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WAR EXPERIENCE MAY ALTER U.S. EDUCATION

The press is full of talk of the post-war world. Speaking of schools, there is much diversity of opinion.

"Education as we have known it is dead." "Educational institutions must eliminate much of the less essential material in their curricula." "We must have a return to the liberal education as it existed prior to the coming of the elective system — a classical education like that offered at St. John's College." "The schools of tomorrow will continue to be much like the schools of the pre-war era. There will be few radical changes."

Now, we at Humboldt would like to know what you think and what you want to come back to. Many of you indicate that you are planning to return to college at the earliest opportunity. Your thoughtful reactions to the following questions will help us to plan for that future:

1. Will you be in a hurry to finish your education? That is, would you favor the trimester plan of acceleration?

2. Would you prefer a continuation of the four-year program as it has been organized in the past? In other words, do the benefits accruing from a longer period of study, time for participation in extra-curricular activities, development of friendships, etc., compensate for the investment in time?

3. These extra-curricular activities are under fire as non-essential. How do you regard them? Which ones would you like to see continued?

4. The military agencies have developed new educational techniques. How effective would they be under peace time conditions? Should the schools adopt them?

5. What course will you be interested in pursuing upon your return? We would like to know what you are thinking about these or other related problems.

SERVICE MEN VISITORS

Former students seen around college recently are: Lt. Harvey Del Fatti, '40-'42, former football star; Cpl. Leslie Larson, '41-'42, back from engineer work in Rupert, Canada; Georgia Williams, '41-'43, now a Wave; Stanley Roscoe, '39-'42, commissioned a lieutenant in the A. A. F., on February 8 and called back to his base camp, Fort Sumner, New Mexico, as an instructor; Lt. Herbert Inskip, '28-'33, from Washington, D. C.; Cliff and Sid Hansen, '42-'43, from the Presidio of Monterey where they are doing medical work; Pfc. Ellis Williamson, '39-'42, former tennis star, also of the Monterey Presidio; Pfc. Peter Schmitt, '39-'42, on his way to the Army Airfield at Knobnoster, Mo., for an assignment in administrative work; Cpl. Keith Henderson, '36-'39, who has been in radar work in the South Pacific, on his way to Cherry Point, N. C., for re-assignment; Pvt. Francis Nielsen, '31-'32, back with Keith from South Pacific.

Sgt. Channing Jenkins, '38-'41 who has been in England in charge of photographic lab work for an A. A. F. group, has been transferred at his own request to the 8th Camera Combat Unit.

R. JARBOE INSTRUCTOR; OTHER HUMBOLDT ITEMS

A letter from Lt. Richard L. Jarboe, '35-'38, '40-'41, describes his activities as instructor in the Army Air Forces Pilot School at George Field, Lawrenceville, Illinois. Among other interesting experiences of his was an inspection of a colored mess. He has the highest praise for the way in which the colored boys are doing their work. Page Earl Meneweather and Vernon Thornton!

Speaking of Earl, who was a star football player at Humboldt during the late thirties, all Humboldt alumni will be interested to learn that he has been continuing his spectacular football career by starring for the Fort Warren, Wyoming, soldiers' team last fall. An International News Service dispatch from Salt Lake City, dated October 2, read: "Led by Earl Meneweather, the brilliant 'Ebony Eel' from Humboldt State College in California, the Fort Warren, Wyoming, Soldiers today ran roughshod over the Ike Armstrong all-civilian eleven from the University of Utah, 60-0."

From Lt. John Vogel, '34-'36, comes a long and interesting letter describing a sight-seeing trip in Scotland. He also mentions meeting Kenneth Samuelson, '33-'39, in a town in southern England. He and a friend were very fortunate in being allowed to visit the Painted Hall and Royal Naval College at Greenwich. An article in "Stars and Stripes" describes his work as manager of the Amateur Film Department of the Army Pictorial Service.

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R. JARBOE INSTRUCTOR:

OTHER HUMBOLDT ITEMS

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Cpl. Leonard Juell, '36-'42, is in India and writes of visiting schools in his spare time. He thinks it strange that the children come and go whenever they feel like it and that some of the rooms are anything but quiet. Have you forgotten the Humboldt library, Leonard?

Captain Rudy Renfer, '32-'34, was a college visitor recently. In a recent issue of the Pomona Base Line, camp paper of the Pomona Ordnance Base, 226th Ordnance Base Group, the statement is made that "Chaplain Renfer is probably the only Chaplain in the country who has completed the Army ranger course, which is our equivalent to the British Commandos." Rudy is now awaiting a new assignment. He left with President Gist a photograph of his two children taken in front of the college during his visit here last fall.

Pvt. Kenneth Hosier, '40-'42, sends a V-mail note that he has had what every soldier is looking for: his first action in the South Pacific. Details after the censorship is lifted.

Sgt. Arthur E. Johnson, '38-'39, writes by V-mail from somewhere in Italy. He participated in the Morocco landing of November, 1942, and arrived at Italy via Tunisia and Sicily. He mentions meeting Beryl Boyce, '32-'33, a former Humboldt football player.

A letter just received from Pfc. Bob Parris, '41-'42, of the 4th Marine Division, informs us that he helped clean up the Marshalls on January 31. He says that some of the Jap Imperial Marines aren't so "little" as they are commonly pictured.

Seen around college recently were three former Humboldt students now in the Navy V-12 program at the University of Oklahoma: Merritt Neale, Jimmy Roscoe, and Guy Keith. They have brought distinction on themselves and Humboldt by making the highest scholastic record of all the Navy men in the Civil Engineering School. When they are officers in the Sea Bees, they may be able to pay off some old debts—if they have any—with Dr. Jeffers and Mr. Karshner.

Homer Arnold, son of Professor Arnold, was one of three students chosen from the University of Oklahoma for an "A" rating in a reclassification of pre-medical students made by the Navy Department. Homer was unable to make the trip home on his recent leave because he had to make the trip to New York to play with the Varsity basketball team at Madison Square Garden in the National Championships.

A recent college visitor was Pvt. Donald J. Falk, '37-'39, who has just finished his A. M. G. training at Fort Custer, Michigan. He will report soon at Camp Reynold for an overseas assignment. While in college he was a member of the varsity basketball team. Donald's older brother,

G. WILSON IN ORDNANCE

Lt. Garff Bell Wilson, well known to many Humboldt men as former head of the Dramatics Department and Dean of Men, writes from the 142nd Ordnance Base, Red River Depot, Hooks, Texas, that although most of his work is paper work, he participates in many of the strenuous marches. He mentions a recent night's experience in which his company marched twenty miles between 7:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., endured a gas attack, an artillery barrage, and a nest of booby traps. At work again the next day at 6 a.m. as usual. Somewhat different from the old Nelson Hall days!

er, Harry, '34-'36, writes us from Camp Roberts where he expects to be for another two months. He is recovering from a G. I. operation.

Wallace Naye, '38-'39, is chief electrician on M. S. Idaho, or at least he was in January. He has served on seven different ships during his three years in the Merchant Marines, and has seen much of the world from the North Pacific and the South Pacific to the Atlantic seaboard.

From Sgt. Bert Sanard, '39-'40, somewhere in Sicily comes a V-mail letter. He likes it there much better than Africa.

Lt. Ted Speier's, '38-'42', wedding announcement is dated February 5, 1944, and comes from the parents of June Ann Balsiger of Beverly Hills, California.

Lt. (jg) Henry Trione, '38-'40, is at an advance P. T. Base, "described in recent magazine articles, where there is no sun, and plenty of mud, rain, and snow." He likes the informality of a small outfit — the Humboldt influence—perhaps!

H. S. C. SERVICE FLAG CONTAINS 365 STARS

On February 17 a ceremony was held at the Student Assembly in the auditorium that will long be remembered in the annals of Humboldt State College. Marking the first public recognition of the part that Humboldt State men and women are playing in the war, President Gist for the faculty and Brett Melendy and Joyce Bruner for the students dedicated a service flag with 365 stars, representing former students now in the armed forces.

The flag represents a project of the Home Economics Club, and the work of raising funds for it was started last year under the direction of the late Mrs. Ellen Walter. Many campus organizations have contributed to it.

There are on the flag six gold stars representing Lt. Allan Lowry, '38-41; Lt. Darrell Wing, '38-40; Lt. Donald Pedrazzini, '38-39; James Simpson, '40-41; James Porter, spring '41; and Lt. Violet Bennek, '33-'34.

Sgt. Thurston Womack, '41-'42, tells of listening to the music of Strauss' waltzes floating through the cocconut grove where he is camped at New Guinea. He says he is luckier than many and is leading an almost civilized life at present. His dog-eared, water-soaked - and - dried - in - the - sun - again 1943 Sempervirens is his most treasured possession.

A/C Wilbur Jensen, '41-'42, writes from A. A. F. Bombardier School at San Angelo, Texas, that he is training to be a "bombagator" and that some day he expects to meet a "radiopilonavibombagunner."

Dick Derby, '28-'32, '38, former football star, is in an officers candidate school at Fort Belvoir, Va., and will have his commission about April 1st.



This aquatic scene from the 1941 Faculty Show is evidence that Dr. Edmund Jeffers, now in the Sea Bees, was sea-minded, even then.

Pvt. Vic Lorenz, '38-'41, writes from Hawaii that Charlie Erb, former Humboldt football coach, is in charge of an Army team over there and is a great favorite with the service men because of the good results that his team gets and the great show that they put on.

Sgt. Art McGrath, '37-'42, Div. Hq. Co., APO 88, New York, sent the following laconic V-mail message: "What a trip! Something to tell the kids about!" Later a letter from North Africa arrived. Art says it's like parts of California, and he'd like sometime to see it in a leisurely way.

Lt. Milton (Bud) Villa, '36-'41, has been reported missing in action somewhere in the South Pacific.

Pfc. Ledo Matteoli, '39-'42, is in a camp somewhere in India and writes that he likes it very much.

On St. Valentine's Day in England, Pvt. Harlan E. Nickerson, '41, took as his bride, Miss June MacKay of Lawston, England. The wedding ceremony was held in the Episcopal Church in Cambridge, England, and was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents. His wife is serving in one of the branches of Women's War Service in England.

SEES MRS. ROOSEVELT

Bob Pinches, '39-'41, has recently been in town on a 30-day leave. He is a Pharmacist's Mate, 2/c, and has seen considerable service in the South Pacific. He participated in the invasion of Bougainville and was stationed for six months at a mobile hospital in New Zealand. He enjoyed some beautiful scenery in the interior of New Zealand and was present at a visit of Mrs. Roosevelt to one of the hospitals. On the return trip he was fortunate in seeing the Sevi-Sevi dance at Pago-Pago, a native dance that is given only every four or five years. He ran across two Humboldt men in the South Pacific: Carl Higgins, fall '39, of the Marines; and Louis Mohorovich, '39-'41, Pharmacists Mate, 1/c.

Humboldt girls are making a mark for themselves in this war. Christine Jacobsen, '39-'40, who has been with the Spars at Long Beach, is now a cadet. She passed a test in San Francisco recently to enter an officers' training school and received the highest marks of any Spar in the United States taking the test. She is now in a school in Connecticut for six weeks' training to take a higher rank.



Remember the 1940 Barn Dance? From the readers' left, here are Herb Gomes, Amedeo Sandretto, and Richard Tonini.

GOMES, SHOCKER HERE

Outstanding events at the old college during the last few weeks have been visits from two Marine Corps Captains: Herb Gomes, '36-'40, and Walter Schocker, '34-'39. They have both been mentioned in press dispatches for outstanding work in the South Pacific air offensives. After their leaves they went to Santa Barbara where they are now doing teaching and training work before returning to their combat stations. Walter reported that Jackie Morton, whom they have seen frequently, has been promoted to captain recently. Herb brought some news about Amedeo Sandretto, '35-'39, '41, who was reported missing in action over the South Pacific last year. He states that Amedeo volunteered on the mission from which he failed to return. He was last seen heading into a particularly dangerous-looking cloud.

Pfc. George Monroe, '30-'33, '36, writes by V-mail from somewhere "down under." He is much interested in the special brand of English that the people speak there: "More slang than a college boys' and just as unintelligible."

Flash! A V-mail letter just in from Bill Farber, '35-'41, says that he was in the first wave to hit the beach at Tarawa and that their experience was useful later in the atolls of the Marshalls. He's been over there twenty months and is looking forward to a furlough soon.

Rico Bongio, '39-'42, Cpl. in 321st Signal Co. Wing, writes from England that he is attending a communications school. He says that he would like nothing better than to sink his teeth in a nice, juicy Humboldt apple.

Bill Du Mond, '39-'42, received his commission as a navigator in the Army Air Corps on January 15 at Selman Field in Louisiana. After a short leave, during which he was a visitor at the college, he was expecting to be stationed at Hammer Field, Fresno. He says that Earl Hoos, who was athletic director at Humboldt in 1941-42, is an Ensign at St. Mary's College, acting as athletic director.

Lt. Walter Carr, '38-'42, Fighter Squadron 33, Marine Corps, writes from an island paradise in the South Seas where he has seen plenty of action. In addition to his "hot jobs" in the air, he is assistant intelligence officer and plays a portable organ for his chaplain's church services.

NAVY PRAISES WORK OF HUMBOLDT COACH

A faculty member, Coach Marty Mathiesen, has organized and sponsored a basketball league this winter among the servicemen of this area. With all games played in the college gymnasium, the championship was recently won by the Orick Coast Guard. Later a match was arranged between the winning team and the Ferndale Independents, undefeated in Humboldt County. It was won by Ferndale in a whirlwind finish, sparked by Franny Givins, former Humboldt State star athlete. President Gist recently received a letter from the Military Morale Officer of the Coast Guard at the Twelfth Naval District in San Francisco praising Coach Mathiesen's work highly.

One faculty member knows how it feels to be an airman marooned on a South Pacific Island. Fred Telonicher was on a duck-hunting trip on Humboldt Bay recently when the out-going tide left him stranded in his skiff at a spot where flocks of ducks were just out of range. For several hours he played the double part of Tantalus and a stranded airman waiting to be rescued.

Clair Speier Gustafson, '33-'37, secretary to President Gist, has been given a leave of absence to be with her husband, Elvin Gustafson, spring '38, who is a Technical Sergeant at Camp Butler, N. C. Her place is being taken by Emmalena Winkler Thomson, '34-'36.

Cpl. Grant Ferguson, '39-'43, writes from Sheppard Field, Texas, that he ran into Henry Frank, '41-'42, and had a good Humboldt reunion. Grant has passed his extensive examinations and is now a cadet waiting to take college training.