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GENERALLY true disputants are like true sportsmen, whole delight is in the pursuit; and a disputant no more cares for the truth than the sportsman for the hare.—Pope.

Conscripts in Time of Peace

"NOTHING," writes a correspondent, "could be more subversive to the true aims of education than the inculcation of the military mind."

So it seems, yet what of these educationalists who damn Prussianism in the abstract but nurture it, as Americanism, in the concrete? As our communicant writes:

"Along with a denunciation of war . . . We are conducting an organization to pass on the habit of militarism—through means of compulsion!"

The student is required to spend two years learning how to fight the next war. The universities see to that. Whether or not he spends any time learning how to prevent the next war doesn't matter. "Education" in general takes care of that, says the educator. Education—that piece of modern mythology—working somehow and anyhow, is always the answer.

There is much more in these words from Shailer Mathews:

"As far as military preparation is concerned, military training in schools is of no real value; but as developing a bent of mind, an accustomedness to military thinking and a respect for war it is liable to be a psychological suggestion which will make sanity and justice more difficult in all dealings of future public opinion with international relations."

This view is gaining some notice. Many persons have ventured the belief that a positive psychology may be effective in solving the war problem. An active preparation for peace, one that omits conscript armies between wars, may perhaps be the answer. Surely it can stand up in the face of the miserable failure of all the militarism of the past. Perhaps even the educationalists will give it attention if it is forced upon their notice.

There are many ways whereby the university student may fulfill his sense of obligation to his country. Those who are fighting peace-time conscription are pioneers in a new field of devoted patriotism. With the courage of their convictions firmly established, they have nothing to fear, not even the taunts of those—educationalists and militarists alike—who always find it convenient to straddle the issue by questioning the motives of the opposition.

The Emerald had hoped this year to make articulate the opinions of those students who object to compulsion in military training, in the belief that Oregon might ally itself with the growing list of universities that have placed military training on an optional basis. However, the Emerald's program has been disturbed to such an extent that

editorial campaign has been impossible.

We hope those who would have given support to such a movement will not remain silent. They may find encouragement in the vote taken on the question last year, in which the students voted about three to one for optional as opposed to compulsory military. The proportion probably has not changed.

It may be taken, we believe, as sufficient assurance that an organized movement against conscription in time of peace would find support among the students.

As for the educationalists who must finally decide the matter if it is made an issue—who can say? At least we can hope that student opinion carries some weight.

The Soul Of a Republic

A PEOPLE expresses its temper and its disposition in many a curious and often unsuspected way. That the national and racial soul does somehow get into the major social activities and products has become a commonplace principle to students of civilizations. By their houses you shall know them is a fully demonstrated corollary of the ancient postulate.

The possibilities of an age appear in the works of its geniuses; its actual, breathing spirit in its table talk and incidental habits. An opposite illustration and a timely one may be discovered in considered the present day national attitude towards education. Exactly what does the common American mind strive for in its educational policy? At first blush one would be disposed to point to the high and lofty ideals of scholarship voiced in the most numerous dissertations and orations of the educational seers.

But it is not so. If you would know the directing spirit of American education, go not to the dreaming laboring prophets, nor to faculty and student reformers, but to your local stationer. This is the season when you will find exhibited graduation felicitation cards. Go to your card-seller, study a representative lot with special attention to the sentiments expressed and you will have learned the true American educational attitude. You will discover such gems as these, unmistakable in their common import:

The study days belong to the past. But the knowledge you've gained will always last.

May you meet with success, etc.

or
Text-books finished, lessons learned

or
As you leave the walls of knowledge

—ad nauseum.

The common theme is something like this: Now that you are educated, by dint of long and distasteful labor, you will of course chuck away your books with a joyous whoop and proceed to pile up money and live happy ever after. Hooray for education! It costs a lot and it's hard to get; but when you once have it, it pays good dividends. On to success!

This is the working soul of American education. If you don't believe it go down and consider the cards. Better yet, wait till you get your own private collection—pretty soon now.—B. J.

to step into when he becomes of age, be it steel mills or candy factory.

In the same way, Bergh has spent his four years in college, dribbling in all student activities, being a successful man about the campus, a good politician, a good student, and a good fellow. But, is that any reason why he should be handed a position for which he has had no preparation, no practical experience, nor, up to this time, shown any special interest in except as a colleague of the administrative

Preparation
To the Editor:
The proposal or rather the nomination of Phil Bergh as candidate for the office of Editor of the Emerald reminds me of the rich man who raises a son and teaches him how to do everything except manage the work which his father expects him

"powers that be" in an attempt to "gag" the paper?
When the "plums" are to be handed out, Bergh is present. Like the rich man's son, he wants to replace those who have spent years in training for this sort of work, regardless of the fact that they could execute the office to better advantage.

The result of an Emerald headed by Bergh would be a figure-head whose work would have to be done by those who really know their business. Why not give them the opportunity of getting the credit for this work!

MARGARET CLARK.

Proclamation

To the editor:
We, the undersigned, members of the Oregon Daily Emerald staff believing that previous service on the Emerald, and experience and knowledge in newspaper work are requirements that must be fulfilled by anyone who aspires to leadership of the Emerald, and believing that one who has not worked on the Emerald or had actual and sufficient newspaper experience is unfitted to be editor and in seeking that position is unfair to the staff members and to the associated students, because of incompetence.

Now, therefore: we the undersigned members of the Emerald staff hereby subscribe to the truths above stated.

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Knowing the Work

To the Editor:
In this second choosing of an editor for the Emerald, there arises a situation which involves more than the success of a candidate; it involves the success of the Emerald itself for next year.

Two men are running for the position. Both, so far as intelligence is concerned, are highly qualified. But, one has a background in newspaper work; the other has absolutely none.

No more could a graduate of the school of architecture or of law go down and take over the editing of the Eugene Guard or of the Portland Oregonian, no more could a Major in the school of journalism go in and competently design a building, than a man with absolutely no foundation come in and successfully edit the Emerald—although it does not even aim to compete with the Guard or the Oregonian.

The Emerald editorship is open to any student in the University—it should be. But, if a man desires to aspire to this position of leadership of the Emerald, then he should, for the sake of the associated students, be sufficiently interested to work on the staff at least long enough to recognize news when he sees it, be able to evaluate stories, to know something of the workings of the whole. And appointment to the staff does not require enrollment in the department; it is open to anyone in the University.

We never choose for president of the student body a man who has not participated in activities demanding executive ability, so that he may have proven himself beforehand. Should we choose as editor of our newspaper a man who has never even been on the lower news staff?

And so, it is not a question of personality or intelligence that should



Things don't always turn out the way they are supposed to. In several writing courses I've taken the professor has gone to no end of trouble to explain the importance of clean and well prepared copy. Well, that may be all right but when I was a freshman, and even in my sophomore year, I believed that this point was as important as the content itself, but I've changed my mind.

Some time ago Paul Tracey wrote an article and decided to experiment a little with the publishers. He made a carbon copy of the said article, and thinking he would just as soon receive the rejection slips all at once, he sent the carbon to Dial and the original to the Atlantic.

Shortly the original was fired back with the polite "We are sorry, but . . ." as Paul says he expected. But the surprise came later when he received a letter saying that the article had been accepted by Dial. "The sneaky carbon copy! Things are like that."

"Hammer and Coffin is the only humorous society on the campus, is it not?"

"Oh no. Both Mortar Board and Friars are here."

I realize that campus confectioners and owners of eating houses have a limited season, but gosh when I paid twenty five cents for a piece of apple pie with cheese at the C. S. I. the other day I sure felt like I was being robbed.

The professor with the shiny blue serge suit says that when a driver runs over the same pedestrian twice it's a sign pedestrians are getting scarce.

The Mississippi might as well quit flooding now. This fellow Lindbergh has taken all the first page space.

Oregon won the ball game yesterday. Didn't they let the Aggies bat?

THEY CALL THE BABY ARCHIE "THOUGH HIS FATHER HAS FLAT FEET."

Miss Dorothy Mielke, Portland's new queen weighs about 115 pounds.—Eugene Guard. A conservative estimate, I'd say.

Tom Montgomery says if they would only have Junior Week-end every week-end, it wouldn't take long to pay for the Fine Arts building. He lost two bucks while having his head dipped in the senior fountain.

He couldn't play
At blind man's bluff;
He wasn't blind
And he couldn't bluff.

MADDENING MOMENTS
When out to dinner, scratching a match under the table and then setting fire to the table cloth getting it out.

Ben Dover thinks it can't be so near the end of the term after all. It's just as hard as ever to get Life or Judge at the library.

CO-ED COUNCIL
Dear Aunt Seerah,
My boy friend always has a flask in his hip pocket. Do you think there is anything wrong about it?
Upset.

Dear Upset,
If it is true that, as you say, he ALWAYS has it in his hip pocket, then there can be nothing wrong about it except that it must be empty.
Your Aunt Seerah.

WE RESPECT THE MEN AT THE HEATING PLANT—THEY ARE GRATE MEN.

Freshman Crew May Go East With Huskies

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle—(PIP)—A drive has been advocated to send the freshman crew to Poughkeepsie along with the varsity and junior varsity men.

The varsity crew has been shaken up considerably by Coach Callow since the California race. The present combination seems to be as powerful as the last year champions, judging from their speedy time trials.

Co-eds to Present Act For Aid Flood Benefits

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle—(PIP)—A number of the acts from the Junior Girls' Vaudeville which was successfully presented at Meany hall last week, will turn from campus theatricals to charity. They are planning a super-production to offer the public at the Metropolitan theater for the benefit of Mississippi flood sufferers.



Freshman track men report in uniform at Hayward field Thursday at 4:15 p. m. for pictures.

Theta Sigma Phi—Regular meeting at Anchorage Tuesday noon. Important.

Sigma Delta Chi meets today noon at the Anchorage. Important.

Thesis Tells Origin Of Installment Plan In Days of Caesar

Back in the days of Julius Caesar, Crassus, a prominent Roman realtor, built many houses outside the walls of Rome. He introduced the policy of selling them on the installment plan, and the system proved so popular that in a few years he had built up an enormous fortune. He was a pioneer in one of the most important phases of modern business—installment selling—according to Harold Elkington, a graduate assistant in the school of business administration, who has written his thesis on "Installment Selling."

"Installment selling has been practiced in the United States for more than fifty years," Mr. Elkington said, "but there was comparatively little growth of the system until it was introduced in the automobile industry about 1915. The greatest expansion of the business came in the years 1920-1926."

Automobiles are by far the most important article sold on the installment plan, Mr. Elkington said. They make up a much larger proportion of the installment debt at the present time than do all the other commodities combined. "It is rather interesting to note," he continued, "that 92 per cent of the autos, 75 per cent of the washing machines, 80 per cent of the phonographs, 65 per cent of the vacuum cleaners, 40 per cent of the pianos, 25 per cent of the radios and electric refrigerators are now sold on the installment plan."

It is yet impossible to determine whether or not installment selling is economically sound, Mr. Elkington said, but the advantages seem to outweigh the disadvantages.

"All figures and estimates collected on the subject," he said, "point to the conclusion that installment selling is not only here to stay but that it is markedly on the increase in volume of sales."



COLONIAL: Today: Norma Tal-made and Eugene O'Brien in one of the best pictures they ever made, "The Only Woman." This picture has a scene made at sea, showing one of the best storms that has ever been taken in a movie. Mack Sennett Comedy, "From Hoboken to Hollywood," Pathe Review and International news.

Election Announcement
Phi Theta Upsilon announces the election of:
Mrs. Virginia Judy Esterly, Hazel Prutsman, honorary members;
Ruth Burcham,
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