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Students Prove Very Optimistic

68 Per Cent of Students Say We Can Stay Out of European War

With Europe's war now entering its fourth month of existence, American college students, have registered a highly optimistic view that the United States can stay out of the conflict.

Also, hand-in-hand with the nation's apparent determination not to be involved, a slight majority of the collegians have voted in favor of requiring a referendum of the people before Congress could draft men to fight abroad.

These are the latest findings of the Student Opinion Surveys, which weekly report campus sentiment for *The Student Voice* and the other leading college newspapers of the nation.

To the question, "Do you believe the United States can stay out of the present European war?" students answered:

YES 68 per cent
NO 32 per cent

Although this issue is pure speculation, it is important to know this opinion in order to get an insight into the war patterns of the average college youth's mind. The rank and file of voters is not so sure that the U. S. can steer clear, for in other polls only 54 per cent have held this view. It will be of interest to note in subsequent surveys the effect here of the Russian attack on Finland, since these polls were made before the Red Army began its activities.

"Should the Constitution be changed to require a national vote of the people before Congress could draft men to fight overseas?" interviewers for the Surveys asked hundreds of students. They divide almost evenly, only 53 per cent approving.

Interesting differences were noted among students of different ages; upper classmen reversing themselves entirely:

A Draft Referendum?	Yes	No
Freshmen	60%	40%
Sophomores	52	48
Juniors	46	54
Seniors, Graduates	49	51

Why do collegians believe the U. S. can stay out of the European war? "There is a determined spirit among the American people to keep out, and although much has been forgotten, much has been remembered about World War I," a junior in Ursinus College, Pennsylvania, declared, combining the two reasons most often mentioned.—Copyright 1939.

YWCA and YMCA Sponsor Vesper Service Next Monday

Annual Christmas Vesper service, which are sponsored jointly by the YWCA and the YMCA, will be held next Monday evening, December 18, at the Congregational church at 7:00 p. m. This service is to be solely one of worship, using the Christmas theme. It is being planned by Miss Irene Raave, representing the YW, and Reuben Hermanson, who is a YMCA member. Miss Bette Campbell, soprano soloist, and Miss Margaret Bendix, violinist, will be on the program. The YWCA and the YMCA wish to invite all the students of the campus to this meeting.

Hathorn To Sponsor Christmas Tea for All College Women

All college women will be entertained by Miss Irma Hathorn, dean of women, at a Christmas tea next Sunday, December 17, between the hours of three and five.

The senior women will assist Miss Hathorn in the receiving line and in serving the tea.

Local musical talent will render music appropriate to the season.

Vacation Notice

Christmas vacation will begin at noon on Friday, December 22. Classes will resume at 8 a. m. on Monday, January 8, 1940.

J. H. Ames, President

13 New Students Enter This Term

Winter Term Enrollment of RFSTC Is Now 725 Students

Several new students have enrolled in the college for the second term. All but one of these students have attended River Falls State Teachers College at some previous time.

These students are Jack Bailey, Madison; Geneva Bleisner, Evelyn Somsen, Baldwin; Ernest Brickner, Ellsworth; Dale Gordon, Mary John Shuel, Doris Uren, Olive Wilkinson, Marshall Wilcox, River Falls, Woodrow Iverson, Roberts; Frank Stary, Turtle Lake; Mary Katherine Stuner, Jump River; and Marshall Ward, Mondovi.

Taking into consideration the number of students who quit during or after the first term, those who obtained teaching jobs, and the addition of those new students for the second term, the net enrollment is now 725.

Swann Chooses Yule Season for Wedding



Shirley Swann

To wed clergyman

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Swann announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Shirley Elizabeth to the Reverend John M. Hennessy, rector of the church of Redeemer, Superior, Wis., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hennessy, Green Bay, Wis.

Mr. Hennessy was graduated from the University of Wisconsin and from the General Theological Seminary at New York City.

The wedding will take place at Christmas time at Saint Paul's church at Hudson. The Right Reverend Frances E. Wilson, Bishop of Eau Claire, will officiate, assisted by the Reverend Leslie Skerry Olsen of Hudson.—Hudson Star-Observer.

Shirley was a senior in the elementary department here. She expects to continue her senior year at Superior.

Too Few Books Are Used Daily

Library Capacity Warrants Use Of Twice As Many References

Recent surveys made by the college librarians indicate that the library is not being used to its capacity. Although since the close of the last school year no new volumes have been added—this as a result of budget cuts. River Falls recognizedly has one of the finest libraries in the teachers college system of the state. On the shelves are 21,203 volumes and 2,683 pamphlets. Almost 180 periodicals come to the library, of which the library subscribes to 133; the other 46 are gifts.

Throughout the past year the circulation of the library has been as follows:

Two-weeks' volumes loaned to faculty members, 1,330. Two-weeks' volumes loaned to students, 15,423. Loans of reserve books, 66,622—A total of 83,375.

Although at first glance this seems to be a rather large total, upon analysis it becomes much smaller. It means that each book was used on an average of only four times during the year. It means that with a student-faculty population of nearly 800, only 230 books are used daily—an average of only one book every four days per person.

The librarians are hopeful, says Miss Gibson, of the day when students and faculty will average the use of at least one book a day.

Debate Squad Is Unusually Large

Twenty-six students answered Dr. Walker D. Wyman's call for debaters on last Wednesday, December 6. This is a larger number than has usually participated in this activity.

From last year's varsity squad Jack Osborne, Martin Lucente, and Gordon Jackman are back. Last year's "B" squad furnishes Paul Prucha, Adelaide Hill, Chauncey Meacham, and Everett Chapman. Around this nucleus this year's squad will probably be built; however, many new debaters must be developed if a strong squad is to be had.

Those who will make this their first season of college debate are: Faye Baker, Ulrich Bents, Mildred Birkmose, Joyce Chubb, Willard Downing, Franklin Elliott, Oliver Glanzman, Merle Michaelson, Dolores Kramschuster, Howard Otis, Irene Raawe, Dana Rasmus, Elsie Shafer, Burton Swan, Lois Webb, Warren Winton, Walter Wood, Keith Wurtz, and Harold Odden.

At the first meeting work was started on the question: *Resolved, That the United States should follow a policy of strict (economic and military) isolation toward all nations outside the western hemisphere engaged in international or civil conflict.* Specific topics have been assigned for reports at a future meeting.

Assembly To Present College Band in All Musical Program

35 Students Will Teach This Term

They Practice in Elementary And Secondary Departments

Thirty-five RFSTC students from the elementary and secondary departments are either wholly or partially disposing of their practice teaching duties this term.

Four of these students, Florence Schmidt, English; Orlean Soli, science; Ruth Nelson, English; and Harold Fjeseth, history and music, are practicing in Hudson.

Mrs. Carleton Ames, Maralee Ahlgren, Marcia Healy, Vera Klimper, and Lyle Mackie are practicing in the English department under Miss Moss. Chauncey Meacham, Franklin Elliott, Ester Jenson, Gladys Rodde, Robert Platte, Lyle Mackie (High School), and Mrs. Wilkins are practicing in the History department under Miss Delander, Miss Thomas, and Mrs. Stanton. Dorothy Heller, and Carl Miller are teaching music under Mr. Rozehnal. Eleanor Stevenson is practicing in geography under Miss Bridges. Ulrich Bents, Harriette Anderson, Marcel Nelson, Burton Ellig, Carl Miller, Lloyd Yanisch (High School) are practicing in the mathematics department under Mr. Junkman. Richard Yanisch, Burton Ellig, Frank Starry are teaching Science under Carleton Ames. Peter Stene is aiding in the Physics department, and John Shorta is assisting Miss Lienemann in Biology.

Eight students are teaching in the Elementary department. Mary Anderson and Elva Johnson are teaching in Grade 1. Grade 2 is being taught by Audrey Graves and Audrey Doolittle. Frona Nelson and Janet Lentz are practicing in Grade 3. Ruth Peterson is practicing in Grade 4 and 5. Imogene Erickson is teaching Geography in the intermediate grades.

Masquer Formal First Event Of Campus Christmas Season

Eighty couples danced to the music of Henry Burton and his orchestra last Saturday evening. The occasion was the Masquers' Christmas formal.

The North hall gymnasium was beautifully decorated for this gay social event. Pine boughs, great evergreen wreaths, and red and green streamers adorned the walls. Trimmed trees added to the Christmas atmosphere. Colored Christmas bulbs furnished the only lighting.

Masquer president, Willard Lane, his guest, Miss Constance Clapp, and chaperones, Dr. and Mrs. Walker D. Wyman and Regent and Mrs. Jay H. Grimm received the guests.

Alumni members who returned for the formal were: Betty Boardman, Dorothy Severson, Elva Vruink, Shirley Moline, Edwin Baker, Niles Grunke, Howard Wert, Fred White-marsh and Nolen Niccum.

Features Egan as Soloist and Novel Arrangements by Miller

The RFSTC concert band, now in its eleventh year, will present a group of novelty and light-classic numbers for the general assembly program Thursday. The band will present as soloist Gene Egan, colorful baritone of New Richmond and a senior here. Numbering more than 45 members, the band is conducted by Prof. B. J. Rozehnal.

The program includes a variety of numbers to appeal to all tastes, and has several compositions designed to show the possibilities of various sections of the organization.



Gene Egan

The rich baritone voice of Gene Egan will be heard in a favorite melody, *On the Road to Mandalay*.

The concert band's solo cornetist, Carl Miller, has just completed an arrangement for band of several popular selections in medley form, which will be played for the first time at the program in answer to the request for modern dance rhythms.



Carl Miller

The selections to be presented on the program are:

- Salute To Sousa*
- A Popular Medley*
- Arranged by Carl Miller
- Three Blind Mice*, a flute trio
- Colonel Bogey*, an English march
- The Wedding of Heine and Katharina*, a composition which tells a fascinating story
- On the Road to Mandalay*
- The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise*, a modern arrangement including a "stop" chorus by the baritone section
- Two Pair of Slippers*, a trombone novelty
- Friml Favorites*, a collection of the better Friml compositions transcribed for band
- March of the Steel Men*, one of the latest marches in the Frank Simon manner, presents an array of triumphant brass suggested by the title
- God Bless America*, a recent number made popular by radio's Kate Smith
- Teddy Bear's Picnic*, a rollicking, laughing tune just recently written for band.
- The number, *Three Blind Mice*, is written in the customary round, and features the band's flute section, John Milbrath, Norma Howe, and Dorothy Edkins. The trombones will have their show in *Two Pair of Slippers*. Harold Fjeseth, Reuben Hermanson, Wayne Swesey, Ray Sobotka, and Ted Gleiter will perform for this number. Audrey Doolittle, Allan Hanna, and Robert Lang are to carry the solo baritone part in *The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise*.

Wag Wrigley Wads for Worries

(Seems that Aunt "Hezzy" unearthed a few tender spots in last week's description of the "tripper's-of-the-light-fantastic", so she has been forced to tone down her remarks to something a little less "touchy" and far more impersonal!)

Gum-chewing is an art! It applies to everyone, for who isn't guilty??? People like it for varied reasons: its rubbery resilience increases our muscle tone and relaxes our tired brain; it gives an outlet for nervous energy. Besides, it makes the curve of our cheek more lovely, says the co-ed. We aren't trying to squelch

Wrigley—oh, no! But it seems a very painful process to us—this gaining of the "come-hither cheek curvature."

Try watching a gum-chewer when he is caught off guard. In that hectic game with St. Olaf Friday night one gal completely forgot herself—and we forgot the game to watch her. Talk about a hinged gap with a backdrop of lovely pink tonsil! We were so absorbed waiting for a glimpse of the lung that we almost missed "Swede's act of Samaritanism." Did you see him slap Schmidt on the chest to drown out his *ejaculation!!!* Naughty, naughty, "Doc"!

Chewing provides a good background for thought. In a pensive mood one can average 3 hinged movements in an hour with sufficient pausing and yawning. Each movement wrinkles and twitches one side of the face from the eye to second double chin!

We could pick out a few "notorious" examples—but we were rather "told off" last week for branding a gal as notorious—so never again!! You all know—who you are—you culprits! We really don't mind, but one can waste so much time counting teeth!!

Who Pays for Our Parties?

Before returning to our homes for Christmas vacation we, the student body, look forward with anticipation to another enjoyable dance sponsored by the Party committee. It is hoped that this will be a student party for college students.

It is, however, unfortunate that the college parties of the fall term have been crowded with high school pupils, downtown pool-sharks, and people that are in no way associated with our institution of learning. This is unfair to the college students that are paying for this entertainment, in a large degree, by the purchase of their activity cards each term.

In having "outsiders" at a college dance we are faced with other problems that are not easy to solve. The fact that some students do their practice teaching in the local high school should be a strong indication of the undesirability of admitting high school pupils. Also, the college enrollment has increased to such proportions that the dancing floor is already overcrowded. Then the fact that the South hall gym must be used during the basketball season, making the space still more cramped, is certainly food for thought.

Now is the time to choose! We must either bar uninvited "outsiders" or turn our school parties into a semi-public dance.

The Japanese See An Opportunity

News dispatches inform us that a Japanese ship threatens to run the British blockade of German exports when a Japanese ship leaves Rotterdam laden with goods. When Great Britain announced her blockade, Japan protested strongly and announced that if the blockade was enforced she would have to take retaliatory measures. This presumably means seizure of certain British possessions in the Far East.

When one remembers that British refusal to act in 1931 made Japan's policy in the Far East possible, the situation becomes even more intriguing. But then, perhaps the great and benevolent Uncle Sam might attempt to hold Japanese forces to the principles of international law, that is, pull a few British chestnuts out of an uncomfortably hot fire.

What About the Bulletin Boards?

Since the announcement was made by the Student Senate of plans for new bulletin boards, there has been some criticism of their proposal. The main objection is that glass-covered, locked poster cases necessitates a caretaker, who will perhaps be hard to find every time someone wants to post an announcement. This objection seems to be a valid one. Indeed, if it becomes a question of searching the campus for a turnkey in order to get a notice under-glass, the situation may resolve itself into one in which notices will be tacked around the outside frame of the new cupboard, leaving the inside, like Mother Hubbard's, bare.

Criticizers of the senatorial plan have offered an alternative. They would merely enlarge the bulletin boards, divide them by black, painted lines into conveniently sized squares, and assign a square to each organization. This would eliminate turnkey hunting and at the same time would tend toward a much neater, more systematic system than is now in use.

Both plans have their merits; possibly a combination of the two shows the way to a happy medium. Larger yet open bulletin boards under the care of a senatorial committee to insure their being kept attractive - - would not this solve the problem?

Students, mention your ideas on this subject to your senators. Only if you let the senate know what you want will you have any right to complain if you don't like their action.

The War Revives Some Ghosts

It is difficult to laugh hilariously over the present situation in Europe, but some events are worth a cynical smile. One such event is Finland's appeal to the League of Nations that sanctions be applied against Russia. An ironical circumstance is the fact that Russia has been one of the most consistent supporters of collective security in Europe through the medium of the League, but Russian diplomat Litvinoff became weary of trying to cooperate with a power, Great Britain, that was interested in telling Hitler to "Go East, young man, go East."

Another fact which merits a cynical smile is the service that a strong League of Nations might be able to render the Allies at this time. But, alas, the British government and the French have no one but themselves to thank for a League that is the laughing stock of the world.

It started in 1931 when Japan marched in Manchuria. Our Secretary of State, Henry Stimson, donned the shining armor of a traditional Sir Galahad and prepared to eradicate the forces of evil. But Sir John Simon, when asked to cooperate in boycott measures, replied: "British interests in the Far East are summed up in the words 'peace and trade.' We do not seek to secure trade through the boycott of other people."

The United States still insisted on shouldering the responsibility and of enthroning virtue in the place of power. When Italy invaded Ethiopia, we showed all indications of cutting off oil shipments through legislative action, but Sir Samuel Hoare and Premier Laval had other plans.

Then came Austria and Czechoslovakia, both strong supporters of the League, but Mr. Chamberlain and M. Daladier sacrificed them in order that we might have "peace in our time."

In appealing to the League, Finland reminds us that the League which might have aided the Allies as a means of collective action, was deliberately betrayed by the democracies.

Ripping Rhythm

Rumor has it that the Masquers did pretty well last Saturday evening—it's said that they even had enough change left in their pockets to jingle after paying off the orchestra and other expenses. Yes, and speaking of the orchestra, Henry Burton did right well with a reorganized sax section—which was the outstanding section of the band. The drummer's marimba solos were very nice too; of course they would have been better had he not lost his necktie. Sort of too bad, that—it spoiled all the band's efforts at putting over an outstanding performance.

The Concert band is preparing its annual debut to the student body for the coming Thursday assembly program and according to all press reviews it should hit a new high this year. The program is chucked with light, popular, and even modern musical selections which should appeal to all—even to the training school!

News flash: Artie Shaw of radio and movie fame is now rehearsing a new negro jive band somewhere in Kansas City according to the latest inside dope. It seems that the only thing that mixes with music is more music.

A new social order seems to have sprung up this year in school; the "have-nots" have acquired a new standing—almost superior in prestige than the former "have it all's" or "grab it all's"—and it appears that the "purple" will have to withhold the revolution for another three or four years. Too bad too, because just think what fun it would have been—and exciting too. Exciting almost as a Marx Bros. picture.

Jokey of the week: Bill Lane thinks he's a "good" driver (and with two fingers of the left hand)!

Listen - The Squeak

Nominations are open and closed for the surprise couples of the Masquer's Formal—Honors go to Nevin White and "Neca" Bleisner.

Other couples not mentioned last week (past story—still news to some): Bette Campbell and Bob Thoreson, "Minnie" Bachman and Eddie McCollow, John Milbrath and an importation, Bill Mills and M. Peterson from Red Wing, Joyce Morton and Thoeny, Bernard Murphy and Kathryn Kurtz, Lenard Berg and Marjorie Dahlquist, Bill Girrie and Violet Smith, Anita Setter and Milton Giessen.

Apologies to the public (who said what public?) for that bit of misinformation last week—Jim Grunke's partner was Jane Jewson.

Most popular places after the ball was over: Terrace Gardens, White Pine Inn, Buckhorn, River Dale, Ed-die's, and Hilltop.

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Grad Howard Wert accompanied by Agnes Parkins and Grad Niles Grunke accompanied by Olive Spriggle were tripping the light fantastic.

A certain freshman-senior relationship is on the way out—they attended the formal but—that's a nice way of ending it all!

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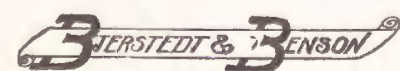
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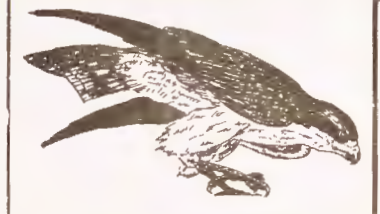
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Falcons Defeat St. Olaf 52-43

"Fritzkrieg" Kroeger Sets Fast Pace With 19 Points

River Falls opened their home season in an auspicious manner last Friday night when they defeated St. Olaf in a return engagement 52 to 43. The game was a hotly contested affair, and it was only in the last 8 minutes that the Falcons were able to grab a commanding lead. The game started slowly, and the first ten minutes was no indication of what was to follow.

St. Olaf opened the scoring when Presthus was fouled by Nelson and converted. The first half was a seesaw affair with the score being tied four times. Shortly before the end of the period, Kroeger caged a short shot to give River Falls the half time lead at 24 to 23. Kroeger and King led the attack for the Falcons in the first half, while Steffens and Sheimo showed the way for the "Oles."

Shortly after the second half started the score was again knotted at 31 all. Kroeger then tipped in a field goal, and the Falcons maintained their advantage until the final gun. St. Olaf was weakened in the closing minutes of the tilt when they lost three regulars, Presthus, Wilke, and Steffens via the personal foul route. Schmidt, husky pivot man, was the only Falcon to be lost in this manner.

Kroeger with 19 points and King with eight led the River Falls scoring, while Steffens with 12 and Sheimo with 11 were high point men for St. Olaf.

The box score:

R. F. (52)	fg.	ft.	pf.	tp.
Kroeger, f.	7	5	3	19
Olson, f.	0	0	1	0
King, f.	3	2	1	8
Kay, f.	0	3	0	3
Schwartz, c.	0	3	3	3
Schmidt, c.	3	1	4	7
Palm, g.	0	1	2	1
Deiss, g.	1	3	2	5
Nelson, g.	1	4	3	6
Totals	15	22	19	52

St. Olaf (43)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Presthus, f.	2	3	4	7
Lorentson, f.	0	3	3	3
Boen, f.	0	0	1	0
Sheimo, c.	3	5	2	11
Wilke, g.	1	6	4	8
Steffens, g.	5	2	4	12
Christenson, g.	1	0	3	2
Dugan, g.	0	0	2	0
Totals	12	10	23	43

Titans Play Falcons Here Friday Night

Oshkosh Will Comet Here With Another Championship Threat

Coach Bob Kolf's Oshkosh Teachers College Titans will furnish the opposition for the Falcon cagers next Friday night in the North hall gym.

Only twenty-five men survived Kolf's first cut as he is rounding up his team to defend their last year's championship. Last year was the second consecutive time that the Oshkosh cagers had won the conference championship, and proved their ability to stay near the top of their conference.

With seven lettermen returning, the Titans will have a veteran team which is bound to cause a lot of trouble. Besides these men, a most promising list of freshmen has been uncovered, some of whom have fine chances of making the regular team.

The following men will make up the 1939-40 cage team: Cy Daniels, Arnold Laeman, Lawrence Winkler, Ed Rosin, Bud Spear, Levi Richlen, Al Stamborski, Murray Myer, Jerry Sacharski, Rex Clements, Urban Gottschalk, Al Lietz, Paul Strange, and Ed Kiddie.

Falcons Strike Third Victory

Macalester Falls 53-45 As

RFSTC Cagers Hit Their Stride

The River Falls Falcons registered their third victory of the season last night when they defeated Macalester College 53-45. Since dropping their first game of the season to St. Olaf, the Falcons have defeated Macalester twice and St. Olaf, registering more than 50 points in each victory.

Held, Mac center, opened the scoring after being fouled by Schultz. Schwartz then caged a short shot. M. DeLapp dropped in a field goal from the middle and Macalester led 3-2. Free throws by Kroeger, River Falls, and Loose, Macalester, gave Mac the lead at 4-3. King then drove under the basket for a field goal and River Falls took the lead never to be headed.

Led by King, Schwartz, and Kroeger, the Falcons used their superior height to advantage in building up a 10 point half time lead of 27-17. Held and Loose led the way for Macalester in the first period. River Falls had the situation well in hand in this half, and the reserves capably played the last 8 minutes.

At the start of the second half, the Falcons continued to dominate the play. Using a smooth passing attack and driving in hard for rebounds, the Falcons built up a comfortable 14 point lead, and with 6 minutes left to play, turned things over to the reserves. Macalester rallied a little but only managed to reduce the margin to 8 points before the game ended 53-45.

W. A. A. Members Are Guests At Big Social Event

At their regular meeting Monday the WAA girls celebrated with a Bunco Party. Thirty members shook the numbers off the dice in an effort to win the first prize. When play was over, three girls; Margaret Helen Farrell, Marjorie Reid, and Phyllis Case, were tied for first place. The booby prize went to Polly Kuening.

Two old members also enjoyed the party. Miriam Cairns and Bernice Deiss who were active members of the club last year but are not attending school this year, took part in the evening's entertainment.

Refreshments were served at the close of the party.

June Johnson, referee, blew the whistle at every chance she got. She says she's practicing to become a phy-ed teacher; so she can blow whistles the rest of her life.

The party was very successful both in attendance and enjoyment. It was managed by June Johnson and Virginia Griffith.

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R. D. P.

From the sick bed to the hardcourt, sounds more like one of Horatio Alger's fiction characters, but in reality, it is just what Jack King did Friday night. Jack set the pace for the Falcons to follow by netting the first three buckets.

Sparkling, but erratic play marked the first appearance of the Falcons before the home crowd. Throughout the first half, the team showed the flashes of good form and then again slipped off to show the need for polish in defensive and offensive departments. The reserve material of this year's squad has been strengthened greatly by the addition of four freshmen and three sophomores: Ganus Diess, Kenneth Rasmussen, Norman Olson, Eugene Kay, Gerald Diess, and Doc Schmidt. Ganus Diess and Doc Schmidt seem to be the outstanding of the reserves with Olson and Kay giving them a run for their money. Deiss entered the St. Olaf game mid-way in the first period and put on a very good exhibition of ball handling and floor work, proving to us that in the future he will become a man to watch. Doc Schmidt has settled down and gone to work this season; the results are really surprising. In the Macalester game Schmidt made thirteen points to take the high scoring honors for both teams. Friday night Doc proved to us that he could be a dangerous man under the basket if he wanted to be. Driving in hard and taking rebounds seem to be his specialty, not counting the tip-ins he has scored at his own basket. Occasionally mixing in some football tactics along with his basketball, Schmidt seems to get around all right.

Ken Rasmussen is another lad we will hear from before long. Ken has been laid up for some time with a hand injury that has kept him out of active basket ball until the last few days. A tall, lanky chap hailing from St. Paul Central, Ken will bear watching from now on.

The Intra-mural Board of Control met Thursday afternoon and selected basketball captains and team personnel for the coming Intra-mural basketball race. The kind of tournament has not yet been given for public scrutiny, but the rumor is that it will be of the round-robin type, with each team playing through out the season and the winners selected from the resulting ranking.

The next meeting will be strictly business, but in the meantime there is basketball on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Meals and Lunches



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Intramural Musing

The winter quarter opened with the physical education classes getting a taste of tumbling and calisthenic methods. Mr. Clifford Juedes had the men performing the hand stand against the wall and from the evidence there will be footprints on the ceiling of every boarding house. The tumbling exercises will continue during the winter term, and at the end every man is allowed to do any number of required exercise for his mark. This course gives every man in school not out for athletics a chance to exercise his body completely and regularly.

Swimming instructor Juedes is more than pleased at the large numbers of men who are turning out for the recreational swimming periods. These periods are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from four to five-thir-

ty o'clock. Last year only a scant 15 or 20 men turned out for these swims, but this years the number always remains about 50 or 60 men. This shows the enthusiasm and results obtained from a well rounded athletic program.

The men who signed up for Intramural Basketball will be pleased to know that the teams and their respective captains will be picked this coming Thursday. Play will begin on January 8, immediately following Christmas vacation.

The Intramural Board met this last week to elect officers for the coming term. The new set up calls for the election of two new men to the board each quarter plus the regular number; thus there will always remain nine members. In this way the board will be able to function more smoothly with the experienced men than if nine new men were elected each term. The two members are Robert Alstrom and Norman Lundmark.

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Corwin Comments on New Type Patriotism New CBS Program Reveals Lighter Side of Americanism

"There's a new kind of patriotism visible in America," says Norman Corwin, CBS writer and producer, "a patriotism that consists in a genuine pride in things American. It's a patriotism which is based on knowledge and tolerance—a patriotism that's constructive instead of brutally nationalistic; a patriotism that intelligent young people can support without feeling sticky."

One of the real proofs of Mr. Corwin's contention is the reception which has greeted the new CBS program, which he directs, *The Pursuit of Happiness*. The program, which reveals the flightier side of the American eagle, has received enthusiastic fan mail not only from the general public but from the people prominent in all walks of life, from actors, writers and musicians, many of whom have offered their services to Mr. Corwin because they approve so strongly of what the program does.

"Patriotism without corn" is how one newspaper columnist refers to the views of America on which *Pursuit of Happiness* is based.

But the *Pursuit of Happiness*, according to Mr. Corwin, was never intended to be simply 'patriotic' in the narrow sense, and that is the secret of its sincerity. It was started recently by the Columbia Broadcasting System to see whether some antidote couldn't be found for the war and tragedy which was so predominant in the news.

From a philosophy summarized by "it can't be as bad as all that," the program, within a week was saying "things are pretty good here after all," and meaning it.

"In pursuing happiness we've been searching for positive values," says Mr. Corwin, "and we've been managing to find them in American songs, American literature, and American history. That makes us proud. The fact that these can be performed with meaning by artists who aren't always American themselves, makes us even prouder of the breadth of this country's culture."

Americans have recorded their strivings for happiness in two main fields, the program has discovered—literature and music. In literature the program has already dramatized highlights from such works as Stephen Vincent Benet's *John Brown's Body*, Maxwell Anderson's *Valley Forge*, and Edward Everett Hale's *Man Without a Country*. Future programs will bring novel experiences in Americana for radio listeners through dramatizations from Thomas Wolfe, and excerpts from the correspondence of Governor Winthrop of Colonial Massachusetts. A constant effort will be made, Corwin says, to take selections frequently seen in textbooks and bring them to life, by showing how closely they are related to America today.

In the musical sphere, the program has particularly brought out compositions not previously heard on the air. So far, original compositions by three young musicians have been featured on the show—Earl Robinson's *Ballad for Americans*, with lyrics by John Latouche, which Paul Robeson sang to an epochal ovation; Walter Maurant's musical setting for the Constitution's preamble; and Jerome Moross' *A Cow In the Trailer*. The program's regular features are the playing of George Gershwin's *Of Thee I Sing*, Carl Cramer's spot report from somewhere in America, and Burgess Meredith's "master-of-ceremonizing." Aside from these and the time, 4:30 Sundays, *Happiness*, under the American Way, has to be pursued differently each week.

Prof. of the Week

This week Dr. Owens is "up to bat" out of the ranks of our professors. His remarks were as diverting and interesting as those of our zoology teacher last week. So read on!

Question: Do you carry on research work at present Dr. Owens?

Answer: Well, I'm still working on Moliere's statistics. I've been working on this off and on for fifteen years. It's one of those things that never get done.



Dr. J. Henry Owens

His French students are pessimistic

Question: What are your hobbies?
Answer: Bridge, stamps, and badminton. Of course, theoretically the stamp collection is my daughter's, but I do all the work.

Question: What do you think of the badminton situation this year?

Answer: So long as Governor Heil won't allow us money for lights, the situation is bad! More or less inexperienced material this year, too.

Question: When are you going to publish your book? (Those mimeographed sheets that the French students say should be bound together in a book.)

Answer: I haven't the least idea.

Question: What are your pet peeves?

Answer: Anybody who willingly corrupts their pronunciation of a foreign language just to prove that they are 100 per cent American.

Question: What do you dislike in your classes? Do you mind it when students are tardy?

Answer: Not at all; I'm used to it. In fact, I'm pleased when they get there at all. I've never noticed any gum chewing. I don't even mind when students sleep in the front row, but I do my best not to awaken them. I may possibly be annoyed when they snore but not if the snoring is melodious.

Question: (last, but not least) What do you think of the European situation?

Answer: I don't understand it. Up to the last year I knew what was going on, but now I just don't understand it.

These Veteran Debaters Will Form Nucleus of This Year's Debate Team



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Martin Lucente



Paul Prucha



Jack Osborne



Verna Annette



Adelaide Hill



Everett Chapman



Gordon Jackman

YMCA Discusses European Problem

"What attitude should the United States adopt toward the present European conflict?" This was the question discussed at the various YMCA group meetings last Monday evening.

In general, members of the various groups were in favor of isolation, although some favored extensions of credit to the allied powers. Not only were the members in favor of isolation, but they had no fear of our country taking the opposite course due to the strong sentiment of the people. Instead of active participation, a favored policy was that of constructive help, in which the United States would wait until the end of the war and then aid in formulating a just peace.

The war policy of England and France was justified on the basis of the good which may be derived from this conflict. As an example, the Civil War was cited where the "equality of man" was established and has lasted to our present day.

Some of the participants were of the opinion that we will either fight together or fight alone, meaning that Germany in time may win the conflict and may invade our shores. Others brought out the point that England is practically unconquerable due to her world-wide dominion, since she could easily establish her capital elsewhere if defeated at home.

Concerning the possibility of future preservation of peace in Europe, the question of a United Europe with

a common tongue was brought up. The former was considered practically impossible, but as to the latter, the fact was brought out that almost everyone in Europe with the equivalent of a high school education is able to speak English. Some still thought that the League of Nations would have been able to solve the

present trouble had the United States been a member.

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