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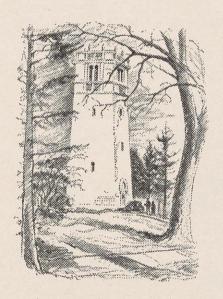
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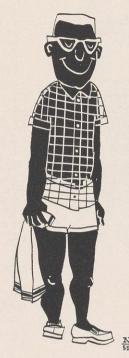


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EXCERPTS

FROM THE APPOMATTOX TREATY

Two small mice were crouched under a table in the chorus girls' dressing room of a big Broadway show.

"Wow," exclaimed the first mouse, "Have you ever seen so many gorgeous legs in your life?"

"Means nothing to me," said the other. "I'm a titmouse."

Manufacturers of brassieres are currently making three kinds: The Russian kind, the Salvation army type, and the American type.

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Ain't gonna do it for a dime no more, Did it last night till my back was sore; Fifteen cents is now my price. I'll do it slow, I'll do it nice. Shoe shine Mister?

Once upon a time there were three co-eds: a great big co-ed, a medium sized co-ed, and a little co-ed, who went for a walk in the woods. When they came back, they were so tired they all went to their rooms. All of a sudden:

"Someone's been sleeping in my bed," said the great big co-ed in a great big voice.

"Someone's been sleeping in my bed too," said the medium sized coed in a medium sized voice.

"Goodnight girls," said the little sized co-ed in a little sized voice.

Captain: "I'll bet you wish I were dead so you could spit on my grave." ROTC: "No, sir, I hate to stand in



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The sergeant strode into the barracks and shouted, "O.K., you lazy " * * * * *s, hop to and fall in."

The soldiers grabbed their hats, and lined up—all except one, who lay on his bunk blowing smoke rings.

"Well?" roared the sergeant.

"Well," said the soldier, tapping the ashes off his cigar, "There certainly were a lot of them, weren't there?"



Once there was a lady who had bought a live rabbit from a pet shop and was taking it home to the children. On the way she slipped on the ice and dropped the rabbit. Seeing that it was dead, she began to cry while sitting on the sidewalk. A passing drunk stopped and tried to console her: "Don't cry lady, it would have been an idiot anyway. Lookit the ears on it."



Mother: "Do you like your new nurse, Jimmy?"

Jimmy: "No, I hate her. I'd like to grab her and bite her on the neck like daddy does."

APPENDIX

How can you keep eating at the fraternity house?

Oh, it's easy. I just take a table-spoonful of Drano three times a day.



Sergeant to ROTC boy in Boot Camp: "All right now, what is maneuver?"

Boot: "Something you put on grass to make it green, sir."



A sergeant lounging in a hotel lobby perked up when an attractive young lady passed by. When his standard come-on, "How-de do?" brought nothing more than a frigid glance, he sarcasmed, "Pardon me, I thought you were my mother."

"I couldn't be," she iced, "I'm married."



the unheralded

THE R.O.T.C. which offers a fine program of drill and instruction to many of our boys, shows its stuff in the annual Federal Inspection and Armed Forces Day Parade.

These two festivities, occurring in May, are the culmination for the cadets of months of tireless activity. There all the campus commandoes get a chance to show the rest of the school, or "panty-waists" as the "part-time paratroopers" call the civilian population, what they learned.

The 3000 odd ROTC students march in all their splendor on Armed Forces day down State street. In their precise ranks, each may feel a certain pride in his squad, platoon, company, and country.

But each year a few poor souls are forbidden to march. These are the bumblers, the marchers-out-ofstep, the shufflers. Here are found the day-dreamers, the cadets who confuse left from right, and those who anticipate commands. These misfits are sternly ordered not to appear in the parade. They can often be seen on the outskirts of the parade ground, a tear in their eyes, watching their luckier buddies about to step off into glory.

It is to these unsung heroes that the Squid would like to dedicate this issue. Their devotion to duty which keeps them coming to drill even in the knowledge that others will take the palms is in the best traditions of American heroism. Fumblers of Wisconsin, we salute thee!

a word to the fools

WARNING TO SOPHOMORE MEN:

The majors are NOT turning completely human. Do not forget that a friendly pat on the back may only

be a shove in the direction of advanced ROTC.

Sometimes even the devil looks like Billy Sunday, exhorting us to be saved. Then we walk through his fiery portals to find not salvation, but a commission. It may not be Hell itself, but like marijuana, it's what it leads to.



union now

THE CARDINAL'S REPORT of the investiture of John Hobbins as Union President was a competent, amusing story on the surface. Actually it missed the entire point of this timehonored ceremony, and left huge gaps in the narration.

We happened to be in attendance, and would like to give our readers the story of what really happened:

True to Union tradition, the ceremony began with a parade. A long line of Ratskellar dish carts were assembled at Porter Butt's office pushed and guarded by plainclothes countermen.

In the lead, in a shining, bulletproof cart custom-made for the occasion, sat retiring President Bob

Cope, the prexy-elect, and Mary Nicolaus, new veep. In a second cart came Marty Small. The men wore tails, pin-striped pants, and top hats, while the women were in formal evening dress.

As the entourage moved through the building, both Hobbins and Cope waved affably to the immense crowds that lined the corridors and tossed ticker-tape, bowling balls, and cheese toasties at the procession as it moved by. Mounted University police kept order.

Hobbins seemed elated, glad to get into harness. Reliable sources report that he and the group of Econ. la and Poli. Sci. 7 braintrusters he has assembled about him plan to effect sweeping revolutions in Union policy and procedure. No official word is available, however.

At the entrance to the President's office, the uniformed Union Band, known officially as "Buzz Stiefodor's Seven Pages and a Piccolo Player," gave a rousing rendition of "Hail to the Chief" as the two men and their party dismounted from the dish carts, then filed into the office surrounded by grim-faced plainclothes operatives and gesticulating Cardinal reporters.

Inside, the office was lined with Student Senators, uniformed ROTC cadet officers, and other campus dignitaries, who watched as the oath of office was administered by Mr. Butts.

In his Inaugural Address, Hobbins promised a balanced diet in the Cafeteria, pensions for ten year Rat. patrons, and called on Father Fred to guide us through the year ahead.

That is the real story; why the Cardinal saw fit to hush it up we do not know. Perhaps it was fear, perhaps graft. We suspect they merely overlooked it.

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THE GOLDEN MEAN

Excess is injurious And has effects sclerotic, It's one thing to be studious, Another, studiotic.

ARGUMENT AND THE USUAL REFUTATION

With age, of course, her belly Will protrude beyond her breasts, Her cheeks will sag to meet her second chin, Her buttocks turned to jelly Overlap the chair she's in.

But here and now she has her youth, A form so lovely and so fair, That intellect appears to be The outcome of my own gray hair.



HROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF MAN THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN ARMY, AND THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF THE ARMY THERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MEN WHO HAVE FELT THAT THEIR INTELLEC-TUAL SUPERIORITY PECULIARLY QUALIFIED THEM TO LEAD THESE ARMIES. IT IS TO THESE PECUL-IARS, THE FATHERS OF CONTEMPORARY R.O.T.C., THAT THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED.

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that some of us won't come back from this mission." A silence as heavy and oppressive as Los Angeles air hung over the room. Zeller's steely eyes remained fixed on the six men whose command he had assumed the week before. One by one they got up and turned to leave. As the last walked out, a pasty faced Airman first-class entered.

"Leftenant Zeller, sir," he began affectionately, "Major Landsdown says the other men have completed the tour here, and that leaves you to do this job alone, sir. The rest must go on." Cursing softly to himself, Zeller began to pull on his flying togs. As he dressed, his life began to pass before him.

Hop "Clear the Runway" Harrigan co-pilot badges, and one motorcycle jacket with 11 zippers on it, giving rank over all others in the Flying and Experimenting Club.

College was a snap. Zeller became, naturally, a Commerce major. His speed and agility at keeping the many pretty decimals and figures in nice straight columns kept his average right up to a "C" for all four years.

As an air force ROTC cadet, Zeller got 80 merits in his senior year, 55 above the creditable maximum of 25. Twenty for never missing a day of ROTC in four years, ten for being on time to every class, ten each for being a Mitchell Airman, in the Arnold Air Society, in the color guard,

F-86 D night interceptor. He leaped in and pressed the 'canopy-close' button. The familiar whine of the motor encouraged him, but still he felt sweat on the palm of his hands. The heavy plane rumbled out onto the runway.

A tense voice crackled through his headset. "Leftenant Zeller, sir, tune in your radarscope. An unidentified plane's been spotted 180 miles from here WSW by NE at 53,000 feet. Intercept. Over and out."

Zeller shoved the throttle forward and streaked off the ground. In 9 minutes he was at 53,000 feet. He levelled off in the indicated direction, and within a few seconds he had picked up the enemy on his screen. Mechanically, he set the radar gun-sight and rocket launcher, the electronic deviator, automatic cannons, self-firing machine guns, and the automatic pilot. Then he leaned back, pulled out a 'Wings' comic book, lit a cigar, and waited.

The dot loomed up on the scope, then disappeared. A mournful voice broke in over the earphones. "You have failed the run again, enemy not intercepted."

"For Chrissake," stormed Zeller. He threw back the canopy and leaped from the wing of the Link trainer to the ground in front of the sergeant's control panel.

"What does this mean, Sarge?"

"You've failed your preliminary Link flight training for the fourth and last time. Four classes have passed you by. It's out of flight school and into the infantry with you."

"By Golly," mused the would-be junior bird-man to himself, as he walked from the room, "you can get a lot more medals in the infantry, and besides you get to carry a pistol and a rifle all the time. Gee, those new recruits are so tender and innocent, too. Yes, I shall serve myself and my country with due sacrifice. I can see it now: Onward, upward hill 138! I shall follow my men with my .45 blazing and roaring."

-PETE MARTINEAU

OLD SOLDIER iust will not die

Flying had been an obsession all Zeller's life. With animal-like fascination, he had sat in the newsreels watching streams of pretty tracers rip into the rotten Nazi planes. He had thrilled at the blinding explosions when the gas tanks were hit. ("Hehheh, oh look, do look, there's the pilot's flaming body flying from the wreck.") He cheered wildly and hummed the Star Spangled Banner as the B-29's dropped those two over Japan that had killed 140,000 in 1945.

In school, too, he had run true to form. His little paper planes went right to the mark, hitting little girls squarely between the eyes. The inksoaked tips always got laughs, and he was clever enough never to let anyone see the stick-pin nosed ones being launched. How he hated girls, all girls!

By the time he was a sophomore in high school, young Jimmy had 12 Captain Midnight Decoder rings, 6 on the rifle team, and finally ten for action above and beyond the call of duty: sitting with the Colonel's nine year old boy who hasn't been the same since.

It soon became evident that here was a man of ambition, one with his feet on the ground and his head high . . . in the sky. After his brilliant career in basic and advanced corps, ROTC, he was given a commission to fly big fast shiny whizzing jet planes.

Snapping out of his reverie, Zeller began hastily to pull on what remained of his togs. His dress consisted of ankle boots, levi's, leather jacket, and snappy Harley Davidson cap. Flaunting death, instead of a parachute, he took a large white bandana with a box of oversized kleenex as an emergency chute.

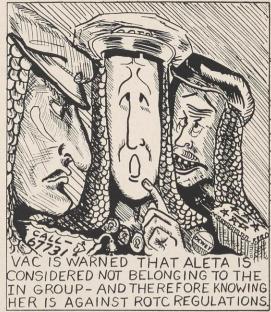
The alert buzzer went off. This is my chance, he thought, as he ran from the ready room to the waiting

the disasters of



"Sergeant, you don't mean to say that to be absolutely safe from fallout we'll have to stay here for another 5 days!"







BUT MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE DANCE, ALETA IS DISCOVERED BY GREEK BARBARIANS, WHO SPIRIT HER OFF TO THEIR CASTLE ON THE SHORE OF LAC MENDOTA.





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HOLDEN COWFEED'S CRITIQUE OF ROTC MOVIES

SUPPOSE you won't believe me either, but I really meant it all. I mean, I wasn't Gung Ho, or anything, I just ate those R.O.T.C. films

It really gets me sometimes, especially with me being so sensitive and all, how some guys pooh-pooh the ROTC. I mean it really kills me when some phony will say "Oh, the Campus Commandoes, you mean," or some other real brilliant crack like that and then laugh his head off as if he'd just cracked the greatest and most absolutely original joke in the world or something.

These ROTC guys go to a hell of a lot of trouble to fix up their program, and nobody seems to give a damn. Like the movies, why I bet they spend as much on those pictures as Hollywood, but who ever takes them seriously?

What I was doing, I was sitting in the Rat with this Jinny who is in my Psych class when this guy comes in in a trench coat carrying the New York Times and looking all around for someone he knows. He came up to us and gives Jinny a real long loving greeting and then says "Hello Cowfeed," to me. I tell you, that really killed me.

Anyway, it turned out he was one of these guys on the Cardinal from New York who think they are a very big deal. Well, he asks this Jinny a whole pile of real gone questions all the time paying about as much attention to me as he is to that piece of pie he's slopping over his face.

First, he tells her all his troubles, how he's got an epic poem or something to write for English and how he's in Econ 1098 and the instructor expects him to write another Das Kapital but he doesn't know where he'll find the time.

This guy was making me puke with all this phoney talk, so I said, "Seen any good ROTC movies lately?"

That really floored him. He slopped coffee all over his real great tweed jacket and on the table and the New York Times and all, but he managed to wipe it off with his hand. That killed me. These guys are such big phonies; they're always being very polite and neat and talking very cultivated and all, but when they get excited they begin to act like they lived all their life on the Lower East

"Seen any good R.-O.-T.-C. movies lately?" That really got him when I spelled it out and all. He was pretty sure I was completely fruity so he gives Jinny this real knowing look. She just sticks her nose up in the air and smiles at me. I really liked that. I'm kinda crazy about old Jinny. She's O.K., really, except she's kinda depressing now and then, but she isn't phony. I mean she's O.K., but she's always making these goddamn cracks right out in front of everybody about how I ought to shape up and like she was some kinda drill sergeant or something. It kinda depresses you. She's always saying I'm living in a goddamn book or a dream world, which drives me

Anyway, old Brooks Atkinson was trying his best to ignore me, so I

"Yeah, we've had some pretty goddamn good ones lately. Don't you ever look at them?"

I really meant it too. I know you'll probably think I'm slinging the bull, but I really thought some of those pictures were great. We see 'em about three times a week, and they've got all kinds. We even had a British one once. It wasn't so hot, but I loved all the British guns. I've always been crazy about guns. When I was a kid I used to draw guns in my notebooks instead of studying. My mother said it was a goddamn phase or something. My mother said everything I did when I was a kid was a goddamn phase.

But most of the guys like old B.A. who was smoking this great big pipe and staring off into space as if he was communing with nature or something, they have to talk about foreign films or some crap like that. They especially like the Italian films with the busty actresses, which is O.K.

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PROJECT

for the day

OME, CLASS. Today we build a scientist. Lddie, put down your drawing and take Your finger out of your nose—we must be Very careful when we build scientists They are made of very delicate materials . . . Anne, we do not care to hear what your Father says about scientists, and anyway, Nice little girls do not say words like that. Eddie, since you are good in drawing you Can sketch the figure for us-No, no, that Isn't right!

You have made his head much too small-about The size of a melon would be right . . . there, That is much better.

Now to build him-Sammy, what do you suggest We use for eyes?

No, I don't think lumps of coal would do-after All the scientist isn't a snowman, is he? Sammy, don't be impertinent!

Yes, Maria, I think peeled grapes would do. And now for hands—we have no fingers to spare No, we will have to be satisfied with spoons and Hooks-Anne, fetch the things from the sandbox. And what shall we use for the feet?

Anne, you say that Billy won't give up his spoon?

Shame, shame, William!

We don't care about your castle, you can build It later-scientists are much more important.

William-such language! I don't care if it is A quotation, such words are not used here.

I guess we'll have to do without feet.

Perhaps they aren't important, scientists don't

Move around very much. Dear me! What in the world shall we use for

Our project's heart?

Well, I suppose if we left off the feet we Can leave out his heart—there, we are done. Doesn't he look nice, class.

Agatha, stop crying . . . he won't hurt you. Of course he is a little misshapen—not quite Like a person, but let us say

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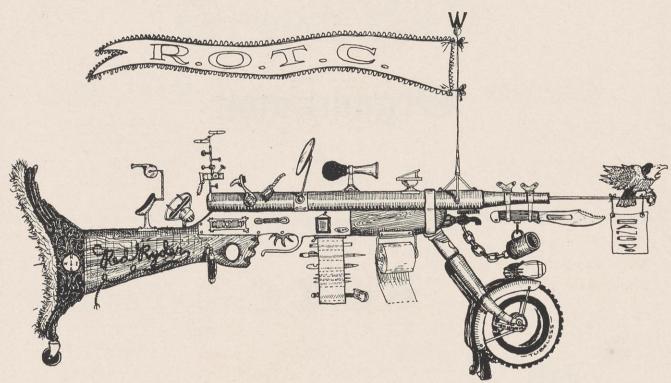
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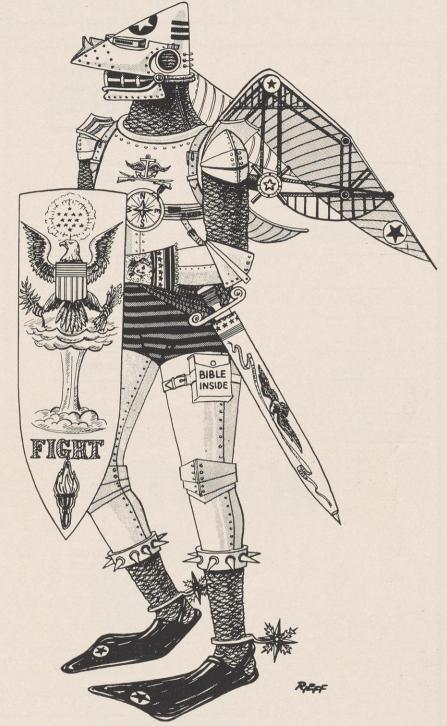
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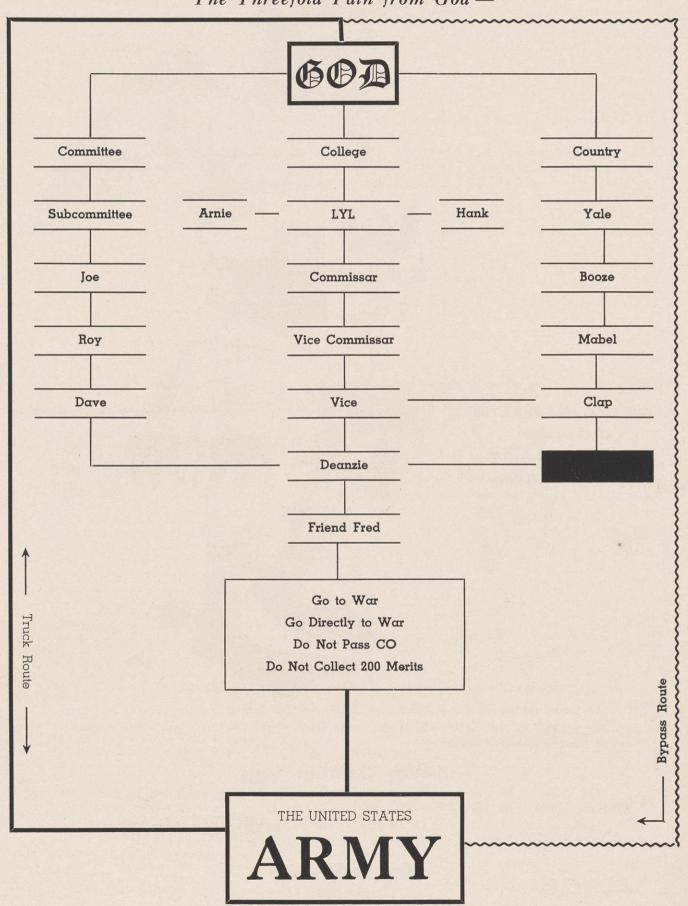
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Then there was the army sergeant who always called a spade a spade until he hit his foot on one.



As the regiment was leaving and a crowd cheering, a recruit asked: "Who are all those people and why are they cheering?"

"They," replied the veteran, "are the people who are not going."



The last war caused a lot of displaced persons—the next war will see a lot of dispersoned places.

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Sergeant to ROTC student on firing range: Stop! You almost shot a colonel!

Rookie: Ain't that sumpin'? And I only learned to shoot yesterday.

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Did you hear about one of the new officers?

He's not a fast officer.

He's not a slow officer.

He's a rather half-fast officer.

Three soldiers were standing on a street corner in North Africa; one was an American, another an Arabian, and the third an Englishman. Just at that time, a voluptuous dancing girl glided by.

"By Jove," said the Englishman. "By the Prophet!" said the Arabian.

"By tomorrow night!" said the American.

G.I. "I'm not feeling myself tonight."

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by me, but they always say something like "No Cowfeed, let us not be immature. The Italian motion picture industry has the sense of social criticism necessary for an healthy art form. The chest development of the actresses is totally extraneous." Or else they tell you how peachy the subtitles in the latest Japanese film were. Big deal.

What I mean is, these guys have to pooh-pooh ROTC films just because they're ROTC films. I'm not gung ho, or anything, but I think some of those training pictures are pretty goddamn exciting. I enjoyed "The Rifle Platoon in the Attack" more than any foreign film where they serve you tea afterwards. And how about the social significance of "The Moral Approach to Venereal Disease?" Jesus, that almost made me cry when that poor guy went off to the hospital in the end.

"Now look, Cowfeed," he started to say. I didn't want to hear what he had to say because I knew what he had to say. Anyway there were a whole bunch of guys hanging around and so I thought I would make it sound real good:

"Chrissakes, you're always talking

about drama and all that crap. The way Company C takes Softouch ridge in "The Rifle Platoon in the Attack." I thought that was better than "Wake Island" and "Eagle Squadron" and "High Noon" and all that phony Hollywood crap put together."

He didn't know what the hell to say to that, except "Uh." I really don't think he got what I was driving at. But I remembered Captain Jones who commanded "C" Company. He was O.K. I mean he was real. Most of these heroes in these Hollywood movies, they're always thinking about some broad back home or something, but not old Captain Jones. He had his eve on his men all the time, not looking off into the sunset or some moony thing like that.

What they did in this movie, they had this bunch of guys in Company C and they had to take this ridge. Well the crumby Aggressors had all sorts of lousy machine guns and tanks and all that crap and it didn't look very good at the beginning. These Aggressors are the guys we fight in all the ROTC movies. They aren't bad guys, really. They have these great helmets with crests like

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"I had 2 years of advanced ROTC. How about you?"

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Roman officers and all. As a matter of fact, I always sort of feel sorry for them because they always get the hell beat out of them. I really do.

Anyway, this Captain Jones, he orders the Corps Artillery to blast hell out of this ridge. They can really do it, those guys. Then he has the big mortars throw a lot of crap over on the Aggressors. Every once and a while they show the Aggressor side and these guys are really getting tossed around over there. These big guns just tear up everything. Well, anyway, then the Battalion mortars go to work and then the company mortars and the heavy machine guns and recoilless rifles and all. Then some guy with a hairy wrist looks at his watch and the tanks start popping off. I really got excited.

Then old Captain Jones he gets up and yells "Let's go!" and all these guys get up and start running around and all, and firing their guns from the waist. They just blasted away while all the planes dropped bombs and the guns went kaboom. Pretty soon all the noise stops except the rifles and B.A.R.s and that little stuff. But there wasn't anything left of the Aggressors except a little paste in the bottom of the foxholes, anyway. You got to hand it to that Captain Jones. I mean it really makes you want to go out and start a war, or something.

And when they took this softtouch ridge, old Captain Jones, he didn't sit around on his ass and smoke a cigarette. He regrouped those guys. Got 'em ready for another goddamn attack. "That what I call a real man, that's what I call heroism," I said.

Those guys are tough, in those ROTC movies. Sometimes I want to cry, it's all so glorious and beautiful. Those guys going up the hill with those BARs firing from the hip. And the color of the flame throwers, and the way the Aggressors fall when we get them, or the quiet gurgle when we just knife 'em. I remember Cpl. Evans, he was in intelligence, but he spoke Aggressor so he went out on a partol. A real brainy guy, I mean, but he knifed his share. That was another good picture, that "Night Reconnaisance Patrol."

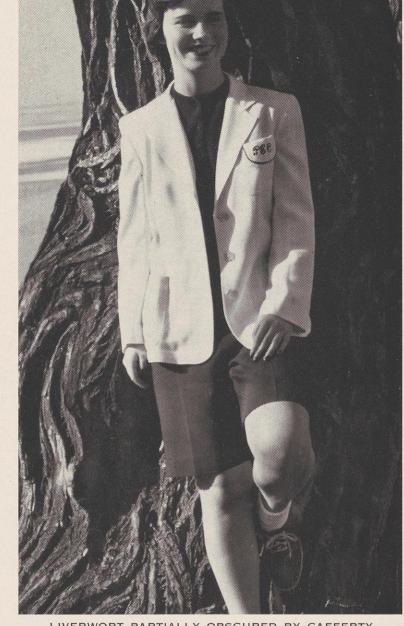
What really kills me is the way the mortars go poof-whoosh-blam and the machine guns brat-a-ta-tat and all that. When those guvs march across a river or something I really get this big lump in my throat. I really do.

Well, I would of told 'em more, but they all had gone. Anyway, nobody could really understand it unless they'd lived through it.

-J. D. SALACIOUS

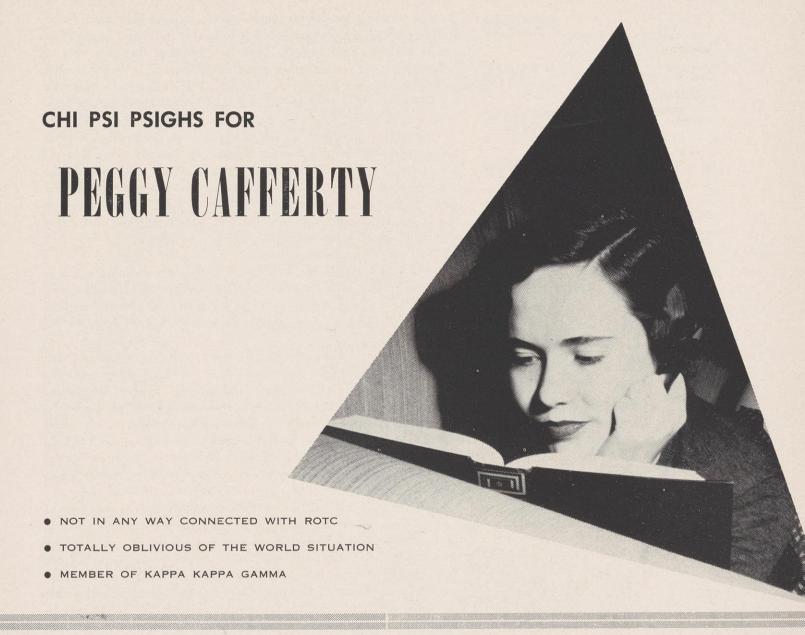


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FROM THE EDITOR'S BROWN STUDY

In the course of preparation for this issue, we have been warned that this is a bad time to spoof such a venerable institution as the U.S. Army's R.O.T.C. Some cautious souls have observed that in a time of imminent thought control, when youthful indiscretion is daily punished by the Guardians of our Nation's Security, it is foolhardy to take even a gentle poke at our thrice-weekly boys in blue and khaki and their instructors.

We have replied that we are taking our cue from our honorable Junior Senator, for even he does not consider the Armed Forces off limits. We have mentioned the fine precedent set by the Army itself; some of the best humor that emerged from the last Great War was printed in official Army publications—Bill Mauldin's cartoons in the Forty-Fifth Division News, and the innumerable cartoons and stories in Yank, the Army weekly. All these things we told our cautious friends, and still they warned us we were playing with fire.

And so we are playing with fire. Yet the more we think about it, the better we like it. We will be brave and fearless and crusading, and feel very, very proud. We will carry on the great traditions of American journalism and seek the unvarnished, the unvanquished, we hope the unvanished, truth.

We will defeat those silly adults whose favorite parlor-game has become "Name the Present Generation." We will flaunt the writers who have called us the "Beat," the "Silent," and even the "Shafted" Generation. We will blow untainted breath on those who have called us drunkards, we will spit on the contracts of the General Motors spokesmen who claim we seek the security of large corporations. We will laugh at the R.O.T.C., at the Dean, at the Administration. We will slither out from every category the journalists, sociologists, communists, socialists, and/or pessimists wish to place on us. We will be Nothing-Directed if we please.

All these we will do, out of firm conviction and the bravado of youth. We may change our minds, we may drift from left to right politically, from low-tariff to high-tariff as our lives change. We may end up believing in the Family and the Peer-Group, but we will have had our moment. And when we too, grown heavy with age in whatever world we are left by our elders, find ourselves forced to curb youthful exuberance, cut down adolescent rebellion, deplore our children, we will at least be able to look back on our dim past and wonder, "Now, was I like that when I was young?"

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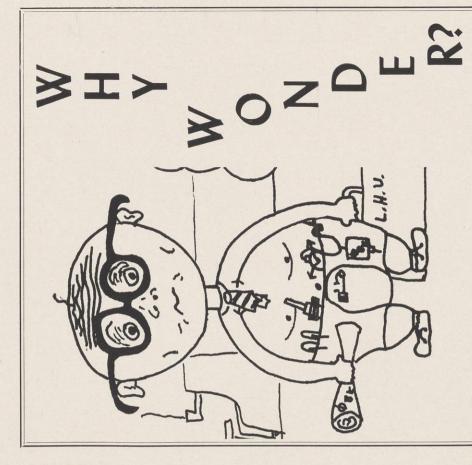
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