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Unleashed Flood

It appears that University students may actually elect some officers for next year. The entrance of Darrel Brittsan into the race for student body president will undoubtedly unleash a flood of candidates for all offices.

With only 15 days left until the general election, it's about time. Any would-be candidates who haven't made up their mind already are likely to be out in the cold if they wait much longer. It takes time to organize a campaign and dig up enough money for posters, leaflets and the rest of the accepted devices for getting elected.

This is especially true in the case of the candidate who is not running as part of a slate. It should be emphasized that a candidate does not have to be a member of a party to run; anyone can run on his own, or start his own party.

However, this late starting date may hamper anyone who wants to run alone this year. Time is running out for all candidates.

International Exchange

Kenneth Lindsay, former British politico, has suggested a noteworthy plan for improving international relations. He recommended to a University audience Monday night that an exchange of professions be arranged between nations. In other words, a specified number of doctors, lawyers, journalists, scientists and others would trade places with their counterparts in other countries for a year.

It could be done in the same way that teachers are now exchanged between the United States and England. The value of such a plan is obvious. What better way is there to secure a better understanding of the problems and feelings of others than to become better acquainted with them on a personal basis? Also this would give an opportunity for the interchange of ideas and information in technical fields.

Much of the ill feeling between the peo-

ples of the world exists today because of prejudices fostered by propaganda and misinformation. Any American visitor to England would soon discover that the supposed coldness and hostility of the British toward Americans is only something he reads about. In actuality, the English are a most cordial and friendly people. Many American servicemen found this to be true, not only in England, but in many other foreign countries as well.

The expense of Lindsay's plan would be negligible in comparison to the good which it would accomplish. Familiarity would breed understanding, not contempt.

—(J.R.C.)

Car Caverns

We see that Kansas City officials are pleased with their new 1200-automobile garage.

Not that this is so unusual in itself, but the garage is under Kansas City—underground. Therein lies an idea, now that the ASUO cabinet has advised abandoning the plans for building a multi-floor parking lot.

President Wilson said that he did not favor leasing the property for such a project. He did assure the group that a plan to assure parking places for people who drive their cars to campus will be considered.

And now comes this. Why the president wouldn't even have to lease any new property—we'll just go underground! The department of geography and geology has "laboratory facilities for work in catrography, minerology, paleontology and petrography," it says in the catalog. It could select the site.

Building the structure we'll leave up to the physical plant. If necessary, perish the thought, we could appeal to our mechanical branch up North for assistance.

Once finished, young Skull and Daggers and Druids (we don't dare add Friars) could play car attendants and "do something nice for the University." The possibilities are unlimited. Underground men!—(S.R.)

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Potential Arguments Presented In Commissioner's Testimony

By J. M. Roberts
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Atomic Energy Commissioner Murray can get himself into several arguments over his testimony before the Senate foreign relations committee.

First, he said the United States should stop trying to make bigger bombs, because it was against the nation's traditional conscience to use them anyway.

After the elapse of time, he said, he doesn't believe it was right to use the atom bomb on Hiroshima. He proposed

that tests be stopped on "multimegaton" weapons.

On the first point, strategic air power enthusiasts may well contend that the bigger the bomb—Murray said size is unlimited—the better effect on selected targets by not-to-near misses. They may also argue that the bigger the bomb, the bigger the psychological effect on the enemy.

This latter argument ties in with the one over Hiroshima, which has been justified by the fact that by sacrificing thousands of lives, the psychological effect caused Japan's immediate surrender and the saving of many more thousands of lives, including Americans.

By proposing stoppage of big bomb tests, Murray runs directly counter to the decisions of both the American and British governments that this cannot be done as long as the international arms race continues. It also runs directly into the arms of Russian policy which, however, has been somewhat tempered, at least in words, during the London disarmament talks.

Murray can also get himself an argument, although it is a practice to which American officials seem to have become greatly addicted, as to whether he should have made any of the statements publicly while the disarmament conference is going on.

More interesting than the

statement of these provocative opinions, however, is his statement of the alternative to bigger bombs—concentration of effort on "very small nuclear weapons."

This has been one of the most intriguing angles of atomic development since the making of the first bomb. The United States has developed field rifles—big guns—which can throw atomic shells many miles.

The day before Murray's statement, the Reporter magazine came out with the statement that three comparatively small weapons have been developed.

One of them, the magazine said, is something like a bazooka, intended for military use, throwing an atomic explosive about the size of a softball. Its power is not described. That would be just a step behind atomic hand grenades.

Another is a slightly-heavier gun for mounting on light vehicles. The third, and most military intriguing of all, a 155-millimeter gun for mounting on helicopters.

The 155-millimeter gun firing just ordinary explosives was one of America's most effective weapons in World War II. Possible five-inch weapons have been mentioned before.

Murray is not likely to get into any arguments about the importance of these smaller weapons.

In a Minute . . .



"WELL, TELL HIM AGAIN—I'LL BE DOWN IN A MINUTE."

College Capers . . .

From Coast to Coast

By Bobbye Harris
Emerald Columnist

There's a word for it:

VENTURA, Calif. (ACP) — The Ventura College Pirate Press reports that a survey was made a few weeks ago on G.I. slang. It brought to light many new words and phrases introduced to the college by ex-servicemen. As this type of terminology has become "permanent party" on the campus, the paper printed a few of the deviations:

TEACHER'S LECTURE — Propaganda.

SCHOOL BUSES — Troop transport.

SLEEPY STUDENT TRYING FOR BACK ROW OF CLASSROOM—Maneuvers.

SLEEPING STUDENT HIDDEN BEHIND TEXTBOOK — Camouflage.

VENTURA COLLEGE—Fort Knowledge.

MORNING RUSH FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES—Sick Call

TEACHER—First Sergeant.

FRESHMAN—Recruits.

SOPHOMORES—Old Timers.

THIRD AND FOURTH YEAR STUDENTS—Veterans.

To which we might add:

GRADUATE STUDENTS — Career men.

And that:

FORT WORTH, Tex. (ACP) — The following were gathered from the Skiff, published at Texas Christian University:

"Two students caught selling 'hot' textbooks have been advised by Baylor officials to omit the usual registration procedure for the spring term. Students now selling used books to the book store must leave their names in event the text has been pilfered. The trouble arose when a student bought another

book to replace one which was stolen and discovered it was his long lost edition."

"It is not improper to kiss a girl's hand, but decidedly out of place."

"Another great danger of one-arm driving is that you are so likely to skid into a church."

"Members of the Ozark hikers club will meet behind Old Main before 1:45 Sunday for a trip to White river valley. Wear old clothes and heavy-soled shoes for hiking. Bring auto transportation if possible."

If not, the hikers will just have to walk!

The spoken word:

BATON ROUGE, La. (ACP) — Having trouble with English? Consider the plight of this fellow as reported in the LSU Daily Reveille:

A student at the University of Texas named Penn Barnett had a rather shaking experience the other day. Barnett answered the phone one morning and the voice at the other end asked: "May I speak to Penn Barnett?"

"It's me," Barnett mumbled.

"It's I," corrected the voice.

"Me, he, she, what's the difference?" Barnett retorted.

Silence. Then the voice came over the wire again.

"Barnett, this is your English instructor. I phoned to remind you of the makeup quiz this week."

"A NUMBER OF HOUSING co-ops at the University of Texas will admit Negro students when full integration goes into effect next fall, reports the Daily Texan. For the present, however, most University-owned and operated housing will remain on a segregated basis."

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

Let us take this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks to the Emerald and members of their staff for their fine coverage of IFC events and activities throughout the past school year.

We have noticed that the Emerald has and is giving the IFC more attention as the IFC devotes more and more attention to its problems and development. We hope that both trends will continue.

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