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LaFollette Is Right

Ex-Governor LaFollette of Wisconsin found a receptive audience in Schwab Auditorium last Monday night. For the most part his listeners agreed with him. They were pleased with what he said and rightly so for he pointed out pertinent fallacies in some of the uppermost interventionist arguments—fallacies which, on the surface, seem to be entirely correct but which after a deeper analysis are shown in their true light.

For example, under the heading, "risks we run if we stay out of the war," he listed invasion of the United States via Dakar, Brazil, and Central America. LaFollette didn't say so but this route is obviously the only one by which a large army—and by army we mean land force—can hope to attack the United States.

He said that "this is a real danger and I do not mean to make it appear ridiculous." By that we could only understand him to mean this is a real danger only for some future time. Certainly, he made it seem a ridiculous immediate danger.

He did a good job, too. He conceded that an army of a million men—small for the task—with all necessary machinery and supplies could march through Africa, sail safely past the U. S. Navy and across 1,800 miles of ocean, get to Brazil, march through northern South America and Central America and Mexico, finally getting to the United States border.

Then he asked, "What could these million men do against a country of 130 odd millions?"

A chorus of laughter from the audience answered his question.

By his reasoning—and it is essentially correct—it is virtually impossible for any European nation to invade the United States. Certainly he exaggerated. But he did so only to make his argument more obviously true. The fact remains that Hitler can't invade England which lies only 20 miles across the English Channel from Nazi-dominated France; how can anyone very much fear that Hitler will invade—or even attempt to invade—a country which is protected by 3,000 miles of ocean?

LaFollette gave, as another risk if we stay out of the war, the danger of economic competition with Germany. This, he also disposed of quickly and efficiently. He said it would take 25 years of foreign trade, at the normal rate of profit, to get back money (not including materials) we have already given to warring nations. He pointed out that our normal foreign trade comprises only 7 or 8 per cent of our total volume of trade.

It would have been hard not to agree with him when he climaxed his argument on this point with the statement, "We don't want to wreck 93 per cent of our trade to save 7 per cent."

On the other side of the ledger, he presented several risks we will necessarily run if we do enter the war in Europe. These, however, aren't of quite so much concern. We are trying to stay out not get in. If we can satisfy ourselves that there will be no danger if we do stay out, let's adopt a strict non-interventionist policy and forget about it!

LaFollette did an excellent job in answering the question, "Should the United States Intervene in the European War?" It is too bad that there are those who do not agree with him. It is too bad that there are those who don't believe in staying out of the war. We do and agree whole heartedly with LaFollette and the America First Committee. A more proper name might be America First—and last!

August has five bath nights and September is when school starts. That's rubbing it in on the kids.

THE CAMPUSEER



Parsons May Join G-Men

We just received a terrific scoop over the grape vine and it has to do with none other than Jane Parsons who blew into town the other day for a brief sojourn. We have it on good authority that Jane (of the beautiful stems) is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation but less you have any fear as to the reason let us inform you that it's only in connection with a job that the former State coed is trying to land. The Pen Argyl product is a master of French and German, and is trying to land a post with the G-men as a translator. Good luck, Jane.

He has done as much as any other State man to foster fraternity spirit and welfare but little credit has been given to Ridge Riley for the grand job he has done in editing the fraternity booklet last summer and again this year. Busy penning sport dope which he sends out to eastern and state newspapers, Ridge has found time to re-edit the second annual booklet which will be sent to all incoming freshman boys Jim McCaughey reached the state of manhood on July 4, hence the big smile on this rag's business manager's face . . . he missed registering for the draft on July 1 by three days.

The Golfing Gilberts

Ike Gilbert and his lovely wife are willing to challenge any golf twosome in the vicinity after reversing a previous setback at the hands of a certain collegiate journalist and Bob Montz last week . . . the Gilberts really piled it on the unfortunate victims (this is the last time Montz will ever get a chance to lose our money) who talked such a game before teeing off on the first hole . . . the rubber match next week will decide the outcome of the bitter rivalry and unless you see the result in this column, you will know who won . . . the colossal Sigma Nu dance last Saturday nite really put the necessary frills to a successful summer social season. The girls outdid themselves to make all the guests feel at home, and even the townspeople there went collegiate to the tunes of the Campus Owls . . . the Sigma Phi Epsilon gals are evening-gowning it this Saturday.

Crowell-Lantz Nuptials

Bob Crowell breezed in the borough Monday with Nora Lantz and left word that the two would middle-aisle next Saturday . . . another Phi Delt, Frank Kingdon, kissed bachelor days good bye two weeks ago . . . Peggy Hood's U. of Virginia hearthrob blazed a fiery trail here from Harrisburg in his new convertible over the week-end and left all Peggy's newly acquired admirers wondering "what's the use of it all"



BARRY BLUE

Barry Blue's Orchestra To Play Tomorrow Night

The third weekly summer session dance, with Barry Blue and his orchestra supplying the music, will be held in Recreation Hall from 9 till midnight tomorrow night.

Blue's swing aggregation has gained recognition throughout the state and promises to continue the success it had at last year's summer session reception dance.

Admission, as usual, will be 35 cents per person, with matriculation cards required. Refreshments will be available.

Annual Hell Week Tough On Frosh

A dog's life may be tough, but it is the "Life of Reilly" compared to a freshman's existence during fraternity Hell week.

Dogs don't walk up and down stairs backwards; they don't put on blindfolds and then feed each other at meal time; they don't count the number of seats on New Beaver Field—but freshmen have had to take these in their stride as some of the easier Hell Week stunts.

"Take a drink of water every time you smile!" And this was done 17 times by a freshman at one meal.

One fraternity had freshmen stationed on its roof, and at the break of dawn the frosh would crow like roosters. This had to be abandoned because of the disturbance to neighboring houses.

The game of tennis is an enjoyable one—ordinarily. But in the sense that some fraternities use it the mere mention of the game sends cold chills up and down the spines of many a freshman.

In this game, the "tennis racquets" are sturdy, wooden paddles, and the "ball" is the freshman himself. The kind-hearted upperclassmen make it easier for the frosh, and do not make it compulsory for the "ball" to travel over the net every time it is hit.

Another favorite is "Fire Drill." Roaring fires are built in fraternity fireplaces. The freshmen crawl from the kitchen to fireplace, and try to put the fire out with mouthfuls of water, while the upperclassmen feed the fire.

Although Hell-Week activities were outlawed by the Interfraternity Council three years ago, many fraternities continue the custom of having a "three-or-four-day week of torture" just before formal initiation, "in order to put the finishing touches on the molding of a freshman."

Eastern Star Picnic

All summer students who are members of the Order of the Eastern Star have been invited to attend a joint picnic of the Bellefonte State College-Centre Hall chapters to be held at Hecla Park, Saturday. Mrs. G. N. Haupt of State College is in charge.

Summer Session Announcements

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2 p.m. Open meeting of the Central Pennsylvania branch of the National Vocational Guidance Association, Topic "Guidance Facilities Available in Universities," Room 121 Sparks Building.

5:30 p.m. Iota Lambda Sigma banquet and initiation. Speaker, Dr. Benjamin H. Van Oot. AGR houses.

7 p.m. *Assembly and student singing. Schwab Auditorium.

TUESDAY

9 a.m. Open house in the Psycho-educational, Reading, and Speech Clinic and in the Pennsylvania Workshop Clinic and Workshop offices.

2 p.m. **First meeting of the Superintendents' and Principals' Conference. Room 121 Sparks Building.

7:30 p.m. Motion picture and lecture on Social Hygiene, by Dr. Anna O. Stephens, of Laurelton. Room 10 Sparks Building.

WEDNESDAY

**Superintendents' and Principals' Conference Meetings.

12:15 p.m. Luncheon Cooperative Commission for the study of Teacher Education. Nittany Lion Inn.

4 p.m. Home Economics panel discussion. Topic, "Human Resources in the Defense Program." Room 110 Home Economics Building.

5 p.m. Picnic and supper for WEGS. Community playground.

5:45 p.m. Superintendents' and Principals' Conference Annual dinner. Nittany Lion Inn.

7:30 p.m. Auditions for Talent Night. Little Theatre.

8:30 p.m. ***Public Production of "Moor Born," by Dan Totheroh. Admission 50 cents. Schwab Auditorium.

THURSDAY

**Superintendents' and Principals' Conference Meetings.

2:30 p.m. Meeting of Industrial Education Dances. Atherton Hall.

8:30 p.m. *Concert by the Band, Orchestra, and Chorus School. Guest-conductors—Pierre Henrotte and Richard Franko Goldman. Guest soloist—Henry Cowell, soloist with Leopold Stowkowski's All-American Youth Orchestra. Schwab Auditorium.

5:15 p.m. Phi Delta Kappa Initiation and Steak Fry. Room 405 Old Main and Hort. Woods.

8:30 p.m. Swim Party. Glennland Pool.

*Children under 16 years of age will be admitted only if accompanied by their parents.

**Copies of the program of the Superintendents' and Principals' Conference may be obtained at the Summer Sessions Office.

***Tickets will be sold in the lobby of the Auditorium following the summer session assembly on Monday evening.

College Head Wants 'Intellectual Spinach'

LORETTO, Colo. —(ACP)—Less "cream puff" teaching and more "intellectual spinach" is needed in American colleges, in the opinion of Dr. Paul J. Ketrick, president of Loretto Heights college.

"Cream puffs," he says, "have entered to much into the daily college diet, and you may be sure that some students are certainly not getting the right amount of intellectual spinach."

"Learning isn't an easy business," Dr. Ketrick says. "It's complicated. You can't just ladle it out between riotous week-ends, hoping for miraculous results."

The "rigid, lockstep system" of Victorian days failed as did the "football bowl, coonskin coat and pigskin head" system of post-war days, he believes. What is needed now, Dr. Ketrick declares, is "intelligent participation in a well-ordered education plan."

A course in Latin-American history has been added to the curriculum at Lafayette.

— JACK HARPER —

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SPECIALS

Thursday, July 24

- WASHABLE SLACKS
- SPORT SHIRTS
- SLACK SUITS

Jack Harper
HATER MANAGER TOLAN