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UNAMERICAN AND UNACADEMIC

THE highly commendable work of the Peace Action Council toward eliminating the spectacle of compulsory military education from the local academic landscape goes forward tonight when the Rev. Charles D. Rockel, of Altoona, presents the case for optional R. O. T. C. in the Auditorium.

Here is the opportunity for every student who feels that two years of compulsory military training has added nothing to his cultural life to register his protest. Here is the opportunity for every student who feels that his academic opportunities are abridged by compulsory training to register his protest. And this is the opportunity for every student who feels that militarism is a blot on education, that compulsory military training belies the democratic heritage of this country and is therefore un-American, to raise his voice against it.

-R. L.

RETIREMENT TO A HILL TOP

"THIRD PARTIES FORCE REFORM." This tenet of history and political administration is once again proven by the impressive list of clique platforms in the current campus election.

These platforms should also be an answer to certain critics who have urged that the COLLEGIAN "keep its own precious skirts unsoiled" in campus politics and confine itself merely to "occasional jibes taken at all parties impartially."

But for long, long years the COLLEGIAN did just that and for long, long years the campus political system was worth nothing more than "occasional jibes." It was rather fun in the H. L. Menken manner—making them, but in the end it really didn't come to much. Each spring saw a contest of popularity and organization and the student body remained saddled with a set of officers who, except by an occasional happy accident, had no idea of the problems that they would meet, no methods for improving conditions, and no conception of their duties to the students who elected them.

If it was undignified or lacking in impartiality to encourage the first group ever to show signs of wanting to reform this system, then we demur to the charge. The nine platforms published today seem to us to be worth any loss of dignity that this paper may have sustained by giving news space and editorial commendation to those who were the leaders in establishing them.

Now that some measure of reform seems likely we feel that we may safely draw our skirts about us—even though they be a little muddy—and return once more to the clean, pure hilltop of impartiality. Judging from the platform of each party, any candidate who may be elected will be aware of the major problems which he faces and will have some sort of a constructive program which he is pledged to carry out.

Some parties appear to have a better grasp of the situation; some have better plans than others. But that is for the individual voter to decide upon. Next week's mass meeting, too, should give additional information as to the qualifications of the various candidates. Upon these facts students, for perhaps the first time here, will be able to make an intelligent choice at the election.

There remains the problem of broken platforms and promises. Candidates who now speak glibly of book stores, proportional representation, blanket fees, and "comp" lists may not be so enthusiastic to change or to work for these things after they are once elected. But that is a future problem.

With one or two possible exceptions every plank that has been adapted by the various cliques can actually be carried out. Some will require hard work and will meet strong opposition. The fight for reform is merely getting started, but events of this year seem to have demonstrated that strong enough pressure from outside groups can accomplish a great deal. It may be necessary to conduct the same demonstration every year, but it can be done.

OLD MANIA

"If at First You Don't Succeed . . .":

Poems, pamphlets, and novels without number have been written extolling the "simple virtue" of Persistence, Stick-To-itiveness, Determination, or what have you; yet, if we are to judge from the general average of grades around this U., the doctrine has gained small acceptance.

However, all things being relative, virtue must triumph in the end and we are pleased to announce that in two instances which have come to our attention Perseverance has reasserted itself in our midst.

Last Saturday night the alphaomicronps gave what they choose to call their Pledge Dance and a very nice affair it was, we understand. Bobby Eler, as is her custom, dragged all the way up from Philly, Lynn Lansberry, her OAO, to borrow a phrase from "Dorm Doings." The evening was progressing beautifully, but as it progressed Lynn's face assumed a more and more haggard expression. Finally, after numerous futile attempts, he dragged Bobby into a secluded alcove of the Nittany Lion's foyer, gave her a huge diamond.

Our second example has to do with Al Simpson, the taxi lacrosse wizard. Last fall he invited his favorite bisquit up for Houseparty. She came all the way from Bermuda, stayed two days, was sick in bed the entire time. Undaunted, Al has invited her up for Jpprom . . .

The Benedict Arnold Club Elects:

By popular acclaim Danny DeMarino has been elected president and keeper of the keys of the local chapter of the Benedict Arnold Club. Danny, originally an Independent Party adherent, switched to Locust Lane when they offered to run him as Vice President. As the paper goes to press the latest bulletin has him slated for Student Council on the Campus Clique ticket . . .

Campy Aftermath:

A spell back, Campy printed an item about the flowers which arrived daily for Barbara (Body Beautiful) Woods, attributing them to Chuck Glennon. It seems Campy erred, but in so doing brought matters to a head. Barbara is now wearing Chuck Glennon's pin and the Sigma Pi gent who had placed the standing order with the florist has discontinued same. Which makes everybody happy but the florist who is threatening to sue the paper for restraint of trade.

Petty Objection:

As is the custom every year at Beaux Arts Ball, the walls of the Armory are decorated to fit the motif of the affair. We can't quite figure out just how it fits into the theme of Comic Strips, but the boys in charge decided to hand enlargements of Petty drawings. Now as 99 and 44-100 per cent of you know, Petty drawings represent the maximum of nudity and the minimum of drapes. The boys called it "Comic Strip Tease"—not very funny, but it does serve as an excuse for get the pictures in the decorations. At the last minute, however, some one got cold feet, approached Dean Ray and asked her opinion. As a result the Petty drawings were painted over and the gals became modest as all hell. Attendance at the affair, we understand, dropped 200 per cent when knowledge of the desecration leaked out.

Addenda:

A note in the editor's column of the May College Humor: "A Canu Laude to Jim Dugan for another swell issue of Froth . . ."

We received your polite little note, Mr. Galbraith, and will sleep on it. —THE MANIAC

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College Claims 1st Girl Operator Of Oil Well

Penn State again crashes the news as claimant of the only girl gas-oil operator. Julie Leathers, who spent her freshman year at Penn State, and who is remembered by many as an attractive, vivacious personality, recently hit a gas gusher in the Huron Hills of Ohio.

Miss Leathers, said to be the only girl in the gas and oil well business, was enrolled in the Liberal Arts School here in 1933, and left Penn State the following summer when her family moved to Dover, Delaware. There she studied geology and started in the gas and oil business.

At present, her gas well in Huron County, Ohio is producing 3,000,000 cubic feet a day, with gas bringing between 18 and 20 cents per 1,000 cubic feet a day, with gas bringing between 18 and 20 cents per 1,000 cubic feet—that is, an income of between \$500 and \$600 a day.

The April 4 issue of the Cleveland Plain Dealer carries an article about Miss Leathers' work, which says, "Under the direction of Miss Leathers and C. L. Williams, geologist, drilling was started on her well early in March. Every day, the girl was on the grounds. Unfortunately, Miss Leathers had left the site only 30 minutes before the well blew in. The youthful business woman said that according to geologists, the land on which her well is located is among the best in Ohio."

Drilling on Miss Leathers second well is well underway now and when it blows in, she plans several more. Nine wells, eight belonging to the Leathers site, have come in during the last several months. All are said to be good commercial wells. Two large ones started producing last week.

The Record Crop

SWINGMA is the cable address of the new record company, Master Records, Inc. Appropriately so, for the two labels, Master (75c) and Variety (35c) are establishing a reputation for unadulterated swing, slightly commercial to gut-bucket.

You probably heard that number by HUDSON-DELANGE Sophisticated Swing at the Sandwich Shop yesterday—as smooth as Simone S. The other side, *Maude's Night Off*, typical crazy title and H. and D. swing. (Master 103)

Lap up every millimeter of DUKE ELLINGTON'S recording of his theme song, *The New East, St. Louis Toodle-O*. Last recorded back in 1926, now 11 years later it still has all the glory that is the Duke's. Backing it is the job they do in the movie "Hit Parade" *I've Got To Be a Rug-Cutter*. It appeals primarily to Robert Taylor fans—I think Ellington laughs and not up his sleeve, at the funny noise.

Another recorded musical joke is the RAYMOND SCOTT QUINCY that achieved fame over the Saturday Night Swing Club, 7 PM WABC (radio) and they deserve it). *Twilight in Turkey* (Master 108) the most played disc here, is on that Egyptian ella song about pants and France. Back, *Minuet in Jazz*, a Minuet in G, arrangement sophisticated.

On Variety labels is the real stuff. Two fugitives from Ellington (the rats) waxed some five that set every corn-cob-eating. REX STEWART and his 52D STREET STOMPERS are "45" in number. On *Lacy Men's Shuffle*, bluing at slow tempo and *Realization* a real jam session with trumpet Stewart at its best. (Variety 517) BARNEY BIGARD, the Duke's clarinet, got 7 rebels (the worms) for *Cavava*. The valve trombone (composer Tizol) sets the whole thing going. *Stoupy Jones*, another jam session. Frown on Williams' screaming trumpet. These two recordings are among the greats of the year.

More jam—FRANKIE NEWTON and his UPTOWN SERENADERS (personnel on the disc) *You Showed Me the Way with Please Don't Talk About My Man*. For Onyx Club fans (Variety 518)

As if that isn't enough a cable SWINGMA will bring MIDGE WILLIAMS and the same boys that did *Twilight in Turkey* more relaxed *In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree and Walkin' a Dog*. Midge isn't as mean as Billie Holiday.

Very intricate are the sides *Jungle Madness* and *Blue Rhythm Fantasy* by MILLS BLUE RHYTHM BAND. The boys have too much competition in the same field as E. K. Ellington. —BREW

1st Party Platforms in College History Announced by 3 Cliques

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lected or policy-forming officials, on a merit system and a commission to be composed of members of the three major political parties.

'38 Campus Clique Platform

Meanwhile, the Campus clique, class of '38, presented a nine-point program:

- 1. Assess blanket registration fee to provide all necessary hospitalization for one week.
2. Have the College operate all game concessions and employ worthy students.
3. Set up a system whereby students not present for the regular rushing season might be rushed, if they so desired. This would include foresters, late registrants, transfers from student centers and other colleges, and all non-fraternity men.
4. Set up a centralized employment agency for students whose sole purpose would be to secure jobs during school time, in summer, and after graduation.
5. Revise Student Council so that each school in a representative meeting composed of representative members of the various branches of that school might choose its own delegates to the general Student Council.
6. Assess a registration fee to cover necessary expenditures of worthy groups participating in intercollegiate competition, as adjudged by a faculty committee.
7. Have more frequent class meetings where students would be given a chance to formulate class policies and execute class business.
8. Set up a plan giving greater publicity to expenditure of class funds, with statements published at least four times each year.
9. Drastically cut the "comp" list to insure more successful dances at minimum cost.

'38 Locust Lane Platform

The '38 Locust Lane clique presented an eight point platform, promising to explain it fully at the mass meeting next Monday:

- 1. Set up a revised Student Council to be composed of at least one representative from each of the seven Schools, with an additional representative for each additional 100 men in the School.
2. Establish convenient polling places in each School, where members of that school would vote, thereby eliminating the danger of a student voting for other than his own Student Council candidates.
3. Reduce admission prices to class dances by cutting the "comp" list by at least ten percent.
4. Poll student opinion on dance bands, listing available bands, their fees, and the resultant admission prices.
5. Purchase Lion coats for each male senior from class funds, which could be done by a careful supervision of the funds for next year.
6. Establish an advisory committee to advise administrative officials about students needing part-time work, especially concerning the new building program to be started soon.
7. Obtain a blanket fee to cover expenses of benefice teams or clubs while on trips.
8. Urge all juniors to attend the mass meeting next Monday.

'39 Class Platforms

The Independent clique, class of '39, adopted the same platform as that of the present junior class. Both Campus and Locust Lane cliques announced six-point programs.

The '39 Campus-clique platform:

- 1. Publish class budget to show distribution of class dues.
2. Exert all possible effort to establish a permanent N.Y.A. to relieve the need for some student aid.
3. Finance the Penn State Club, because of its value as a non-fraternity voice in student government, from the class treasuries.
4. Establish a merit system for selection of candidates to student offices and extra-curricular positions, such as managerships, captaincies, etc.
5. Favor a closer relationship between men's and women's student governing bodies.
6. Establish a dining commons on a marginal profit basis.
1. Establish a dining commons for men.
2. Distribute debating fee among all competitive teams which do not charge admissions.
3. Establish a co-operative book store.
4. Not to raise the hospitalization fee to the proposed \$5.
5. Publish class budget to show distribution of funds.
6. Promote a merit system to be used in making appointments.

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'40 Class Platforms

As in the case of the present junior class, the Independent party, Class of '40, adopted the '38 platform, with the addition of two planks, (1) Establish move-up day for freshmen; and (2) reform Student Tribunal.

The '40 Campus clique issued a five-point program:

- 1. Establish separate student councils to be composed of as many members "as seems adequate" for each School, with two representatives from those councils to be elected to serve on a central student government body which would replace the present Student Council.
2. Call more frequent class meetings to discuss business, and publish more detailed and more frequent reports of class expenditures.
3. Elect first assistant managers on merit system, with all second assistant managers adjudged as deserving by the Athletic Association, to receive awards.
4. Appoint an impartial committee to study the health service, and publish the reports of the committee, doing all within power to correct inadequate conditions.
5. Recommend to the Athletic Association the creation of a 150-pound football team with a regular schedule and proper coaching.

The '40 Locust Lane clique platform:

- 1. Enforce freshman customs.
2. Establish a blanket fee for all activities.
3. Create better feeling between fraternity and non-fraternity men.
4. Obtain the best band available for Soph Hop.

Campus Bulletin

TODAY

Pi Lambda Theta and Kappa Phi Kappa will hold a short informal meeting in Hugh Beaver room, Old Main, at 4:15 o'clock to extend greetings to Dr. Marion R. Trabue, new Education dean.

THURSDAY

Business meeting of Penn State Club will be held in the club room at 8 o'clock. Women's baseball practice for all classes will be held on Holmes Field at 4 o'clock.

MISCELLANEOUS

State scholarship checks are now at the Bursar's office. Theatrical tickets are now on sale at the Student Union office.

All entries for intramural spring sports must be in Miss Keller's hands before 5 o'clock Thursday. Fee for mushball, golf, and soccer is \$1 per team; track, twenty-five cents per man. Only tennis doubles team from each house will be permitted. The fee is fifty cents per team. No tennis singles will be played. Entries for intramural bridge tournament close Friday. Entrance fee is two decks of cards per team.

After All Is Said and Done Have Your Shoes Repaired at L. E. KLINE 153 S. Allen St. Shoe Repairing

To Save, Give Away Money, Schmelzle Advises Rich

The best way for a rich man to save money is for him to give it away. At least that is what William K. Schmelzle of the department of economics and sociology advocates. The reason for this is the great increase in the property taxes that the government has been imposing since 1932.

"A rich man can save money in two ways by making gifts," says Schmelzle. "Gifts are taxed at a lower rate. At the same time the gifts reduce the total value of the estate for future estate appraisement."

There is no tax on gifts of less than \$5,000. It is then, easy for a rich man to make many small gifts, at least small enough to be less than \$5,000 without being subject to any gift taxes.

"An individual with an estate of \$100,000 can, by giving away ten gifts of \$5,000 each to different persons, reduce his estate tax by \$6,500, thus making enough through saved taxes to make one of the ten gifts with no cost to himself, plus an additional \$1,500," he pointed out. "By reducing the estate, he would also reduce some of his income from the estate and consequently his income tax."

Churches, colleges, and other institutions which once received large bequests are finding their income from this source considerably less, he said, but are finding small gifts out of income a lot easier to get.

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