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Old Rocking-Chair

"That the virtue and happiness of the people may be preserved, and that the government which they have instituted for the protection of their liberties, may be perpetual," was spoken by a soldier, patriot, and student of American liberty almost 150 years ago when he gave his farewell address to Congress as President of the United States.

His name was George Washington; his country: the United States of America; his purpose: the perpetuation of American freedom of expression.

We honor George Washington on his birthday, not because of his cherry tree truthfulness which is a myth, not because he was a supposedly great statesman who hid behind the coat tails of Benjamin Franklin and Alexander Hamilton, but because he was the exponent of the Bill of Rights and the hand which rocked the cradle of American government.

We don't honor Washington for his greatness, because better men could have performed a far better job. We bow in humble fashion to a man who was faced with the task of initiating the American babe of democracy into a new way of life and government, who believed in the face of adversity that this infant had what it takes, and proceeded to fight for its growth.

Today, we need more George Washingtons. We need less rocking-chair war strategists, and more soldiers of democracy. Naturally, we aren't advocating a blind faith in American principles and the "Utopian" government. We know that American blunders have recurred from the War of 1812 to the American appeasement policy in the Sino-Japanese war. But, American freedom is a child who knows she can eat as many cookies as she wants without getting slapped. But, she also knows she will get sick.

The willingness of American people to face a realistic problem is apathetic. We consider ourselves too intelligent, too dogmatic, too far above human frailties, and forget that the rest of the human race is still fighting its brother. We have escaped from the world of today and have attempted to project ourselves into the world of tomorrow whose brother will love brother and peace shall reign forever over the earth. Our rocking chair has been busy spinning fantastic dreams of governmental Utopias and we have disdainfully brushed aside the flies of human faults.

Now we are faced with reality. We see that our latent love for our fellow man has not attracted him because we had made no effort to get up from our rocking chair to prove our humanitarianism. Our idle promises, our "good neighbor" policies have been thrown out of the back door. With the Japanese feet pounding at our front doorstep, we have run to the attic for one last look at our packed treasures.

Unlike the George Washingtons of the Colonial days, we have asked democracy to prove itself instead of rolling up our sleeves. We have been too busy protecting our security, while the Germans, Japanese, and Italians have been establishing theirs.

In protecting our security, we have lost it. Now, our only way to regain and keep it, is to turn our faces to the East to encounter the danger of the "Rising Sun." We cannot hesitate, we cannot wait for the George Washingtons of today to solve our problem. It takes the concerted effort of all of us.

We will cross many Delawares and undergo many tortures of other Valley Forges before we place democracy upon a solid foundation. To do this, a reincarnation of the spirit of George Washington, his love for liberty and his willingness to fight for it, must be thrust into the minds of American men.

Our rocking chair dreams are ended. Today we sit, considering the smiles of democracy.



Old Mania...

Caprice

Frenchy Capers, DG cutie, betook herself to the confinements of Camp Lee to visit her love, Bill Moerschbacher, and came back, but wedded.

Men Of Theta Xi

Rita Belfonti, comely frosh, who was pinned by a sigma pi at the theta xi Christmas dance, returned to the scene of her triumph Saturday night for another whirl or two, but this time with a theta xi.

Annie Oakleys

For a slight consideration Maniac will furnish the names of not one but two beauteous lassies completely equipped with comps to Senior Ball. Would that we had known afore—we've always claimed that these coeds had something over the imports anyway.

And speaking of imports, next weekend will be open season. The metropolitan maids in fur and frills will tramp around in the slush looking much bedraggled while hardy coeds troop about in rubber boots. It never fails!

To—With The U Of P

While commenting upon the high scholastic standards of this institution in a Psych 416 class (we admit this hasn't much to do with sex), Dr. Adams cast the full weight of his scorn upon the meandering souls with I.Q.'s of 160 who plug along with 1.4 averages, and wished upon them a fate worse than death. Cast them into outer darkness—"Send them to the University of Pennsylvania."

The \$64 Question

Not content with his own small field of scenario writing, a former Houck champ walked off with Eversharp's all after rattling off boxing data to the bewildered questioner—Julius Epstein if our ears don't deceive us.

Pierre Roy, sigma nu, broke all records in planting his pin, fresh from initiation, upon chi o pledge, Betty Robinson. Can't say we blame him, but he saw her first.

Do A Little Shoppin'?

Oh say have you heard, we have a new refreshment parlor, so to speak, in the vicinity. Ex-hot dog, Henny, masquerading under The College Grill. One at a time, they ask for registration cards there, too.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

STCD Defense Training Course Bulletins, available at Student Union at 4 p. m.

WSGA House of Representatives and Freshmen Council meeting, 318 Old Main, 5 p. m.

Lecture by Dr. Emma Perry Carr on "Fingerprinting Molecules," 119 New Physics, 8 p. m.

All Collegian freshmen editorial candidates must turn in their tabulated poll sheets by 7 p. m.

TOMORROW

The Pennsylvania Ski Championships and the varsity triangle meet with Colgate and Cornell have been cancelled.

Philotes will have the second in a series of four get-togethers for unaffiliated coeds in the Philotes room, third floor Old Main, 4 p. m. Miss Jeannette C. Oswald, Atherton Hall hostess, will speak on "Keeping Fit" at the Monday night meeting in the Philotes room at 7 o'clock. All independent women are invited.

Philotes Independent Mixer for independent women, Philotes Room, 302 Old Main, 2 to 4 p. m.

Varsity Basketball with Pitt, Rec Hall, 8 p. m.

Freshman basketball with Susquehanna, Rec Hall, 6:30 p. m.

Varsity fencing with Temple, Rec Hall, 2 p. m.

All coeds invited to tea in Atherton Hall northeast unit from 3:30 to 4:30 p. m. tomorrow.

SUNDAY

Chapel speaker, Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, Schwab auditorium, 11 a. m.

Minerology Seminar, 313 Mineral Industries, 3:30 p. m.

'44 Independents will meet at 7 p. m. See poster in Old Main lobby for room number.

MISCELLANEOUS

Information concerning Civil Service Commission Examinations of the City of Pittsburgh for summer positions as summer recreation leader, camp director, camp counselor, and life guards may be obtained in Room 214 Recreation Hall. Candidates must be legal residents of the City of Pittsburgh for the past two years. Positions are open to both men and women.

Industrial Ed Society will meet in 318 Old Main at 7:30 p. m.

Louise Homer ensemble will rehearse in 209 Carnegie Hall at 4 p. m.

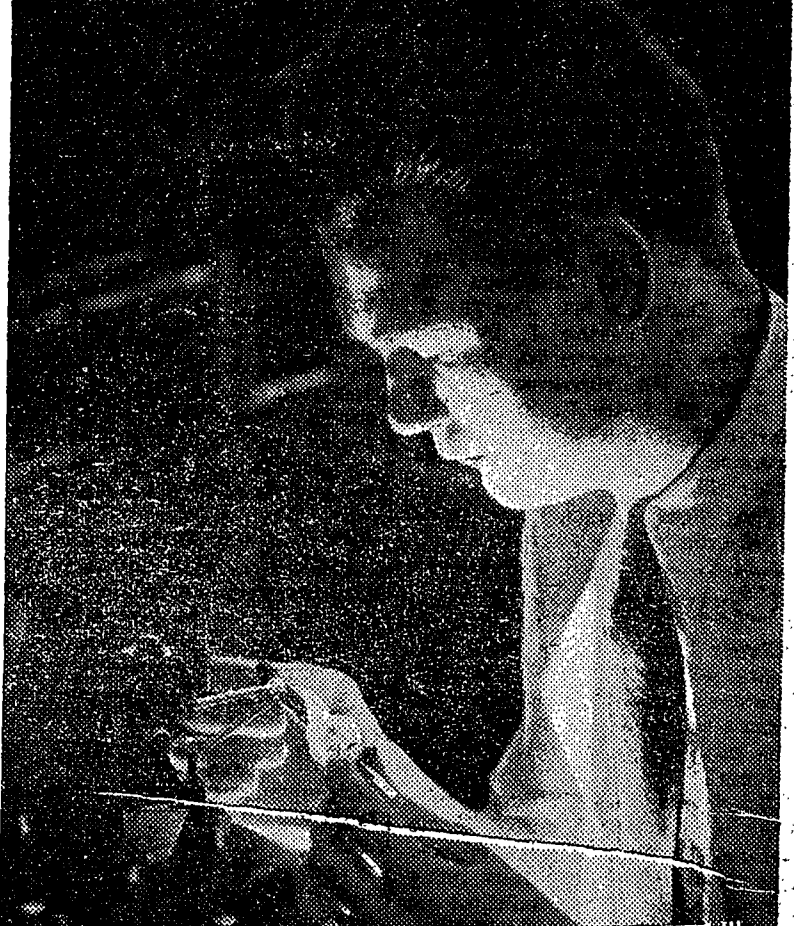
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(Continued from Page One) seven weeks and not more than ten, he will receive half of his credits if he has a passing grade at the time.

b. If he has completed ten weeks but less than a semester he will receive two-thirds of his credits if passing.

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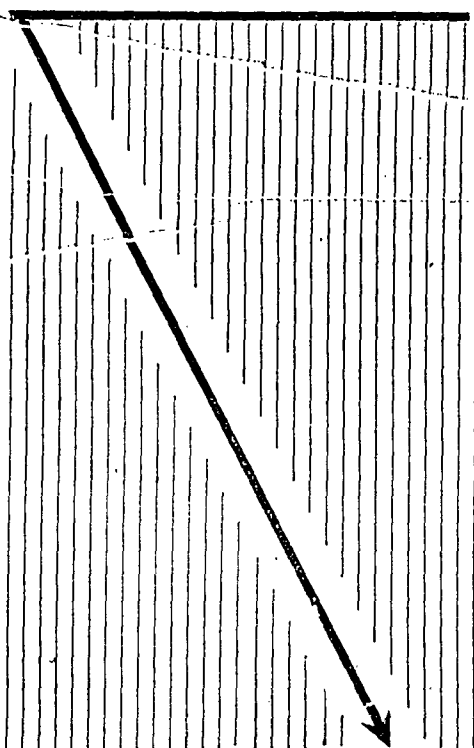
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