

An Editorial

Freedom's Threat

One of the greatest threats to freedom in America today is disinterest and inaction among its citizens.

In a republic such as ours, each citizen must take a personal interest in government and the welfare of others in the nation.

This interest can be fostered mainly at the grass roots level—in cities like College Station.

No time is more appropriate for John Q. Citizen to show his concern for the welfare of his fellow man and the maintenance of good government than an election year. Yet, this year, probably less than half the qualified voters will travel to the voting stations.

Of those who do vote, many will not study the issues so they can vote intelligently. The propaganda tricks of demagogues will rule their judgment.

What will the American system evolve into if the people are ruled by the "sweet talk" of those seeking special privilege rather than the welfare of all Americans.

When each College Station citizen goes to the polls in the Democratic primary elections this summer and the general election in November, he must be interested in good government and the welfare of all the people and be ready to act to stamp out with a vote those seeking other paths.

In his interest and action he must answer the following questions in the interests of good government and the welfare of his fellow Americans:

Should U. S. citizens in minority groups be discriminated against?

Should rich corporations in the state carry an increased tax burden or should the average citizen struggling to make ends meet be taxed more to provide needed improvements in the state and nation?

Should management-instigated "right to fire" laws—called right to work laws—be upheld or should every Texas laborer be protected by collective bargaining and from firing for reasons other than inefficiency?

Should state and national politics be dominated by selfish "big interests" seeking private gain or by the laboring man and the farmer who constitute the less powerful majority?

These are only a few questions which need to be answered by intelligent voters in choosing a candidate.

They can be answered and in the best interests of good government and the welfare of all citizens, if qualified College Station voters approach their responsibility intelligently.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"GIT OUTA' HERE WITH THAT FLASHLIGHT! CAN'T YOU SEE I'M CONCENTRATIN' ON A QUIZ?"

Students Optimistic On Danger of War

American college students seem decidedly optimistic on the question of whether there's any danger of a war with Russia in the near future. Over three-fourths of the people interviewed by Associated Collegiate Press National Poll of Student Opinion felt there was no danger right now.

To obtain this information, ACP asked the following question of a cross-section of students in American colleges and universities:

"Do you feel there is any immediate danger that Russia will start a war with the free world? Why?"

There was more optimism among the men interviewed than among the coeds. Over eighty per-cent of the men felt there was no immediate danger, as opposed to seventy three per cent of the coeds. Similarly, only twelve per cent of the men thought a danger present, while sixteen per cent of the coeds thought so. But there was also more indecision among the coeds.

At Bradley University, (Peoria, Ill.) a sophomore advanced his opinion that there was no immediate danger since "I don't believe Russia wants to start a war any more than we, because of the destruction it would cause." A Chatham College (Pittsburgh, Pa.) freshman coed shares this same view. She also feels that Russia is not likely to start a war in the near future because of the possible "resulting world-wide destruction."

A slightly different view is advanced by a Wayne State University (Detroit, Mich.) sophomore. He supports his feeling that there is no immediate danger of a war by saying, "They (the Russians) proved already they aren't stupid. They can advance their doctrine better with cold-war tactics," and a senior at Juniata College (Huntingdon, Pa.) commented on his "no" answer, "Because we would be able to retaliate quickly enough to possibly cause the destruction of the world, and Russia realizes this." This notion of Russia's fear of U. S. retaliation was advanced by a number of others answering they felt there was no immediate danger.

Another often repeated reason is summarized by a sophomore coed at Huron College (Huron, S.

Dak.). She feels there is no danger of war with Russia in the near future because "They do not have enough support yet to try overcoming the larger powers."

"Russia is at least equal in strength to the United States now. Her power and therefore her inclination to war has increased greatly in the last decade." This is the reason given by a University of Vermont (Burlington, Vt.) junior coed for feeling that there is danger of Russia starting a war. Another junior coed, from Wayne State University (Detroit, Mich.), also believes there is immediate danger of a war because "Russia has shown through history that you can't trust her. We should be conscious of immediate danger in order to safeguard democracy."



Art for Aggies' Sake

By WELTON JONES

The big news this week all seems to center around one name; that of William Shakespeare, truly a name to contend with.

In an outburst probably unparalleled in the history of Texas, there will be, and have been, no less than seven live productions of the English language's supreme dramatist since February 1.

Six of these are amateur shows. Four of them are utilizing the play "Macbeth". One of them opens tonight.

The Aggie Players started the rush to Shakespeare this spring, with their own version of "Macbeth" which ran for five nights in early February and was judged a success by most spectators.

Then tiny Howard Payne College attracted national attention with its production of "Midsummer's Night Dream", in which the costumes and stage decor were built around a "wild west" setting.

Now, tonight, we find the opening of another "Macbeth", this one the interpretation of Southwestern University at Georgetown, well known throughout the state for their liberal arts department.

The Southwestern University "Macbeth" will run for two nights: tonight and Saturday. The curtain is at 8 p. m.

Another "Macbeth" has been prepared by the Rice Institute department of drama. That school's saga of the Scottish king's ambition will be unfolded on the evenings of the fourth and fifth of May.

Then, still another "Macbeth", the fourth, has been ready for the boards of Texas Tech in Lubbock for over a week, but has been temporarily postponed due to sickness in the cast.

With the siege laid upon "Macbeth" it is refreshing to see that one department of drama in the state is branching out a bit. August Texas University will stage another of the four great tragedies, "King Lear" in two performances April 25 and 26. And, in the amateur field, a

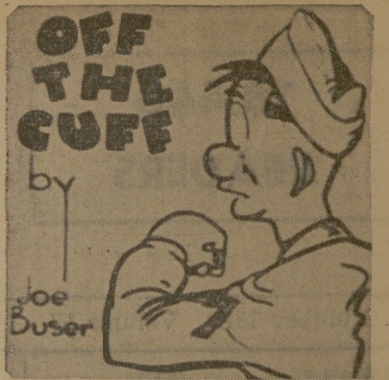
great voice still not heard from, at least by this column, is Baylor. Paul Baker, a controversial gentleman to say the least, is not the type to let a school year go by without a shot at the Bard.

The only professional Shakespeare which would seem to be available this spring is the Alley Theatre's "Julius Caesar" which opened in Houston last week and should enjoy an extended run. Three of the leading roles have been filled by actors who did the parts in a recent New York production and the director of the same New York show did this one.

But the Aggie Players' five night run of their "Macbeth" seems to have been first with the most.

MOTION PICTURES — Even the movies are giving us Shakespeare these days, and the Campus Theatre, when they can focus their lenses and keep their camera still, are showing "Henry the Fifth" for the last time tonight.

This is the wartime English production by Sir Laurence Olivier, who, of course, stars. Others in the cast are Leslie Banks, Robert Newton, Leo Genn and Renee Asberson.



OFF THE CUFF by Joe Duser

Latest entry in the Justice in Large Quantities Dept. is the case of the freshman who picked up a quick two for not having his tennis shoes shined.

Seems this member of the short-haired set switched socks with his roommate and forgot to move his shoes to the foot of his new bed.

Anyway, in the routine of morning quarters search, the pair of un-shined shoes was noticed under the bed. Thinking they belonged to the man whose name appeared on the bed at which they were at the foot of, the searcher wrote out a pair for the fish.

The freshman in question discovered the tender note when he returned from class and was rather shook up. The only shoes he had under the bed were tennis shoes.

In the end, however, the mistake was corrected. He got two for having his shoes in the wrong place.

Some mornings, it just doesn't pay to put one's shoes under the bed.

... For when it's raining rain, you know, it's not Thursday—cadet Gippi

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