

# Students make great, daring escape from PUN

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The great escape I shall now relate was a daring act that required a certain fearlessness born of an ironic mating of quiet desperation and glittering hope. Escape was essential but dangerous. All knew that some would be killed. All hoped that they

bunch of perverts, subverts and general deviants who joined together to carry out the escape, their methodical organization and preparation would surprise the uninitiated. But for those who have come to know this group of students as the all-powerful MECA, such qualities are to be expected. In and behind bars, they plotted their great escape from the Prison University of Nebraska, (PUN).

## paved paradise

would be spared. No one foresaw that in the end, all would die.

The escape was well planned and carefully contemplated. Considering the rag-tag

"There is nothing on earth intended for innocent people so horrible as school. To begin with, it is a prison. But it is in some respects more cruel than a prison. In a prison, for instance, you are not forced to read books written by the wardens and the governor." Such cruel and unusual punishment continues even today though George

Bernard Shaw's comment was made years ago. MECA men and women could take no more of it. Thus they gave birth to Wargasm (a clever euphemism for war games).

### Armies descend

Courageously braving innocent bystanders and routinely patrolling police, two armies of students descended upon Pioneers Park and had their first Wargasm. As they marched to Indian Hill, they shouted in cadence the motto of the Wargasm, "There is no such thing as a little garlic." Arthur Baer would have been proud.

Of course, each army had its own slogan. The Red Army could be heard hollering, "Life is too short to learn German." Off in the distance the Blue Army could be heard howling, "A Master of Art, isn't worth a fart." But these foul-mouthed militants were no disciples of Thomas Love Peacock or Andrew Boorde. Their man was George Bernard Shaw and their inspiration was his famous observation that "He who can, does. He who cannot, teaches." They could and they did, though it was a heavy price they would pay for their conviction.

### BEER talks

The Red and the Blue armies agreed upon the rules and weapons of war arrived at during the BEER (it's Better to End Everything Right) Talks held previous to the day of destiny. Weapons of war were cruel, deadly and fair. Both armies would be limited to water balloons and water pistols.

Those who suffered a direct hit or one within five feet would be dead for 15 min-

utes. The carnage that followed these seemingly simple instructions cannot be imagined by those who did not witness the heretofore unseen savagery with which these two armies attacked each other. More students died that day than have been done in during the past four years by dormitory food. That gives you some idea as to how vicious the fighting was that fateful day.

The climax of the Wargasm was the infamous Battle of the Columns where the entire Red Army was slaughtered. With deadly accuracy the Blue Army mercilessly pelted the attacking raiders in Red with wide-dispersion water balloons. Without regard for life or limb the Red Army heroically continued their charge into destruction. And then it was over. All participants, dead or alive, retreated to a local bar.

### MECA movie

In the revelry that followed, MECA members laid down their arms and picked up their spirits. The consensus was that they should MECA movie of the Wargasm. Of course, PUN wouldn't like that. It'd stir up the natives and all that.

For myself, the whole event merely proved that PUN could be more than just classes, papers, and tests. That working, and yes, playing with other students brings a depth and breadth to your education not to be found in the stacks of Love Library.

School can be fun, and it ought to be. We all could use more escapes as great as the Wargasm was. It reminds us that PUN is really people and not G.P.A.'s, social security numbers or salary figures.

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