

Not All Muscle

"A War Department plan for sending thousands of uniformed soldiers to college, with an active duty status, to meet Army and possibly civilian requirements for specialists and other college trained men was announced on the House floor today. . . .

"Men will be selected for training under this program . . . on the basis of previous education, results of scholastic aptitude for military service as demonstrated during a period of service in the Army."

—Associated Press release in yesterday's *Durham Herald*.

For almost two months now we have listened to the this-is-my-last-quarter-so-I-don't-care boys' alibi for not studying.

Their exasperation for not knowing what will happen to them is understandable. The War Department has for months been sending out conflicting reports about what will happen to the men in their Army enlisted Reserve Corps. The Joint Presentation Board which breezed in and out of Chapel Hill last week could tell anxious students only what had come out three months ago, and their prediction that AERC boys would be able to finish school is directly contradicted by a number of reliable sources.

Exasperation, then, is understandable.

The apathy is not.

By now boys going into the armed services in the near future—from 18 and 19-year-olds on up—should have understood that it isn't a matter entirely of coordination and adrenalin. They should know by now, particularly those who will go into the army, that the rank and training they earn for themselves will largely be determined by their aptitude for further scientific, specialist or officer training. Determination of aptitude means written tests. And written tests mean preparation. And preparation means that prior to their induction draftees and reservists learned something in those last few months of college.

In the army, there will be no inside track on commissions because a boy's family had money enough to send him to college. It will be a competition where the best prepared get the commissions and the mentally lazy get what's left.

For some Carolina students there is less than a month left, for many others only one quarter more.

If they like, they can waste the time as so many students have done for so long. Or, they can prepare themselves to compete to serve their country to the limit of their capacity.

What'll you have?

With Regret

It is with regret that the DAILY TAR HEEL can not print its promised analysis of dormitory rooming conditions today as announced. Premiums on space and time will prevent publication of this material until Saturday morning.

Campus Grapevine

By the Staff

It was with much interest that we read Columnist Frankel's report on recent experiment of the Psychology department. Results showed that the Carolina student harbored a more favorable attitude toward the Nipponese than toward the American Negro, and a more favorable opinion of the Italian than the Russian.

In this column it is legal to speculate. So, it might be well to point to the possible change in attitude when (1) Carolina students begin to fight and (2) when American casualties are reported.

The old battle cry has been raised on the Carolina campus again: "Christmas dinner in Berlin." It is true that the United Nations are conducting a large scale operation in North Africa the possibilities of which are immense. If the pincer movement is a success and if the new territories can be organized, the Allies will have made a tremendous gain. But there will be no Christmas dinner in Berlin.

A victory in North Africa will be a start—a big start—but only a start. The African campaign can be regarded in part as a prelude to a Second Front in Western Europe.

Any Christmas dinner in Berlin is a long way off—for both Germans

and Americans for that matter.

Yesterday was Armistice Day. This fact was practically forgotten amidst the furor of the present conflict. The student body missed a great opportunity to observe Armistice Day.

The observance should not have been in memory of November 11, 1918. It should have been a rededication to those men in Flanders Field where poppies grow no more, and to the struggle now going on.

Why have students been so reluctant to attend speeches presented by the CPU and IRC this year? It is apparent that the members of these organizations do not have the answers.

It is entirely possible that the CPU and IRC have been at fault in presenting little known speakers. It is entirely probable that the student body has sunk into an unprecedented lethargy.

The war is important—it is all important. Yet, we must not feel that nothing else is important. The ability of the general public to think out the issues that face the nation is the only thing that will safeguard the results of future military victories.

—J.L.

Crossword Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a small crossword puzzle from a previous issue.

Weary Wisher

Squirrel in Harris Tweed Objects to Paint and Clipping

I was talking with the squirrel the other afternoon. "Hello," he said. "Oh, hullo," said I. "Goodish sort of a day, isn't it," he noted.

"Bit nippy though. My confreres and I have spent an hour or two socking away a flock of acorns for the bitter months. Tiring though it may be, such activity is essential," he commented.

"Yes, I suppose it is," I replied. Both sides mused for a moment in silence. The squirrel pulled a tin of tobacco from the depths of the Harris tweed jacket and charged his pipe.

"You know," he said, "there are several things round here that I fail to understand."

"Yes." "And one of them is this business of paint and clipped hair that seems to be going on between this and a neighboring institution. You see, old man, it would appear to those of us who are civilized that such activities are decidedly beneath the dignity of man. But then, on the other hand, I have ceased to wonder at the depths to which you humans can submerge your dignity."

I grunted non-descriptly to signify neutrality.

"What I mean is, here you go spending thousands in dollars and calories to build glorious edifices, worthy of quite a good deal of merit, although of course they will never compare with trees. And then a segment of your population gets excited and belligerent and goes blockheading it off to Durham to besprinkle the pavement with pigments of varying shades.

"Then, as the acme of assinity, you capture a few of the other institution's students and clip off their hair. Now hair is good stuff. You humans have unfortunately been cursed with a general lack of it, and you should employ the utmost prudence in the care and preservation of what you do have. But no. You botch the job, and instead spend

hours searching some victim for your wrathful clippers.

"Quite so," I mumbled.

"Phooey," said the squirrel.

"What was that?" I queried.

"I said, 'Phooey.' Which was meant to signify that I am inclined to consider your race a rather stupid one. I do not understand how you can continue to tolerate such a group of ill-bred boors, how you can permit them to continue such operations. It is very upsetting indeed."

"Quite so." "One of the things you humans fail to realize is that probably the only worthwhile contribution you have made to the general scheme of things is the invention of the arm-chair. With such a marvelous instrument in your midst, you continue to fly around, distraught and in a maelstrom, scattering chaos and blusteriness in your wake."

"Yes," I said. "You know, for a long time there was a movement among some of the more radically democratic squirrels to allow a few humans to mingle in squirrel society, provided they kept their place of course. I was a member of the faction myself. Of course the sentiment disappeared, as soon as we all realized that it would endanger our state of civilization by the introduction of such low and bestial characters. I am now favoring a movement to make the day when the faction was by agreement disbanded an official holiday throughout squirreldom."—H.C.

Father, Son Write New Math Dictionary

LOS ANGELES—(ACP)—Mathematics Dictionary, first book of its kind, has appeared from the Digest Press, Van Nuys, its authors being Dr. Glenn James, associate professor of mathematics at the University of California, and his son, a graduate of the university, Robert C. James, now teaching fellow at the California Institute of Technology.

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Among The Damned with Dantoff

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mr. hiram hayseed, sr., bear creek, n. c. dere paw,

its been a rite long time since i last writ you but things has been agoin on so fast roun hyar thet i jest ain't hed the chanct to do no writin.

as i writ you in my last letter, everything aroun hyar is done in akordance with the govmints speed-up program. navy and army officers go speedin all over the campus and kaydettes go speedin all over the obstickle course an the doctors go speedin after them, an then the students in physikal edgerkation goes speedin aroun the obstickle course an an ambulance speeds after them. coeds go a speedin out uv their dormytories at 7:30 on week-end nites an comes speedin in agin about 10:30. You see they hev been a datin kaydettes an they comes a speedin in at that time so they kin speed back out with a Carolina gennilman on what is known in these parts as a late date. when she finishes that date, she speeds back to her dormytorie so thet she kin git in the door jest ahead of her housemother who is a speedin toward the door to lock it.

an then them stooedents whut ain't got dates speeds up to harry's or marley's an speeds down a couple of beers because the city papas done said thet us chillun kaint drink no beer after midnight so we gotta speed to drink twice as much before midnight.

an now it looks like the draft board is agonna come speedin in after them stooedents whut is 18 an 19 years ole but them stooedents is smart as a lotta them is speedin to the army and navy reserves.

an then there's our presydent Doctor Frank Graham. it looks like everbody wants him to run somthin. up in washintun, the presydent uv the yewnitid states has got him helpin run the war labor board an of course we likes to have him a runnin chepel collitch an so the pore man jes speeds to washintun an then we needs him an he comes a speedin back to chepel collitch an if sooperman don't come along to hep him git between chepel collitch an washintun, Doctor Frank is jest agonna speed hisself to death.

an uv course they always was a lot uv speedin to dooram but the last few stooedents whut i hev seen speedin to dooram hev come back a grumbin about some new tax an they aint so speedy the next time they goes.

i reckon the freshmen is about the speediest things on the campus though, specially in their primary elections. they just sped all over the campus a tryin to git boys to vote for their friens an when they coulnd't find them, they went on an voted in their place, an in the YMCA where the votin was goin or they was a speedin all over the place helpin other

freshmen fix their ballots an some uv them was so nice that they jest took the ballot an fixed it themselves. well paw i'v gotta speed off to class now so i'll leave you with the hope thet we'll soon see the gas pumps aspeedin up.

yore son, hiram, jr.

NEWS BRIEFS

(Continued from first page)

from Cairo tonight. A dispatch said that the fleet had left Toulon to join the Allies. Earlier, however, Vichy agency Havas said the warships still were in Toulon harbor at 4 p.m. (10 a.m. EWT). The fleet consists of three battleships, 10 cruisers and about 50 destroyers.

US FLEET IN PACIFIC, Oct. 26 (Delayed)—(UP)—Another US aircraft carrier, riddled with bombs and torpedoes in the battle of the Santa Cruz islands, and listing badly, keeled over and sank in the Pacific late today. The name of the carrier can not be revealed. She was the fourth American ship of her type sunk in the Pacific, following the Lexington, Yorktown, and Wasp to the bottom.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11—(UP)—American Guadalcanal forces are pushing a two-front offensive East and West of Henderson airfield and the Japs have returned to Attu island in the Aleutians.

In the Solomons area American flyers shot down one zero and attacked a force of five Jap destroyers eastward of the New Georgia island group with unobserved results.

In the Aleutians, Army bombers damaged two Jap cargo ships at Kiska while other planes destroyed seven Jap Zeros in an attack on Holtz bay at Attu. The latter action occurred Monday and was the first Jap activity in Attu since October 7.

MOSCOW, Nov. 11—(UP)—Soviet parachutists wrecked or damaged 23 German planes in a lightning raid on an enemy airdrome in western Caucasia Wednesday. There are reports that a German drive on Stalingrad is imminent. Fighting along the whole front has subsided to a new low ebb, as the temperature dropped to 15 degrees below zero on the Steppes around Stalingrad. Blizzards are reported in central Caucasia.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11—(UP)—A WPB spokesman said tonight that Donald Nelson has ordered curtailment of civilian use of petroleum products in the 12 eastern seaboard gas rationing states. Extent of the cut and the products affected has not been determined, but announcement is expected this week.

AUSTRALIA, Nov. 11—(UP)—The Japanese have been forced from their main positions near Oivi in eastern New Guinea with heavy losses.

Advertisement for Western Electric Radio featuring a photo of a soldier and the text: "TARGET SIGHTED - BOMBARDIERS PREPARE FOR ACTION" and "FIGHTING WORDS delivered by Western Electric Radio".

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