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I have heard preachers complain about members of their congregation going to sleep during the sermon. What harm can there be in that; isn't Sunday supposed to be a day of rest anyway?

PEACE STRIKE

A strong effort is being made in this country today to make its youth—and particularly those of high school and college age—aware of the horrors of war, and to enlist their sympathies in a fight for peace. There are two opposing schools of thought fighting for student support. One school of thought is that of the pacifist, who holds that peace can be achieved only through the abolishing of the tools of war. The other trend of thought endorses the idea that the best defense against war is adequate preparedness. The Cluster believes that if these two groups could meet on some common ground and agree to arbitrate their differences and work together for the common cause of peace, a good deal more could be accomplished in their fight for their common objective, peace on earth and good will to men.

One of the more aggressive organizations for the abolition of war through the crippling of the national defense is the Student League for Industrial Democracy, and its lesser satellites. In a printed broadside, mailed to high schools and colleges over the country, this no doubt praiseworthy organization calls for a student strike against war on all school campuses, April 12, at 11 a. m. At that "zero hour" all students are called upon to rise up in protest against war, deserting their classrooms for the rest of the day.

One of the objectives of this organization is the abolition of the Reserve Officer's Training Corps, an organization designed to train high school and college men to assume leadership in time of war or national emergency. This, a few other points along the same line grates harshly on the ear of our campus commentator. The R. O. T. C. and the National Guard are the two valuable adjuncts to national defense. Indeed, military men look to these units as the first-lines of defense.

It has never been the purpose of this country to maintain a large standing army. It has, rather, been the desire of this country, from the day of Washington up, to rely on the population for defense purposes. Militia groups have been, up until the last few years, considered the military strength of this country. The militia and trained reservists are still considered the main line of resistance. They must be, since the United States Army rates eighteenth among the nations of the world. Countries smaller than the state of Georgia actually have larger standing armies in some instances than does the United States.

I have a lot of faith in human nature, but I will never advocate doing away with the police force as the result of a high regard for my fellow man. (That third person business cramped my style too much). Armies and navies are nothing more than a national police force, and I am not so much in love with my fellow peoples that I would advocate disposing of the army and navy. The question to be answered is: Will we run the risk of causing a war by laying ourselves open to aggression by other nations through the destruction of our defense agencies, or are we willing to risk a war with some other power through the development of a super war machine. Continued reliance on trained reserves will largely eliminate the danger of the first proposition—dependence on our present defense program, a small standing army backed up by trained reservists, will largely eliminate the danger of a huge professional army.

Go ahead and strike, if you want to. But try to steer clear of the muddle-headed thinking of some of our misguided pacifists, who envision a Heaven upon earth and peace forevermore through the scuttling of the national defense plan.

Ninety freshmen at Wellesley College (Mass.) have offered themselves as subjects for a cold preventive experiment being conducted there.

DIRT

By THE STOOGES

Wanderings on loafer's lane (from co-op to library steps and back via law school front): Miller's latest donation to Bear Co-education, "COUNTRY" ESTES, playing in the shade with new football crop. . . . CALLAWAY and HUNTER present at OVERSTREET Homecoming. . . . Shrimp plays expensive and prominent part in festive occasion for the Cab. . . . Neighbors file complaint. . . . Dramatic club Director STOUT and assistant scenery builder BERND attempting to explain the tailored stool construction in the Player's stock room. . . . Campus dress-ups still pajavering over law school HALL'S Esquire get-up for the little commencement finale. . . . He also took to the high school racket. . . . Another THARPE victim? . . . Hall went talk. . . . Pi KA's move again. . . . They boast of efficient help in dressing up the new house. . . . A co-ed mopped floors, arranged furniture. . . . neighborhood kids carried chairs, books, beds, etc. . . . Bottles used for the payoff. . . . Pi Kappa Phi JACKSON also has his high school entanglements. . . . It's written all over his face. . . . maybe it doesn't pay to muscle in on the high school dance fight racket. . . . ask GEORGE. . . . He'll give you something about a telephone post. . . . Kappa Sig ROBERTS has teeth missing. . . . No fights, says Roberts. . . . DAVINO and WADSEN were in on the details. . . . Maybe there's a lamp-post involved here, or perhaps a bathtub fits in somewhere.

HARDMAN travels to Fort Valley using fraternity brother dinner party as a blind. . . . Home at three o'clock. . . . Journalistic STOUT broke the faculty ice on problems of dress by displaying white shoes last week. . . . a born leader. . . . (see Cluster, page 4, April 1). . . . Mercer tennis fans scrambling with grammar school kids for balls used in Tilden and Co. matches Saturday. . . . Ouch! . . . Pardon the brief interlude, but some playful tot in SHERMER'S next door Spanish class just tossed a bunk of chalk. . . . right behind the left ear, it landed. . . . direct hit. . . . Now to continue the ramblings. . . .

A crown to the OVERBY-CALLAWAY "corporation" for assuming the risk where Pan-Hellenic got cold feet and left off. . . . Art Kassels and His Castles in the Air here next Friday night. . . . Here's hoping they make a million. . . . Mercer students will pay the price to see THE DUKE ELLINGTON. . . . The long overlooked UGA FEAGIN-MERCER NESBITT tie-up is back on its feet after a slight few month's lull. . . . Little Commencement but not Jack Sterns did the work. . . . They didn't stay long.

Campus decorations: The EDWARDS-BROWN cooling combine. . . . McCLELLAN-PORTER knitting chats. . . . Debris from Chapel repair. . . . KA WARNOCK & CO. tossing coins at the line in front of the Law school building. . . . JACK MURR in his fancy dress. . . . Ungodly. . . . At last a proof as to the campus countrymen. . . . Watch the horseshoe pitching style. . . . LET'S EAT. . . .

TO AND FRO

Life at Mercer is pretty interesting. It's just one siren after another.

Is there some other reason, or did they put the lights on the campus just to show off the new shrubbery?

There's nothing quite so distracting as rattling window panes. They make sleeping in class an impossibility.

Why don't they put clocks in all the class rooms? Then students who have watches could listen to the lectures and students who don't have them wouldn't have to worry about the teacher seeing them ask what time it is.



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CAMPUS TABLOID

(Continued From Page One) Emma Norris is back on the campus again after an illness of several days.

Bob Pulliam, student at University of Georgia Medical School, will return to spend next week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pulliam, on Adams St.

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