

DEADWOOD

Undergraduates at any university may be placed in three classes: those who are interested primarily in their studies, regarding outside activities as distinctly secondary; those who are interested primarily in outside activities, either athletic, dramatics, publications, and others; and those who are interested in neither to any appreciable extent.

Much has been written about how the studious ones should take a greater interest in outside activities, and how athletes and others should take a greater interest in their studies, but little has been written or said about the collegiate deadwood, the dragging, useless appendage which slows the progress of any college or university.

Most of these parasites fortunately are eliminated in the undergraduate years. Slimes and sophs soon find that they must either study to remain in school, or be asked to leave.

Nevertheless, much deadwood remains and menaces all collegiate life. It is this element that runs around in sporty cars and incites others to loaf. This is the element that the public sees; this is the element that causes a dark eye to be cast on all college students.

It is possible that students themselves could correct this problem, but it would take time and be only partially effective. Perhaps the standard of scholarship could be raised, thus not harming the real students, and special concessions could be made to those engaged in profitable outside activities.

-H-SU BRAND

THE STUDENT FORUM

(Editor's note: This is reproduced exactly as the article came to The Battalion office. The editorial "Underhanded Politics" was written by the editor-in-chief, as is customary, and represented the editorial policy of the paper in that it was intended to correct an obvious error of fact. Student Forum is open to all students with all views of issues.)

TO THE BATTALION:

UNDERHANDED POLITICIANS UNDERHANDED

What has seemingly turned into a hot political issue had its beginning when the Tuesday Battalion failed, intentionally or otherwise, to carry any account whatsoever of the annual ball of "one of the organizations," well known to have been that of the Infantry Regiment for the simple reason that it has been the only organization to have been completely neglected in the Tuesday Battalion. That week a representative of the paper asked for a writeup of the affair, which was promptly prepared and together with pictures of the orchestra leader sent to the Battalion office well ahead of "going to press." A satisfactory explanation has been given for the omission of the pictures, but, as yet, none for the story.

That issue of The Battalion may have been tight, but it was tightened with a wedge of an announcement of the candidacy of a candidate for editor which received as much space as was finally allotted to the dance in the Friday issue.

The "clique" is not interested in whether the omission was due to the inability of the type-colums to stretch or to the deliberate action of the editor; the fact remains that the Infantry Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen have suffered an additional assessment to cover a substantial loss caused by the omission of a very important announcement especially for the benefit of day students, causing an unexpected and hard-felt slump in ticket sales.

At this point we wish to plagiarize a bit on the wonderful Tuesday editorial by stating that the said clique is not well-defined—AND ANY HUMORS THAT IT IS SET IN ITS POLITICAL POLICIES ARE BASE LIES USED AS UNDERHANDED CAMPAIGN MUD-SLINGING IN THEMSELVES.

But we also want to add that it is possible to build up a political sentiment as powerful and as far-reaching as any begged for by the recurrence of articles such as Tuesday's editorial.

—Thomas F. McCord  
Earle W. Aldrich  
John L. Hanby  
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Fordham University has a World's Fair personnel course to train workers for the New York Exposition.

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Quotable Quotes

"As it seems to me there is room for a clearer realization on the part of the public that football is not a trade, or a profession, or a mimic war game in which you must win, no matter how. It is a good American game. It has done a vast service in keeping America young, alert, just, and good natured. I believe that the game can go on as a clean wholesome part of a college course and I hope that it will go on in that way with good fun and good will in it." University of Pittsburg's Chancellor John G. Bowman puts his stamp of approval on the nation's greatest amateur sport.

A new plan to coordinate extracurricular activities and education has been formed on the Williams College campus at Williamstown, Mass., to aid students who work in undergraduate organizations.

A newly formed committee of the Undergraduate Council will recommend or discourage lines of extracurricular endeavor in particular instances. It is expected that complete information on any student can be collected, on a basis of which advice can be given to him as to the direction and extent of his extracurricular affairs. The committee will be a purely advisory body.

Unlike Sir Walter Raleigh who played hockey from school to learn sailing, undergraduates at the University of New Hampshire now take tiller and sheet in hand as part of their college curriculum.

For this semester sailing is being taught as a course in physical education for both men and women. The course has been arranged through the cooperation of the University Yacht Club, and will carry the student from elementary theory through actual skippering and racing.

But it will not be all straight sailing for these students. Examinations and outside reading have their place here as in any other course at the university. The examinations will be on the work of shore school; the reading will be about boats of other classes and the history of sailing.

"An academic education can at least train its students to think clearly. It can train them to look at industrial questions, not with a blind prepossession in favor of their own country or of their own class, but in the light of those principles of love, justice and liberty to which all great literature bears witness, and with that calm respect for the objective facts upon which science is based." Sir William David Ross, Columbia University visiting professor, urged education to combat the "ugly uprush of aggravated nationalism."

"Phog" Allen, University of Kansas basketball coach, has on his freshman team two players who are sons of men who played on the first college team he coached.

At the present time, there are 10,000 persons in the U. S. working toward Ph.D. degrees.

Cornell University has sent an expedition to the mountains of eastern Mexico to learn about the strange bird, otus pinosus.

Loyola University (New Orleans) has a student group known as the Brotherhood of the Pipe Smokers Association.

Parade of Opinion

The George Washington University "Hatchet" believes that the President should back up his declaration that "We are against any entangling alliances," by selling arms to all nations. "If he maintains that principles until the end of his present term he will undoubtedly go out of office a far more popular man," the editorial said.

On the other hand, the University of Kansas "Daily Kansan" believes with many others that President Roosevelt should clarify his foreign policy. "Until the president takes secrecy out of his foreign policy and explains what it is, 'mistaken impressions' and 'deliberate lies' will persist. The President can, if he desires, eliminate other rumors before they start by a definite clarification of his policy."

Many maintain, however, that the sale of planes aligns the U. S. and other democracies. "Evidence that the President intended the sales to France and Britain to be indicative of an alignment with them is seen by those who maintain that the President went over the heads of the War and Navy departments in sanctioning the sales. A survey of the administration foreign policy leaves little doubt that the President favors active cooperation with the democratic states of Europe," affirmed the University of Minnesota "Daily."

A broader implication is seen by the Harvard University "Crimson": "Isolationist senators who picture economic support of France—symbolized by presidential approval of the sale of some 600 airplanes—as leading the American people down the road to war, ignore America's stake in the peaceful resolution of European difficulty. Realistically speaking, it is futile to talk of isolation. Inescapable is the conclusion that America, by reinforcing positive resistance to the totalitarian states, is promoting in the only practical way possible her own peace and security."

The nation-wide campaign instituted by the Amherst College "Student" to have student employees of fraternities and sororities exempt from the payment of federal social security taxes is gaining the active support of collegians throughout the country. Most students support the view of the Beloit College "Round Table":

"The time to tax for old age pensions is after the student has finished his education and is earning his living as an active member in society, not while he is working his way through college. Another reason for the desired exemption is that college employees working under similar conditions pay no tax."

Meanwhile, the pressure has forced consideration of the ruling by the House of Representatives ways and means committee. Observers predict early action on the amendment by Congress.



Return of Memel (A) assured to Germany following Lithuania capitulation to Reich demands, leaves these eruptive points in a simmering Europe. Forty-two divisions of Germans were reported clustered in Moravia (B), Hungarians massed near northern Rumanian frontier (C), and Bulgarians near southern Rumanian frontier (D). Shooting of a German in Brasov (E), Rumania, stirred apprehension of an international incident.

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

THE A. I. E. E.

Like the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers is a nationwide organization of technical nature. The College Station branch of the A. I. E. E. is one of the oldest clubs on the A. & M. campus. It was organized in 1922, and has about 70 members. Junior and senior membership is stressed; and there are no local memberships—only memberships in the national organization.

The student chapter carries on the usual activities of engineering societies. Its regular meetings are held twice a month, on alternate Thursdays in the E. E. lecture room, the public being invited to all. It also sponsors special meetings. Its programs consist mainly of the presentation of technical papers, outside speakers of importance, and technical films issued by General Electric.

Last semester one of the main speakers presented by the club was Marvin W. Smith, an ex-Aggie who is now executive manager of engineering for Westinghouse. Recently a joint meeting was held with the Architectural Society, for which Miss Ethelle Hudson, home lighting consultant of the Dallas Power and Light Company, spoke on "New Applications in Home Lighting". This program was declared by all to be one of unusual interest.

Every year the Rice and A. & M. branches of the A. I. E. E. hold a joint banquet and meeting in Houston. One student representing each branch presents there a paper of technical nature. At this year's joint meeting, which was in March, an Aggie, R. D. Barnes, took first prize with his paper.

The annual Southwest district convention of the A. I. E. E., attended by student and faculty representatives of 15 colleges and universities of the Southwest, is attended each year by all seniors in electrical engineering and by the faculty of the E. E. Department as part of their annual inspection trip. This year the Southwestern convention, climax of the year for A. I. E. E. chapter, will be held in Houston, April 17, 18, and 19.

Every year without fail the local chapter of the A. I. E. E. has its delegates at this district convention, no matter where held. Last

year Bill Morris attended the convention held in Manhattan, Kansas—about as far north as it could be held.

Last year our A. I. E. E. branch put on an unusually fine electrical display as part of the yearly Engineers Day show held on Mothers' Day; and it is already making elaborate preparations for its part in this year's show, which the Engineering Council plans to make the biggest and best one ever yet put on.

Dean Bolton, vice-president of the college, is national vice-president of the A. I. E. E. representing the Southwest district. Professor N. F. Rode of the Electrical Engineering Department, is chairman of the counsellors for the district. R. P. Ward, also a professor in the E. E. Department, is student counsellor for the A. & M. chapter.

Bill (W. C.) Morris is president and program committee chairman of the local chapter, and W. P. Smith is secretary-treasurer. All members of the club serve on some committee for it some time during the year.

"Destruction of Natural Resources" Picture Available

An animated moving picture short by the well known artist-conservationist, "Ding" Darling, is being offered for the use of any college, campus or Bryan club.

The picture, dealing with man's destruction of our natural resources, has been procured through the combined efforts of the Landscape Arts Club and the Fish and Game Club and is available through the Department of Wild Game.

An operator and a projector will be furnished with the short which by arrangement may be procured for any night during the next two weeks. Time required for showing is approximately twenty minutes.

Greatest American today: Hunter College senior women voted the honor to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, said he should be given the Nobel peace prize.

PREVIEWS and REVIEWS

BY RAY TREADWELL

"Wings of the Navy," a Warner Bros.-Cosmopolitan picture directed by Lloyd Bacon and from an original screen play by Michael Fessier. Showing Tuesday and Wednesday at the Assembly Hall.

Cast of Characters  
Cass Harrington...George Brent  
Irene Dale...Olivia De Havilland  
Jerry Harrington...John Payne  
Scot Allen...Frank McHugh  
Commander Clark...John Littel  
Lt. Parsons...Victory Jory  
Prologue Speaker...Henry O'Neill

Here's another American Document film, by the Warner brothers, and is the type of picture that they do well as far as making good interesting entertainment. A picture like this is not made to break records as a dramatic highlight, but promises an enjoyable two hours that you will not remember more than 30 minutes afterwards, but at least it does not carry an odor and that is a good deal in comparison with some of the shows of

the last six months.

The story is laid at the U. S. Naval Air Training Base at Pensacola, Florida and deals with the efforts of two brothers, both members of the training school, to win the same girl. As is the iron-bound rule with any film dealing with the training schools of the navy or the navy itself, there is no villain in the plot; in fact, high naval commanders rejected two actors chosen for the starring role in this film before John Payne was selected because the actors had been known in former pictures by their portrayal of drunk, undignified, or crooked characters. It seems as though the navy must not have its morals corrupted.

George Brent turns in the most commendable acting job of anyone in the film as the brother who had the girl but faced the task of giving her up because of her love for his brother.

Ex of '01 Writes About Early Band

Many changes have taken place in the Aggie Band since it was organized back in 1895. In 1899, when it was four years old, it had but 20 members. Since then it has increased ten-fold.

The drum major then was Scully Harrison; the instructor, Professor F. H. Miller.

The members of the band then were paid \$5.00 a month. Soon afterward the pay was reduced to \$4.00 a month. (Now it's even less.)

The uniforms of the band members were the same as those of the other cadets at that time, except that the trousers had two narrow black stripes instead of one down each trouser leg.

The band also had a dress uniform, which was worn at dress parades and on special occasions and consisted of white duck trousers, the ordinary gray coat with a wide white belt, and a white helmet with a brass spike in the center on top. It must have really been a classy looking outfit when the members wore these uniforms!

The above information was sent in, along with a picture of the band of '99, by Robert Eberspaker, of Houston, ex-Aggie and ex-Band-member of the class of '01.

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