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THE CROWDED AUDITORIUM which greeted the first number of the Artists' Course series last week was undoubtedly gratifying to those who have been working for the resumption of the feature. The overwhelming response points to a definite interest in things cultural on this campus. But it also points to the sensible way in which the persons in charge drew up the arrangements. A series of programs was secured which would please varied interests, and the price of the course was made extremely reasonable. There is only one regret. The advance ticket reservation enabled many faculty members and townspeople to get seats to the exclusion of some students who were previously instructed that tickets would be available only at registration. This can be remedied next year, however, when there is more time for such details. Otherwise, the supervision of the whole affair has been excellent.

AT LAST SOMEBODY HAS suggested something which we have needed around here for a long time. The government is thinking about giving out free gum drops in the way of armories, and we might as well get our hand in the bag too. The one we have now is a little out of place with the latest developments in military science and tactics, and it doesn't fit in with the architectural scheme of the campus anyway. Furthermore, there is no building we need here worse than a new armory. At least, it would provide plenty of drill space, which has been sadly inadequate, even since the varsity tennis courts were dug up and graded. And that old baseball diamond has outlived its usefulness. A new armory there would be an excellent strategic point of defense, since the north side of the campus is wholly helpless against attack at present. Then too, 'it would add to the efficacy of our military training. No one questions the advantage of this because it builds MAN-HOOD. So we're for the new armory.

FODDER, FUEL, AND FOOLS

It is about time that somebody came to the defense of the student body. Undergraduate dailies have warned by the printed word and speakers have thundered from rostrums that the average student in American colleges and universities refuses to think or even take cognizance of current problems that confront the world. This bodes ill, they have admonished. That was ten, twenty, fifty years ago.

Only recently the Daily Cardinal, University of Wisconsin undergraduate daily, howled in characteristic tenor, "This almost universal lethargy among university students is ominous. When even university students refuse to think, what hope can be held out for democracy?" And still the world goes on; sometimes the problems are solved, more often not

True, the average undergraduate refuses to think But the world at large errs grossly in contending that it is his fault. Rather, the fault lies, fundamentally, with the American college and university, in home training, in lack of lofty ideals, in a cynical attitude, and in a multi-phase of complex and interrelated causes. In his attitude he is a typical bovine-brained American citizen, who likes to be lead around by the nose as long as he individually does not been the cost of less-capable exccutvies' blunderings to too great an extent.

In college there is no reason for him to think. Memorize? Yes. But not real thinking. He must fulfill a certain standard of requirements as to courses and proficiency in them. With even such a slight task, he, being an American citizen, tends to cast one eye toward the material requirements. The other, for the time being, remains fixed upon his ideal of actual knowledge of the subject matter and culture-real education, but eventually, in one, two, or three years, he goes blind.

Those who howl loudest for undergraduate action contend that American prestige suffers, that America falters where others lead. But they err again, for education will do more than any one other thing to bring about a weakened America. The more educated citizens, the harder becomes the management of a country. When people stop following the leader, chaos reigns, Wars would be an improbability if people thought dur ing a crisis, rather than acting on mob-psychological principles. Still, there must be fodder for cannon, fuel for industry and big business, and fools for mouth-piece positions. Probably the only thing that will make the average student actually think for himself is to remove the American college and university from "grist mill" methods. Evidently somebody has seen the handwriting on the wall, for Boston University, on January 11, announced that traditional A, B, C, D, F grades would be supplanted in the Education School with "honors," "satisfactory," and "doubtful." Dean Wilde feels that the system will tend to take the emphasis away from the value of grades, and stress the more essential need. which is knowledge of the subject matter.

OLD MANIA

You may have lost patience with tuxedo collars freshmen as marks for loans, and your appetite for social functions, during Ye Senior Ball week-end but we got educated musically to the point where we know exactly what the score is. It all happened through one of the Collegian's

truggling sophomore reporters who came to us with a tale full of trade secrets, etc. It seems that Bert Lown (the fellow who played for the Ball in case you don't remember) was regaling the lads at the local lodge of Phi Sigma Delta. One of the boys, after applauding three or four orchestral anecdotes, deided to ask a few questions. (We suspect the Colegian sophomore of being the interrogator.) At any rate, one of the boys ups and asks, "Well,

Mr. Lown, just where do you find the inspirations for your compositions? (It seems as though Mr. Lown is credited with 'Bye, Bye Blues,' 'The Pagan Love Song,' and several other once-popular ditties.)

"Well," prefaced Mr. Lown, not to be out-welled, "Sometimes you can write a song and sometimes you can't. One can't just sit down and rattle off a popular song, one must be in the mood; one must sense the creative urge that characterizes the artist at work etc. etc.'

Mr. Lown even compared himself to an author by saying, "You must feel like creating music just an author must feel like writing before he can create literature."

Mr. Lown was about to disgress further on the business of artistry et al when the lad interrupted again. This time he wanted a specific example of the artist at work, so to speak.

"Just how did you write 'Bye, Bye Blues,' Mr. Lown?" he wanted to know.

At this point everybody stole up good and close and prepared for something akin to a confession story or a major revelation. It was going to be even bigger than Bernreuter on sex.

"First," quoth Mr. Lown, "you always have to face the fact you are not permitted to steal more than two-and-one-half bars of music going frontwards,'

.This was interesting, but the general reaction was what?' Then came the great secret.

"Take 'Bye, Bye Blues'," Mr. Lown continued, "that tune is merely 'The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise' written backwards; there's no law against that!"

Well, we were educated. Since the lesson we have tried Mr. Lown's recipe and hope to have a lalu of a torch song from the reverse of 'Nearer My God To Thee' ready for Broadway by the middle of next week. Incidentally, we have discovered that the inverse technique is aided by an occasional hand stand. 3 + 4 + 4 + 4

PUBLIC NOTICE,

This is to inform those interested (and those who know the gentleman) that the black derby hat so con-scientiously carted about by Avon King Burke, Phi Psi gallant, (a gen'mun o' the ole south, suh) was manufactured at Number 1, Bond Street, Piccadilly Square, London, by the Official Hatters To His Majesty, the King of England. We make this an-nouncement for the benefit of the Burke, the public, and the hat, which we hope will hence remain atop the Burke curls and not in the Burke hand as an anti-American advertisement.

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La Belle Fletcher responds to Boots Frizzell's dating invitation, 'L'll have to ask my mother' Roncone and Quinn subbing in Mr. Lown's outfit for a brief space Friday night . . . and the latest song title gag: 'I gutter rat to sing the blues' . . . 'Fish' Mateer rushing after refills at the unusual . . . that dope shouting 'Carlocal' at the wrestling match . . . and um hum, quite so, the Burgoons were in

town . . . And why doesn't Dean Whitmore take down his Xmas tree? . . . Bill Hansen dashing across Locust Lane today with tomato juice for buxom im-port who just will not go home. —THE MANIAC Fo the Editor: For the mast several weeks I have

been reading with much interest the editorials in your paper on "An A-merican Youth Movement?" Your an-alysis of the situation of American students and of the prospect for the development of their present organi-zations is quite clear. Indded, it is because of your evident interest in this subject that I am taking the liberty to present a few thoughts for your

Letter Box

been needing for some time. Of consideration. First, I wish to quote from your editorial of January 25th: "Likewise, resolved to make available the mach-the National Student Federation of America does not give very real pro-mise at the present time of leading the Federation not only to every youth out of the darkness."

corner of the campus but to every group of American youth which is interested in a "better social order." We are determined that our union shall be all-inclusive in its memberyouth out of the darkness Yet the N. S. F. A. has the best chance for leadership. The delegates to its They have had training in leadership shall be all-indusive in its member and administration which the radi-ship and liberal in its conception. All feelings of superiority and self-comship and liberal in its conception, All coupled with a more liberal viewpoint and a less superior attitude

the opportunity for progress would be uch greater." Granted that the first part of your sing American students to thought

ful action and of affording adequate expression for their efforts. We, the cognizant of this fact and are willing to admit that the Federation has only the new plan should be forthcoming shortly. You may, therefore, rest as-sured that the organization which you have designated as having "the best chance for leadership" on this occasion is definitely at work and chall have tabling works are begun to scrape the surface of its large storehouse of possibilities. Financial limitations and other circum complishing all that we should have up to the present time; however, a

day may just be dawning for our efforts. The recent student sessions in Wash

ington furnished us with some evi-lence of youth's awakening to the situation about it. In spite of the re-ports of the press, the fact remains that these student meetings did take some very progressive and commend-able stands on certain matters, American young people have had so far to come to get up the ranks of action that many spectators have lost sight of what little progress they have made in recent months. Moreover, a number of incidents have been occu adjourned that afford ample evidence of youth's growing interest in public affairs. Witness the work that has cen done by student leaders to set up a Laboratory for Leadership in Public Affairs, in Washington. Wit-ness the recent efforts made by a number of campus leaders to clean up the political conditions in their

up the political conditions in their respective cities—the most notable case being that of the Tulane studen Case being that of the Tulane student body in New Orleans. Look at the wholesale protests that have been coming from the college ranks against the R. O. T. C. Examine your current tollege publications and you will find much discussion on what form an American youth movement should take Thus it roas without further ake. Thus, it goes without further proof that the masses of our young people today are definitely more in-erested in public action than ever

The chief question for considera tion, therefore, is not so much—Are American Students, Active? but rather —How Will The Students Express Thenselves? This will doubtless be through an adequate organization. This organization, we of the N. S. F.

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A. believe, will be the National Stu-dent Federation of America. Quot-ing from your editorial again, we find this: "The N. S. F. A. and to ascertain if you and your fellow stu-dents are interested in going along best chance for leadership." It ap-best chance for leadership." It ap-ipears then we are agreed that the N. S. F. A. is the organization to shoulder the burden. Realizing this situation, the offi-cers of the Federation have begun

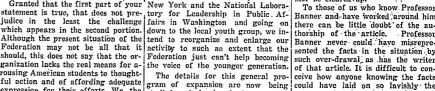
Realizing this situation, the offi-cers of the Federation have begun "the formula for expansion" is ready work on a plan whereby we hope to so enlarge the activity and influence of the organization that it will be well bo you think that we could interest you? Your recent series of editorials has

the organization that it will be well to afford American youth the outlet opened the way for action on your campus. The National Student Federfor expression and action that it has been needing for some time. **0**f

campus, 1 de vactorial soudent react ation is anxious to see you follow a long the pathway you have made. Sincerely yours, John A. Lang President, National Student Fed ration of America.

To the Editor: A vicious rumor has been circulat ing that a laudatory article, "Jour

placency will be chucked aside; the interests of all will serve as the guid-ing principle. Beginning with the ing principle. Beginning with the Federation's central headquarters in New York and the National Labora-



gram of expansion are now being studied and developed. A report on

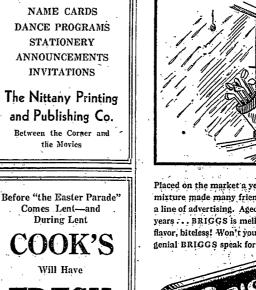
shall have telling results very soon. The purpose of this communication. onsequently, is to inform you at

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nalism Comes of Age," appearing in the January issue of the Alumni News was written by none other than the head of that department. Because the head of that department. Because many COLLEGIAN readers may have or will read that article I feel that it is someone's duty to ask that the ru-mor be cleared up. To those of us who know. Professor, Banner and have worked around him there can be little doubt of the au-thorship of the article. Professor

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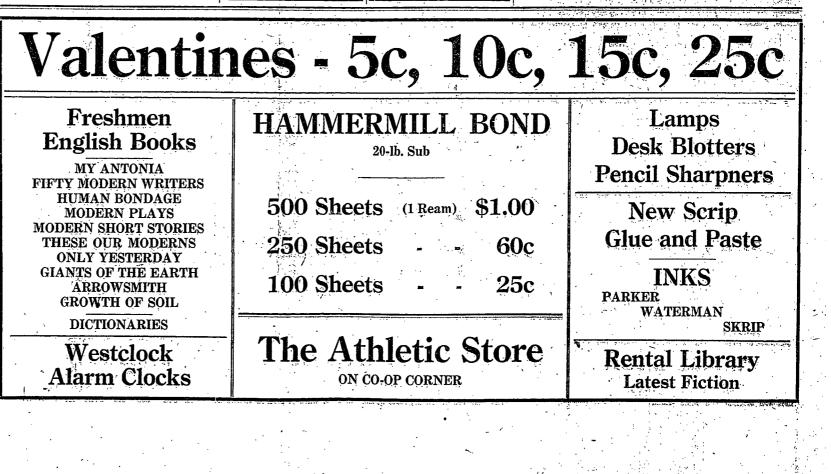
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Meanwhile, Penn, State, proud of her leadership in speech clinics, adaptive physical education for cripples, and the abolition of direct athletic subsidization, etc., but still clinging to her antiquated honor point system, fears to take a step in the right direction. -F. W. W.