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MENTAL FREEDOM

A college should be a free institution for the cultivation and growth of the mind, not a shackle for restraint of the expansion of the intellect.

We students must decide which we want eastern to be.

Whatever the school is; whether it shall flourish as a center of knowledge and human understanding, or shall decay and degenerate into a cesspool of hideous, odious, archaic scholasticism, depends largely on us.

As we sit in our class rooms and study our Physics and Chemistry let us think about the things that made the last peace a flop and what we are going to do to see that it does not happen again.

Why are we fighting? We are fighting so that our way of life may continue and so that our sons and daughters may live in peace and security.

It is up to us—remember that on our shoulders rest the books instead of the gun but also on our shoulders rest the responsibility of winning the peace.

Our job then is to do our utmost to get the education they want us to have. Just as the soldier is asked to do his utmost at the front, so we must give our utmost to do his utmost at the rear.

This war was to a large extent caused by the peace that followed the other war. We failed to reconstruct Europe and went to sticking our head in the hole life the ostrich.

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Papyrus, Parchment and Paper

It sometimes seems almost ridiculous to sit down and write out our brains' blood and reel unconsciously that no one is going to read the immortal prose that one has laboured so long and diligently on, well, at least twenty minutes (that could be more, profitably spent in study for those mu-quarter exams that are being dinged at us from all sides).

THE NEW BOOKS

What'll you have for Christmas? Our prolific authors are getting like Alice in Wonderland—"Curiouser and curiouser." There is more honest inquiry into the condition of man in fiction today than possibly since the days of Elizabeth and her coterie of nacks—a term used loosely to describe Marlow, Shakespeare, Jonson, Drayton, Sidney, and the rest of them lovely bums.

The remnants of those pacifistic groups that still linger forlornly about the campus should read THESE ARE THE GENERALS; they will be astonished to learn that the men who are leading our armies are not the blood-

thirsty gutter-snipes they would have had us believe. THE BATTLE IS THE PAY OFF is a book written by one of the pink tribe that used to be so fashionable only a short time ago.

The popular war book right now is Etta Shiber's PARIS-UNDERGROUND. Of course, we all remember Leslie Howard's performance in the shadowy media of the screen of the Scarlet Pimpernel as being far more convincing.

The most heartening publisher's announcement is that Ilka Chase's new novel IN BED WE CRY, will be ready for sale on Nov. 5. That's manna from heaven, for, judging from her earlier vitrollic effort, she has a positively (oh, over-worked word) sparkling wit.

Encouraging news from Eastern's intellectual front: We have had a real answer to the Negro Problem as posed in this column last issue! A few more answers are expected!

MAROONED AGAIN

The following communique was addressed to the editor of The Progress and (Wow!) Engineer, but it was meant for everyone on the campus.

Editor of The Progress and

(Oh, my God) Engineer

E. K. S. T. C.,

Richmond, Ky.

A few eons ago (my watch stopped in July) I was in the habit of grabbing pen and paper at intervals and dashing off a gem or two for my Alma Mater's sturdy publication, the now defunct "Eastern Progress."

Needless to remark time has wrought several changes in both Eastern and Gilligan. The time came when the school of my heart began to crawl with "Basic Engineers" and the day arrived also when I discovered what one was.

I'm one. Don't ask we why or try to hide that nasty smirk. I know what you're thinking. "Gilligan was a wise guy," you say. "He took what he liked and ignored such stuff as physics and chemistry because they taxed his brain."

Perhaps I will do something terrific in the scientific line. A group of us have already taken steps toward determining the mean density and specific gravity of the average Gold Brick, and, if I may say so, you would be astounded, and I have also made the discovery that New York City has the most evenly distributed precipitation in the world.

Seriously, though, with a few modifications I could be quite well satisfied. I know that there

Scene Thru Myopia

Here we go; off with a bang. Helen Colvin and Jimmy Stevens certainly make a nice looking couple on the dance floor.

Note to Jim Wesley: Watch out for McCroskey and Connie when you take those weekend trips. Ambrose Bennett had better swipe some track shoes.

There was a slight mistake in this column of The Progress last issue; Peach Ramsey doesn't want a man from Texas, it's Oklahoma—guess Doc Kennamer will have to straighten us up on our geography.

Wolf of the Week: There are really too many candidates for this high office, but fortunately, one is outstanding enough to eliminate all others from the howling field—John 'Fud' Frayer of Oklahoma City.

Things are looking pretty good around here now. We heard that the army only had its courting calendar open to one gal a week, but maybe we are off the beam.

Sounds as though Brooks is getting the rush. She goes to church with Art, and hardly are they out of shouting distance when up comes another one to the hall, looking for her! What have you got that gets 'em, Baby?

Let's get things straight about Mary Lou Snyder—do you want a man, honey, or are you just out for entertainment. Loads of luck Mary Lou, we hope you can make it work. Lou White looked plenty ok Saturday night with that tall, dark brute she thought she had on the string.

Glad they haven't made the ravine into a restricted area—James 'Doc' Howard and Ruby Freeman would be the first to be chased out.

Campus Cad says: Things have come to a pretty pass when freshmen gals have to start taking vitamin pills.

HYPOCRISY!

Look at that word! Learn it, and its meaning; learn to loathe and hate it, and recognizing it, to reject it and the philosophy of it.

Fact is, fact; it must be evidence that Hypocrisy and Democracy don't match. And it must be obvious that one must go; the choice is yours.

Eastern can progress intellectually only when we secure our own release from the bonds of bigotry.

WHY?

There are many soldiers here on the campus that are wondering at their reason for being here and they have good reason for being puzzled, for the boys that they have known are for the most part in theater of operations and here they are taking life easy.

The fact is that there are many who feel that they would much rather be with a line outfit getting ready to do the job they set out to do. Not many can see any point of sitting here with their books while others are carrying a rifle.

How can an uneducated person reconstruct a nation? He can't, and that is why the Army and Navy both feel that an education is necessary so that we may win the war and the peace that is to follow.

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INFANTRY IS POSSIBLE FATE OF AST GRADS

Potential Duties Of A. S. T. Trainees Are Revealed

Pointing out that the A.S.T.P. is functioning to meet serious shortages in Army specialized work, Colonel Herman Beukema, director of the A.S.T. Division, told trainees in a recent bulletin just how they will stand as their school work progresses.

At the end of every 12-week term, Colonel Beukema emphasized, the A.S.T.P. soldier can be recommended for one of the following:

1. Continuation in the A.S.T. Program.
2. Assignment to Army service school.
3. Assignment to other military duty.
4. Consideration for officer candidate school.

No statement was made concerning the status of students ranking at the end of the first six weeks, although it has been rumored on the Eastern campus that these men might be eligible for a shipping list.

Availability of graduates of the program for consideration for admission to O.C.S. has been emphasized by the Secretary of War and the Chief of Staff, but the bulletin warned against interpretation of this emphasis as implying that a graduate will be given a direct O.C.S. assignment. The probable procedure will be assignment to a unit where the soldier's special qualifications and the recommendation of the commandant of the A.S.T. Unit will be given due consideration.

Answering the rumor which usually appears wherever trainees meet, the Colonel stated that "there is no obligation on the part of A.S.T.P. soldiers to serve in the Army for a longer period than that which will be required of any other soldier."

"You should also know that responsible assignments await graduates of the program," he continued. "Training in engineering will prepare soldiers for assignments in the Army Air Forces, Army Ground Forces, Corps of Engineers, Chemical Warfare Service, and Ordnance Department." So perhaps the Eastern Engineers won't be engineers after all.

Students graduating from the language schools will be eligible for service in the Ground Forces, Signal Corps, Military Intelligence, and the Office of the Provost Marshal, while medical students will continue to serve with the Army Medical Corps.

With two out of every three men in uniform fighting as specialists, the bulletin showed the importance of constant and continued training to meet the problems imposed by modern strategy and technology, training furnished largely by the A.S.T.P.

Spirits Roamed On Campus

Hallowe'en came to the campus one night early this year, invading the Union Saturday night with a spirited assortment of professors, costumes, punch, and noise, merrily mixed to provide a liberal assortment of ghostly faces Sunday morning.

It was a gay Hallowe'en eve, with the largest party yet to congregate on the campus apparently determined to wreck the Rec Room for good. Mrs. Chenault valiantly kept the situation well in hand, however, while Mesdames Keith, Case, and other faculty members satisfied the wolves and witches with food and drink.

There was a more ghouliah atmosphere upstairs, as dead men and outja boards were frequently encountered, while the story goes that Jimmy Norback was completely carried away by the spirits.

Formality definitely did not prevail. The program for the evening consisted mainly of whistles and paper caps, made in Japan, plus some American music by little Willie Murphy and Carl Chandler. Nearly everyone was in costume. Most of the boys appeared in brass buttons, while a few of the younger ones, those under 18, showed originality by appearing in more colorful get-ups.

No Classes On Turkey Day

Give thanks on this Thanksgiving Day, for there will be NO CLASSES for the Army. Strange as that may seem, it has just been announced that there will be no classes that day and no study hall on Wednesday night. Instead there will be a big dance at Walnut hall.

That is as far as the story goes. Work will begin as usual on Thursday night at 7:30. But what the heck, the Army is giving the day off out of the graciousness of its heart.

Will miracles never cease?

In a Military Manner

Not being of a very poetic nature, discussions in this column will seldom delve into the more literate aspects of life, but there must be exceptions to every rule, and we'll begin with a snort, re-use on contemporary, or perhaps we should say, "contemptuous," verse.

It's not the technical excellence of the obviously worthy example that worries us, but the content. Just what will your grandchild, offspring of the average A.S.T. soldier, think of this and similar stanzas floating around our colleges:

Mother, take down your service flag,

Your son is at Georgia Tech. Instead of fighting battles, he's learning now to neck.

If he isn't paying footbal, he's swimming in the pool.

Mother, take down your service flag,

Your son is back in school.

This bit of poetry obviously couldn't apply to Eastern trainees—we swim and play football, but the fourth line shocks us almost as much as it does these Kentucky co-eds.

It's the principle of the thing that counts, the fact that our desperate efforts on the Eastern front are being belittled, probably by some jealous GI or civilian who knows nothing of the hardships suffered by those who must wax romantic before 7:20 p. m. and meet formations to the tune of the latest jive.

Here's where the poet in us comes out again to make a point. The original copy has disappeared from the bulletin board, but most A.S.T.P. men will remember the lengthy verse describing the trials and tribulations faced by the average student-soldier, the one that enumerates the line taken on duties during the week, and ended with a leisure period which can compare only with Professor Parke's mythical square root of a minus one.

Despite the opinion at Georgia Tech, or wherever the quoted stanza originated, A.S.T. soldiers, at least those at Richmond, seem to be doing about as much for the war effort as they can, even though it may not involve triple-timing over the Kentucky countryside under a full field pack.

(Note to Captain Noble: Sir, this article is in no way meant to contain suggestions as to the future occupation of the unit on Saturday afternoon.)

Not that we claim to have done much of it, but supervised brain work can get pretty tiring at times, although some of the people criticizing the Army's educational program will evidently never be in a condition to realize this. In fact it can get so overbearing that the average A.S.T. cadet—that slipped out, we mean "private"—will testify to his desire for a quick ending of the war so he can return to his normal policy of paying for the type of schooling he wants.

People seem to think we've got a cinch. Take the case of the Richmond soldier whose aunt wrote him, hoping that "this cruel war will be over before you get into the Army."

And then there are the many critics who demanded "placing of those college students in the Army before fathers are drafted." After all folks, these aren't Boy Scout uniforms we're wearing.

They may scatter coke bottles around the study halls and disturb even the bookworms with their chatter in the library, but most A.S.T. soldiers seem to consider their school work as a task which much be accomplished as efficiently as any rifle was ever cleaned.

Two section leaders carried on recitations last week when profs were late for class, and a general attitude of interest is apparent in most classwork, an interest that sometimes lags considerably in similar civilian groups—on other campuses, of course.

They don't even have steel helmets, and their gas masks are seldom disturbed, but it seems these Army students deserve just a little more credit for the job they're doing.

After all, the A.S.T. Program isn't of indefinite length, and the time may come when trainees will use the sine and cosine they are struggling with now in a more bloody struggle. Their efficiency as specialists will be commended then, so why not go easy on these belittling remarks and poems now?

Baylor Wins In Muscle Test

An analysis of physical efficiency tests reports in a recent A.S.T. Bulletin showed that the Georgia Tech unit has achieved the highest physical efficiency rating among Cycle I institutions, while Baylor University is top among Cycle II institutions.

Second places went to the University of Michigan in Cycle I and to the University of California at Los Angeles in Cycle II. Honors for greatest improvement in physical efficiency, as reflected by the tests, were won by University of Michigan and Baylor University.

Military Ball Scheduled for November 24

Break-Girl Identity Will Be Revealed During Dance

Thank the Lord, this Thanksgiving, for he is giving out with the music for the benefit of Uncle Sam's soldiers at the first military ball to be held this year. Dancing instead of studying will be the order of the night Thanksgiving Eve and all formations will assemble at Walnut Hall that evening at 10 p. m.

This will be a military ball in the strictest sense of the word and therefore will be formal for all concerned. This does not mean that the soldier has to send home for his tux (oh, if he could) the full dress uniform will be in order, but it does mean that the girls will wear formals.

This will indeed be a cause for thanksgiving, for it will be a chance to stay out till 1:30 a. m. in the middle of the week. Furthermore, this will be the first time this year that the girls have been able to linger officially that long with a man. This is the chance to stay out late and to stack those books away in a corner and substitute book figures with a figure that walks on two feet. Get ready, and pick out the woman; get the ingredients, and have fun.

Also on the docket for that night is the presentation of the "Ten-Minute-Break-Girl." Primary nomination ballots for this contest appear in this edition and the soldier will please fill them out and deposit them in one of the Ballot boxes by 9:30 tonight. Ballot boxes have been placed in the Orderly Room and at the Student Union.

The five girls receiving the largest number of nominations will be voted upon in two weeks. The results of the primary will be kept secret until the next edition. The identity of the "Ten-Minute-Break-Girl" will be revealed at the Military Ball.

Each soldier on the post has one and only one vote. Stuffing of the ballot box will be punished; anyone that votes twice will not be eligible to vote in the final election. All bona fide feminine college students on the campus as well as WACs are eligible. All votes must be cast on the official ballot which appears on this page of this edition and must be in one of the ballot boxes by 9:30 tonight.

So, soldier, it is up to you to see that the girl who is elected is the one that has what it takes to take your breath away.

Remember—the occasion—military ball—the time—Wednesday, Nov. 24 from 9 to 1—the place—Walnut Hall—added attraction—revelation—of the "Ten-Minute-Break-Girl."

Phys. Ed. Dept. Plans Intramurals

The Physical Education Department of Eastern's Army Specialized Training Unit issued two bulletins this week. The first was an announcement of the department's intramural sports program for the forthcoming three months; the second was a report on the third Army Standard Physical Achievement tests.

Pending an organization meeting of the several team managers, tentative plans have been made for an intramural basketball program during the three winter months to come. According to the Department's announcement at least three games will be played each Sunday afternoon. When organizational work has been completed and a draw of teams been made, a schedule calling for concurrent competition in two leagues will probably be arranged. Coach Rankin, director of the Phys. Ed. program, is endeavoring to secure a staff of officials for the games.

Coach Rankin also made public the results of standardized physical achievement tests given to all units similar to Eastern's at three week intervals.

According to the report, the results of the most recent of the tests represent a considerable improvement over the two previous tests given. Moreover, Eastern's general record in this phase of the Specialized Training course compares favorably with those compiled by other units. The tests, doubtless familiar to all members of the army unit, but perhaps unknown to civilian members of the campus consist of a three hundred yard run, "chinning" on a parallel bar, "pushups," "burpees," squat-jumps, a pig-a-back race against time, and setups.

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This ballot must be used and signed in your own handwriting for a valid vote. All nomination on other forms than this will not be accepted.

The ballot boxes are in the basement of Beckham Hall and one in the basement of the Student Union. All Ballots must be in no later than Saturday, Nov. 6, at 9:30 p. m.

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