

A Non-Pacifist View

We Can Poke Fun At Shelters,
But We're Kind of Glad We Have Them

What do you call a person who is not a pacifist? An indifferentist? A philistine? A warmonger? Hard to say. Some pacifists would settle for the latter, judging from some of the letters to the editor.

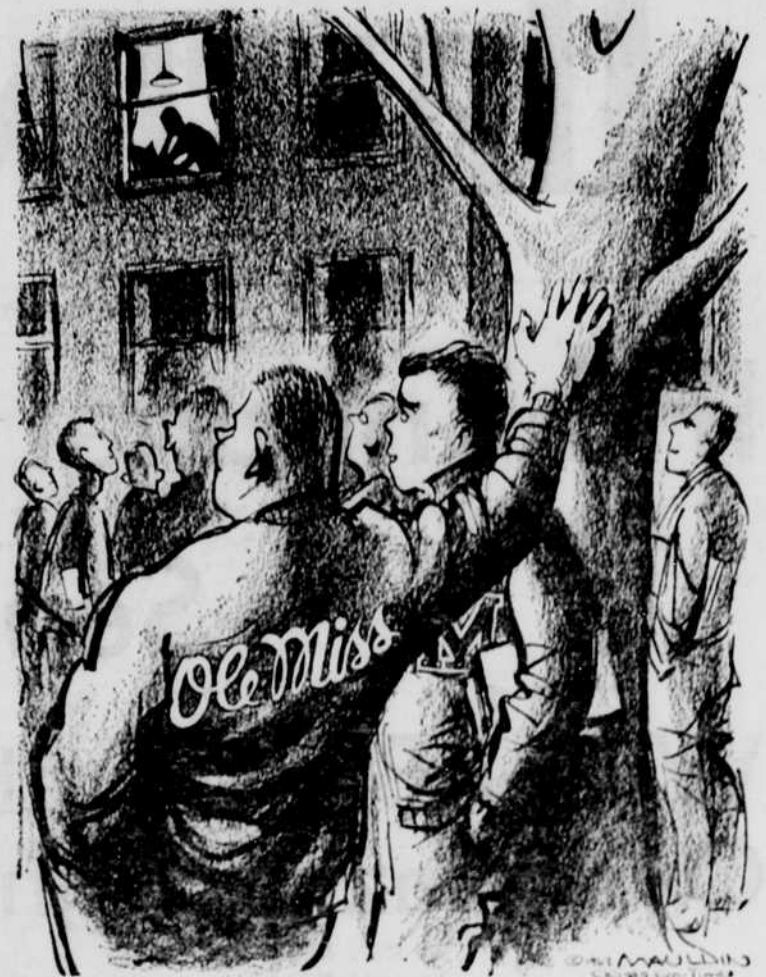
The fallout shelter signs have stirred up comment among pacifists and (warmongers - indifferentists - philistines — choose one). One letter to the editor naively suggested that we forget about shelters and concentrate on maintaining the peace. To us, these suggestions show a certain lack of understanding.

The shelters are, first of all, not bomb shelters. The theory is that Lane County contains nothing worth the expense of a big bomb, but that Portland might. Therefore, we would be worried about fallout rather than blast. Maybe the emergency facilities already organized and the fallout shelters already designated will be totally inadequate. But maybe they won't. To work on the assumption that everyone will be annihilated is foolishness of the highest

order. Any organization in a time of disaster is better than none. Certainly that doesn't need explaining.

Those who say we have all been lulled into a false sense of security by the shelter signs must, by coincidence, know only the nincompoops among the student body. Most students, it seems to us, have accepted the shelters for what they are—a somber and necessary addition to everyday life. Flip-pant-sounding remarks should be taken for what they are—attempts to make an unpleasant situation bearable through humor.

And as for the idealistic soul who suggests we insure peace rather than build shelters, we would remind him of two things. First, Selective Service passed in Congress by one vote in 1940. Had it not passed, the situation might have been so bad that even the bravest of men could not make it tenable. And second, Neville Chamberlain's efforts at maintaining peace made appeasement a dirty word in the political dictionary.



"RECKON WE DONE WON."

Phil Cogswell

The Academic Retreat; A Worthwhile Experience

The second academic retreat begins this afternoon, and it might be useful for these and future retreat-goers to be warned of what to expect.

If last weekend's retreat, the first one attempted, can be used as a basis for evaluation, the participants will find that the value of the retreat, in some indefinable manner, will be worth the time and effort involved.

The benefits of the retreat are not the only difficult aspect of the idea to define, however. An adequate description of the activities is equally hard. Last weekend, for instance, the three faculty members and 18 students participating spent Friday evening and Saturday morning at a place called Albert's Lodge, located on the McKenzie River, talking about things.

EVERYONE seemed to think the conversation went pretty well. Although most people probably didn't change their minds much, there was enough difference in viewpoint and background to make conversation interesting. One of the primary values of the occasion was probably that by talking about something with a person who disagreed, one could solidify the reasons for a belief which he had always taken for granted.

In short, then, the purpose of the retreat was talk. It was an attempt to revive for a while the vanishing art of interesting and serious conversation, and in this it was successful.

But future retreat participants still might want some advice and a warning or two about the project. So, in no particular order, here are some observations about various aspects of the retreat.

The food was good. This, of course, didn't guarantee the retreat's success, but it helped to keep everybody in a relaxed, pleasant mood, to carry on serious conversation about, among other things, the food.

THE CONVERSATION was good, too. It had been expected that Friday evening might be a bit awkward until people became acquainted, but this was not the case at all. Enough people knew each other to provide a spark whenever conversation lagged a little bit.

Introductions occupied most of Friday evening, since in describing his background, practically everyone touched on something which prompted questions or comments. Some people thought these introductions were a little long, though.

The general enthusiasm about the retreat did not extend to the attitude with which male students viewed their sleeping quarters, however. While the girls and faculty members were able to stay in nice rooms at the lodge, the boys slept in cabins eight miles up the road. Since it was one of the coldest nights of the year, the pipes had all frozen and the little electric heaters were only slightly warmer.

ALL WAS BETTER the next morning, however, when everyone could get warm again back at the lodge. After breakfast, the participants formed three groups and talked about whatever subjects the conversation led to.

It is difficult to say whether people on future retreats will have the same sort of experience as those on the first one. Because of the unstructured nature of the program, it is likely that each one will assume a character of its own.

Last weekend there was a spark which somehow got things going and kept them going.

In the future, it will be this uncertain quality which will make each retreat a success or failure. But despite the poor ones which may occur, the first retreat showed that they can be very worthwhile.

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Letters to the Editor

Just Another Johnson Emerald Editor:

In your sports column printed in the Emerald on Jan. 14, 1963, you stated that Gus Johnson was the finest basketball player to ever enter MacArthur Court. If this statement is true, it leads me to think that you have not seen many good basketball players. To rate Johnson along with Elgin Baylor and Oscar Robertson is absolutely ridiculous. It is possible that you have never seen Baylor or Robertson play? Baylor is considered by many experts as the best all around player in basketball today. Your asking quite a bit of Gus.

It is true that Johnson is a good basketball player and he demonstrates many skills on the court. He can pass unusually well, he can time his jumps to perfection while rebounding or tipping in a shot, and he can shoot fairly well. Did you bother to check his field goal percentage for the two nights, I'm sure he didn't make 40% of his attempted field goals. And his free throws, he made 2 out of a possible 7 or 8, is that so good? Most of the basketball players in the country with a height of 6-6 can stuff the ball with regular consistency, and a better part of them can pass as well as or better than did Johnson. Don't get me wrong, I'm not cutting the ability of Johnson, I'm just trying to point out that he is not as good as you built him to be.

Johnson showed everyone he was good, of that there is no doubt; but could Johnson leave his school at the end of this, his junior year and join the pros and be one of the top scorers in the league? Elgin Baylor did. You have overrated the poor fellow, give him a chance. He put on a fine show and I must admit I enjoyed it; but he is certainly no Baylor, Lucas or Robertson.

Tom Bates
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Shelters Beneficial

Emerald Editor:

I wish to answer yesterday's letter on the subject of fallout shelters at the University of Oregon.

In the first place, it has been proven beyond doubt that fallout shelters would be VERY beneficial in a nuclear war. Eugene is an insufficient target for a nuclear bomb but it would get the fallout from Portland and Klamath Falls. It is the purpose of fallout shelters to protect us

from airborne fallout, not a direct hit.

It is extremely doubtful if fallout shelters by themselves would ever play a significant part in the decision by any nation to start a nuclear war. The argument that fallout shelters would condition people to a military way of life would seem to have no basis in fact. Fallout shelters have not led to a military way of life in the Scandinavian Countries which employ them very extensively.

Perhaps the author of yesterday's letter should write the United States Government Printing Office for the booklet "The Effects of High Yield Nuclear Explosions" and other booklets on the subject in order to become better informed.

Jim Wright
Senior in Business

We Have No Go

We were prompted to write this letter after reading a letter to the editor of the Eugene Register-Guard, dated January 15, 1963.

Did you attend either of the basketball games over the past weekend? If you did not, this letter is addressed to you. If, however, you were one of the few there, you must agree that the spirit was almost zero. The little spirit that was produced came mainly from fellow athletes. The few who did show enthusiasm met with questioning stares.

When school started in the fall we were looking forward to attending a school with good athletic teams, but most important, spirit that would lead these teams to great victories. However, since this time we have seen the spirit develop into a remedial state and our great teams in football and basketball lose morale because of the lack of backing that they received from their student-body.

Spirit is used to build team morale and give it confidence knowing it has support backing it. Let us take a case in point. Example: Last Friday night's basketball game with the University of Idaho. We think that most people that went to the game went to see Gus Johnson. Throughout the entire game the difference between the schools in score was almost nil. Toward the end of the game with the score tied many times and the winner still undecided, the team could greatly have used backing from the entire student-body. With the teams start-

ing the over-time period students began to stir with spirit that should have begun as soon as the referee blew his whistle to start the game.

Another case in point. If you happened to stay home and listen to our arch-rival team's game you would have heard some real spirit. From the start, chants of "Take it away," "Get the ball," "Go, go..." were heard from the beginning whistle until the end of the exciting game. Spirit was most evident.

Spirit is one of the many things that leads a team to victory. We propose that the rally committee go through with the rule that was stated in the Emerald, dated January 11, 1963. The rule was that a section be set aside for all persons that wear white shirts. Also, we think that it is the job of the rally squad to create spirit with yells. If the team is to get support it is the job of the rally squad to start the ball rolling.

In spite of the above, it still remains your decision to attend the games, or to tend to other affairs. We are just saying that if the team is to feel wanted by its student-body there must be shown spirit and attendance far superior to that of prior athletic events.

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Soph in Music

In Agreement

Emerald Editor:

I would like to express my agreement with the extremely perceptive analysis of the situation made by Mr. Jerald Tucker. It is true that his analysis is a known fact, but at least someone dared print the truth. Who cares about the missing "O"? Nobody! It is this writer's opinion that the theory expressed by the Oregon Daily Emerald is a bunch of Balderdash. It isn't that we are too mature, as far as most of the students are concerned. The OSU'ers might as well have taken the O, the seal, burned down the side, and smoked on the old campus.

Hopefully, we will see more of this type of serious thought in the future. Congratulations, Mr. Tucker.

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