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The War and Colleges

Special notice should be taken of the manner in which the War and Navy departments have recently handled a delicate situation. The annual meeting of the Middle States Association of Colleges was meeting in New York City on Nov. 27, 1942. Educators the country over have recently viewed with trepidation the bill to draft younger men into service. Cutting into the 18-19-year-age groups will cut tremendously into their student bodies and into their tuition fees. Indeed, in many places it is felt that the new draft act will mean the abolition of collegiate education for some time to come except for the women, the cripples, and the foreign refugees.

Into this situation, when it would be sure to be asked what the government was going to do to the colleges, there were sent two individuals from the War and Navy departments in Washington.

Joseph W. Barker, special assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, said:

"There is no desire on the part of the Army or the Navy to dictate to you what you must do. We are hoping to give you a maximum of leeway in the presentation of material and a maximum of academic freedom."

Lieut. Col. Harley B. West, of the War Department General Staff, said to them:

"Any relation between the armed services and collegiate institutions is going to be purely voluntary, and there is to be no requisitioning. And I can not say that too strongly."

These remarks immediately set at rest a great many of the worst fears of the academicians. But the interesting thing is not the exact wording of these remarks. The most interesting thing was the background of each of these two representatives who said these things.

Mr. Barker is, in ordinary times, dean of

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Dear Students:

We are wondering if you really know what you want. Six weeks ago you made a request in the person of Ward Brunson for more time allotted to dancing in the Student Union. The faculty committee on social functions very conscientiously looked into their rules and kindly give permission for the Union to sponsor 'juke box' dances from 12:20 to 1:30 and 5:00 to 6:30 p. m. each day that space would be available.

The Union arranged for a "juke box" to be brought into the ballroom and advertised the addition in activities. In the four and a half weeks that the machine has been available, it has grossed only \$15.80. That sum of money is not worth the time of the company owning the machine, and the machine will be removed unless more students patronize it.

We want you to know this fact so that you will not be surprised by its removal. We are leaving the 'juke box' in the Ballroom until Christmas vacation. If business has not increased, we shall very sadly bid goodbye to the machine.

Hopefully yours,

Student Union Activities Committee.

the College of Engineering at Columbia university.

Lieut. Col. West is a National Guard officer serving on the War Department General Staff, a civilian officer with the civilian viewpoint, one who knows the point of view of the ordinary patriotic and unselfish citizen—not the professional Army officer who is all too often too intolerant of intellectual freedoms and academic manners which are the very life blood of collegiate institutional life in America.

The selection of these two as the official War and Navy representatives betokens an acumen unusual. The mere fact that these were the men who appeared before the educators had the educators half calmed and half placated before ever a word was spoken.

This is a method of approach which military men too often neglect. They are too prone to expect that a mere order given by the man in the saddle should be sufficient. They do not sufficiently realize—as, for example, the professional politicians perhaps most perfectly exemplify—that the opinions and feelings of a second party are an important consideration well worthy of being handled with the best skill at hand.

Army-Navy Register.

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WHY NOT FORMATION FLYING AS OBSERVED AS IT APPEARS TO PERSONS ON GROUND

ILLUSTRATED: LEFT SCHLON ... LEADER ON RIGHT.

FLIGHTS ... AVIATION CADETS IN BASIC TRAINING AT REARFIELD, TEXAS, GET 6 HRS. OF FORMATION FLYING, ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING PHASES OF THEIR TRAINING.

ANSWER: ...

Capital to Campus

By Jay Richter
Associated Collegiate Press

Womanpower

One of three of the nation's largest aeronautical firms is at work on a womanpower plan that makes good sense. By way of the American Council of Education, the firm sent questionnaires to college deans of women to discover whether co-eds would be interested in continuing their education for a year as "engineering cadettes" on the company payroll—then take a regular job with the firm.

The response from deans has been terrific! Altogether, the firm wants 1,000 women. They must have had two years of college, including some mathematics.

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"The increasing need for the services of women with young children in industry may result in delinquency, health break-down and emotional break-up in children not only today but for many years after the war. The relation between the mother, who leaves her children with just anyone who will take care of them and the children; and between the children, the parents, and the parent and the caretaker are usually bad. In the United States, private nursery schools are attempting to solve our problems. These cannot begin to meet the need of all the women in industry who have young children. This need must be met by good all-day nursery schools. Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt, University of Cincinnati authority on child psychology, urges that this country emulate Britain by widespread adoption of the day nursery school plan. (ACP).

Pre-meds . . .

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the two years he has studied and that he intends to complete his course in order to receive the deferred 2A or 2B classification. A letter from the dean of the university or the head of the medical department certifying the student usually is required by draft boards.

As every deferment is limited to six months under the Selective Service Act, the pre-medical student's case will be reviewed twice a year. His classification, however, will not be changed unless his marks have seriously dropped or he has discontinued his studies, Selective Service officials report.

If a pre-medical student has not been accepted by a medical school at the time of his graduation or shortly after, his deferment will be cancelled, and he will again be liable for service. The dean of a well known medical school reports that there is room in American medical schools for only about half of the pre-med students who graduate every year, and that the next classes opening up are almost entirely filled now.

Preference for deferment is given to students under accelerated programs, the Selective service reports. Also loans are available to students of medicine who need financial help.

Pre-medical students who have been classed in 1A can appeal to registrants, medical schools, or district government appeal agents for reconsideration of their cases.

The University of Detroit is preparing to send its second naval aviation squadron to the war.

UN Panhell Postpones Tea Until January

The annual Panhellenic scholarship tea scheduled for Dec. 20 has been postponed until Jan. 16. At this time the six sororities with highest scholarship will be announced and cups will be awarded.

Six sorority coeds will be presented with \$25 scholarships on the basis of scholastic achievement and need. Applications for these scholarships may be made at the Dean of Women's office immediately following Christmas vacation. A girl needs only have second semester standing and high scholarship.

Minorities Group, Aikane, Meets Tonight in Union

Aikane, the former Minorities Group, will meet tonight at 8:00 p. m. in the Faculty Lounge of the Student Union.

"Aikane" is a Hawaiian word meaning friend. From now on the group will be known by this name.

The meeting tonight is a Christmas program in charge of Wilda Chu and Homer Livermore. Arcaça Berez will speak on "Christmas in the Philippines," and Meyer Uyoka will tell about a Hawaiian Christmas.

Delay Appearance Of Cornelia Otis Skinner in Series

The scheduled appearance of Cornelia Otis Skinner, famous dramatic monologist, for this evening on the Town Hall series has been postponed until February 9 because of transportation difficulties.

Miss Skinner, who will be sponsored by the Lincoln Junior League at her Town Hall program, will appear in "Wives of Henry the Eighth" as a one-actress presentation. The daughter of the late Otis Skinner, she prefers the one-actress presentation rather than the support of a company of players.

Dr. Oggel Speaks on War At Presbyterian Lunch

"Is This the Christians' War?" will be the subject of a talk by Dr. Melvin U. Oggel, pastor of Westminster church, at the Presbyterian student house Wednesday.

The meeting will begin with a luncheon at 12:30 until 1:25 p. m. Reservations for the luncheon may be made by calling the student house.

Twelve hundred dollars has been given by the American Foundation for Dental Science to the University of California college of dentistry for biological research by the division of dental medicine.

University's War Stamp Sales Booths Again Open Today at Five UN Places

War stamp sales booths will be open tomorrow until 3:30 p. m. for the regular Thursday war stamp sales day. Booths will be located in social sciences, MA, School of Music, the Union, and on ag campus as in the past weeks.

Students File for Degrees, Certificates by Saturday

Candidates for degrees or certificates should file their applications for January or May at the office of admissions, Administration room 6 not later than Saturday, according to an announcement by the registrar, C. W. Rosenlof, yesterday.

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the campus"

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