

Interprofessional group . . . Hears Vold advocate repeal of "mis-called neutrality laws"

The question of whether it is safer to help Great Britain now to stop Hitler's conquest or safer to allow Germany to conquer Britain in the hope that in the meantime



PROF. L. VOLD.

the United States may become better able to fight alone was raised by Prof. Lawrence Vold of law college speaking before the Interprofessional Institute Saturday noon.

The speaker advocated repeal of the United States "mis-called neutrality legislation" because in practical effect we are boycotting

Union requests students to vote on new records

Students may make their choice for new records for the Union music room by voting for their favorites beginning today and continuing thru Feb. 14. New additions are to be made for the Carnegie set each semester and the Union wants students to state preferences.

In order to simplify voting, a list of possible selections is available in the music room. This list is divided into operas, symphonies, concertos, ballet music, orchestral music, songs and organ solos. Each student may cast only one vote.

the nations which have been attacked. If thought advisable there may be substituted legislation proclaiming that private citizens hereafter enter the combat zones at their own risk but involving no prohibitions against their so doing."

Aid to Britain.

Dr. Vold stated that aid should be given to Great Britain "to what ever extent is necessary to secure victory," but suggested that there be a time limitation in any legislation necessary to make such aid effective in order to assure that "the totalitarian system of coercive planned economy shall not become fastened upon this country."

Speech group names Laase as new head

Dr. Leroy T. Laase, acting chairman of the university department of speech and dramatic art, was named president of the Nebraska Speech association at the convention held in Omaha last week end. He is to succeed Frances M. Hawk of Hastings High School.

Newly elected secretary is Sam Fettes, Kearney High School. Re-elected were Gayle McGee, Nebraska Wesleyan University, vice-president and Miss Lurline Lee, York High School, treasurer.

College representative on executive committees is Alma Kress Lundman; York College, Harold Ahrendts, Superior High School, District 3 and Era Town, Curtis School of Agriculture, District 5, are the new district representatives.

Nu Epsilon Tau, honorary inter-sorority group at the University of Texas, is promoting a national campus knitting campaign to help the Red Cross.

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Critic Drew speaks here Thursday

Elizabeth Drew, literary critic, will speak Thursday at 4 p. m. in the Union, parlors XYZ, on "The Modern Spirit in Literature."

After taking first class honors in English language and literature she became a lecturer in English at Cambridge. In private life Miss Drew is the wife of Brian Downs, also a lecturer in English at Cambridge. Elizabeth Drew is in the United States at this time to lecture and escape the nazi onslaught.

The speaker is authoress of the books, "Discovering Poetry," "The Enjoyment of Literature," "Discovering Drama," and "Directions in Modern Poetry," written in collaboration with J. L. Sweeney.

Miss Louise Pound of the English department will introduce Miss Drew at the lecture which is sponsored by the Union.

Society reelects Pound

Miss Louise Pound of the English department has received notice of her reelection as a national councillor of American Folklore Society. She is a former president of the Society.

AAUW hears Pound

Miss Louise Pound of the department of English spoke before the North Platte branch of the American Association of University Women Saturday, Feb. 1.

Dr. Louise Pound . . . Slips de dope ta de PBK's on dis ting called slanguage

"Slang was not always thought a proper subject to occupy the attention of a group such as the Phi Beta Kappas," explained Dr. Louise Pound as she began to trace the history of slang in her speech before the honorary's meeting last night.

Seniors elected to the honorary fraternity last fall were initiated at the meeting, then President J. O. Hertzler introduced Miss Pound, professor of English, as the evening's speaker. About 100 people attended the lecture in the Union.

Fills a need.

"When slang fills a real need in present language, it is kept," said Dr. Pound. Some examples are pan-out, toe the mark, and buttinsky. "Awful, however, means very little now because it is so overused."

"Certainly 'she gave him the gate' is more colorful than 'she withdrew her affections,'" cited Miss Pound. The U. S. has taken several words from English slang, such as 'cheerio' and 'my word.' England has returned the compliment by borrowing 'debunk,' 'hy-brow,' etc., the latest probably being 'jitter.' But much as the British like some of our slang, they dislike calling journalists 'news-hawks' and movie stars 'heart throbs.'

Say "yes" 40 ways.

The word "yes," asserted the

speaker, has about thirty or forty variations. Among them are "Yip, yap, yup, yez, yaz, 'es (baby talk), yowsah (started on Amos and Andy's program), yeah, okay, okey-dokey, oksum-dosum, uh-huh, sure, and you betcha."

The young people use more slang than their elders. "Because they like to do things to words; get more vivacity in them." Present day journalists have added much to the slang language. "Whoopie" was used in talking to animals in the 15th century, but to Walter Winchell goes the credit of making it into a noun: "to make whoopee."

Short stuff.

A few years ago slang tended towards long, mouth-filling words such as super-splendiferous, but today we have shorter words. "Scram" and "beat-it" are in use instead of the old "skeedoodle."

"There are over 130 words for slang terms like 'thingamajig' and about 400 for 'intoxicated,'" stated Miss Pound. "Words to take the place of 'woman' are very numerous: frill, mamma, hot-mamma, femme, skirt, etc."

Because of the long list of words college boys use to apply to girls, a woman student once made a list of names for college men in retaliation, and in her research she distinguished between sissy-pants, frilly-pants, fancy-pants, and panty-waist.

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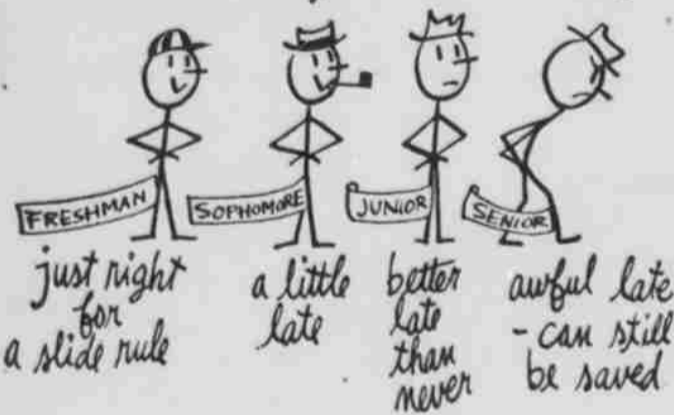
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