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DRIVE BEGINS

TRUMAN TALK REACTION

Several students were asked the question: "What is your reaction to President Truman's request for universal military training and the revival of Selective Service?"

Here are some of the gloomy replies:

Robert Fitzpatrick, high school graduate - "Good idea, if it doesn't interfere with school this year."

James Keating, high school graduate - "I believe it is part of a bombardment of propoganda to call Russia's bluff and to obtain requested appropriations for the Air Force."

James P. Conklin, veteran - "It will hold the Russians in check, but please, not veterans first."

Edward Caldwell, veteran - "I think it is a bluff, but I hope the boys didn't put their uniforms too far away."

Raymond D. O'Connor, Jr., veteran - "A good idea; now we will find out the intentions of the Russians."

Edward Daley, high school graduate - "This will just foul up everyone and everything again."

William Ryan, high school graduate - "I want a good desk job in Washington."

Howard Gonzales, veteran - "The last one wasn't any picnic and I don't expect this one to be. We must be prepared."

Thomas J. Braheney, veteran - "I'm for universal military training, but not that draft again."

Raymond E. Longden, Jr., high school graduate - "A necessary evil."

CLUB NOTES

There will be a meeting of the school's social organization, Tuesday evening, March 23 at 7:30 P.M. It will be another organizational meeting with several important topics for discussion.

The Glee Club will meet on Tuesday instead of Wednesday of next week. It is imperative that all members attend

FR. MacDONNELL IN CHARGE

On Monday, March 15, the Building Fund Campaign began with a brief talk by Father MacDonnell to the various college sections during regular class hours.

The student teams have been organized for the purpose of covering all districts adequately and to inject a spirit of teamwork and local pride into the campaign.

The intensive campaign will last until the close of the present school year. The official end of the campaign will be in September and will be climaxed with a carnival, which will be held on the athletic field shortly after the opening of school.

Arrangements are being made to have an ample supply of "bricks" available during the summer months. There are approximately 350,000 bricks in Xavier Hall. The unique idea of selling "bricks" as tickets was originated by Father Walter E. Kennedy, who is also general chairman of the drive.

Periodic prizes will be awarded, at definite intervals, during the campaign. The prizes will consist of the choicest articles in the bookstore. It may either be jewelry, sweatshirts, or something similar.

The first of these prizes will be awarded to that student who makes the greatest returns on the first day after the Easter vacation.

Father MacDonnell urges everyone to make their best effort in order to make the campaign a success.

DR. RYAN GIVES TALK

Dr. William F. Ryan, ophthalmologist of the Eye, Ear and Nose Infirmary of New York, spoke here last Monday afternoon about future studies at medical school. A question period followed his interesting talk, wherein Dr. Ryan answered many questions on preparation for medical school.

Dr. Ryan, brother of Rev. J. Joseph Ryan of the Prep School faculty, attended Boston College where he took his pre-medical training. He obtained his M.D. at Tufts Medical School. At the present, Dr. Ryan is the head-resident at the Eye, Ear and Nose Infirmary in New York.

On his way from New York, he came upon an accident on the Merritt Parkway. He stopped and administered aid where necessary, which explains why he arrived late.

NEWS AND VIEWS by Jim Keating

Last week, through my inaccurate reporting, three gentlemen were unjustly persecuted. Since my only means of exonerating them is through this column, I herewith reprint the following letter:

"We, the undersigned, are absolutely not, under any circumstances, connected with any organization outside of those recognized by the authorities of Fairfield University.

(Signed: Robert I. Patterson
John W. Grant
Robert R. Allard)

"P.S. And furthermore, we are insulted by the fact that you have omitted the name of Maurice G. Hartnett, our treasurer."

Dave Goodspeed is to be congratulated as the proud owner of the first jet-propelled Buick on the campus.

Jim Evrard has the huge task of running intramural baseball. He will appreciate fellows offering their services as umpires.

Bob Tyler is perfecting a mean backhand to go with his "It's-up-in-the-air-why-don't-you-kill-it serve."

Why is it that the tests all come during the same week?

That frightened look on John Mallon's face has been accounted for. He has been listening to Walter Winchell.

This week's thanks go to that distinguished man who sits behind the sign that reads "Mr. Padulo" - the guardian of lost books, pens, and the recipient of previewed hard luck stories. Frank does an awful lot for us.

One by one everybody is moving to New Jersey: Irving Breslow recently joined the fair state - and now that makes two of us.

Mike Bowler is going to make that long trip back to Philadelphia during the holidays, although he thinks it is a waste of time. Chestnut Hill will be on vacation.

Ray O'Connor was doing all right in French the other day - then he was called on.

It looks as though plans for a lounge will have to be discarded. Lack of support doesn't do any organization any good.

Dick Maher has been signed by MGM to play the life of Gregory Peck.

Quoting the "Fairfield News," March 11 - Peter Coe and Robert Fitzpatrick attended festivities at the Northampton School for Girls. That just shows what some of us will do to broaden our education. Is "broaden" a verb?

Jimmie Burns turned blue when he found out that the elevator will not be used for the students.

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CONSTITUTION TO BE DRAWN

At the meeting of the Freshman Council last week, the formation of a Constitution was discussed, with Fr. Langguth's words carrying a good deal of weight. It is the plan of the administration to set up a government which will be student-run.

The enormity and responsibility of this proposition should swiftly discourage the "corridor congressmen," for such a system naturally will involve overtime efforts on the part of the Councilmen. There are only six members of the Council, to form a workable constitution covering all possible situations. This means that they must consider circumstances that may arise in the forthcoming years of our rapidly expanding college.

The constitution will not concern itself with academic affairs; however, the decisions to be applied will take in a large scope. These decisions will affect every student and should not be taken lightly.

The council plans to have a meeting open to the entire student body in the near future. Those who have any suggestions to make are asked to consult their representative.

News and Views - cont'd

By the way, Dick Leonard, those bricks are to be sold and not thrown. On the same subject, Fr. MacDonnell has covered up the situation fairly well, with one exception - who is going to climb up the side of Xavier Hall and point out the bricks to the donators? Not me.

An additional prize of one box of Snickers will be awarded to the man who sells the most bricks in Russia. I shouldn't say that; I may be over there next year.

Nellow members in Section E held a "stag" last night for Bill Carrigan, who, as the FULCRUM previously announced, is to be married.

Ten students obtained permission and attended the St. Patrick's parade in New York on Wednesday. Question of the week: Who was the rose-buying Lothario in New York?"

Louis MacTavish Rotello is trying to obtain membership in the Benevolent Society of Independent Bagpipe Bleaters, local #777. Can any one afford a little "wind" in his behalf?

Next Friday is Good Friday, and that doesn't just mean another day for eating fish. Try to make the Three Hours - if not, a visit. It certainly is a small sacrifice compared to what He went through on that day.

HAPPY EASTER EGGS TO YOU, AND YOU.