

French Author



— Collegian Photo by Friedman  
Andre Maurois

Maurois Defends American Students

By LEE STERN

A great thirst for knowledge and culture exists among college students in this country.

Andre Maurois, French writer and lecturer interviewed yesterday, said he did not hold with most European's opinions of American students. In fact, he said, he found it "hard to match" the interest in culture among students he had met and taught here.

Maurois, a soft-spoken man with a pleasing French accent and a friendly manner, spoke on the Community forum Tuesday night in Schwab auditorium.

American colleges are more than adequate, he declared, for an education both practical and liberal.

American High Schools

"But," he added, "the average high school here does not compare with the French equivalent. High school graduates here usually don't know history and don't understand the classics. Also in the French secondary school one full year of philosophy is required before graduation."

As a consequence of this, a much larger number of average Frenchmen are interested in and capable of understanding literature, Maurois said.

When a Daily Collegian reporter and photographer arrived at his hotel room for an interview yesterday morning, Maurois welcomed them cordially. The interview began immediately, with the photographer frequently interrupting to ask Maurois to move to several different positions. Then, with the slight smile of one who had gone through this many times before, Maurois said, "A photographer is probably the most dictatorial of all human beings."

M. Maurois had said in his address the night before that the conflicting ideologies of the East and the West could never meet, but that if each were strong there would be mutual toleration. But could a peace based on mutual fear instead of mutual respect be a lasting one?

"It is impossible for me to have respect for a country, like Russia, which allows no freedom. I am ready to tolerate this country, but I cannot respect it. Until something happens to change the present situation we must be strong."

Literature

Getting away from politics into the field of literature, what about

the frequent comment on Maurois' biographies, that they tend to romanticize and even fictionalize the lives of their subjects?

"It is simply not true. I try to make my biographies as scholarly as possible. Nothing appears in them which does not have some foundation in documented evidence."

It seems that in the present generation more and more people are dissatisfied with the way they are making their living and long for something else. How could this be accounted for?

"Men in free countries have more regrets simply because they can think of what might have been. In a totalitarian country there is no questioning of one's status. This unrest is a normal thing, and something to be found only in free societies."

Tribunal—

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should not have power over men in his position.

He said that he was a graduate assistant and that he spent as much of his school time instructing as he did in going to classes as a student. He said that he could not get faculty status as a driver.

The Tribunal group advised him to check the jurisdiction in the case with the dean of men for his own satisfaction.

At the time of the violation, the driver was transporting classroom equipment. Tribunal suspended the \$1 fine.

Three students employed as waiters at a girl's dormitory were fined \$1 each for parking in the service driveway of the building.

Froth Calls Candidates

Froth will hold a candidates meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. in 3 Carnegie hall.

All persons interested in trying out for the magazine are asked to attend.

Senate Group Unanimously Passes UMT, Drafting Of 18-Year Old Men

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—(AP)—A draft of 18-year-olds plus extension of all service terms to 26 months was approved unanimously by the Senate Armed Services committee today.

Those are the immediately controversial sections of a long-term program of Universal Military Training and Service which the committee recommended to the Senate 13 to 0.

The measure is essentially the same as the plan rewritten from defense department proposals by a preparedness subcommittee

headed by Senator Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.).

When the Senate will act was not immediately sure. Present plans are to hold it up until the troop-for-Europe controversy is out of the way. The most optimistic guess on when that may come up for action is a week from today.

The fighting is by no means over yet, even in the Senate, and the House Armed Services Committee is showing signs of presenting its own different version of the plan to meet immediate manpower needs and provide guards for the country's future.

The central feature of the Senate committee's plan, as it concerns the lowering of the draft age limit from the present 19 years, is a priority schedule for inductions. It puts the 18-year-olds at the bottom of the list, to be taken only if needed after all non-veteran men without child-

ren—including those qualified only for limited service—have been taken from the present 19 through 25 age bracket.

When the draft cuts below those nearest that birthday must go first.

Chairman Russell (D-Ga.) in announcing the committee's action said "no major changes" were made in two lengthy closed-door sessions today.

Senator Morse (R-Ore.), who voted alone against the plan in the sub-committee, continued his fight for changes today but lost. He said he will try again in the Senate itself but went along on the vote to report the measure out for Senate action.

The battling in the committee today was over the lowering of the draft age and the extension of service beyond the presently required 21 months.

Senator Johnson said the vote was 12 to 1, with only Morse opposing, to bring the induction age down to 18. Morse wanted it set at 18½.

Morse and Chairman Russell were alone against the rest of the committee in an effort to retain the 21-month service term.

The same pair lost by another 11-2 vote when they tried to keep the service period down to 24 months.

Collegian Staff Moveups Made

Promotions on the business staff of the Collegian for the spring semester have been announced by Business Manager Owen Landon.

Promoted to the junior board were: advertising staff—Joan Eidelman, Dorothy Naveen, John Sweger, Donald Jackel, Carolyn Alley, Phyllis Weiss and Robert Koons; business staff—Gerald Clibanoff, Nan Bierman, Ina Epstein, and Theresa Pierotti; circulation staff—Joan Harvie, Judith Grossman, Jack Dale, and Gretchen Henry; classified ad staff—Laryn Sax, and Joan Walstein.

The following have been promoted to the sophomore board: Cordell Murtha, Robert Walker, Michelle Weiller, Richard Smith, Lorry Lee, Marjorie See, Janet Landau, Patricia Shaffer, Mary A. Wertman, Merritt Dinnage, Elizabeth Zimmerman, Nancy Holden, Elizabeth Agnew, Barbara Coker, Rita Keeney, Ann Broomall, Martha Cooper, William Rice, Lewis Hoover, Richard Rostmeyer, Richard Denton, Irwin Schneider, Arty Keener.

Also Joan Hoffman, Stanley Zimmerman, Elizabeth Slotta, Helen Hurlless, Robert Kennedy, Yolanda Bovalina, John Victor, Cyril Farrelly, Eleanor Pupo, Lee Delle Donne, Phyllis Brenckman, Nancy Lane, Alison Morley, Ruth Widman, George Yuscavage, Helen Brown, George Wieand, Nancy Marcinek, Janet Wallace, and Lou Langley.

Promoted to the freshman board: James Allison, Ann Skapik, Jean Marohnic, Jean Geiger, Daphne Quigley, Patricia Prichard, Diane Miller, Nancy Supplee, Anne Marie Martin, Shirley Smulyan, and Carolyn Pelczar.

GSA Receives Bids On Four Projects

HARRISBURG, Feb. 14—(AP)—Bids totaling \$2,707,937 were received today by the General State Authority on four more projects at the Pennsylvania State College.

The projects include completion of the Burrows building; an addition to the Physical Education building; addition to Main Engineering building; and the heating construction for greenhouses and laboratory work rooms.

Low bids were: Burrows building (\$1,466,785)—general construction, Baton Construction Co., Philadelphia, \$1,227,000; heating, William S. Cadzow, Wynecote, \$52,925; plumbing, Riggs Distler & Co., Philadelphia, \$80,712; electrical, Riggs Distler & Co., \$106,148.

Addition to Physical Education building (\$1,034,734)—general construction, Baton Construction Co., \$751,000; heating, Harry Dougherty and Son, Freeport, \$85,200; plumbing, Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Philadelphia, \$93,000; electrical, Riggs Distler & Co., \$87,763; bowling alleys, Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co., Philadelphia, \$17,771.

Fourth floor Main Engineering Building (\$141,418)—general construction, S. H. Evert, Bloomsburg, \$94,375; heating, Mulch Bros., Hollidaysburg, \$20,593; electrical, Carter Electrical Construction Co., Pittsburgh, \$18,990.

Course Given In Leadership

Need some help with a party?

The School of Physical Education maintains a leadership course for recreation majors, designed to provide practical experience in recreational guidance.

The students have in the past helped organize parties and socials for various organizations on campus.

Dr. J. Bertram Kessel suggests that organizations in need of help in planning social functions contact him in his office in Moffatt house, at least two weeks in advance.

The 32 students enrolled in the student-leadership course have in the past worked with the PSCA and the speech clinic of the College in planning dances and other social entertainment.

At present they operate a canteen for teen agers every other Friday night in Lemont and Boalsburg, call square dances, and work with local girl scout troops.

Baylor U. Host To Photo Contest

The Sixth annual Kappa Alpha Mu international collegiate photography contest will be held at Baylor university, Waco, Texas, March 22-24.

Kappa Alpha Mu is the national honorary fraternity in photojournalism.

Deadline date for submitting entries is March 15. The contest is open to any student enrolled in an accredited college or university.

Major prizes will be awarded for pictures in news, sports, feature, pictorial, and industrial classes. Ten prints in each division will be selected for a traveling exhibit which will appear at colleges, universities, and camera clubs throughout the nation.

Entry blanks and additional information may be secured by writing Louie L. Hulme, department of journalism, Baylor university, Waco, Texas; or Drury H. Cargill, secretary, Kappa Alpha Mu, 18, Walter Williams hall, Columbia, Mo.

Circulo Espanol Meets Tonight

El Circulo Espanol will hold its first meeting of the semester 7 o'clock tonight in the main lounge of Simmons hall. Patricia Bender, vice-president of the club will discuss summer projects sponsored by the American Friends Service committee for students who want to go to Mexico. An informal hour will follow, which will include records, songs, games, and general discussion groups.

Officers of the Spanish club are president, Norman Duffy; vice-president, Patricia Bender; secretary, Nancy Hentz; and treasurer, Peter Raidy. Isabel Melendez is faculty advisor.

Council Sponsors Seminar Speakers

Liberal Arts student council will sponsor three speakers for seminars during Religion-In-Life week, Edward Shanken, chairman and liberal arts representative for the religious programs, said yesterday.

Richard Sutcliff, assistant editor of the "Lutheran" will discuss the practical application of religion on Monday, the Rev. Dr. Samuel Procter, dean of the School of Religion at Virginia Union university will review some aspects of social ethics on Tuesday, and Wayne Glick, professor of Biblical studies at Juniata college will comment on the Bible and facts of history on Thursday.

All three seminars are open to the public and will be held at 4 p.m. in 126 Sparks.

A mixer for students and faculty of the Liberal Arts school to be held March 13 at the TUB, was also discussed at the meeting. Plans were made for dancing and refreshments as well as entertainment to be provided by students and professors.

ASPhi's Haze Eleven Pledges

Noticed any fellows running around campus with one trouser leg rolled up and straw hats perched on their heads? Don't be alarmed—it's only the 11 pledges of Alpha Sigma Phi going through a part of their hell week initiation.

In addition to wearing this outlandish costume, the pledges are required to carry ten books which weigh at least one pound each. The initiation has been going on since Monday and will probably end tomorrow. It seems the brothers are a bit hesitant about giving any information which would enlighten the pledges as to when Hell week will end.

Dairy Club Installs Officers, Delegates

Dairy Science club officers will be installed tonight at 7 o'clock in 117 Dairy Husbandry building.

Leslie Shallenberger will be installed as president; Paul Anderson, vice-president; Martha Baganich, secretary; Roland Herb, treasurer; and Charles Rightmire, publicity manager.

Newly-elected representatives from the organization to the student council are David Evans, Harold Hawk, and Ervin Menzel.