

Cheatham, Zeigler, Aaron, Peake, Chowning, And Thompson, Robbins, Weinthal, Pumphrey, And Rudasill Are Candidates

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Dr. Overton Speaks On "Old Ideas And New Ideas" In KDP Chapel

"There is today probably more talk about ideals than ever before in the history of our country," stated Dr. Grace Sloan Overton, who spoke in Wednesday chapel, sponsored by Kappa Delta Pi. "Much that is said on this subject is merely sentimental chatter, and the ideals developing therefrom are like a flower which is beautiful but stems from nowhere; they can not be interpreted in a practical manner."

"To be successful in formulating ideals," she continued, "we must learn to be realists." Mrs. Overton then explained that ideals are difficult to adapt to three different changes: change of growth, change due to discovery of new facts, and finally revolutionary change. She showed that when an idea is disturbed, the ideal becomes confused. This is a fundamental weakness of youth who is desperate to mature in ideal as well as idea. She revealed that atheism is childish, and then cautioned, "Grow up; don't give up!"

Speaking of changing ideals in the light of discovery of new facts, Mrs. Overton emphasized that the day of knighthood is past, and soldiers fight today for ideals rather than the outmoded reason for warfare, protection of national honor.

One interesting fact brought out was that revolution has changed our ideals by speeding the tempo of courtship (Continued on Page 3)

IRC Hears Speech By Yuri Nemoto

Yuri Nemoto, president of the International Relations Club, spoke on "Japanese and Japanese-Americans in the United States" at the club's meeting on January 11.

This talk made known to the members present many facts concerning the mass evacuation of 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast. The speaker also gave information about the boys of Japanese ancestry who are serving in the Armed Forces. Many of these boys are now fighting in France and Italy.

Coming meetings will deal with the Dunbarton Oakes Conference, the G. I. Bill of Rights and the Rehabilitation of Uprooted Peoples of Europe.

Sanders Joins Southern Business Education Board

Mr. London A. Sanders, of the business education department, was elected to the board of directors of the Southern Business Education Association at a recent convention in Atlanta. He is the state representative for Virginia in the association and is Madison's first staff member to hold an office in the association.

Juniors Choose Class Speaker

The date picked for Junior class day is February 7, 1945. Red Witten, president of the class, announces that Miss Virginia Kirkus, well known authoress and lecturer, will be the class day speaker.

Committees have been named for the day's program. The committee on chapel is Mary Cheatham and Helen Housman. Lucia Zeigler is chairman of the theme committee and Mabel Holt and Ruth Weinthal are co-chairman for the night committee. Also on these committees are Cordelia Robbins and Beth Owen. Kathleen Brothers and Connie Morris will be in charge of props. The costume committee is Polly Van Lear and Mary Neatrou.

Joan Livesay and Martha Millard will be in charge of portraits for Harrison hall. The decorations committee is: Shirley Elliot, Dorothy Ellis, Ellen Lane, and Mabel Brumley. Virginia Moore, Wiley and Gail Chowning will make the banquet arrangements, while Jane Pettit, and Catherine Clodfelter and Helen McCue will be in charge of the luncheon. The invitation committee is Edith Mae Lucy, Ann Pettigrew, and Betty Frizzell.

Honor System Series

The second in a series of six editorials on an "Honor System for Madison" will be found on page 2. The final editorial will be opinions about campus concerning an honor system.

Students Have Music Recital

Students of Miss Elizabeth Harris, Miss Edythe Schneider and Mrs. Anabel M. Buchanan participated in the informal music recital held in the recital room of Harrison hall Wednesday.

On the program were "Brown Bird Singing," by Wood, Gwendolyn Snapp; "Bouree in G Minor," by Bach, Virginia Ward; "But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own," by Mendelssohn, Courtney Fauver; "The Butterfly," by Gelli, Barbara Follett; "The Prophet Bird," by Schumann, and Bach's; "Invention No. 8," Lucy Liskey; "The Judge's Dance," a Swedish Folk Tune, arranged by A. Diller, Evelyn Long; "Do You Know My Garden," by Wood, Betty Way Myers; "The Star," by Rogers, Gerry Estep; "Elizabeth's Prayer," by Wagner, Grace McConnell and Chopin's "Fantasie in C-sharp Minor," Jo Ann Johnson.

Accompanists for the vocalists were Betty Jo Stretchberry, Jo Ann Johnson, Edith Hall, Laura Virginia Foltz, Dorothy Burkholder and Jackie Boykin.

Marshall States Beginners Orchestra Has 40 Members

The recently organized beginners orchestra-band for players without much experience and skill now has about forty members, states Clifford T. Marshall, of the music department.

Besides those students who have had little or no experience in orchestras or bands, members of the regular Madison College orchestra are also included in the new group. It affords them an opportunity to gain experience in their second-best instrument, which is especially needed if they are instrumental music majors.

One of the modern combinations, the

For Major Campus Elections February 6; Winning Nominees To Take Office Beginning Spring Quarter

Mary Cheatham and Lucia Zeigler, as candidates for the office of president of student government, head the list of students selected by the nominating convention Monday to vie in major campus elections February 6, states Tommy Harrelson, president of student government.

Scribblers Club Initiates 6 Girls

Pat Pumphrey, president of Scribblers, has announced that the following girls successfully passed tryouts. Caroline Phalen, Laura Virginia Foltz, Norma Dunn, Claire Bennett, Jessie Beamon, and Carolyn Swank.

Initiation, of these six new members was held at the home of Miss Margare Hoffman, one of the faculty advisors, on Wednesday night, January 17. The initiation consisted of sending these girls out of the room and having them compose a short poem on "Goats."

Scribblers is the only writing club on campus. It is an honorary creative writing organization, whose members have shown originality or who have been outstanding in writing.

Membership in Scribblers is limited to those girls who are recommended by a member of the English faculty, are issued bids to try out for the club, and who successfully pass their tryouts.

T. D. Drive Nets \$320.47 Amount Doubles Set Goal

Students and faculty purchased \$320.47 worth of stamps and bangles in the recent T. D. drive. This almost doubled the goal and the committee wishes to express it's thanks for the purchases.

Dorothy Jane Aaron and Lucille Peake will run for Y.W.C.A. presidency. Gayle Chowning and Ora Thompson were nominated for Athletic association presidency; Cordelia Robbins and Ruth Weinthal will be nominees for editor-in-chief of The Breeze. Patricia Pumphrey and Jane Rudasill will run for editor of The Schoolma'am.

The nominating convention was made up of the five major campus officers, and five representatives elected from each class, with the meeting conducted by Tommy Harrelson. Virginia Mackie was elected secretary. All of the candidates have been approved by the electoral board who have checked scholastic averages and complete qualifications.

All of the above candidates are juniors and the winning nominees will go into office at the beginning of spring quarter.

Ikenberry Is Native Virginian

By ELAINE ROBERTS

Dr. J. Emmert Ikenberry, a very welcome addition to the staff of our mathematics department, is a native Virginian. His birthplace is the town of Daleville, in the vicinity of Roanoke. The interest he displays in mathematics became noticeable while he was still a youngster, stemming probably from the fact that his father taught the subject before him.

He received his A.B. degree from Bridgewater college, and did all of his graduate work for his M.A. and Ph.D. at Cornell university. He has taught mainly at eastern and southern colleges. His first position was at Daleville college. From there he went to Bridgewater college where he was dean of men. Before coming to Madison, Dr. Ikenberry was an instructor at Franklin and Marshall college in Lancaster, Pa. During his stay at F. and M., he also conducted a war course in photography for a group of navy V-12 students.

Dr. Ikenberry tells us that he has been in school or has been teaching school continuously from the time he was six years of age. This also includes a number of summers. His hobbies include photography and gardening. He is fond of sports, especially football and golf. In fact, he played right guard at Bridgewater during his student days at that institution. He holds membership in the Mathematics Association of America.

When asked how he felt about teaching in a women's college after being at a college for men for a number of years he replied, "Before teaching in a men's college, I taught at co-educational institutions. After I had become used to seeing male students separated from female students, it wasn't difficult to get accustomed to the opposite situation."

GIRL ABOUT CAMPUS

Faculty, Students, Discuss Impressions, Ideas Left By Visiting Lecturer, Dr. Overton; Find Inspiration

By Jane Rudasill

Now that Mrs. Grace Sloan Overton has been our guest speaker for a week, and has left her indelible imprint on the lives of the students here, the Breeze wonders just how members of our "campus community" feel about her and her talks. Shall we eavesdrop at a lunch table or two—a classroom—a "Ferdinand session?"

"Mrs. Overton is one of the most inspirational speakers I've heard. The force and truthfulness of her message make one stop and think—really think.—Catherine Clodfelter.

"I have received great inspiration from Mrs. Overton. I wish we could have such experience frequently here at Madison.—Mrs. Blackwell.

"I thought her discussion of ideas

for the post war world a stirring challenge to every girl.—Frankie Yowell.

"Her humor, her practical reality, her insight into the problems and potentialities of young people are amazing. One is drawn into confidence by her presence, into admiration by her clear frankness.—Rona Fenizzie.

"The large groups who attended Dr. Overton's forums were positive proof of our intense and prolonged interest.—Laura Virginia Foltz.

"I am confident that our girls have received further than the inspirational uplift of the moment, but a real strengthening of ideas and ideals for the future.—Miss Buchanan.

"I believe I liked best "Why I believe in God"—perhaps because she expressed so adequately the way I too

feel about Him." Dagwood Millard.

"Mrs. Overton's realistic and practical presentations of some of life's most vital issues this week have opened new channels of growth and development for all of us who have listened.—Jenny L. Gatlin.

"Her friend-to-friend way of discussing girls' problems won us freshmen completely. Mary Frances Schuler.

"This week has been a Mount of Transfiguration experience—a benediction that will carry over into all the tomorrows.—Beatrice Marable.

"If girls like us could have heard a philosophy like hers years ago, we would be better college students today. Now it's up to us to better women in the world of tomorrow!—Connie Conrad.

Officers Outline SGA Program

Various phases of student government organization and activity will be presented by student government officers and council members in Monday's assembly, states Tommy Harrelson, president of Student Government association.

The purpose and organization will be explained by Harrelson; individual responsibility leading to an honor system, by Cordelia Robbins; accepting responsibility for others, by Romine Chappell; why we have the rules we do, by Betty Epperley; the council's point of view, by Elizabeth Sours; our system of election, by Mary Ann Chaplin.

The purpose of the program will be, states Harrelson, to clear up any hazy ideas that the student body may have concerning the actual operation of the organization.



## The Freshmen and Y W C A

The Freshman YWCA commission—where the freshmen got acquainted last fall, where the YWCA turns for aid in its work.

This group, made up of annual newcomers to our campus, has the same general purpose as the YWCA itself, that of promoting the spiritual life of students at Madison college.

Many campus leaders have sprung from the commission, for it is at commission meetings that the underclassmen gain valuable experience in leadership. Programs, both religious and recreational, are led by different girls at each meeting.

Last year the Freshman commission sponsored dormitory devotions, from which the students derived much spiritual help and satisfaction. The group sponsored a food and clothing drive Thanksgiving for the benefit of needy families.

And who could forget the "Little Sister-Big Sister" parties? The freshmen have certainly shown most entertainingly at these annual parties their appreciation of our helping them adjust themselves to college life.

Our "little sisters" will be "big sisters" next year. It will be up to them to help next year's new girls to carry on the work of the Freshman commission. —E. L.

## An Honor System - - -

In building an honor system at Madison we would encounter many things. First would be the question, "What is meant by Honor System?" Too many students have the erroneous opinion that an honor system covers all the rules. A true workable system could not. Honor, as a word, implies only such things as cheating, lying, stealing, and personal integrity. Only these things could be covered; or our attempts would fail if we made it discipline of a smaller nature.

Another problem would be found in tattling. No one likes a tattler. That's out for we would not have a firm foundation built on tattling. In place of it each student would be expected to keep her own record clean and help straighten up a wrong if she saw it but not by tattling. If the system is to work closing your eyes and ignoring it wouldn't do but there might be something you could do to help.

Knowing that all of us were doing this for ourselves, our reputation, and our school would bring pride and a more complete confidence in Madison. Let's try an honor system! —C. R.

## A Worthy Project - - -

Waltz, tango, a rumba, or what have you, is a large order. Members of Cotillion and German clubs are doing their best to fill the bill. The fact that over a hundred and thirty girls turned out for the newly organized dancing classes shows the definite need for such classes.

Both clubs are to be congratulated on starting the classes. They will help do away with those "sit-out" blues; and dancing classes are recommended for poise and for fun time. We all hope that the clubs will be able to make it an annual project because we think it is a very worthy one. —C. R.

## SHOWGOER

by Emily Leitner

\*\*For the usual slap-happy comedy and just loads of beautiful girls, it's Bud Abbott and Lou Costello who are Lost in a Harem at the Virginia theater Monday through Thursday.

\*Gid-e-yap there gals! Roy Rogers and his horse "Trigger" will be at the Virginia theater Friday and Saturday in Lights of Old Santa Fe. In the show also will be George "Gabby" Hayes.

\*\*\*Broadway's famous long run hit Guest in the House at last comes to the screen, starring Anne Baxter as the woman who concentrated on hurting those who loved her. Heading the supporting cast of this stirring drama is Ralph Bellamy. At the State theater Monday through Wednesday.

\*\*\*Cary Grant and Constance Bennett have the starring roles as a pair of gay, screwy lovers in Topper, which plays at the State theater Thursday and Friday. It just has to be funny

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## RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS



## AMONG NEW BOOKS

by Barbara Wenzel

The following new books will be available in the Browsing Room of the library tonight at seven o'clock:

**Anna and the King of Siam**, by Margaret Landon, is a true story of an Oriental court in all its splendor, evil and comedy. Anna, a young Welsh widow hired by the King of Siam to teach his many children, struggles for years to teach English and some of the Western ideals to the children and the king's concubines. This is a fascinating tale of real reform, set in an exotic, tropical scene.

**Good Night, Sweet Prince**, by Gene Fowler, is a moving, detailed study of John Barrymore's life. Written by an intimate friend of the "great profile," it is a strong book, gracefully and sympathetically written, revealing the inmost heart of one of America's greatest actors.

**How Dear to My Heart**, by Emily Kimbrough, is the story of the author's happy childhood in Indiana, made bright and real with personal details of life in a small town during the first

decade of this century. Filled with delightful reminiscences of a child's life—seeing a sky-rocket go through a neighbor's front hall, biting a teacher, collecting stray dogs—the book is a happy humorous glance at things as they used to be.

**Leave Her to Heaven**, by Ben Ames Williams, is a psychological study of a despicable woman. Ellen Berent began her strange possessiveness when she was a baby, and cheated earthly justice the rest of her life. The story is a remarkable presentation of the struggle between two irreconcilable natures, drawn together by the fatal attraction of equal forces.

**In China Takes Her Place**, Carl Crow tells of the struggle and achievement of an important nation. Clearly, accurately, and vividly he depicts the life of China, and makes an interesting prophecy of her future. This valuable, comprehensive book gives an excellent picture of what has happened in China since the overthrow of the empire.

**Try and Stop Me**, by Bennet Cerf, is (Continued on Page 4)

## Dr. Grace S. Overton, Nationally Famous Lecturer Visits Campus

By MARGARET REID

Six hundred visits to college and university campuses all over the world in approximately 25 years, is the almost unbelievable number achieved by Dr. Grace Sloan Overton, nationally famous lecturer and writer, who has been visiting Madison this week. Among the many outstanding schools of the world which she has visited are University of Berlin, University of Paris, Moscow university, and Toronto university.

After graduating from Boston university, Dr. Overton, whose home is in Adams, New York, took her graduate work at Northwestern university and for some years she taught in various schools throughout the country, her last teaching position being on the faculty of New York university in 1933. Since that year, she has devoted all of her time to lecturing and writing books, her most recent book being "Marriage in War and Peace," which will be published in the early spring.

In the past few years her work has included lectures before college and university students, high school students, teacher associations and many other groups. Often her work is community wide, helping cities plan for the return of their veterans and the problems of postwar youth.

"Before the war," states Dr. Overton, "United States youth was not as serious minded as German, Russian,

and French youth and seemed to play more, but the present war proved our youth has great capacity for good hard work and serious mindedness."

"Religious interests at Madison compare very favorably with those of other girls' schools," she added.

## Birthday Cakes Are Here To Stay As Increasing Appearances Indicate

by Barbara Goldsmith

Ah birthdays! A wonderful invention! There's probably nothing like a birthday unless it's a birthday cake. And by the way so many birthday cakes have been putting in appearances here lately, I would say they haven't lost any of their long-standing popularity.

The method of digging out information on the dates of birthdays differs with the dining-hall tables, I should

judge. My investigation was somewhat hampered by having my roommate with me so my findings were very limited.

Since we had taken a sort of survey on approaching birthdays at our table, we had a birthday celebration shortly after our return to school. A committee of two was drafted to take care of the details, namely, the cake. They had some trouble getting downtown (Continued on Page 4)

## VIEWS OF THE NEWS

By BETTE C. MILLER

There has been much discussion and criticism of the proposals set up at Dumbarton Oaks. This is as it should be and as it was meant to be.

The governments who sponsored this program definitely made it clear when the plan was presented to the peoples of the world that it was a tentative plan to be studied, discussed and criticized by the citizens of one world.

For the most part, mankind, typified by the press of all countries, have done just this. Many, however, have not made their criticism constructive. Rather it has been on the destructive side. Many of these people are perfectionists—and we all know that nothing on this earth can reach that ideal. Also, many of the "perfectionists" classify as that only in their own minds. On the other hand we must guard against the "yes" school—those who O.K. any and every proposal that comes their way. Most of all, however, we be on the lookout for those international meddlers who are looking out for no one's interest except their own. Belonging to no country, no party, no age, these meddlers have thrown many wrenches into otherwise workable machinery.

And as a last warning—let me remind you to think. You're going to be needed in this new world of tomorrow. Let's determine to be spokes in the wheel which will turn out tomorrow rather than a clog.

## Something To Chat About—

By Ruth Weinthal

Resume of last week's activities—

The wind, she blew;  
The snow, she snow  
Out of doors, the girls, they flew!

They built a man;  
They slipped on can;  
Caught a cold, and noses ran!

Must sneeze, one lass,  
Spread germs in class,  
Missed two weeks, didn't pass!

The point, it's seen—  
Snow men are mean!  
Poor girl get sick from cuddling with icy men!

This week Madison turned into a refuge for play girls. We dropped our sophisticated manners and reverted "back to nature" in the snow. Some people did it the hard way. Gayle Chowning, Emily Leitner, Rosetta Stanley and a few others got into the spirit of things head first. Gayle managed to "fall up steps" twice while other records lagged sadly behind! (So that's your idea of "falling," Miss Chowning?)

Behind Jackson, the Navy was well represented, Jean Hawley, Barbara Farrar, Mary Hunter Drewry, in desperation, decided to fashion a man to their own liking. He turned out to be a pipe-smoking sailor. (No kin to Pop-eye!)

It's no longer a secret—The coldest woman on campus was "Buxom Suzie" the snow woman in front of Jackson. (Relax, the rest of you Suzie's.)

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## Occupations

## Occupational Therapy, Begun During World War I, Still Fights Today

Born out of World War I, the profession of occupational therapy now finds itself involved with the rest of civilization in World War II. Like all others concerned, it is fighting this war on two fronts—both vitally important and both in the long view presenting a picture of increased need not likely to reach its peak for a number of years.

On the first front, occupational therapy is aimed at restoring disabled men to physical and mental fitness in the shortest time possible.

On the second front, this profession fills a civilian role in helping to keep workers on the production line by sending the disabled man or woman from the hospital or clinic back to the job with a better function of the injured member, with newly acquired work habits and skills adapted to his disability. The sharp rise in industrial accidents which has already manifested itself necessitates a greater need for community and curative workshop staffed by medical specialists. The adjustment of the discharged service man also constitutes a vital part of the second front.

Work in occupational therapy is open almost exclusively to women. A few men are in occupational therapy, but most of them are employed in institutions. Most of the women who are occupational therapists have had a desire to become nurses or have performed volunteer work in hospitals, but generally have taken basic college subjects and some have been art majors. Psychology majors also find their background quite helpful. In fact, the fields of Psychology, Biology, Sociology, Art, and Physical Education, are all major areas closely related to the subject.

Preparation to become an occupational therapist necessitates the completion of an outlined curriculum approved by the American Medical association. Each of the approved schools varies its curriculum somewhat, but the minimum prerequisites for admission include at least one academic year of acceptable college study or an equivalent amount of professional experience for a certain group of prospective students.

The length of training varies from twenty-seven consecutive months of outlined studies to five academic years in some schools which offer a degree. Students who have had college training are accepted with advanced standing in the latter.

There is also available a twelve-month War Emergency course which is subsidized and available only to candidates holding a degree with a major in Fine or Applied Arts or Industrial Arts with teaching experience, or Home Economics. Basic psychology is also a requirement. Applicants must be between the ages of 21 and 35.

Present needs for occupational therapists, it has been disclosed, amount to considerable numbers additional to fill current vacancies in civilian hospitals and at least three times the present graduation class for Army appointments.

Further inquiries as to occupational therapy as a profession can be addressed to Chief, Occupational Therapy Branch, Reconditioning Division, Office of the Surgeon General of the Army.

## Ruth Lynch To Wed Regdon Kernodle

The Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Lynch, of Bridgewater, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Granbery, to Regdon Wayne Kernodle, of Greensboro, N. C. Miss Lynch is a graduate of Madison college and received the degree of Master of Arts in sociology from the University of North Carolina.

At the present time she is a research assistant with the North Carolina state Planning Board and the Institute of Research in Social Science at Chapel Hill.

During her senior year at Madison, Miss Lynch was president of Y.W.C.A.

## German Club Dance

German club midwinter dances will be February 17, announces Jeanne Raup, president, and the orchestra for the event will be known next week.

## Beat the Axis—Buy Bonds

## Christian Church Group To Reorganize Sunday

The Disciples club will be reorganized Sunday January 21. All members of the Christian church are invited and urged to come to the home of Mrs. George Williams at 660 South Mason street at 4:30 p.m.

## Overton Speech

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and marriage, breaking moral conventions, and suspending the "love thou neighbor" axiom for the duration. Mrs. Overton closed with the warning, "In spite of these changes, hold fast to those ideals still undisproved. Don't be afraid to grow up for one's future constantly develops as he matures; and may you find the integrity of God in discovering peace."

## Frances Cole Is Engaged To Thomas Coates, Jr.

Henry David Cole, of South Boston, has announced the engagement of his daughter, Frances Randolph, to Thomas Edward Coates, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edward Coates, of Norfolk. Miss Cole is a graduate of Madison college and was a member of Pi Kappa Sigma sorority.

## Cotillion Dance Postponed

The annual mid-winter dance sponsored by the Cotillion club has been postponed from January 27 to March 3, 1945. This has been done because of exams and dances at several of the surrounding colleges. Arrangements have been made with the "Vagabonds," the orchestra signed for the dance.

## CALENDAR

Friday, January 19—Oldgirl-Newgirl basketball game, Reed gym, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, January 20—Movie: The Sulivans. Wilson auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Dancing in the gym following the movie.  
Sunday, January 21—Y. W. C. A. vespers, Wilson auditorium, 2:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, January 23—Dancing practice, Reed gym, 7:00-7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, January 25—Basketball game, Reed gym, 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, January 27—Movie: The Story of Dr. Wassell, Wilson auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

## Maxine Dugger Announces Sunday Vespers Program

This Sunday, a program of poetry read to music will be presented at vespers, announces Maxine Dugger, president of Y.W.C.A. Those participating will be Martha Millard and Maxine Dugger with Sue Reynolds at the organ. The theme of the program will be "Brotherhood."

—BUY WAR BONDS—

## PARADE OF OPINION

By Associated Collegiate Press

## Peace Army Fostered Wehrmacht

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For those "fair minded" individuals who are all for making a postwar settlement with easy terms for Germany, a few facts might be an enlightenment. In the first place, when the Allied military authorities enter the Reich they are going to find an astonishing number of persons disclaiming any connections with, or support of, the Nazi party. The truth is that as far back as 1933, 44% of German voters gave their ballots to Hitler—knowingly voting for war, even then.

The horrors suffered by the French people under four years of Nazi tyranny prompted the mayor of one French city to say, "In America people still believe in good Germans. Over here nobody believes in good Germans, anymore."

## "No Pure Communism In Russia," Says Teacher

"There is no pure Communism in Russia," Dr. Thomas Ennis, professor of history at University of West Virginia, said recently. He stated in a university address that there is a division of classes in Russia, although the money earned by the people has to be spent in a year.

The most impressive thing about Russia in Dr. Ennis's opinion, is the vigor of the Russian women. Women are managers of factories, and are doing all types of work that we consider too strenuous for them. During the last world war and also during this one, Russian women have and are playing a great part in bringing about victory. Some Russian ships manned by all women crews have made trans-Atlantic trips.

Since the Russians are half Asiatic, they care little what happens in Europe, but they are very anxious about that which happens in Asia. This and the fact that the Russians are the only whites on top in Asia has brought much fear to England and the United States. Russia is a great power, but she isn't communistic and ignorant as some people have said. "Russia has proven that capital and labor must get along," Dr. Ennis said.

## Dr. W. J. Gifford Writes Belated Welcome Letter

As a substitute for a letter of welcome to students at the beginning of a new year, Dr. W. J. Gifford, dean of the college, has written the following letter, as a "belated welcome to our common job of work and preparation in 1945," on the Madison college campus.

Dear Madisonians:

When it was suggested that I prepare a letter of welcome for the first issue of the 1944-45 Breeze I demurred because I thought one more such letter would be superfluous at that time. Today I have asked the editor if I might have a little space for a somewhat different lines of thought.

In the past few weeks all of us have been impressed with the fact that radio commentators, newspaper columnists, government leaders, reporters at the front, and many others, are constantly voicing the notion that the days just ahead of us without doubt will be some of the most difficult which America has experienced. We Americans, always optimistic, have again been guilty of counting our chickens before they are hatched. We have quite underestimated the strength of our military enemies. We have overestimated our own

resources. There are none of us, however, who does not feel assured that we shall win the war. But as the days pass many feel less assured about our winning a just and therefore a lasting peace. In 1919 our soldiers won a great world war but our statesmen lost the peace.

A contemporary philosopher, Irvin Edman, shortly after the attack on Poland, wrote a little book *Candle in the Dark*. It is a rather realistic treatment and not too satisfying to some; but the author points out that though truth, beauty, and goodness are now in eclipse in much of the world, they have never been wholly defeated. He cites the fact that world history has always seen a new dawn after periods of catastrophic darkness and destruction.

All over the world young men and older—fathers, lovers, brothers, and sons—are fighting, as we say, to save the greatest freedoms from an all-out attack by hateful men goaded on by leaders who would carry the whole world to destruction if they themselves cannot have their willful devilish way. Madison College remains one of the cases where good-will is still possible. We here can still live the good life. We can stress sympathetic understanding of others and respect for personality. We can practice a degree of self-denial and self-sacrifice. In fact we must develop these traits if we are to ease these returning men into the kind-of-life that both we and they want. Let us think of this when we find ourselves carping and critical because sweets, stockings, lack of traveling facilities, and a few of the luxuries of life are somewhat less plentiful.

It seems to me we need to develop some program and then follow it. It might be something like this: "I will think, meditate, pray and act on my best impulses." Shall we not in 1945 try a little harder to put first things first? To see that we do not major in minors? To put spiritual values above physical ones? To develop a deeper faith and a more solid hope? To put the golden rule into practice in every—  
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## Addresses Students

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Pfc. Robert Goldman, of Woodrow Wilson general hospital will speak in assembly, Wednesday, January 24.

## Virginia Education Commission Conducts Study, Recommends Vital Public School Program To General Assembly

A broad program of public school improvement, spread over a period of six years and designed to bring the schools and the people closer together and improve teaching and administrative standards, was recommended to Governor Darden and the General Assembly, December 23, by the Virginia Education Commission created by the public by Governor Darden who has received it from the commission. Accompanying the overall report and recommendations are 15 detailed surveys conducted by specialized study groups and covering virtually every phase of education in Virginia.

Under the program outlined in the commission's report of its survey, the costs of operating the public free schools would be lifted to approximately \$50,000,000 a year. The program, beginning with the 1946-47 school year, would cost the State \$10,332,426 of which \$6,315,288 would be applied to increased pay for teacher.

## Special Survey Made

The report of the commission, headed by Dr. George H. Denny, former president of Washington and Lee University and now president emeritus of the University of Alabama, was made

present standing of the public schools of the State.

"(2) The rather general feeling exists that in their management and operation the public schools are now too far removed from the people, and that steps should be taken to make the public school system more democratic.

"(3) The criticism is heard throughout the State that the public schools are not doing a satisfactorily thorough job toward training the pupils in the fundamental or tool subjects, or what are commonly known as the three r's.

"(4) There is a strong popular demand that vocational education be given a large place in the public education system of the State.

"(5) The opinion prevails widely that the public school teaching profession, largely because of the relatively poor salaries paid, is not attracting

its proper share of the superior talent of the State relative to business, manufacturing, government, and other professions.

"(6) Real concern was shown with regard to the development of a more adequate program of health education and physical fitness throughout the entire public school system.

"(7) It is almost universally stated that the homes of the State, as a rule, are not adequately backing and reinforcing the work of the schools toward educating their children.

"(8) Another widespread complaint is to the effect that the present method of distributing State funds among the localities does not operate effectively to equalize educational opportunities between the rural and the urban, or the poorer and wealthier localities.

"(9) From almost every corner of

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## Nostalgic Theme Pin-up Favorite



Nostalgic pictures now vie with glamour-girl art as servicemen's pin-up favorites. Instead of photos of scantily-clad actresses and artists' sketches with the accent on legs—which dominated barracks' walls in the early days of the war—the fighting men are turning to pictures which remind them of home. Requests from servicemen for free colored reproductions of the "Back Home for Keeps" series, produced by a silverplate company, have necessitated several extra paintings. Typical is the painting reproduced here, showing a sailor "back home for keeps" with his bride. Even more responsive have been the wives, sweethearts, mothers and sisters of the fighting men, who see in the paintings the portrayal of their dreams. Requests for copies are averaging nearly 5,000 a week.

## THIS COLLEGIATE WORLD

By Associated Collegiate Press

Conversation is a wonderful thing, but there are times when one wishes that men never learned to talk. So think Nelly Clark, Muskegon senior, and Jene Geyer, Battle Creek junior at Michigan State College. Sunday evening they tried to study for their respective tests but were constantly interrupted by bubbling sorority sisters who wanted to talk over the good times of the weekend. Finally, in desperation they posted this sign outside their door: "So glad you had a good time. We did, too. Have tests tomorrow, so good-night."

"You can read the whole history of an Indian in his name," N. K. A. Iyer, new arrival from India at the University of Washington said in explaining his own name which reads in full—N. K. Ananthanarayana Iyer.

"The Iyer is the caste name. Ananthanarayana is the name of a god and corresponds to your Christian name. It means 'the infinite.' The initials signify the birthplace and father's name. My family call me Anatha," he added smiling.

A young man to be studying for his doctor's degree, only 23, Iyer is a slim fellow of medium height with sensitive hands and large gray-green eyes. He was married just prior to his trip to the United States.

Holder of a master's degree in forestry from the University of Mysore in India, Iyer was given a scholarship to study for his doctorate in the University of Washington's school of forestry.

The first time he has been out of India, Iyer arrived in the United States just ten days ago. Previous to his visit here, he was employed in the forestry department of the Indian government. On his return to India, he will do research work for the department.

"Student life in India is not like it is here," says Iyer. "Indian students are not interested in politics like American and British students are. They are more interested in social welfare activities. Only a few of the people can read and write. The majority of the people are too poor to go to school."

## Birthdays

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what with transportation difficulties, corns, classes, and general principles. The cake was ordered and arrived a day late. Perhaps that was what made our birthday girl register such surprise when she saw it. Apparently she thought we had forgotten her.

Just seeing her face light up as radiant as a harvest moon rewarded us a hundredfold for our trouble. That is, it rewarded all two of those on the committee; the cake rewarded the rest of us.

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## Gifford Letter

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day living among our fellows? This is the sort of challenge to which I welcome you at the outset of a new year. The greatest opportunities for learning and for service of any generation of students are ours.

What are some of these present opportunities? A library with shelves crowded with good books, the best writings of the world's leaders of thought and action! A faculty of experienced people, glad to use their time for counsel on any important matter! Lectures, entertainments, clubs, the Y.W.C.A., assembly, the churches, and last, but not least, your courses which offer almost unlimited opportunity for satisfaction of and development of a wide range of interests! In lieu of any belated new year's resolutions, or of those already broken, let us study to make use of all these challenges to all-round growth. Your assignment and mine until Uncle Sam calls us is to the task in hand. As different as are our talents, each of us can still satisfy St. Paul's injunction to become "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." This is my somewhat belated welcome to our common job of work and preparation in 1945.

## New Books

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a rich treasure of the best anecdotes and stories people have ever tried to palm off as their own. Alexander Woolcott, Bernard Shaw, Jimmy Durante, George Kaufman and Moss Hart and others sparkle and crackle through its pages. What it adds up to is a savings account of laughter that will tide the reader over any sort of depression.

**The Leaning Tower and Other Stories**, by Katherine Ann Portor, is a collection of nine short stories by one of the most exquisite stylists and subtle and penetrating writers of our times. Best of all of them is "The Downward Path of Wisdom," a piquant and bitter study of a little child's first contact with the cruelty of the world.

The style is perfect, and all the stories are both terrible and wonderful.

**The Curtain Rises**, by Quentin Reynolds, records the author's 1943 experiences on the various war fronts; Trinidad, Cairo, Palestine, Russia, and Italy. It includes sketches of important people he met, from General Eisenhower to Bob Hope. It is absorbing, intelligent, entertaining, and enlightening reading.

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## Old-New Girl Basketball Game Is Set For Tonight At 7:30

Tonight is the big night, girls, so come one, come all. The occasion? It is the annual Old-Girl-New Girl basketball tournament. Place? Reed gym at 7:30 p. m. Another added attraction will be music furnished by the "Lost Chords."

## Cobb To Speak Wednesday On "Building The Peace"

Mr. Stanwood Cobb will speak in assembly, Wednesday, January 24, states Mr. Conrad T. Logan, chairman of the assembly committee.

Mr. Cobb, whose subject will be "Building the Peace," replaces Mr. Arthur Goldman of Woodrow Wilson hospital who had formerly been engaged to speak next Wednesday.

## Va. Education

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the State comes the recommendation that the compulsory education laws be more strictly and uniformly enforced.

"(10) Unmistakable, the hearings revealed that not only are the people of Virginia insistent that better schools be provided as a primary concern of the State, but that they are willing to pay for them through increased taxes, even to the extent of submitting to the unpopular sales tax if resort to that form of financing be necessary."

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Hilda Davis, sports leader for basketball on campus, has released the following dates of the class games to be played: Friday, January 26, Tuesday, February 6, and Friday, February 9.

At tonight's game Connie Lee Thompson will captain the New Girls, and Marjorie Berkeley, the Old Girls.

## McIlraith To Speak At I.R.C. Meeting

The International Relations club announces that Mr. McIlraith, professor of social sciences, will be guest speaker Thursday, January 25 in Wilson hall at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. McIlraith will talk on the "Dumvaron Oaks Proposals and the Place of the United States in World Security Federation."

"The faculty and townspeople are invited to attend. All the students are especially urged to be present because we, as the future of America, will be vitally concerned with the problems of the post-war world."

## Dance Club Bids Issued

German and Cotillion dance clubs have issued bids to freshmen for new members. Goating will be next week.

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