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**We Who Are About To Die**

A note of irony will be heard in all bells which toll out their respects to the dead of World War I today, and bugles, instead of sounding their taps over those who unhesitatingly died in a "war to end war," may be uttering a new battle cry in a few months.

"That those dead shall not have died in vain," was a promise which was not meant for our generation. This era, consummated by greed and hate, was born a problem child. Fostered by the bigotry of our parents, we have become old for our years and have experienced almost every phase of social upheaval.

Marching feet, beating drums, eyes straight ahead, and hearts which beat in unison to war songs as they are flung into the stormy sky, are the ideals of the times. To win, to conquer, that is the ultimate end. That is the core of domestic, state, and national thought. That is the life of today.

Before it is too late, before we are thrown into a conflict where bloody action is our only motive, we must prepare for our funeral. The funeral will either be that of a peaceful death with no need to think of the morrow, or that of a living death where we must again watch the birth throes of another generation which will have been consummated by hate and greed.

Our voice, the voice of youth, is stilled and quiet beneath the overburdening flood of propaganda which challenges us to maintain by force the right to speak and think democratically. We do not question our duty to defend democracy, by force if necessary. But we do question the forceful method of preaching democracy after the war is over with the defeated cringing at our feet.

Now, our generation is nearing its deathbed. Our generation will again fight for a cause, a cause which needs the support of every democratic-minded American. Force, in the form of Hitler and his cohorts, again has thrust its ugly, martial face into the American scene. It is our duty to destroy, by direct or indirect means, the problem child of our own thoughtless creation.

But, in our preparation for the march to the grave, we should resolve that the future must not be forgotten. We cannot die, physically or spiritually, to foster another child of hatred and suppression. We cannot begat another Cain.

The days of the "eye for an eye, and tooth for a tooth" must be ended; for bloodshed follows bloodshed, and retribution follows retribution. The tools for a peaceful world must be fashioned with patience, tolerance, and sympathy, not discrimination and angry revenge. Hitler sprang from a crushed people bending under the load of reparations.

So we must suffer. Suffer because we must undo our undoing. We must die, some of us, because we must construct. We cannot forget the cause, because we have nurtured it; but we may forget the solution . . . "that the government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from this earth."

We cannot change the course of events. We cannot appease a Hitler. We cannot seek a peace which should have been negotiated in a little railway car over twenty years ago. We cannot hope to recapture security which was thrown away with America's recent declarations to Germany. There is some chance that we can evade war, but we cannot avoid being held responsible for it.

But we can do this. We can rededicate ourselves. As the taps are being sounded over campus and the flag is dipped in salute to the forgotten soldiers of yesterday, we can say to them, "Soldiers, today people are laughing at you, laughing at your stupidity in fighting for the world of tomorrow. Today, soldiers, we are fighting . . . and praying. We pray that our graves will not be covered with the footsteps of laughing soldiers who are marching to win the war and not the peace."

**THE CAMPUSEER**



**Diary Of A Houseparty**

FRIDAY

5 p. m.—Reluctantly left Mr. A's for home and a rough evening. Was informed before leaving that Walt James, glamour boy of the Blue Band, would escort Fij Fulton to HP. Imagine that!

6 p. m.—Just made dinner after spending an hour entertaining a young man from Syracuse whom we found in our room. He pooh-poohed State's chance against the Orange on the morrow, saying there was plenty of money open for Syracuse to win by 13 points. He didn't know just where it was though.

10 p. m.—Took off for Jan Savitt's and Mr. Donovan's brawl in Rec Hall accompanied by a pleasant glow, someone else's studs, and our half of a ducat. Contrary to the premonitions of certain parties, like Loki, there was a good crowd.

11:30 p. m.—Started on tour of "To Hell with Soph Hop" fraternities and am glad to report they also did nicely. Saw our first Conga chain at Penn State in the Pi Kappa Phi house. Local Carmen Miranda's present included Louise Fuoss and Janet Eyer. Saw Erik Moeller at the KDR shindig, also Ted Winter at SPE with—shhh—Doris Disney! Saw Rusty Swift and Mary Jane Gibson somewhere but location is a bit vague. Stopped in at Phi Kappa House and sure enough there was "College Life" Jack Heck with side-kicks Bob Schuler and Rocke McCrossin.

SATURDAY

5 a. m.—Heard over a plate of scrambled eggs that the finger of guilt for the DU's loss of social privileges last year was fixed on a certain blonde—and we don't mean a Thetis!

2 p. m.—Between touchdowns at the game saw George Yeckley and Johnny Pearce on sidelines, Maynard Bloom, dwarfed standing beside Harry Dennis, and Bob Brooks with Bobby Torrence. It's terrible that one night can do to a man.

4 p. m.—Saw poor Mr. A. get a punch on the proboscis in his own emporium. At last reports both Mr. A and said proboscis were doing nicely and the cosmic puncher is out on bail.

6 p. m.—Heard at dinner that young Heath Twitchell was the life of his sister's post-game party. Seems he was in complete football regalia and did a Pepper Petrella through an entire opposing team composed of Rusty Earl, Pat Nagelberg, Gardner Lindzey, Bill Lehmen, Jack Cunningham, John Barr, and Bob Montz.

8 p. m. to 5 a. m.—The less said the better, but don't think it wasn't fun though, because it was—Believe Me!

**Seventh Annual Confab Of Engineering Society Scheduled For This Week**

Five universities will be represented at the seventh annual conference of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education to be held on campus Friday and Saturday, according to Prof. F. C. Stewart, chairman of the Allegheny Section of the society, and A. P. Powell, secretary of the organization.

Besides the College, there will be representatives of Bucknell University, Carnegie Institute of Technology, University of Pittsburgh, and West Virginia University present at the two-day meeting of the society.

Registration will be held in the Electrical Engineering Building between 1 and 2 p. m. Friday, followed by the business session and a general meeting.

The conference will be addressed by H. W. Prentis, Jr., president of the Armstrong Cork Company and a College trustee, at the University Club at the banquet at 6:30 p. m. Friday.

**Etching On Review**

Dr. Warren B. Mack, head of the department of horticulture, has an etching represented in the Survey of Contemporary Print Makers at the United States at the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh. Dr. Mack's etching is called "Willows on the River," and will be on view until December 14.



**Campus Calendar**

TODAY

WSGA House of Representatives meets, 318 Old Main at 5 o'clock. Portfolio business and editorial staffs meet in 302 Old Main at 8 o'clock.

WRA Outing Club members sign up for Friday's hayride in Mac Hall, Women's Building, or White Hall until 10 p. m.

FSCA Forum Dramatic Committee meets in 304 Old Main at 4:15 p. m.

'43 Independent meeting, 318 Old Main, at 7:15. Election of officers for the coming year.

Executive committee, Freshmen Free football movies of Penn State-Syracuse game will be shown in 121 Sparks at 8 p. m. Coach Robert A. Higgins will comment.

The Spanish Club will meet in the Grange Playroom at 7 p. m. A program of Latin American music is planned.

Vitamin A exhibit, 209 Home Economics, 8 to 12 a. m.

Reverend Q. F. Beckley, O. P., will speak to the Newman Club in 110 EE on the topic, "The Catholic Student in the Secular College," at 7 p. m.

TOMORROW

There will be no Economics 15 class at 10 a. m.

**Soph Hop Earns Over \$1,000 Profit As 852 Couples Pay Admission**

For the second time in the 13-year history of the dance, Soph Hop made over \$1,000 profit, it was announced last night by Jack R. Grey '44, sophomore class president, in his tentative financial statement.

Previous to this year's dance there was only one of the annual affairs to make a profit, and that was in 1939 when the combination of Hal Kemp and Pitt weekend made \$1,300 for the '42 class fund.

In direct contrast with the \$300 deficit of last year's dance was the profit column this year which totaled \$1,040.96 "in the black."

The biggest expenditure of \$1,250 dollars was for the music provided by Jan Savitt and his orchestra, while other expenditures listed included: decorations, \$425; tax on admissions, \$321 and approximately \$100 for advertising, compensations, programs, and College labor.

Largest item on the asset side of the ledger was the admissions numbering 852 and totaling \$2,982, while the money contributed for booths amounted to \$150, and checking totals reached \$210.

Although contested by almost half the fraternities, who did not support it and had dances of their own, Soph Hop proved for the second time in three years that, if held on a big weekend with favorable weather conditions, it can be a success.

**Mid-Term Vacation Cancelled Next Year**

There will be no mid-semester vacation listed in 1942-'43 as the College Senate approved a schedule, presented by the Committee on College Calendar, of next year's vacations at its last meeting.

The usual Easter recess period will begin at noon Wednesday, April 21, and will end at noon, Wednesday, April 23.

The report passed by the Senate, was a substitute report for one that would have made a short mid-term recess and a short Easter vacation. A period of four days and a half for mid-semester vacation and three days and a half allotted for Easter were advocated in the first report of the Calendar.

"Two periods were not thought to be as effective as one long one," he pointed out.

**Time Out For Overcoats; Cold Spell To Remain**

After predicting show flurries for the past four days, The Daily Collegian weatherman can now roll up in his winter overcoat and hibernate for the rest of the week—for the department of geophysics says the cold spell will remain.

The predictions, of course, are subject to censorship by Mother Nature. But rumors have it that snow flurries will stage a repeat performance today—maybe.

**Campus Unit Observes Civilian Defense Week As Part Of National Move**

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tection, American unity, nutrition and clothing, first aid instruction and physical fitness, conservation of defense resources, publicity and records, and contact with the men in service.

Commenting on the purpose of the civilian defense program in general and the work of the campus division in particular, yesterday Warnock declared "We are making an effort to set up civilian defense in a democracy through democratic processes which means the volunteering of civilian services.

"The purpose is not only to supplement the armed forces of this country, but also to prepare ourselves through education, morale, health, and all the other means possible against any and all kinds of emergencies.

"As long as there is even one chance that students on this campus or men, women, and children might suffer from enemy attacks, from sabotage, from acts of crackpots, from want, hunger or disease—we must prepare in advance to meet needs that may come. We shall be blamed tragically if our defense comes too late."

Warnock concluded, "In this national defense program we citizens are endeavoring to prove that an adequate defense of democracy can be built and maintained through democratic procedures—that means by organized efforts of patriotic citizens acting voluntarily rather than under dictatorship compulsion."

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