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Student Ideas Sound

If members of the faculty will follow the two recommendations made by Dave Morrison's student committee on attendance regulations on Thursday there is reason to believe that the problem of class attendance will be reduced to a minimum in the future. One recommendation advocated that the first day of classes be made significant enough by instructors that students will realize the need for attendance. The present monetary penalty for missing these first classes, ineffective for the past two years, should be replaced by some other penalty—possibly the counting of a double-cut—it was suggested by the committee.

It would be a simple matter for any professor on the opening day to announce how many cuts he will allow, and what the penalty will be if a student goes over the limit. Some professors do this now, but after they announce how many cuts will be allowed they do nothing if a student has a number of excessive absences. The faculty members should certainly abide by a rule which they make themselves.

There is need to change the monetary penalty for first-day class cuts. Some students are willing and able to pay a small amount if it will enable them to stay at home an extra day or two. Still there are other students who have valid excuses for cutting classes, yet they cannot afford to stay at home because of the extra cost. Some form of punishment that will treat both classes alike would be more adaptable. Many colleges and universities give students double cuts for missing classes before and after the holidays. This, however, has not proved to be a satisfactory arrangement. If the student can offer no excuse for failing to return on time, one possible rule would be to place him on class probation. If this is done, he will think twice before cutting.

Morrison's committee termed the English department's rule, that weekend cuts be counted double, as "disciplinary and unfair." The student does not get double value

out of a weekend class, so why should a double cut be charged against him if he misses it? Now, a student can leave on Monday afternoon, miss English classes Tuesday and Thursday, and receive the same treatment as if he had cut a single Saturday class. This is not fair to the English department nor to the student.—O. C.

Time to Wake Up

The first of the annual Spring elections will roll around Tuesday, when the coeds dust off their back-slapping paraphernalia and elect their Woman's association officers for the coming year.

What goes on behind the locked doors of the women's dormitories will never be known by the male population, but one can rest assured that political maneuvers have been carried on in both unique and devious means. The old political wheels of fortune are spinning away, and the women portion of our student body will determine where the little disc will point when the smoke clears.

Mainly through the efforts of DAILY TAR HEEL columnist Martha Clampitt we have heard a lot of complaints about the way women's government has been run on the campus. As is the case most-often, the answer to all good government lies with the coeds themselves. It takes an alert women's student body to make for a competent women's government.

Election-time is just about as good as any for coeds to turn over a new leaf and make their government a live, working unit of student government on this campus. If interest has been at a low ebb all year, we are willing to forget it now. The important thing is that the girls themselves take a new spirit, go out and elect the girl they sincerely believe is best for the office.

But women students must keep up the interest that is aroused through elections. They have to maintain the awareness and alertness in what the Women's council and Association does all through

A Very Frank Answer To Admiral Stirling

"Secretary of State Hull has said we are not neutral, so why not be belligerent? What are we afraid of?" Admiral Yates Stirling, Jr., asked Thursday in an interview with a reporter from The Daily Illini.

WHAT ARE WE AFRAID OF, ADMIRAL STIRLING? Well, frankly, plenty!

But let's get it straight at the outset that we're not afraid to die. Youngsters our age aren't, you know. We haven't lived long enough to be afraid of death for ourselves or to fear for the consequences of our death on others. We've nobody dependent upon us yet. No wives. No children. Just parents; and most of them have kids younger than we are to console them, if this war you're drumming up does for us.

So let's get that straight, Admiral. It's not death of which we are afraid. Most of us don't know enough about death to be afraid of it yet. If we did, we'd probably want to have everyone lynched who's trying to promote a slug in the belly for us. Like the men who really know about death. The men who saw death at close range in the 1914-1918 murdering match. The men who came back to write books and poems exposing the old lies about the beauty of dying on the field of battle. The men who came back and lie in veterans' hospitals learning to be philosophical about life because it won't let them die.

Danger of Mass-Mindedness

After all, Admiral, death really isn't so much more terrifying than life, when you really think about it. Didn't some Greek or other claim that death is better than life, but that best of all is not to have been born? What we're afraid of, Admiral, is that the Greek who thought that one up would have been pretty close to right if you fellows who are eager to fight a war have your way. Not that we don't think you're sincere in advocating what you think is best for the country, but we think life would be rather rotten for a long, long time if this country got into war.

Admiral, we think that the real danger to America lies no more in the chance of invasion than in the possibility that men who think like you do should have the determining of her destiny. Men who've thought in terms of battleships and firepower and squadrons and flotillas and fleets and regiments and battalions and divisions and army corps and armies for so long that they've forgotten how to think of the individual man who compose those mass units. If we get into a war, just as sure as we're writing this, you fellows with mass-minds are going to be the bosses.

Same Old Story

And if that happens, it'll be the same old story. Individuals and individual rights will be sacrificed to the efficiency of the mass units with which modern wars are fought. It will set our civilization back a lot, Admiral. Intolerance, coercion, work-or-fight, red-baiting, mass hysteria, hatred, violence, injustice, negation of all the things this country's idealized.

Remember what happened at home during and just after the last war? People smashed the windows of good Americans who came over from Germany looking for a little liberty, people who believed that stuff Fourth of July orators spout about America being the land of the free and the home of the brave. The Ku Klux Klan put on dirty white night shirts, burned fiery crosses in the hills, preached that all Negroes, Jews, and Catholics were enemies of America—and enforced its preaching with lengths of rubber hose. The post office department put the clamps on anything that had the taint of liberalism about it, and Atty. Gen. Palmer hunted for witches. We Believe in Peace

Well, Admiral, we're just young enough to believe that stuff the Fourth of July orators spout about liberty and freedom and democracy. We know what a beating that stuff took during and after the first World War, and we've heard about the downright rotten intellectual and moral letdown that ushered in the Twenties. We're convinced that no good came of American participation in the 1914-1918 slaughter, and we don't want to get into the same kind of mess again.

You see, Admiral, the thing we're afraid of is that American participation in another war would result in permanent impairment of all the values and ideals of American civilization. That civilization's not perfect by a long shot, of course, but we think it's a lot better than anything that would come out of this war.

We're so sure that peace is the best thing for America that we're willing to pay a pretty high price for it. We're willing to arm Great Britain so that the English can keep the war in Europe and Africa where it belongs. We're willing to pay defense taxes on practically everything we buy. We're willing to accept conscription and learn to fight, in case we do get in a jam.

We're willing to do just about anything short of war, Admiral, because we think that only in the preservation of peace is there a chance for the preservation of the ideals and values that make America worth living for.—The Daily Illini.

NEWS BRIEFS

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belligerency and support of Iraq's 1930 alliance with Britain, British press dispatches said today.

The army coup was carried out Thursday, deposing the royal regent, Prince Abdul Illah, on "grounds of treason" and forcing him to flee, it was said.

British Bombers Fire Key Albanian Base

BUDAPEST, April 4—The Athens radio reported tonight that British bombing planes had set fire to Berat, Italy's key base in central Albania and outpost guarding the approach to Tirana, the capital.

British Naval Force Sails from Gibraltar

LALINEA, Spain, April 4—A British naval force, including three aircraft carriers and a large troop ship loaded with colonial Free French forces, sailed from Gibraltar into the Mediterranean late today, the Spanish agency reported.

WASHINGTON, April 4—President Roosevelt today said he had released \$500,000,000 in army and navy stocks to Great Britain and Greece and revealed that this country soon may transport materials to the Balkan and Middle Eastern fronts by way of the Red Sea.

ISTANBUL, April 4 — Thousands of troops from the classes of 1910 and 1911 rushed from Istanbul tonight to

bolster the Turkish army drawn up along the Bulgarian and Greek frontiers as British experts in mechanical warfare laid plans for defense of European Turkey.

Well-informed sources believed Turkey would adhere to her policy of fighting only if attacked, but military preparations were being rushed and hints in the authoritative press that the ticklish Balkan situation may explode in a manner not anticipated by Germany.

LONDON, April 4—Two crack destroyers of Italy's entrapped naval forces in the Red Sea have been scuttled by their crews in the Italian flight from Eritrea and the coast of Benito Mussolini's crumbling East African empire, the admiralty announced tonight.

WASHINGTON, April 4—President Roosevelt today threatened drastic federal action to reopen the strike-bound Allis-Chalmers plant at Milwaukee unless work is resumed voluntarily soon.

He told his press conference the Allis-Chalmers deadlock is really a very bad situation and that something has to be done about it.

WASHINGTON, April 4—The War, Navy, and Interior departments have agreed to a proposal to spend \$50,000,000 on defense of the Philippines, the money to be appropriated from funds owed to the island government, it was disclosed tonight.

LONDON, April 5—(Saturday)—of troops from the classes of 1910 and 1911 rushed from Istanbul tonight to

the year. If enough facts are not known, then they should find out about them—demand to find out about them. But,

above all, it is the duty of every coed to make an effort to learn and to want to learn how she helps govern herself.—L. H.

Quadrangle Baseball Games Menace Others' Happiness

Certain gentlemen with the elixir of bounding youth no doubt coursing their veins and calling up vague instincts of remote quadruped ancestors have taken it into their young heads to practice the great and noble game of baseball in the semi-quadrangle which has for two of its sides the new dormitories. Now this is undoubtedly a great game, and no one could possibly object to these young men enjoying their exercise were it not for one or two facts which we shall try to elucidate upon. We wish to establish: that it is interfering with the pursuit of happiness of certain individuals for this practice to go on.

Take the item of window lights. In one afternoon three panes were smashed to smithereens by the rather simple process of just throwing a ball through them. Another afternoon two more were demolished, and on still another occasion the door glass went the way of all earth panes. Now these things are costly, and every one which is

broken comes out of the general damage fee. Might we not therefore, reason from this that the man who breaks a glass through pure carelessness is, to say the least, very inconsiderate of his fellow citizens here in the University? Might we not go still further and say that the man who thus destroys property in such a time as this is committing an act of vandalism which is deserving of the scorn of his fellows. Perhaps this is too strong, but it somehow strikes us as something worthy of a citizen of this campus; this destruction of property.

And not only that, but imagine the feelings and relations of the man who—with lights out and stores low—goes to don his pink pajamas only to find seat of same brim full of broken glass. Consider it, Gent., and the next time you feel as though you simply must play ball remember we have athletic fields, here for that purpose.—TAR HEEL, May 22, 1920.

STREIT SPEAKS

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different governments united in federal union, with states retaining their rights and differences, Streit believes the will to peace of the human race will not find itself continually destroyed in world war.

Clarence Streit began his career as a public land surveyor in Montana and Alaska. At the beginning of the first World War he volunteered, serving first as a private and later in the intelligence service. After the armistice he was assigned to the archives division of the American peace mission at Versailles. Later he returned to Montana state university and completed his studies, winning a Rhodes scholarship which took him to Oxford. Later while studying at the Sorbonne he met and married a French school mate, Jeanne Defrance. An intensive 10-year study of the League of Nations gave him the basic idea for "Union Now," which was rewritten four times before its final publica-

tion. Eagerly gobbled up for publication last month was his newest volume, "Union Now With Britain."

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