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Ivy Day Oration

BY EUGENE CURTISS

Ladies and gentlemen, fellow students: We are indeed fortunate to be able to take this occasion to celebrate a day of sentimental memories here at the university. I believe today has been traditional almost since the opening of this school, and let us hope that in the future it shall remain so.

It has been the policy of my predecessors at this time to dwell mainly upon the faults or upon the good points of the university, and because this is a university function, quite naturally some phase of the school should be discussed. However, it seems to me that there is a situation at the present time that pertains to the students of the university rather than the university itself, which should be discussed.

Let us look first to the present international situation. We find that all of the major powers of Europe today are engaged in a chaotic conflict. The winner of that conflict cannot be determined at this time, but we all know that the interests of the United States are vitally in accord with those of the allies. As a result, and since the plight of the allies seems very serious, it is possible, and even probable, that the United States will enter this conflict. Our entrance into this war will require the United States to draw into her armed forces probably every able-bodied man between the ages of 18 and 40, and into this category we will find included practically all college men.

Therefore, we find many students concluding now that their college careers will be cut short and that since they may not be able to finish now, they probably never will finish, and there has developed a feeling of futility as far as their academic pursuits are concerned. We need look back only three years to see that then the average college student was preparing for his or her career, that the time he was spending here at the university, he spent in preparing for a lifetime job, and that since his entire future was probably based upon his accomplishments in that field, he quite naturally desired to attain the highest levels he possibly could. As a result, the college student of that day diligently applied himself to his work. Today, however, rather than contemplating pursuing the line of activity which he has chosen, the average college student has nothing to contemplate in the next few years but joining the armed forces of the United States, either as a draftee or a soldier.

The fortunate ones will go in as officers, the less fortunate as privates. It seems quite obvious that the average education obtained at the university, with the exception perhaps of the required ROTC course, would not benefit one in such a post to the slightest degree. Hence, there has grown up a pessimistic attitude toward school today, a feeling of futility and of hopeless endeavor. From this, deplorable as the fact may seem, the standard of our university has fallen very greatly the past two years. But let us examine this viewpoint to see if the defeatist attitude taken by the college student is substantially correct.

We need to look only to history to see that wars do not last forever. The longest we can believe the existing war will last is two or three more years, and the taking out of two or three years from the lifetime of the average 18 or 19 year old student will still leave him a life expectancy of 40 years. We must remember that we will have ourselves and our families and our children to support during that time, and the best—the only—way to secure assurance that they will be

provided for is by gaining a proper education for ourselves, as we can while we can.

Some students, who do not like to exert the effort necessary to study intelligently, sooth their consciences with the argument that if the United States is involved in a war, they will probably not return anyway. However, again looking to the past, we find that even in the bloodiest of wars, the fatalities have never been more than 10 per cent of those engaged in the conflicts, and, therefore, assuming the United States does get into the war and assuming you will have to go, we must remember that the chances are nine to one you will return, and we must also remember that the period for your returning will be very soon, comparatively.

And once again if we look toward history, we will further find that at the end of every major conflict, there has almost always been a rather serious depression. How better, in the absence of rich relatives, could you provide to withstand a depression, than by a good education?

Then for a moment let us take the very blackest of all assumptions. For the purpose of argument let us assume that the United States enters this war and that we, the allies, are defeated. If such were to happen, then the only thing, the single solitary thing we would have to depend upon for our survival—for making our way in a new order—would be our education.

So let us remember to get everything we can out of school while we can still go to school, because if we get in the war, the war will not last forever, because we will be back striving to make a living within a short period of time, because family and relatives will probably be dependent upon us in the future, and, finally, because our education—what we have in our minds—is the sole and only asset which we can still depend upon having after this crisis is over.

Commentorials

from our readers

Students criticize Ellsworth Steele

Dear Editor: Ellsworth Steele, the self appointed champion of the campus has not, speaks out in true Goebbels style about a time honored rivalry of which he was not a part.

Like an ardent reformer, Mr. Steele speaks only of results without even mere mention of causes or circumstances. While he heartily condemned and criticized the juvenile actions of the engineering students, he saw no wrong in the destructive action of covering an expensive exhibit with manure and whitewash.

It is noteworthy that in his attempt to improve campus relations, he apparently disregards the fact that the heads of the two student bodies concerned saw fit to take no penalizing action upon the participants. It is tragic that Mr. Steele had to witness a brutal scene in which brute force and not words (in which he is so adept) was the persuading motive.

It is mutually believed that the law and engineering students can conduct their own activities without the aid of the former Carrie Nation of the Student Council. We hope that he may find a more fertile field for his efforts in the future.

Sincerely yours,
Robert W. Nourse
David A. Roach

Planted by class prexy . . . Ivy resigns self to its fate by dying at foot of oak tree

By Donald E. Bower.

I am a sprig of Ivy who was planted yesterday, and am dead today. By way of haunting those who looked at me and applauded the murderers who buried me, I am going to tell you my experience on Ivy Day—from the Ivy's point of view.

I was growing peacefully the day before yesterday, enjoying the place of my birth. I was very young and tender and hadn't felt any of the hardships prevailing in the world. That was the day before yesterday.

Suddenly, my habitat so peacefully was gone from me as the earth around my roots (slender roots they were) disappeared, and there I stood, in my roots now nude. A spade had loosed the earth, and a human hand grasped me, sprig of a plant that I was.

Kept on ice.

I was carried away by this hand and kept in a refrigerator until yesterday. When they finally took me from the cold I was stiff and frozen—prigade to death. The next time I saw light I was in the midst of hundreds of people, being carried I know not where. I saw the queen crowned, and from my position I did not enjoy it.

How could I enjoy any of the

ceremony? I, a young and tender Ivy sprig, carried away from my native abode and made to suffer in the hot May sun, why should I have been happy? And the madder I got the more people clapped, for they were enjoying it—all. Everything was Ivy—but really only I was Ivy. Ivy Day, Ivy Day poet, Ivy Day orator, Ivy Day singer—now all that's gone, and I am too.

Resigned to fate.

Resigned to my fate, I nevertheless was shocked when a hand 50 times the size of my stem clenched me and carried me to the side of a tree. Looking down I saw the corpse of another Ivy plant—and I knew what my fate would be.

Two men now knelt over me, and dug my grave with a little spade. And while they planted me in a little hole, flash bulbs hurt my tender chlorophyll, and people embarrassed me, for I was unclothed, having no soil over my nude roots.

Then the dead was done. The crime committed. I was buried, and the two brawny, inhumane men arose and left me. Then I was alone. It grew dark. In that flash of memory that comes to one just before death, I reviewed my short existence, and was glad—that next year I shall be a corpse—no Ivy Day for me.



Kampus Kaperings

with Mary Adelaide Hansen

And so

once again they have planted the Ivy. Someone must have been doing a lot of praying, because the sun shone, lots of people were made happy, and Ivy Day was generally conceded to be one of the most successful in history. And ye Societe Columne now rates the distinction of having a Mortar Board for one of its editors—that Black Masque enabling Mimi to do more secret snooping, no doubt.

Ivy see

saw the battle of the bands, and everyone had a wonderful time no matter which place they went. You might have seen Beta Piker Davis and Kappa Helen Cather dancing to Ray Noble, or Nate Holman, egged on by the Sigma Nu's, who took two girls home from the coliseum. Pi Phi Lou Ide and one of Petty's ecstatic gals. Incidentally, Nate paid \$7.50 for the privilege of escorting the latter gal friend.

Out Woody Herman way, Alpha Phi Dorothy Tipton came home with something extra, too. It's the Sig Alpha pin of Dick Spelts, who forsook the usual moonlight and roses for such an occasion and passed her the bit of jewelry right at the table among all the coke bottles and brothers. An unusual combination, or rather, one which used to be usual last year when they went steady, was that of Phi Delt Cliff Meier and Kappa Moly Woodward.

Not among those present

enjoying this long week-end of pomp and picnics will be Theta Phi McIntosh. She's in the hospital with a touch of bronchial pneumonia.

The Betas

seem to have been playing lately.

Coeds at Oberlin form organization to help soldiers

Oberlin, Ohio. (ACP). Oberlin college coeds have formed an organization to provide entertainment for men in military service. The organization is called the committee for intercollegiate aid to American soldiers and sailors. Its purpose is to collect playing cards and games for young men undergoing military training. Students in other colleges have been asked to form similar committees and to send in reports to the Oberlin group, which will act as a clearing house for information.

Harvard university is raising \$2,000 for 12 special "war libraries" to be distributed around the university.



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Behind the News



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Ships for the USN

Funds to speed construction of the new two-ocean navy were voted yesterday by the senate, and the bill was sent to the president for his signature.

The bill appropriates three billion, 500 million dollars for the navy program. Of this amount, a billion and a half are to speed the construction of the 729 vessels in the present fleet building program.

Slightly under half a billion has been allotted for naval aviation. This includes funds with which to pay for over 7,000 planes now on order.

Contract authority to the amount of 150 million and cash in the amount of 142 million was provided for repairs and alterations of fighting ships. The precise nature of these repairs is not specified.

The navy, however, has been equipping all its ships with the famous English De Gaussing anti-magnetic mine device; and last year congress voted 300,000,000 dollars for deck armour plate and anti-aircraft guns in the current modernization program. Presumably more work of this type will be done.

Because of the expanding nature of the air arm of the navy there is some possibility that a part of the money will go for the transformation of certain ships into aircraft carriers.

A possibility along this line would be the battleship Wyoming, the oldest battleship in the navy and one which was almost scrapped at the 1930 London naval disarmament conference. Its status at that time was reduced to a training ship, and its big guns were removed. Nevertheless, it can serve as an effective airplane carrier, especially in the North Atlantic in certain waters.

The value of aircraft carriers was conclusively demonstrated in the recent British naval victory.

First chapter of a national fraternity ever established in the south was a "temple" of the Mystical Seven organized at Emory university about 1840.

Fates college is offering shorthand and typing courses, without academic credit, to help students get jobs after graduation.

over the Italians at Matapan. The English had no aircraft carrier with their fleet; the Italians had none. The extent of the British victory has been attributed by many observers to the services of the royal navy's planes.

At present the United States navy has five aircraft carriers. Formerly four were with the Pacific fleet, and one with the Atlantic fleet. Since the creation of the Asiatic fleet their exact disposition is in doubt.

Records show women replacing men in industry

Chicago, Ill. (ACP). Placement records of the University of Chicago are beginning to reflect the trend toward replacing men with women in industry, reports Doris B. Larsh, placement counselor of the university's board of vocational guidance and placement.

She added, however, that "the salaries tend to be lower for women than for men who have held these same positions. For instance, one company which offers a starting salary of \$125 a month to men is offering \$90 to women in the same capacity.

"There undoubtedly will be a fluctuation upward, as the available good candidates are more plentiful now and certainly cannot last much longer if employment continues to increase."

Two hundred of the 670 students at Norwich university are freshmen. There will be only 52 graduating cadets in June.

The Daily Nebraskan

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Engineers—

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a color organ display giving colored visual pictures of music as it is played.

Visitors also saw an electric snake and a voice controlled train, while hamburgers were fried in a hot skillet over a cold stove. Frank Slaymaker had charge of electrical engineering exhibits.

Two sound films on housing and manufacture of steel were shown by architecture students, and student drawings and models were displayed. Chairman of this was David Wink.

Roach in charge.

David Roach had charge of the engineering mechanics students' exhibit which featured testing demonstrations of cement, concrete cylinders and building and highway materials. Drawings and models of various projects, including drawings made by students in national defense training course were shown.

Exhibits pertaining to highways and bridges were the highlight of the civil engineering open house. A working model of an arch bridge showing its actual behavior under different loading conditions as well as a model of Panama Canal lock gates in operation were demonstrated. Several other planes were also shown. In charge of these exhibits was Martin Siemsen.

Sound movie shown.

A sound movie in color was shown on plastic materials and there was additional demonstrations of polarized light and welding when all laboratories of the mechanical engineering building were open.

To acquaint spectators with their duties and equipment, military engineers showed model field fortifications and camouflage effects. Harry Seagren was chairman.

Engineers from ag showed their new draw-bar instrument car used for tractor testing. It is the only test car of its kind in the world and ag college has the only official tractor testing station in the world. Don Kruse, chairman, also had charge of an irrigation exhibit, farm motors exhibit, and rural electrification display.

A student loan fund at Iowa State has accumulated almost entirely from sale of Veishea cherry pies.

May Queen—

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fully flounced with fine Nottingham lace. The classic shirred bodice of net was joined to the shoulder yoke with self-ruffle, forming a heart neckline. The very full-flared double net skirt extended into a long train, flounced with double rows of the lace at hemline. Sleeves were slimly tapered to the wrists below shoulder fullness. The traditional tulle veil fell from her shoulders to train-length, and she wore white satin sandals and a necklace of pearls. Her flowers were gardenias accented with delphinium in a modified lei.

Miss Shave's gown was of silk jersey in a regal coral shade, and she wore a matching turban. Her flowers were varying shades of blue delphinium with white stalks in a modified lei.

Attendant gowns.

The ten attendants of the queen wore gowns styled the same as the maid of honor's but were in increasingly deeper shades of blue. Their flowers were leis of salmon pink gladiolus.

First to appear in the Queen's train were the two freshmen attendants, Jean Cowden and Lois Jeannette Christie. Sophomore attendants were Ann Craft and Janet Louise Curley. Junior attendants were Betty O'Shea, Jean Elizabeth Carnahan and Mary Elizabeth Roseborough. Senior attendants were Helen Elizabeth Claybaugh and Mary Kerrigan.

Pages who heralded the approach of the May Queen and her party were freshmen Dorothy Owen Thomas and Betty Ann Bonebright. Junior women who led the daisy chain were Louise A. K. Frolich, Ellen Wilkens, Maryellen Robison, Betty Jean Spaulding and Ruth Louise Grosvenor.

Senior women who led the Ivy chain were Lucille Ellen Thomas, Esther Marie Connatt, Dee Magdalena Schill and Patricia McMahon.

Flower girls in the procession were Paula Broady, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Knute Broady, Phyllis Gish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gish, and Teresa Stepanek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orin Stepanek, all of Lincoln. Pablo Saenz, son of Prof. and Mrs. Hilario Saenz, was crown bearer, and Richard Lee Walton, son of Prof. and Mrs. W. H. Walton, was train bearer.

Ivy Sing—

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winners in the annual sing in 1938, when they won second place honors, while the Thetas placed first three times in succession, '38, '39, and '40.

Judges for the contest declared that this year's contest was one of "excellent singing, and a very difficult contest to judge." Judging was based on general excellence of efforts of competing groups, technical perfection, which includes tone quality and balance, and the appearance of the group.

Mrs. Florence Nelson and Henry Anderson of Omaha and Prof. Theodore Steizer of Concordia teachers college in Seward were the judges.

Contestants limited.

Other women's groups entered in the contest, in addition to the first, second, and third place winners, were as follows: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Delta Delta, Co-op houses for women, Chi Omega, Alpha Xi Delta, Towne Club, Alpha Omicron Pi, and Alpha Phi. This year's contest represented the first time that the number of contestants has been limited.

Sponsored by the AWS Students' Board, the sing was in charge of Janet Curley this year.

Professor Louis E. Buchanan of the department of English at Washington State is collecting rare first editions of the late 18th and 19th centuries.

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