

Editorial Comment

Life Is So Short...

Most of us go through life hearing and forgetting mountains of good advice from experts and semi-experts. There are times, however, that the impact of the advice hits us so strongly that it remains with us for the rest of our lives, especially when it comes from someone we consider inferior.

This is the story of one of those "rare moments" as told by a colonel in the European theater of operations during World War II.

It was a chilly winter night several weeks before the Battle of the Bulge, somewhere on the fields of France. The soldiers had been under fire for many hours and had just taken time out to eat their K-rations. The hungry doughboys tore into the cold unappetizing fare with relish—all except one.

This grizzled GI was the hillbilly of the company. He had not attended school beyond the fourth grade. Instead of tearing into his food, he crouched on the cold ground nursing along a tiny fire over which he was heating his potted pork.

The rest of the soldiers finished their own rations and turned to taunt the GI on the inimitable language of the fighting man, but he continued to ignore them.

Finally, unable to bear the jibes any longer, this drawing veteran from Kentucky lifted his head, slowly surveyed his tormentors, and spoke: "I've found out that it don't take any brains to be uncomfortable."

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'National Week' Salutations May Replace Familiar Phrase

By Amy Palmer

"Hi there, how are you?"

Approximately how many times a day do you hear this familiar saying? Pretty often, huh? Isn't it odd the way everybody asks the same question time after time and never stops to get an answer? And actually the answer isn't important, since nobody ever answers. If, perchance, they do, no one is listening anyway.

Don't believe me? Well, try this the next time somebody inquires about your general health, "How am I? Well, I have a burst appendix, flat feet, hanging hangnails, and falling dandruff, thank you; and how are you?" You can bet the smile will smile

right on and pass, unhearingly past you. Or, if that is too morbid, try this snappy comeback: "It's none of your business." Quote the stock market, say anything—it doesn't make a bit of difference, no one is paying any attention.

Conversation
Of course, for the sake of conversation, something should be said, but what original three word phrase can you think of that is better than, "how are you?" There are several suggestions. For instance, the one about the draft was all right for a while, but it's just like Mae West, cute, but getting rather old.

All these national weeks that our beloved president is always proclaiming can be of help. For instance, during National Do-not week you could greet everyone with, "Hi, doughiace, let's dunk," or if you don't wish to get so familiar, how about, "Hi, how are your do-nuts?" You see, that is completely impersonal, shows recognition and avoids the usual run-of-the-mill stuff people usually say.

New Weeks
There are new weeks proclaimed all the time, so you can always change with the times to avoid repetition. Such national weeks as pineapple, electricity, oleomargarine, frankfurters, drano, or Girl Scouts offer a variety of ideas that can be worked up with just a dash of imagination.

Another suggestion that is in use in many schools involves school spirit. There, for a greeting, they yell such things as "Beat Penn State" (or any other team coming up). It's full of interest and enthusiasm. Also, fines are collected if someone forgets and goes back to a conventional 'hello.' The system really has its points—arouses school spirit, diversifies 'short' hellos and makes money for the whole school, besides. No doubt the Student Council can use an idea like that.

In fact, any ideas you have to offer are always welcome. Who knows, if enough innovations are offered, things will really be changed. And then someday everyone will exclaim about a cute new saying going around campus. The one that goes, "Hi there, how are you?"

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Letterip

To the Editor:

The faculty of the Arts College appointed last spring a committee to study the requirements for degrees with distinction. This is a request to students to send to the committee ideas for a way in which we can pick out the students who deserve graduation with distinction.

Some of us on the faculty feel that the Arts College should not award degrees with distinction solely on the basis of grades. The courses of study differ so much from student to student that in the Arts College a fair comparison of student accomplishment seems not to be possible solely on the basis of grades. A more promising means for selecting the good students seems to be a combination of high grades and of excellence in the student's major field of study. This would mean a high average of grades plus a nomination for distinction by the major department or departments. Thus a student might get a degree with distinction in History, or perhaps in English and History. Some such basis has several advantages.

The naming of the major field tells specifically the subjects in which the graduating student has excelled. This is a desirable thing as one of the objects of awarding degrees with distinction is to recognize student accomplishment and this procedure judges a student's accomplishment by comparison with that of fellow students who have followed similar courses of study. Such a comparison occurs in the other colleges of the University where there is greater uniformity in the course of study than is found in the Arts College.

Another advantage of having nominations for distinction by departments is that a representative selection of good students may thus be obtained from the various fields of study. A student may feel that, conscientious and intelligent work in any field may be properly recognized at Commencement time. It is to be hoped that such recognition may provide an additional incentive to the individual student to excel in his studies.

The members of the committee to whom you are asked to send your suggestions are L. W. Lancaster (political science), W. T. Lenser (mathematics), J. L. Sellers (history), Orin Stepanek (English), and T. T. Smith (physics).

T. T. Smith.

To the Student Body:

The first all-university elections are now at hand, with the advent of the Junior-Senior Class and Honorary Commandant elections.

In view of this fact, the members of Mortar Board want to state their views in regard to factions and bloc-voting. By a "faction" we mean an organized attempt to bribe or intimidate voters in order to determine who shall be elected. A faction includes bloc-voting, which we define as 1) neither the official or unofficial guarantee of votes to one party or for a certain candidate 2) or the insistence by an organization that its members support one particular party or candidate.

An election is part of student government which trains us, as college students, to think and act democratically and thus, eventually, to take our part in state and national government. It is the privilege and duty of each student, then to VOTE, and to vote as a result of his individual thinking. It is not his privilege or duty or right to vote as he may be dictated to by any fellow student or group of students.

Candidates for any office should be judged on their merits and capabilities of handling the particular office for which they are contesting. The entire voting system is a matter of principle and a matter of giving honor where such honor is deserved. It does not rightly involve support of one's friends or the friend of another friend.

Each of us was blessed with a mind of our own. Let us not forget to use our OWN minds, although we may be in an environment of strong group feelings. We hope that Thursday's polls, and all of the others throughout the year, will be approached by democratic and adult individuals.

Sincerely,
Black Masque Chapter,
Mortar Board

To the Editor:

The Crusade for Freedom reached its climax with the signatures of 4205 students on the Freedom Scrolls. The Student Council would like to commend the chairman, Jerry Matzke, the coordinating efforts of NUCWA, the contributions of AUF, the work of the Kosmet Klub and the cooperation of the students at the University for making the Crusade worthwhile.

However, the effectiveness of this Crusade for Freedom will be lost entirely if the individual responsibility for the preservation of freedom is dismissed with the mere signing of a name. Every student should do some serious thinking about the democratic ideals that are the foundation of our society and the methods for the maintenance of these ideals.

Sincerely,
Robert Raun,
Student Council president.

'World Democracy' Topic At Omaha Conference

A Conference on World Affairs will take place in Omaha Oct. 28 and 29th.

The theme for the conference is, "How Can America Best Strengthen Democracy in the World."

Saturday the session will be held at Joslyn Memorial and Sunday it will be in the YWCA Lecture Hall.

The conference is under the auspices of Omaha civic groups and American Friends Service Committee, Inc.

High Frequency

By Art Epstein

Every first-rated musician, be he a singer, or band leader, has a number of arrangements that sum up the essence of his personal styling. Sometimes it is just a standard song, one that has been kicking around for years, but it takes on new meaning and life with a superlative arrangement. Sometimes it is simply a current popular song, but one that a musician presents with his own style, so that all other arrangements seem less satisfactory.



Epstein

All these, the standards, the originals, and the currents, are essential to the life of a dance band or a popular singer.

As you who follow WOODY HERMAN know, until he disbanded in late 1946 he led one of the most remarkable dance orchestras this country has ever heard. Now that Herman has reformed, after a year's vacation, he has delighted his admirers by proving that he had not lost his touch from the early part of the forties when his crew captured the Esquire, Metro-morne and Down Beat magazine polls. Here is a band with a modern sound. Music that has something to say to its contemporary listeners and with music that is unashamed to admit the influence of the experimentation of classic matters.

Yet, in spite of the possibility of pretension, the "Herman Herd" supplied dancers with music that is vital and compelling. Paradox was part of its make-up, discipline and wildness, dissonance and melody, these are the ingredients that make Woody Herman's music so exciting. All of these ingredients can be heard in such Herman greats as "Bijou," "Happiness Is A Thing Called Joe," and "Caldonia."

It wasn't until 1945 when National Records recognized the terrific singing potentialities of BILLY ECKSTINE as a great ballad singer that he became a known great. The national signed him and he was a hit overnight with his first cutting, "Cottage for Sale." After "Cottage," Eckstine did a smashing business with "Prisoner of Love," "In the Mood for Love," and "I Only Have Eyes for You."

The story of Billy Eckstine's phenomenal success is, in many respects, unique. Billy has again and again demonstrated his genius of taking standard material, and by adding a touch of his inimitable musical magic, he gives the song a lustre and excitement it never had before. In last year's poll by Down Beat and Metro-morne music magazines, Billy

Coke Meeting . . .



HE LOOKS LONESOME—Gene Berg, chairman of College Days, explains to a group of Coed Counselors about the working of the forthcoming festivities. The Counselors hold impromptu coke parties at various organized houses and dormitories and the Union. A guest is usually invited to address these meetings. This is a part of the new Coed Counselor program initiated this year. There are about 150 "Big Sisters" on campus and each has about three "Little Sisters." (Rag Photo by Al Cramer.)

Deadline Today For AWS Board

Today is the deadline for filing for AWS board. This is the last day of the extended period. Unaffiliated junior coeds interested in membership in Associated Women Students may file applications. Senior AWS board members then will schedule interviews. All applicants must have a 5.7 scholastic average, junior standing, and a year's residence in a University house. Applications must be filed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Ellen Smith hall.

Religious Group Pledges 20 Men

Sigma Theta Epsilon, national religious fraternity, pledged twenty members at a ceremony held recently at the Methodist student house. The following men were pledged: Tomis Anvelt, Francis "Bud" Benedict, Daryl Bohi, Bob Bruner, Charles Cawley, William DeBelly, Wayne Gregory, David Hedges, William Kolb, Everett Kretz, Maurice Ludwig, James E. Rodgers, Lester L. Smalley, Reed Smith, Paul Swanson, Clayton

surmounted all barriers to win top place over such greats as Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby. The rich timbre of his voice has made him a favorite of virtually every male and female named singer. For the fans that can't get enough of "the great Mr. B" National records has pressed eight of his greats on to one LP record. Three of the records that have the Eckstine punch, drive and smoothness are "You Call It Madness," "In the Mood for Love," and "Time On My Hands." That's all, Paul.

TenHulzen, Harvey Townsend, Glenn Vest, Philip W. Vrana and Lyle Young.



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ISA to Give Halloween Ball On Friday

A Halloween Ball for all university students, sponsored by ISA, will be presented this Friday from 9 to 12 p.m. at the Union Ballroom.

Music will be furnished by Fizz Powell and his orchestra.

Witches, black cats, bats and assorted Halloween charms will furnish decorations for the dancers. Entrance onto the dance floor will be via blindfold route No. 1 with a great many promises of thrills and chills in store for all who are bold enough to follow the path.

The affair will be a costume ball with prizes given for the best costume to illustrate the chosen theme of Midnight Witches Ball. It has been announced by Melvin Bates, chairman of the program committee, that hostesses will be on hand for dancing with any and all stags that show up.

Tickets will be on sale at the door for all students who are not holders of I.S.A. membership cards. Membership card holders will be admitted free while the regular tickets will sell for sixty cents with no advanced sales.

For dancing, prizes, tunes by Fizz.
The Union is the place that is the best to be from nine to twelve
In eerie witchcraft there to delve;

Accept this bid from I.S.A.
Relax the student dancing way.
Prepare your costume to be seen,
And join the haunts for Halloween.
—Poem by Marion Carson

Donna Gruber to Fill Coed Counselor Post

Donna Gruber has been appointed to the Coed Counselor board to fulfill a vacancy left by the resignation of Marilyn Myers.

Miss Gruber is an architectural engineering student. She is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, freshman honorary, and Towne club.

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Corduroy Sport Coats With PLAID Linings 14.95
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