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Discussion Marches On

ABOUT a month ago The Emerald suggested that something akin to an "all-campus bull session" be revived or started. Recent notices that an all-campus discussion group would meet in Gerlinger next Tuesday and Wednesday indicate that the problem is being attacked.

While the discussions planned for next week do not satisfy every student demand for exchange of ideas on world and national problems, they are an excellent beginning. The topics chosen and the method of handling indicate that the two-day program will be interesting and informative. Four topics related to the insurance of peace have been selected—armament budgets, America's international policy, raw material and population pressure, and peace and war propaganda.

Leading the discussions during the two afternoons will be an authoritative array of professors—each an expert in his field—who will present pertinent facts and direct student remarks.

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THE aim behind the movement, maintenance of peace through education, represents as constructive an attitude on the problem as can be maintained. Although the pacifist or any other peace movement may be of

benefit in itself, the really valuable service that all of these efforts render to the accomplishment of the general goal is the education of people toward a peace attitude. It is only by the creation of a strong anti-war attitude capable of withstanding the propaganda which would be hurled against it in the event of a conflict that peace can be preserved.

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A valuable extension of the services of the discussion group might be an attempt to enlarge its activities, to present further opportunities for students to gather and talk over the news of the day.

An opportunity to work toward such a setup is provided in the visit of Lieutenant-Commander Bryant, assembly speaker next Thursday. The commander's talk is already listed as part of the program, but as the assembly has been scheduled for 10 o'clock a forum could be easily arranged. The navy man is an interesting and informed speaker, and students would enjoy discussing his views in a more personal manner than the assembly talk provides.

If the all-campus discussion group could arrange such a meeting they would have improved the possibilities of organizing a permanent, effective "all-campus bull session."

An Orchid for Us

DURING the course of a year of publication, every member of the staff of a university daily patiently listens to a great many complaints about the sins and supposed sins, both of commission and omission, of his paper.

As he moves up with the years through the list of staff offices, the worker is given more responsibility, meets more people in an official capacity, and hears more complaints.

Four years of effort on The Emerald have convinced this writer that in the minds of some of its critics the college daily can do no right. Comparison with other newspapers in matters of proof reading, writing, and copyediting isn't conceded to the hapless university production—it must stand alongside the perfect, the golden ideal, and be eternally damned in all three respects.

In policy, too, when it puts down its foot on the delicate toes of some campus person or group, it is cursed as malicious and misinformed. The editor is a sulky devil—the term used is usually stronger than this—who never appreciates anything and who intolerantly condemns the best efforts of an honest politician to swing an election the right way; or who, worse still, thinks dorm eaters ought to be assured of being served whole milk.

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INTO the sea of criticism which roars about the ears of every staff member there occasionally floats small, much-appreciated gestures of commendation. These bits are often the occasion for great rejoicing. Journalism holds its head erect with new pride, new dignity.

In the Mail

REBUTTAL

To the Editor:

The class (of 1941) was torn apart and dissention was caused when a minority, supported by The Emerald, attempted to do away with class cards. The Emerald heartily approved of

the movement but at the same time failed to propose a plan where the class could raise funds to function.

We then had a bonfire to revive the old tradition. Our bonfire was not the largest or hottest there has been but it served

Therefore, it was with great pleasure that Emerald workers yesterday received the news that their paper had been named an All-American Pacemaker by Associated Collegiate Press—one of six college dailies so named from the approximately 450 which were considered. Last major prize for the daily was granted by that same body in 1933 when the volume edited by Richard L. Neuberger, now rapidly gaining fame as a free-lance author, was given All-American rating.

And so, for one day at least, staff members can look their harshest critics in the eye, nod condescendingly, and say, "Well, after all . . ."

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EACH staff member from the editor down is able to look at almost any copy of this year's paper and find at least one thing which he, personally, could have improved. But, though we realize full well that our errors have been numerous and glaring, it is at least somewhat comforting to be listed with the best.

The ACP's detailed criticism of the paper has not yet been received. It is certain, however, that the new typography made possible through the efforts of Superintendent Robert C. Hall; the always-constructive suggestions of Advisor George W. Turnbull; and the efforts of Stephen Cady, backshop foreman, and Linotypemen Frank Evans and Stanley Minshall, all added points to the paper's score.

And, incidentally, congratulations, Emerald staff.

the purpose. This function cost the class exactly \$1.75.

An appeal was made to us for cooperation to the extent of \$50 for decorations and curtains for the Igloo. We supported the issue and did our part by paying the amount.

The athletic department asked us to buy numerals for the frosh athletes. This we did, not because it had been done in previous years for this was the (Please turn to page 11)

SIDE SHOW PAUL DEUTSCHMANN

By JIM BRINTON

Today the franc is worth just 2.79 cents. It would take over 35 of the French monetary units to be worth one good ol' American "buck."

Yesterday Premier Edouard Daladier announced that the franc would be devaluated and stabilized. The devaluation was approximately a 10 per cent cut from the average value during the last year.

Daladier gave as his reason for the move in a radio speech, "that our economy is deeply shaken, that legitimate profit is tending to disappear, that partial employment is increasing in business, that our commercial balance is impoverishing us, that our production statistics remain a humiliation for all Frenchmen."

The lowered franc will make French products cheaper in the world market, and, Daladier hopes, set the wheels of a stagnant French economic system rolling.

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Announcements came from Sir John Simon, chancellor of the British exchequer, that there would be no adjustment in the pound sterling exchange. United States Secretary of the

Treasury Morgenthau also denied that the United States dollar would be devaluated.

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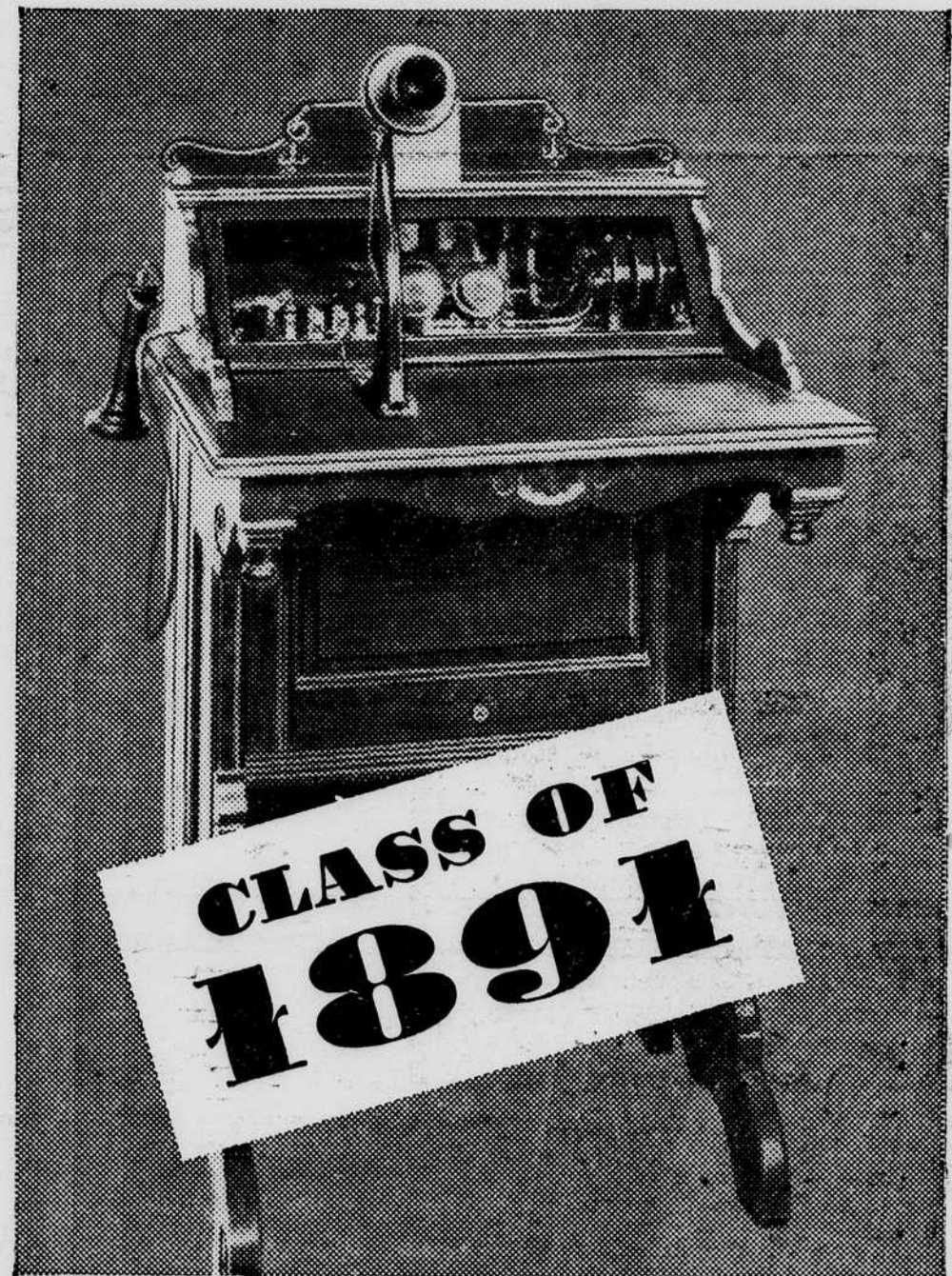
Almost synonymous to the currency juggling act was Daladier's announcement of increases in French armaments. France is faced with the fact that the Berlin-Rome axis may be more than an ephemeral thing.

Il Duce and the fellow with the Charlie Chaplin moustache and swastika arm band have too many things in common to let anything come between them. France also realizes that Italian aims in the Mediterranean are exactly opposite to those of Great Britain and that there seems to be little chance of permanent good-will between those two nations.

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Thus, Daladier with his new decree power, piled another 4,712,500,000 francs onto the 25 billion already in the budget for national defense for 1938.

In the army forces will be increased by an unstated number; in the navy, the increase will be from 69,500 to 72,500 men. New equipment planned includes two new battleships. (Please turn to page 11)



...and how it grew and grew!

In 1891 this writing desk type telephone was installed in a Long Island general store. It was a good telephone, but it could be connected with only a part of the Bell System's 250,000 telephones in the country at that time. Service was slow and expensive.

Year by year this strange looking telephone, with a more modern transmitter and receiver substituted from time to time, grew in usefulness as the Bell System grew longer in reach—shorter in time needed for making connections—higher in quality of service—lower in cost.

In 1937 "old faithful" was retired to become a museum exhibit, but 15 million modern Bell telephones "carry on."



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