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Has Highest Average

Alvin T. Fleishman, Senior Commerce Class President, Named 1941 Valedictorian

South Carolinian Has Record of 34 As, One B For Seven Semesters



1941 Valedictorian
Al Fleishman

Alvin T. Fleishman, president of the senior commerce class, will deliver the valedictory address at the graduation exercises next June, it was announced after a faculty meeting yesterday afternoon. Selection of the valedictorian is based upon seniors' academic records for the first seven of their eight semesters' work. Fleishman received a total of 34 As and one B during that period, qualifying for the Honor Roll in each of the seven semesters. Hygiene grades are not included in the consideration.

Fleishman was recently named to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, national scholarship society. He also holds membership in Phi Eta Sigma, freshman scholarship fraternity, Beta Gamma Sigma honorary commerce organization, and Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity.

Besides being head of the senior commerce class, Fleishman is president of the Wilson Commerce club. He was desk editor of the Ring-tum Phi last year, sports editor of the 1940 Calyx and edited last fall's freshman handbook. He has served as manager of the University band, and is treasurer of his social fraternity, Zeta Beta Tau.

J. W. Hughes

Welsh Lecturer Speaks Tonight

Tonight at 7:30, a prominent Welshman, J. Williams Hughes, will speak at Lee chapel on the strong and weak points of America's democracy. Mr. Hughes' lecture, "A Britisher Looks at American Democracy," will include his predictions for international relations following the war and accounts of the fall of European democracies. He has been associated with youth movements and peace movements in Europe and America, and has lectured and broadcast extensively since the present war began. During the Spanish war, he organized a medical aid agency and served on the Madrid front.

Immediately after the chapel lecture, the International Relations club will hold an open forum at the Student Union at which time students and visitors can participate in informal discussion with Mr. Hughes. The discussion will begin about 8:30.

Bob Sweeney, IRC president, is planning a joint meeting of the club with the Hollins IRC which is tentatively scheduled here either April 15 or 17.

Face Rutgers Tuesday

Debaters Bow to Erskine, Meet Randolph-Macon Friday Night

Washington and Lee's varsity debaters fell prey to the debate team from Erskine College by a 2-1 decision in a match held in the Student Union building yesterday afternoon, debating on the national topic, Resolved: that the nations of the western hemisphere should form a permanent union.

Mitchell Disney and Beverly Fitzpatrick opposed Jimmy Parkinson and James Mays of Erskine.

The next time the W&L debaters take the platform will be at Randolph-Macon in Lynchburg where, on Friday night, they will take the affirmative on the question that a woman's place is in the home. Tuesday night will again see them in action when they meet Rutgers in the last home debate before the eastern tour. There will be an important meeting of the squad at 4 o'clock Thursday to discuss and draw up final plans for this tour.

The debate with Erskine was formally opened by Jimmy Parkinson as first debater for the affirmative. In his constructive speech, he brought out the need for a union of American republics, stating that protection, security, and economic recovery warranted such a union.

Six Men Added

Religious Week Program Lists Ten Speakers

Six additional speakers have been contracted by Denny Wilcher, director of religious activities, to hold discussion forums with various classes at the University Religious conference to be held here on March 11-13, it was announced today. With Henry H. Crane as head speaker, the completed list now totals 10 men.

Those men who have recently sent in their acceptance to Wilcher's invitation are: George S. Tarry, professor at Randolph Macon College, Ashland, Va. Tarry is a member of ODK, Sigma Upsilon, and Tau Kappa fraternities, and is interested in the relationship between modern Christian convictions of thought and those of Jewish and Greek categories of the first Christian century.

Sidney M. Lefkowitz, Rabbi of the Beth Ahabah Synagogue of Richmond, Virginia. He is a member of Phi Beta Delta fraternity and the Richmond Rotary club. His interests lie in the fields of sociology, philosophy, and economics.

Charles E. Thomas, present rector of Protestant Episcopal Church of Washington, D. C. He is a member of ODK and Sigma Nu. Thomas now holds the position of executive.

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Forums Limited

Fraternities Are Offered Faculty Talks

Christian Council Plans For Ten Varied Topics; Speakers Are Named

Forum discussions on political, religious, athletic and military subjects under the leadership of President Gaines, Dean Gilliam, half a dozen faculty members, a Lexington minister and a VMI professor were offered to each of the school's 18 social fraternities today by the University Christian council.

The council, in letter to house presidents, outlined the program and asked that the fraternities discuss the proposals in charter meetings.

According to the plan, a fraternity may select any or all of 10 subjects offered by the association. The discussion leader would be invited to the house for dinner on a date set by the fraternity and, approved, by the speaker, and would talk for 20 minutes after dinner. A thirty-minute discussion period would follow the talk.

Speakers included on the council's list and their subjects follow: Prof. C. E. Williams of the Law school, "Law and Democracy;" Prof. J. H. Williams of the political science department, "America's Role in Europe;" Prof. O. W. Riegel of the Journalism school, "Is Free Speech Worth Preserving?"

President Gaines, "Religion and the Student;" Prof. F. James Barnes of the political science department, "Will Democracy Survive?" Dean Gilliam, "Students and the Faculty in the College Community;" Rev. Thomas Wright, "The Church and the War;" E. P. (Cy) Twombly of the physical education department, "The Role of Athletics in Education;" Col. W. A. Ellis of VMI, "The Values of Military Training."

Prof. Fitzgerald Flournoy of the English department, is also listed, but his subject has not as yet been announced.

Each fraternity has been asked to send to the association a list of the speakers it wants to hear, along with a desirable date. The committee in charge of the program, in its letter, requested houses "not to ask for any speaker in whom the members are not interested."

"All these men are busy and capable," the letter went on "They must not be invited to a house and then receive an inadequate hearing. Unless most of the members are inclined to remain at the table or retire to the lounge with the leader, the committee prefers that you not ask him."

Most of the discussion leaders are limited in the number of times they will be able to speak, and will be assigned on a "first come first served" basis, the committee said.

The association, in announcing the plan, said the program had been proposed to promote "more common thinking on the problems which confront us as students and citizens and of a Democracy." It was also pointed out that the leaders are qualified men whose "opinions as capable educators should be of interest to the general student group" and that faculty-student relations "of the best sort" would be promoted by the forum program.

The committee in charge of the plan is composed of Cameron Dean, chairman; Bill Buchanan, Jean Friedberg, Charlie Hobson, Al Snyder and Jimmy Price.

In closing his opening speech, Parkinson stated that a union would aid in many ways, but in the military sense it was a necessity.

Mitchell Disney was the first representative of the W&L squad to take the platform. Disney pointed out that there were no ties that would merit a union of the Americas. We are different in religious, geographic, cultural, racial, political, and martial aspects, he said. In reference to protection, Disney argued that we protect South America by having accepted for ourselves the Monroe Doctrine. In conclusion, Disney said that we don't need the obsolete aid which South America could give us, that big business does not want and would not help sponsor.

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Editorial

In It?

"Yes, boys, we're already in this war."

That's what they say, nodding their heads, sagely. And we, not knowing what it is like to be in a war, agree with them.

But right now we are in it only so far as economics are concerned which will hurt plenty. We will really be in it when you and I climb aboard that first transport steamer.

Right now they are asking us to give fifty cents each for a medical unit.

Fifty cents.

Boys, when we get through paying what we are going to have to shell out before this thing is over, we'll wonder back to the days when we talked in terms of such infinitesimal sums as four bits.

It is one of the maxims of history that, once entered, a war cannot be prosecuted half-heartedly. Having begun an aid-to-Britain policy, the United States, like it or not, will have to carry it out effectively. They tell us that if this is done efficiently enough, we can keep short of war. We don't believe them, but it's worth taking a fifty-cent chance on the possibility that paying for these kits to aid Britishers now may keep us from having similar kits used on us some day.

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Officials Confer

War Department Considers Plan For Summer Training at VMI

A plan whereby Virginia college students would be able to receive military training at VMI during their summer vacations is being considered by the War department, Major General Charles E. Kilbourne, superintendent of VMI, announced yesterday.

No definite arrangements or announcements have been made as yet, it was pointed out, but the VMI "Cadet," student newspaper said that the War department was "seriously considering" the plan as a method of enabling college students to complete their academic work without interruption. The proposed training would not exclude men from the draft, but would allow them to finish their schooling.

Lieutenant Colonel Withers A. Bursess, operations and training officer on the General Staff of the United States Army, was in Lexington last week to confer with VMI and Washington and Lee officials. He would make no statement concerning his visit, pointing out that the entire plan was being considered merely as a possibility and that a great deal of investigation would have to be made before the Army could decide on the advisability of the proposal, the "Cadet" said.

The plan, according to the Cadet, would allow college men to continue their academic education at their present location and come to Lexington for a certain period during the summer vacation to be instructed in the fundamentals of military science and tactics. The course would not necessarily be an officers' training program, it was pointed out, but would probably be an attempt to have the enrollees

schooled in basic military principles prior to possible Army enlistment.

VMI was cited as an ideal location for such training because of the availability of military barracks, mess hall, drill field and complete equipment for mounted work.

The "Cadet" said that "authoritative sources" have expressed themselves as "having no doubt" that such a plan will be adopted in time to put it into effect by the summer of 1941.

The training, according to the plan, would not be compulsory.

Tomorrow Is Deadline For Fraternity Snapshots

Tomorrow noon will positively be the last time that informal fraternity snapshots will be received for publication in the 1941 Calyx. Editor Jimmy McConnell emphasized today.

The fraternities should realize, McConnell said, that they will only receive publicity in the fraternity section of the Calyx in proportion to the number of informal pictures submitted by each house.

He stated that there is still room for seven more pages of snapshots in the annual, and that all the photos that can possibly be used will have a place in the yearbook.

C. Harold Lauck states that the incunabula pages which have been on sale in the McCormick Library for British War Aid will be returned to the Committee in Roanoke on Saturday and that this week will be the last in which students and faculty members will have an opportunity to buy them here.

Drive Starts Tonight For Donations to Buy Surgical Equipment

Scholarship ZBTs, PEPs Lead Fraternity Averages

Phi Epsilon Pi and Zeta Beta Tau for the third straight time led Washington and Lee's 18 social fraternities academically during the first semester of the 1940-41 school year. Beta Theta Pi jumped from fifth to third place this year. All the 18 fraternities made above a "C" average.

Lambda Chi Alpha moved up from sixth to fourth position, while Pi Kappa Alpha and Phi Gamma Delta just swapped places. Pi Kappa Alpha moved up from eighth to tenth, Phi Gamma Delta from tenth to eighth, Kappa Alpha advanced to thirteenth from their last year's seventeenth position.

The 202 new fraternity men made 1,278.

The averages of grades are reported in terms of the grade-point ratio adopted last year. It is calculated by dividing the total number of quality credits earned by the total number of hours of work attempted.

For the purpose of computing the grade-point ratio, each semester hour of work on which the grade A, B, C, D, E, or F is received, quality credits are assigned as follows: 3, 2, 1, 0, -1, or -2, respectively. Provisionally and until a final grade is reported, an I (incomplete) counts as F. The Registrar's office stated today.

The comparative standing of the fraternities, as released by the Registrar's office today, are as follows:

Fraternity	No. of Men	Ave.
Phi Epsilon Pi	16	1.676
Zeta Beta Tau	30	1.617
Beta Theta Pi	45	1.536
Lambda Chi Alpha	27	1.455
Kappa Sigma	45	1.354
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	46	1.354
Sigma Chi	38	1.327
Delta Upsilon	36	1.300
Delta Tau Delta	44	1.285
Pi Kappa Alpha	44	1.268
Pi Kappa Phi	32	1.261
Phi Delta Theta	39	1.252
Kappa Alpha	36	1.182
Phi Kappa Psi	49	1.189
Sigma Nu	44	1.185
Phi Kappa Sigma	43	1.077
Alpha Tau Omega	43	1.033
Phi Gamma Delta	42	1.029

Camera Club

The Camera club will go to Hollins tomorrow night to participate in a joint meeting with the Hollins club and to judge the girls' annual photo salon, President Jack Peacock announced today.

Members of the W&L group will leave the Student Union building at 7:15 tomorrow evening, and Peacock has requested that all members who desire to make the trip phone him at Phi Psi house by lunchtime.

Leadership Group To Present Outfit To Great Britain

ODK tonight began its drive to raise funds for the purchase of a portable surgical outfit for use in war-torn Great Britain.

Members of the leadership fraternity were scheduled to visit fraternity houses and eating places at dinner time to ask for 50 cents contributions from students, and President Cecil Taylor said today that the campaign would be continued tomorrow noon if tonight's response is not heavy enough. The sponsors of the project hope to be able to complete the collection of contributions on their first attempt, however, Taylor said.

The outfit which ODK plans to purchase for presentation to the British in Washington and Lee's name consists of over 150 articles for use in emergency operations in air-raid shelters, emergency first-aid stations, bombed hospitals and auxiliary hospitals. The Medical and Surgical Supply Committee of America is heading a drive to secure 1,000 of the portable units.

Forceps, scissors, bone chisels and other surgical instruments are included in the kit, which is contained in a khaki canvas roll. The units, according to the Supply Committee's plans, will be distributed among British establishments which "are in dire need of instruments to replace losses made almost nightly."

Faculty members have also been asked to make contributions to the cause. Taylor met with house managers last night to make arrangements for having student donations included on regular house bills.

"It is our hope," Taylor said today, "that members of the student body will contribute willingly to this undertaking. We realize that there have been many worthy causes to which students have been asked to make donations this year, but at the same time we feel that this project is one which deserves special consideration."

Pins Allowed

Faculty Approves Resolution Limiting Activities of Sigma

The faculty yesterday approved a resolution banning "any public manifestation of affiliation" with the Sigma society "except for the wearing of the conventional pledge and membership jewelry and the usual presentation of the pledges and members in the Ring-tum Phi and the Calyx."

The resolution, drawn up by a special committee, stated:

"1. That in the future any public manifestation of affiliation with the society either as a group or as individuals be banned, except for the wearing of the conventional pledge or membership jewelry and the usual presentation of the pledges and members in the Ring-tum Phi and the Calyx.

"2. That the responsibility of acquitting any subsequent members of the society with these actions of the faculty rests directly upon the society.

"3. That this action be posted on the University bulletin boards."

The faculty took similar action in March, 1936, when a resolution permanently banning the Sigma litany and prohibiting the appearance in public of initiates wearing costumes or otherwise calling attention to themselves beyond the wearing of the usual pledge insignia was passed. The organization was prohibited "from indulging in any public manifestation of membership in the society other than the wearing of the membership button" until March 1, 1937.

Debaters Meet Thursday

Dr. R. W. Nelson, debate coach, today announced that there will be a meeting of all members of the debate squad at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Freshman applicants for the team and for assistant manager are particularly urged to be present.

W&L-VMI Cagers Eat Together Before Playing for First Time in 37 Years



Shown in this friendly gathering of the Generals and Keydets are Dick Williams of VMI, Bob Gary of W&L, Captain Bob Foster of VMI, Captain Howard Dobbins of W&L, Eddie Stumpf of VMI, and Ed Cuttino of W&L. (Courtesy the Richmond Times Dispatch)