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CONTEST WINNER

NOTE: In a contest sponsored by the Committee on Militarism in Education, the following essay by Roger E. Chase, of Columbia University, was awarded first prize for the best editorial on the subject: "Why Congress Should Pass the Nye-Kvale Amendment."

"We won some things from the war, that were not on the program. For example, we had a complete demonstration of the fallacy of the old tradition that preparedness prevents war."—George H. Dern in an address at Riverside, Calif., December, 1931.

In December, 1935, Mr. Dern, as Secretary of War, is busy spending the largest peacetime military appropriation in the history of the United States, making capital of "the old tradition that preparedness prevents war" to hasten the drive toward a bigger and better war.

The patrioters—including, we trust, Mr. Dern—have not forgotten the institutions of higher learning. To date more than two hundred campuses have found a place for the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Another hundred are expected to add military training to their curricula in the near future. In 118 institutions of learning drill is not only offered but required.

Senator Nye of North Dakota and Representative Kvale of Minnesota have introduced a bill intended to eliminate conscription from American education. The bill would amend the National Defense Act of 1916 with the stipulation that no R.O.T.C. unit be approved at any school or college "until such institution shall have satisfied the Secretary of War that enrollment in such unit (except in the case of essentially military schools) is elective and not compulsory." Mild as it may appear, consonant with the democratic idea as it is, the Nye-Kvale Bill is by no means assured of passage.

No sooner did the campaign against militarism in education begin to assume formidable proportions than spokesmen for "national defense" rushed forward with euphemisms and counter-charges. The R.O.T.C. was a higher form of "physical education"; the goose-step was "character education"; compulsory drill was "citizenship training," an antidote for the subversive agitation of students who felt, and said, that was unnecessary and futile and they would have nothing to do with it.

It means little to the defenders of the R.O.T.C. that the best minds in the field of physical education have characterized as a hollow falsehood the claim that drill "builds men."

It is irrelevant to the apostles of chauvinism that the kind of "character" developed by the corps is otherwise known as the "military mind" which—Professor Reinhold Niebuhr once stated—"makes unthinking obedience the summum bonum in the hierarchy of virtues."

It is not at all alarming to the super-patriots that "citizenship" as promoted in the R.O.T.C. has meant the negation of science and democracy, that the training corps have been as culpable as any other group in the revival of American college vigilantism.

What that "citizenship" implies was once illustrated in an official R.O.T.C. manual (withdrawn from circulation), thanks to student protests, ten years ago. One passage read: "This inherent desire to fight and kill must be carefully watched for and encouraged by the student. . . . And further: 'To finish an opponent who hangs on or attempts to pull you to the ground, always try to break his hold by driving the knee or foot to his crotch and gouging his eyes with your thumbs.'" "Citizenship," indeed.

As it becomes increasingly apparent that the nation's military machine is being geared to the inevitability if not the early desirability of another war, student protests against militarism and the society which breeds it will be increasingly vocal. At the same time, R.O.T.C. units will crop up on campuses which never had military training before. The corps already established will emerge more clearly as stormtroops of bogus "Americanism," intolerance, anti-intellectualism. They are strongholds of reaction today; they may be the vanguards of fascism tomorrow.

Wide public support for the Nye-Kvale Bill may not signify the beginning of the end for the R.O.T.C. But it will prevent further expulsions of students who, on religious or political grounds, refuse to submit to compulsory drill. More important, it will attract public attention to what has long been an anti-social feature of our educational system and today is an incubator of forces which may some day destroy our civilization.

The campaign should not be confined to those schools where compulsory R. O. T. C. exists. The menace of jingoism cannot be isolated. Every senator, every representative in Congress should be notified, deluged with petitions, hounded until such time as he places his influence behind the bill.

It is encouraging that the tremendous growth of the R.O.T.C. since the war has not occurred without artificial stimulation. Although the cavalry went out of style and utility after Appomattox, thousands of horses have been provided as sugar-coating for the pill of compulsory training. Fortunes have been spent on flashy uniforms. Pretty girls have been recruited as "sponsors." The enemy has been resourceful.

There is going to be a fight to the finish between a strong student peace movement and a highly-subsidized regimen of training for slaughter. The outlook will be more reassuring once the Nye-Kvale Bill is law.

OLD MANIA

A Kingdom Totters:

"Oh my goodness!" breathed Fran Turner, Penn State's smiling May Queen, as she caught her heel in a wire mat on the porch of Old Main Saturday afternoon. Things looked pretty dark for Fran, the May Day procession and the month of May in general but for the timely assistance of Art Fisher, one-time editor of the COLLEGIAN, Froth, and La Vie. Leaping from the crowd to Miss Turner's side, Momzer Fisher ('10) grasped Miss Turner about seven inches above the securely wedged heel, and with a tremendous heave released the Queen from her enchantment. The sun shone brightly once more and the procession resumed while Mrs. Fisher spoke in an undertone to triple-editor Art.

On Coming of Age:

Paul Langdon Cox Jr. '39, known affectionately as "Eagle" to his intimates out at Sigma Pi, is probably the only youth on record who has actually come clean from Pittsburgh. All year the Eagle has been one of those pillars who believe that nicotine tears out the lungs, alcohol sure plays hell with the lining of your stomach, and girls—well Eagle actually blanches with terror at the mere thought of talking to one of the critters.

Last Saturday night the Eagle went berserk. Dropping the training of a lifetime from his shoulders he stormed into the Siepi boarding house and gave a pretty authentic imitation of a bacchanalian frenzy. He raved, ranted, whined; even swore a little, softly. Finally, as the piece de resistance, he called Dory Becker on the phone and dripped sentiment into her not so unresponsive ear, begging for a date. Amazed and not a little alarmed the worthy bro, who have good reason to know the effects of ethyl evanescence when they see it, went into action. After much investigation it developed that the Eagle had, inadvertently, downed two (.2) beers.

Scavenger Scrapings:

As everybody knows who ever dated a Theta, they don't fool. When they do a thing they do it in a big way. The other night they pulled off a scavenger hunt over at the Stone Pile and the sisters really took it serious. When Chaperon Joy Wardell's list called for a real live cow, that meant a real live cow had to be got. Up to the Dairy barns in the dead of the night marched our Joy with the result that for several hours some close relation of the deceased Penn State Jessie grazed contentedly on the Theta house lawn. The sisters offered Bovy a bid but the cow turned it down preferring, she said, the more pleasant atmosphere of the dairy barns.

And though she doesn't know it, Skippy Baxter-Bailey's wedding certificate, upon which the ink is hardly dry, was on view at the same little soiree . . .

Item to End All Sam Breene Items:

Somewhat put out by this department's buildup of the Ted Phooey-Rito hucksters, a while back our Mr. Breene descended upon Willy Skirble, the then Bus. Mgr. of this sheet, and in no uncertain terms stated that jr prom would pay not one cent for the legitimate advertising which it had run in these sacred columns—which was all well and good, except that good Mr. Neil Fleming had paid us off in full only the day before.

Trivia:

Design for living: Lucile Giles and Luke Brighton and Bob Morini (alphabetical order) . . . Nancy Fletcher eating an ice cream cone in Kalin's . . . Geo. Deverspike skiing down stairs in his apartment bldg . . .

SOCIETY NOTE: Among the many persons of prominence who visited the campus over the weekend were: Kay (where's Skirble?) Geise '35, ex-manic James Beatty '35, Tiger Joe Lockhart, and somebody's mother . . . —The Maniac

Faculty Members Hit Fallacy of Estimates

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to thousands who would otherwise be in competition in the labor market. Thus crime indirectly contributes to the financial welfare of those who supply it with equipment and those who benefit by the spoils.

"If it were somehow possible to eliminate all crime suddenly, the effect on our entire economic system would be as disastrous as the collapse of any other industry of similar magnitude," they say, foreseeing the repercussions to be similar in kind, if not in degree, as that which typically follows a great war. However, they do not believe that such a thing could happen completely and rapidly enough to cause a serious dislocation of industry.

Professors Hawkins and Waller hold that it is possible to measure some elements of the cost of crime but not the cost of crime. The questions that interest them most are: What is the effect of crime in redistributing the national income? What are roots of crime in legitimate business?, and what unintended consequences for the larger social order have such crimes as bank robbery, embezzlement, counterfeiting, and racketeering?

Racketeering, the co-authors show, has been deliberately invited and fostered by big business who seek to protect their investments from the onslaught of the small businesses. They point out also that the consumer rarely pays the cost of the racket, but instead it falls upon the merchants themselves.

Campus Bulletin

TODAY Chess Club will meet in Room 421 Old Main at 7 o'clock. Senior class meeting in chemistry amphitheatre at 7 o'clock. All seniors should attend.

TOMORROW Freshman women candidates for the editorial board of the COLLEGIAN will meet in Room 312 Old Main at 4:15 o'clock. Important.

All candidates for the 1936 La Vie staff will meet at 4 o'clock in Room 412 Old Main. Plans for the 1937 book will be outlined and the next senior staff will be introduced.

Alpha Pi will meet in Room 318 Old Main at 8 o'clock. Attendance compulsory.

THURSDAY Important meeting of the Camera club in Room 321 Old Main at 7 o'clock. Dr. White will give an illustrated lecture on color photography. Everybody welcome.

Last day for orders for graduation invitations, announcements, and programs. All orders taken at Student Union desk.

Nittany Stamp club will meet in the Sandwich Shop at 6:30 o'clock.

MISCELLANEOUS Tickets for the Penn State Day dance are now on sale at the Student Union office.

Senior downtown women who wish to attend the senior dinner dance at the Nittany Lion Inn, May 22, should make reservations immediately with Anna Mary Soisson, Women's building.

The names of all newly-elected officers of all organizations should be left at the Student Union office. Old Main, immediately.

S.U. Names Champions In the tournaments conducted by Student Union, Harry H. King '37 became College pool champion and Richard Scheiman '39 won the ping-pong championship.

FOOT LIGHTS

"Ah, Wilderness!" a three act play by Eugene O'Neill presented by The Penn State Players under the direction of Nellie Gravatt, Friday and Saturday, May 8th and 9th in Schwab auditorium.

Table listing cast members and roles for 'Ah, Wilderness!'. Roles include Tommy-A Son, Mildred-The Daughter, Arthur-Another Son, Elsie Miller-The Wife, Lily Miller-Nat's Sister, Sid Davis-Elsie's Brother, Nat Miller-Owner of the 'Evening Globe', Richard-Another Son, David McComber-A Dry Goods Merchant, Nora-The Maid, Wint Selby-Arthur's Classmate at Yale, Belle-A Chorus Girl, Muriel McComber, Stage Manager, Assistant Stage Manager, Electrician, Property Manager, Assistant Property Manager, Costume Mistress.

For her excellent direction Nellie Gravatt deserves more tribute than the spring bouquet which was presented to her on a darkened stage Saturday night.

Harvey Levin gets three stars for being a natural as the Oscar Wilde-bitten youth as does Frances Keeler who switches with Jane Gruber. Jane has possibilities in smaller shows.

But for his voice, which verged on being just a little too senile, even for a newspaper man of that age, Tommy Francis deserves at least a good cigar on which to learn. Beatrice Conford slipped a notch (going out of character several times) and did not give Francis the support he deserved.

Another ale for Wolovsky who was Sid Davis was not the over-drunk drunk who usually flounders into plays of this kind.

Silom Horwitz, the man with sixty-three stage voices, used voice number 16, the oboe to get across the kind of neighbor of which you have at least one. He also used facial expression number six throughout with two much verve which made for a stereotypic rather than a character.

Eddie Blinn was brief but brilliant as the corruptor of youth from Yale. Hermione Hunt loosened up and gave her best performance of the year. Johnny Moffitt is a good actor and during the water-closet episode added as much color to the play as George Jerome the bar-keep.

The characters not mentioned gave the spottiest performances. The play as a whole was successful. —R.L.W.

Architecture Award Won by Briggs Pruitt

A scholarship was awarded to J. Briggs Pruitt '36 to attend the annual meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture being held at Williamsburg and Richmond, Va.

Prof. James B. Helme, of the department of architecture, also attended the early part of the meeting which was held in conjunction with the American Institute of Architects to celebrate the completion of the restoration of Virginia's former capital, Williamsburg. The Rockefeller Foundation is responsible for the reconstruction.

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CINEMANIA

Following H. G. Wells' "Things to Come," which closes at the Cathaum today, that theater will show a picture with a new angle on the "shady lawyer" plot.

This time the lawyers are played by Margaret Lindsay and Glenda Farrell. The former is in love with Warren Hull, the district attorney, but he has belittled her ability and so she accepts an offer from a local racketeer to help him in some crooked deals. For quite a while she succeeds, but at the denouement in a stirring courtroom scene at the close, she agrees with Hull that the law is a man's profession.

Another film dealing with a lawyer who uses his ability in behalf of a gangster will be shown at the Nittany tonight and tomorrow. In "Special Investigator" Richard Dix serves in this capacity until his brother, a G-man, is shot down by racketeers. Seeking revenge Dix goes to Nevada and discovers the hideout of a gang of gold robbers.

While trailing them he falls in love with Margaret Callahan, the sister of the head of the gang. But a typical whirlwind finish removes all complications. The story is written by Eric Stanley Gardner, who is well-known for his mystery stories.

Although it lacks "big" names the picture at the Cathaum Thursday looks like good entertainment if you like thrills. "Speed" is the name of it and it features Wenda Barrie, Una Merkel, Ted Healy, James Stewart, and Ralph Morgan.

Stewart is a test driver for one of the large automobile companies whose job is to "crack-up" cars at high speeds in order to see how they will be damaged. He is also at work on a new style carburetor and in order to test it he enters the Indianapolis Speedway race. His car crashes, but through the aid of Miss Barrie he gets a new car which he runs over the Muroc Lake testing ground in Utah. When Sir Malcolm Campbell recently set a new world's record, with more thrills and more success.

A return showing of "Rose Marie," musical show starring Jeannette McDonald and Nelson Eddy, will be at the Nittany Thursday.

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