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A Dangerous Proposition

The Mercer Cluster feels that it cannot join in the increasing cry against the holding of the Olympic games in Germany next year. The proposal to cancel the games or move them out of Germany is a two-edged sword that must be handled with care to prevent taking gashes out of everybody concerned. Let us consider some of the efforts of this proposal.

The reason for withdrawal advanced most prominently is that Jewish persecution is now going on there. It is to be deeply regretted that such is the case. But does it hold that the Jew-baiting tendency of Hitler and his cohorts represent the true sentiment of the German people?

Germany has spent much in the way of time and money already in preparation for the event, conceded to be the biggest sporting event in the world today. With the long preparation necessary for the varied sports activities and the money required to establish the fields and playgrounds necessary for the holdings of the contests, it can be seen that withdrawal from the games by most of the countries would result in a tremendous financial loss to German citizens who have invested in the project, and deal a crushing blow to the national pride and prestige of Germany. And this feeling in turn will breed a more vicious type of anti-semitism.

Jew-baiting may be a Hitleristic trick to divert the attention of the masses of the people away from other and more pressing national problems. Hitler may be focusing the hatred of the German people on the Jews as the cause of all their troubles. To bring such a calamity as the withdrawal of the Olympic games from Germany will intensify this feeling to an unbearable extent. Such action will serve to draw more of Germany's criticism into the fight against the Jews. It will serve to strengthen Hitler's position.

The Mercer Cluster is anxious to see Jew-baiting done away with, but it doesn't believe that the safest way to do that would be to deal a hard slap at German national pride and prestige. Such a slap would call for retaliation, and that retaliation would find its object in the nearest Jew. And it would echo in strained relations between the countries involved in the withdrawal, and Germany.

PLAIN SPEAKING

NOT A SURE SIGN

(ACP)—This week's prize for plain speaking, brother, plain speaking, goes to Professor Ernest Lauer of Northwestern university, who got up on his feet before assembled students and castigates campus intellectuals who flinch at real action. Said he: "We need fight. Students should be willing to go to any extreme—even to getting kicked out of school—if they actually believe in something."

PITTSBURG, Pa. (ACP)—When you see a bald-headed man in the front row at an amateur dramatic production, it is almost a sure sign that his daughter is in the cast. But this will not necessarily be true at Pennsylvania College for Women late in February, for the P. S. W. thespians plan to "borrow" a number of Washington and Jefferson actors to take the male roles in the play.

Public Health Item: Doctors in the student health service at the University of Kansas have just issued a warning to young ladies to look for gripe germs in their fur neck pieces and fur mitts.

The P. C. W. actors recently produced "Death Takes a Holiday," using an all-woman male cast. In February the actors of the two colleges will unite to form the cast of a play to be produced at P. C. W.

The Collegiate World

By Associated Collegiate Press
You can teach an old dog new tricks, says Stanford university psychologists. Age has little to do with learning, and one can learn almost as easily at 50 as at 20.

Seven members of the Williams college football team are on the Jean's list of high-ranking scholars.

Four University of Pennsylvania students have been put on probation because of a poem deemed "sacrilegious" which appeared in the campus literary magazine.

A "clip" for flying block from behind on a football field is sufficient grounds for assault and battery charges, a Pennsylvania judge has ruled.

The NYA has disclaimed liability for students injured while working on relief projects.

Members of the Southern Methodist frosh team planned to ride to the Rose Bowl game in two chartered box cars. Railroad officials refused.

Liquor at parties and "cheek-to-neck" and "streamline" dancing are banned at Boston university.

Santa Clara valley, home of the prune and the apricot in California, has sunk five feet in the last 20 years. Stanford geologists plan to "refloat" it.

College students haven't changed much in the half-century he has seen observing them, says William J. McCracken, retiring superintendent of building at Ohio State.

If your grades average 90 or better, you will find a job easily, increase your salary \$1,000 a year, says A. I. T. analysts.

Texas Christian has an exhibit of Bibles which includes some printed as far back as 1380.

The Harvard Committee on Research in the Social Sciences has received a \$300,000 Rockefeller Foundation grant.

Twenty-five prisoners at Alcatraz, which houses the toughest Federal criminals, are taking correspondence courses at the University of California.

A permanent Federal youth assistance structure, on NYA and CCC lines, is being urged on the government.

NYU has dropped its three-year pre-med course.

The Cotton Textile Institute of North Carolina plans to build roads of cotton in the near future.

The sophomore "Vigilance Committee" of Dickinson College, Carlisle Pa., was run out of existence by freshmen this year.

A cliff course in logic should be required of English teachers, says Prof. Charles Swain Thomas of Harvard.

JIM'S JAMS

Dear Mom
I ain't got no news but that I am O. K. I hope that ya'll are all right. I got a letter from Cousin Betty week before last and I thought maybe you would like to read it so I'm sending it along. Even if I ain't got no news, I just decided to copy the letter for you instead of sending the letter itself. So here it is.

Dear Cousin Jim,
I am just writing you a few lines to let you know that I have not forgotten you and that we are all well at the present time, except Dad and Mom, they both have got the measles and little Joe has got whooping cough, hoping these few lines will reach you in due time by mail.

if not providentially hindered and find you all enjoying the like state of true blessedness. Well times are as usual, corn is now worth 50c a bushel and meat 10c a pound, beans a dollar a bushel and peas in proportion. Well I'll close since I have not got anything more to say. I hope this letter finds you well. Write soon as you can.

Your loving cousin, BETTY.

Mom I'll be home Christmas cause I know now that we are going to have a few days off. We are going to have more than just one or two. I think we're going to have a whole week, but if we have that whole week off we won't get no holidays next spring when we are supposed to. That's what somebody told me today so I reckon that's right.

Well, I'll quit.
Your loving boy
JIM.

TO and FRO

By Allison Bacon

The Glee Club put on a swell show Tuesday night. The makeup was... well... interesting.

Prof's advice to co-ed—"Don't ever believe anything anybody tells you, especially if it's a man."

Cuts has an inexhaustible supply: "Well, the new administration in the dining hall got a big hand. Hope we get a handout."

Judging from the row over at the barn these new American words the Cuban was so proud he'd learned were not exactly his right ones to tell the madren—at least not while she was listening.

Maybe the administration is sorry about those exams we didn't do so well on and is giving us a few days extra to rest up from worrying about what the family would say in case the guy we hired to rob the mail didn't get that report card before they saw it.

Jim (of Jim's Jams) wants Santa Claus to bring him a blue-back speller. Cuts should get a book on how not to make puns.

Northwestern university in Boston will award two Civilian Conservation Corps scholarships of \$100 each this year. The money will be applicable on the second payment of tuition of \$300 in the college of liberal arts, business administration or engineering.

FOR MEN ONLY

By Scott Hall

CUBAN COVE SONG

Far be it from us to blow our own horn. Frankly, we don't give a foot. But after all, we do wield something of a tremendous influence about this campus. For example, several weeks ago we toyed with the theory that the soundest method of acquiring an alien tongue was to take up with and live with a foreigner of the opposite sex. As a matter of fact, we had no idea of being taken literally. Nevertheless, our heartiest good wishes go to the young newly weds in our midst. With lowered lids, and blushing faintly, we accept unacknowledged tribute for the birth of the idea. And may the two of them become bilingual in no time!

ROLL

Unfortunately (or otherwise) we never knew dear old hackneyed Jesse Mercer. And so we are free to give him the benefit of the doubt. Taking all comers, we are willing to lay a fiver that the old boy totes restlessly in his grave every Monday; Wednesday and Friday. Rolls over, mind you; simply at the calibre of the chapel exercises to which his posterity is subject. With tri-weekly regularity are we put in mind of the tyrannical emperor who with promises of a banquet, invites—nay, MAKES—you come to his festival, only to dig out a mess of stale bread and water. But relax, Jesse! We do your writing for you... on the hard wooden benches over which your well-worn virtues are tilled.

IN PASSING

We have noted much controversy over the recent treatment of that great figure on the campus, Lee Battle. The general consensus has it that Lee has been the butt of a raw deal. In our corner, we fail to see it that way. For thirty-odd years he has been cooking our vitals. It is not fantastic that after such a period he should lose something of his touch. Were the "powers" such a heartless set of minnies, Lee probably would be out of work. But as the situation now stands, he has been given another place; he still draws ample remuneration; and we assume that, in his new job, he won't work himself to death. People as smart as Lee Battle never do.

DEFLATION

Before we got our degree, and in the process of the getting, we frequently ran across big words. True, we didn't know what they meant; but having a whale of a memory, we jotted them down mentally, hoping always that just such a job as this would give us the chance to use them. But we are damned if we can cope with the printer of this sheet. If he comes to a word of over two syllables, he goes completely haywire. He simply doesn't seem to care. Anything beyond the scope of his limited comprehension (see what I tell you) is—stet—just out so far as he's concerned. So, in the future, as in the past, you must just bear with us. If you run across something that doesn't seem logical, don't bother to look it up. Just make up something that happens to suit your mood. The chances are that it'll be just as good as the original anyway.

WORTHY WIVES' VANDALISM

We write this in the interest of men, even though the appeal is directed to the feminine element on the campus. Now all of you girls have some man that either you are trying hard to impress, or who has succeeded (after trying hard, of course) in impressing you. And it being the Xmas season, it's only logical that a gift for HIM should pop into your head. There's where the trouble begins. Our advice, of course, is that you give him nothing. That always treats a hurt that is, in reality, intensified interest. But if you must—and you will, we know—give a present, do try and make it just a little original, just a little different from his old Aunt Minnie's. All that, naturally, calls for some sort of "hatched" but rather than tell you what to give, we'll rather say what not to give. Don't, for example, give him a tie. Unless, of course, it's pretty, and terribly expensive. And you'll do better to let the caddyman pick it; for the chances are your taste in men's clothes are putrid. The same goes for gloves, and pajamas, and dressing gowns, and handkerchiefs. They're all nice gifts, mind you, but unless they're individually unusual, you might as well have spent your money on Blotom Time. We won't say as to belts and buckles. So many people take them as suggestive of keeping the trowsers up...

GREEK WORLD

By Howard Overby

The Pi Kappa Phi's were paid a visit this week-end by their national secretary, John McKann. Accompanying McKann on his trip here were Francis Dyer, District Archon, and Phillip Ehrbridge, president of the Atlanta Division of the Fraternity.

The A. T. U.'s are entertaining with a banquet Friday night at the Dempsey Tavern.

Tom Grenade, Harold Bunch, J. C. Thomas and Roger Dodd are planning to attend the province convention of S. A. E. in Jacksonville, Fla., on December 27 and 28.

The K. A.'s announce the initiation of S. Small, Mason, and Meredith Price, Swainboro. The Pi Kappa Phi's have initiated Cecil Kennedy, Waycross.

The Kappa Sig's had a formal pledging last Sunday afternoon. They were also paid a visit by Tom Aldred, Davisboro, who was a member of the chapter here two years ago.

The Pi Kappa Alpha's are to be congratulated on having a very energetic group of pledges. They have created a Yuletide atmosphere at their house on Johnson avenue by placing gay Christmas decorations throughout the house.

This column wishes to extend to one and all a merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.

Dr. H. W. Stephen, director of music at Louisiana State University, has made arrangements with the famed Bostonians, American National Conservatory in Salzburg, Germany, to send two students from each school to exchange for one year.