing a set shot and a free throw. The Tigers came back at this point and worked the ball cautiously to preserve their margin, and the best the Generals could do was to collect a few foul tries. Tobyansen concluded the losers' scoring with another long one-hander which failed to touch the rim on its flight through the mesh. J. Cook's free throw ended the night's scoring, and the Tigers made their exit with a 48-31 victory under their belts.

Hampden-Sydney's tight defense fairly well bottled up the General's attack, but they didn't have a chance in the rebound department with players like Zinovoy and Vierbuchen hawking the ball for the Blues. Bean turned

in his usual excellent defensive game and was ably assisted by Tobyansen. Taylor and Balas captured individual honors with eleven apiece, while Bean and Chamberlin sparked the losers with seven and six, respectively.

Washington and Lee (31)			
	G	F	T
Bean, f	2	3	7
Roehl, f	1	1	3
Lee, f	0	0	0
Chamberlin, f	2	2	6
Zinovoy, c	0	0	0
Vierbuchen, c	2	1	5
McDowell, g	1	0	2
Tercek, g	1	1	3
Tobyansen, g	2	0	4
Lauck, g	0	1	1
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Hampden-Sydney (48)			
	G	F	T
Taylor, f	4	3	11
Balas, f	4	3	11
Edwards, f	1	0	2
Greenland, c	1	0	2
Kostel, c	2	0	4
Blanton, g	3	3	9
Darden, g	3	2	8
J. Cook, g	0	1	1
W. Cook, g	0	0	0
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Free throws missed: H.-S.—Taylor 4, Balas 2, Blanton 2, Darden, Kostel 2, Edwards. W & L—Bean 3, Roehl, Zinovoy, Vierbuchen 2, McDowell, Lee 2, Chamberlin 4.

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It has been announced by "Cy" Twombly that the swimming pool will be available to students from three until six on every day except Sunday. A mixed period may be possible at which students and their wives can swim.

The equipment room will also be open on the same schedule; here, students and faculty members may draw out any athletic equipment for use in the gym or on the athletic field.

Mr. Twombly also expressed his ideas for organizing an optional golf class for all interested persons. Classes will be held in the gym and interested students should contact Mr. Twombly there.

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New Students

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Gilliam, stated that applications from men who have not formerly attended Washington and Lee will not be accepted—for this semester. Applications from former students, however, will be accepted if the person will not be too handicapped by the schedule he must adopt or by a late start. Applications which are already in will be given consideration. Dean Gilliam said that he did not expect enrollment to be actually complete before the end of the current month.

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Dr. Gaines at Assembly

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to enter now, but there will also be large numbers of returning men and other veterans who before the war could not have afforded a college education. He estimated that there would be some 200 new freshman and about an equal number of returnees seeking admittance before next semester.

President Gaines explained the way in which the Alumni had voted on the matter of football. They were asked to state which of these three options they favored:

1. Abolish football from Washington and Lee completely.
2. Conduct football on the conventional amateur basis.
3. See that good athletes come here and have a good enough team to defeat all of our "natural" rivals.

Three percent favored the first option, twenty per cent the second, and approximately seventy-five percent the last.

Dances, publications, extra curricular activities, and social life will continue on the same modified scale for the present, expanding as they are able. Fraternities will come back to the campus next fall.

He gave definite figures as to recent endowments and bequests the University had received and told of the parties responsible.

The plans for the coming bicentennial were taken up next. Dr. Gaines called to mind first the great privilege of being one of the very few schools nearing the two-hundred-year mark. He told of the history of Washington and Lee which Dr. Ollinger Crenshaw is writing at this time and of his hopes for some kind of student committee that might coordinate the plans with the wishes of the student body and help out in many other ways. He expressed the belief that a campaign for funds should be initiated. These funds would be used to increase the general endowment, scholarship program, and building program. Scholarships would be of two kinds, those granted to deserving persons who under normal conditions could not attend college and those for unusual achievement. They will attempt to personify the person in whose name the donation is made. Each of the 125 men from Washington and Lee in World War II will, in a way, be immortalized on the campus. The beneficiary of the scholarship would know that the money for his education was given to perpetuate the memory of some past student and he would in turn be a better and more conscientious student.

Besides building a new science building, auditorium, and dining hall, plans are also being made to enlarge Doremus Gymnasium.

There will be a few changes in the curriculum, the outstanding one being the installation of a major in Humanities. This, Dr. Gaines recommended highly as an absolute and broad basis for anyones education. Development of pre-engineering courses will also take place.

Lastly, he showed each student attending, why Washington and Lee, among the 1706 other institutions in this country, can make claim to real distinction. He reminded the assembly of the sheer beauty of Washington and Lee, the integrity of its instruction, the notable men in its alumni, and the nobility of its ideals; how its very foundations are the faith and citizenship of Washington and the character and devotion of Lee.

"Most important, however, are the conventions and traditions originated and sustained by the students themselves. Governing themselves as, and only as, they deserve."

Out on a Limb

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The currently existing wage limitation is not the only reason U.S. Steel has for not seeing President Truman's proposal. Labor's shaggy-doggish John L. Lewis is already heard growling and it seems inevitable that he will demand a wage increase for his coal miners. To meet his demand will be to up the cost of coal... and the effect on steel production costs will be no less pronounced. Big Steel is also faced with the extreme competition of light metals and low-cost plastics. Again, any contracts made with the U.S. Steel workers now will be expired in nine months and will hold no check whatsoever on bargaining when it is resumed in October.

The present fight is real and quite earthly. But as it approaches the point of a mutually fatal stalemate, an ideological aspect enters on the scene. It is far better for Big Steel to do harm to themselves and labor than to submit to the inequitable demands of Labor.

Generalizing

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who has done such a wonderful job the past two years, we believe the intramural program will reach even greater heights this semester.

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A week or so ago part of this column was left out of the paper because of lack of space. In that brief paragraph we paid tribute to two fellows who emphasized the spirit of W&L more than anyone else at the basketball games last semester. These boys are two of the leading "Rinkydinks," Jim Lovins and Roy Witte. Both Jim and Roy really went to town leading the rest of the students in songs and cheers in front of the R. E. Lee hotel before the second "Wahoo" game.

Letters to Editor Requested

Got any comments to make about **The Columns**? We are always interested in hearing, and possibly will print, any suggestions or criticisms. Address: Box 97.

Basketball Schedule for Remainder of Season

For the sake of the new men entering Washington and Lee, **The Columns** is here reprinting the remainder of the basketball schedule. But it is also for those old men who seem to think that the basketball season ended with the Virginia game. The cheering section was effective at that game, to be sure; but it should be equally effective at every other game. At the Virginia game, the student body experienced for the first time something of the spirit of pre-war days. Our student body has grown—let the spirit grow with it! Let every man be at the V.P.I. game, and at every other game our team plays!

Schedule

- Feb. 9, Sat.—V.P.I., here
- Feb. 12, Tues.—Roanoke College, there.
- Feb. 15, Fri.—Camp Pickett, there.
- Feb. 19, Tues.—V.P.I., there.
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