

University Completes Year of Wartime Education

Record Characterized By Widespread Change

By John Baldwin

One year ago today a Congressional declaration plunged the United States into a bloody world-wide holocaust, and Duke University joined itself for wartime education. Almost kaleidoscope in variety and speed, events during the twelve months past have wrought far-reaching changes in every aspect of college life, until today we see a Duke University vastly different from its pre-war normalcy.

What Has Been the Record?

What has been the record for the first year of war? On reflection we see an accelerated program of education, tackled on all sides and not yet vindicated to the satisfaction of the student body. We see the degrading apathy of student attitudes still prevailing, an attitude which has caused enrollment in the SRTC to drop to a fraction of its original number, complete failure of the physical education department's "wartime program" of voluntary conditioning, and a drastic decrease in the East campus AWVS roll. In spite of these stains on the record, however, the story of the past year has been a momentous one, marked by a spirit of sweeping change.

In culling through issues of the Chronicle, dating from that of Tuesday, December 9, which carried stories of student reaction to the declaration of war, and in which head football coach Wallace Wade declared that "unless very unusual circumstances cause postponement of the contest, we will play the Braves on January 1 in the Rose Bowl," to the latest issue from the press of Friday, December 4, which told of an "imminent call for the Army Reserves," and a post-faculty meeting statement by Dean W. H. Wannamaker that no required physical education program would be presented next semester, we see that the course of events has portrayed the war as interpreted by the student body.

Deferments Cause Reserves Close

Among the greatest problems presented by the coming of war has been that of student deferments and student reserve deferments. In mid-February, one year ago, A. S. Brower, campus defense coordinator, stated that although he felt no change in the draft law was imminent, "student deferment is not likely." On Election Day this year, November 2, the college procurement committee of the Army, Navy and Marine reserves visited the campus to enlist men students in the various reserve corps. News of the last weekend of a virtual closing of student reserves to future enlistment, attendant upon the action of the newly created manpower commission.

Last year's TSGA president, Larry Blanchard, was created student air raid warden to supervise sixty-five assistant wardens for the first black-out and air raid drills. The Physical Education department organized a conditioning course, designed to die for lack of student support later in the year as to all intents has the widely-publicized obstacle training course early this fall.

WASAB Popularizes Low-Cost Functions

The Wartime Social Activities board was created in mid-February to improve the stagnant social program by popularizing low-cost functions, and a defense stamp buying-drive plan was inaugurated, shortly to be followed by a similar all-starred patriotic movement. However, post office defense stamps at Duke Station soared 100 percent from December to March.

Wartime exigencies curtailed rushing expenses for the fraternities in mid-February this year. Dr. Wannamaker announced at that time that spring holidays presumably would be eliminated.

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Undergraduates Flock to Summer School

The first summer session under the accelerated program attracted a record number of undergraduates who, endeavoring to finish their graduation requirements, were lured by the ubiquitous arms of the Selective Service, sweltered through twelve weeks of North Carolina heat. Twenty Naval reservists, who had been ordered to report to the service, were released to attend summer school.

Returning undergraduates became ever more war-conscious as Crowell quadrangle, formerly housing undergraduates, echoed to the tramp of soldiers' feet. The Army Finance School had moved in on August 4, a frantic scramble for unreserved rooms resulted, as rooming facilities were taxed beyond capacity to house campus fraternity men and independent students.

Voluntary Training Programs Fall

Echoes of World War I were heard as the newly created SRTC marched on Coombs Stadium field. The 150-member corps has recently dropped to fifty participants. Students disappeared from the campus, and organizations felt leaders were scarce as reserves called to the colors. Casualties among Duke men have now included ten fatalities.

A snowball movement of campus opinion directed towards compulsory physical education for all students in the university, aided by a 33-1 vote of confidence by the Student Senate and causing campus-wide circulation of petitions to the faculty policy committee for a physical education program, melted away of the prospective measure when anxiety mounted as Army reservists appeared to be on the point of entrance into active duty, and non-reserve men reached for bromides as Army Reserve closed.

A wartime Student Chest drive correlated into one mass appeal, thirteen drives formerly made to men and women students. A goal of \$3000 was set up, and recent returns indicated at least \$3500 donated.

The Student Senate took up the cry of the campus housewife for additional food for the hungry. The Student Senate enlisted their blood to aid in civilian and national emergencies.

Last Christmas On Home Shores?

As men students prepare to return to the homes for what may be their last Christmas on home shores, lured by a revised university plan altering the traditional triple cut ritual, the doubling of the Christmas holidays, and returning to their Alma Mater for another year at war. Others, their bags packed and notices of inductions in their pockets, prepare to leave for the front. The Student Senate has decided that December 7 one year hence might see them back at Duke for a resumed college career made the more precious by their personal fight to preserve freedom of education.



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Campus Waits News Of Reserve Status

Classes Honor University Day On Thursday

Duke University Day, anniversary of James B. Duke's signing of the indenture of trust creating the Duke Endowment and Duke University, will be the most important dates in Trinity and Duke history, will be celebrated here Thursday morning at the time of the regular sophomore assembly, and the traditional senior class tree planting ceremony will follow on Friday.

Students and faculty speakers will outline the significance of Duke Day at Thursday's assembly, and letters from Duke alumni in the armed forces may also be read. Although sophomores will be required to attend the meeting, all students from both campuses have been urged to attend.

Senior Class presidents Ray and Bates, and the College and Secondary Schools, said that a naval spokesman at the meeting, when Water College will be added to the row of trees between campuses. Seniors of both campuses are invited to participate in the ceremony at 12:30 p.m.

Student Senate Re-opens Drive To Protect Grass

"Keep off the grass" campaign, which has now become a campus tradition, has been taken up by the Student Senate with Dave Gaillard as chairman to enforce the new rules, although them especially at fraternities.

"Under our plan each fraternity will be held responsible for violations of its individual members," Gaillard said. "Fraternalism whose members consistently insist upon walking on the grass will be reformed as uncooperative."

It is hoped that the proximity of rules will be an incentive for fraternities to enforce the rule upon their members. Gaillard indicated that the "leveled no fraternity desires to be labelled 'uncooperative.'"

Chapman pointed out that the ravage upon lawns would be even greater during the present rainy winter months. Independents will also be held responsible for walking on the grass, Gaillard said, but the present campaign is directed particularly at fraternities, since they have organized through which the senate may work.

The Red Cross Room is open from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

Brower Forecasts Momentary Notice From Authorities

Duke university—administration, faculty, and student body — today awaited the news that was supposed to have been released last Saturday—the complete story of what will happen to college men of draft age, whether in reserve classifications or not.

Two members of the university administration, Dean of Men H. J. Herring and student war adviser A. S. Brower, who returned over the weekend from "information meetings" on the subject, could throw little light on the question.

Mr. Brower, whose trip to Washington, D. C., was a warning to the university warning of early induction and reassignment of college men, today forecast announcement of such a government plan "momentarily."

Dean Herring, who attended a Memphis, Tenn., meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, said that a naval spokesman at the meeting had stressed the fact that the "navy would live up to its commitments" to reservists, no matter what induction is reached on the entire government plan. A tentative Naval plan for college men of 400 men for pre-officer training — with trainees studying English, mathematics, physics, and foreign languages— was also forecast at this meeting.

The government plan forecast by Mr. Brower and Dean Herring would consist of (1) immediate induction into active duty of all eligible men, whether in reserves or not; (2) selection from this group of certain numbers on a basis of intelligence. Callings indicated that the most of this group to colleges and universities throughout the country.

NRCTC units at colleges will be "definitely continued," the naval spokesman at Memphis said, according to Dean Herring. Whether or not they would be expanded was not clear.

Duke Women Make 12,200 Dressings

November production of dressings in the Red Cross Room in East Duke totaled 12,200, figures recently released by Mrs. A. S. Brower, chairman of the project, revealed.

Approximately 300 different women, working a total of 815 hours, made 2,400 hat and 9,800 2-2 1/2 dressings for the Red Cross, and additional hundreds were produced for use in Duke Hospital.

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Nine Campus Debaters Capture Top Honors In Charlotte Meet

Nine campus debaters carried off top honors at the debating contest sponsored by Winthrop College in Charlotte last week. Winning first place in the men's debate were Harvie Braun, Jr., and Barney Brogan, who were undefeated in the six-round tournament.

Free Dots captured first place in the after-dinner-speaking contest. Wallace Hardin McCown was the winner of first place in the contest in extemporaneous speaking.

Robert Morrison won first place in a new event called "Progressive Discussion." This was an hour's discussion which was the opposite of regular debating, in that specific aspects of a debate problem are discussed, with the individuals participating being allowed to change their minds rather than concentrating on either the affirmative or negative side of the question.

Two local coaches reached the finals in the contests. Shirley Beckett came up after dinner speaking as well as extemporaneous speaking, and Dorothy Snyder made the first in the "Progressive Discussion."

In addition to the nine student debaters, the university was represented in the poetry reading group, parliamentary law, impromptu speaking, problem solving, and response to the occasion—oratory.

There were twenty-five debating teams attending the tournament. Of these, three were from Duke. Brauncorn and Brogan composed the first team. Morrison and Stanley Wallace Beckett formed the second team, and a three-man team, Wallace McCown on one side with Charles Dely and McCown and Charles Spots on the other side. One of these teams won four out of seven, the other three out of seven.

The sixteen other colleges represented at the tournament included Winthrop College, Emory and Henry, Carson-Newman, Wingo, Mars Hill, Davidson, Muhlenberg College, University of Alabama, Virginia Institute, Lenoir Rhyne, High Point, University of North Carolina, University of South Carolina, Randolph Macon Woman's College, and Eastern Carolina Teachers' college.



Clyde Allen, a stalwart at center for last year's championship Duke cagers, was one of the few remaining members of the famous "Nerve-a-Bull-Nomus Boys" who carried through the fight for the Blue Devils in 1935. Allen was forced out of action in 1940 because of a wrist injury and last year's captain Billy left when he went into the Air Corps last spring.

Pianist Claudio Arrau To Present Third Concert Here Next Monday

Claudio Arrau, brilliant Chilean pianist, recognized by critics as one of the leading concert performers today, will appear on the All-star Concert series in P.A. Monday, December 14, at 9:15 p.m.

The Latin-American virtuoso is said to be of aristocratic birth, his mother's family being direct descendants of Ponce de Leon. Arrau himself looks the part of the Spanish nobleman, with his fine-featured features. Upon occasion he has been mistaken for British statesman Anthony Eden.

Thirty-nine years old, the artist is a family man with two children. He has acquired the unique hobby of collecting an

Coeds March In WAA Drill

Tramping across the dust of Haines field, marching and turning to the drill lieutenants' commands, one hundred coeds are learning what it is to be participating in the nation's all out war effort.

Sweaters, skirts, and saddle shoes replace the khaki their brothers are wearing, but the volunteers are drilling every Friday afternoon for an hour under the direction of six OCS and Butner lieutenants. Rain or shine, for one hour each week coeds will learn the intricacies on what the men who write to them are talking about.

Designed to aid potential WAACS and WAVES among the student body, and to build up the physical fitness of the girls, the drilling program, throughout in many women's colleges throughout the country, is being sponsored by the WAA.

At the first session last Friday, the coed marchers were divided into five platoons, and were taught the proper reactions to such elementary commands as "Attention," "Dress Right," and "Right Face." A considerable amount of foot trouble was experienced when the command to "About Face" was given, and a complete inspection was struck when the girls were told to turn their hands "at the seams of your trousers."

In spite of these difficulties one of the officers was heard to remark that these willing coeds were catching on quicker than the average soldier. Later members of the student body, cheering the drill, were heard to say, "dreading the day when all coeds, spurred on by these energetic leaders will be the emulation of Fort Pinner men by marching to their 8 o'clock

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members of the SRTC with competent instructors, despite the additional amount of time which the task has required," Osborne stated.

Another reason given by Osborne for a decrease in drill attendance was the inclement weather of the past two weeks. The Student Reserve Training program will end Wednesday evening, December 13, practically a month earlier than originally planned. Originally scheduled to continue until January 10, the program has been cut short because of the nearness of final examinations to the Christmas holidays.

Osborne announced that plans are already under way for a revamped program next spring which will feature advanced training for the men who have finished the course given this fall and will admit new men to the basic training program for the spring.

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Greyhound To Offer Students Buses Northward At Beginning Of Holidays

Transportation worries which have been bothering students ever since the announcement of Christmas vacation were partially alleviated yesterday as Ed Barton, campus Greyhound representative, announced that at least one Greyhound bus will leave the Duke campus for students only at one-twenty p.m. on the afternoons of December 17, 18, 19, and 20, the four days preceding Christmas vacation.

Two buses will leave from the campus on Wednesday and Thursday; one bus will leave on Friday and Saturday.

Southern and Seaboard railroads have completely filled the Saturday bus. A special Duke students' bus will leave Raleigh for Jacksonville, Florida, on Saturday at 7 p.m., Barton said.

Railway transportation difficulties, however, are still unresolved. Officials of both Southern and Seaboard railways yesterday said that no more students are being accepted. Regular coach tickets will have to be bought with no promise that the buyers will get a seat on the coaches.

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By WILLIAM MILLER
The capacity audience who heard the magnificent presentation of the "Messiah" in the university Chapel Sunday afternoon were much to the surprise of the organizers, the

high degree of excellence which the university choir manifested in rendering this cantata. The high degree of quality with which the "Messiah" was sung was also noted by the choir. The influence of the work itself and the setting in which it was

Concurrence of the directing of Mr. Barnes, who in the choir was as directing should be, sincere, direct, and forceful. Numbers of tone were clearly defined, harmonious effects delicately balanced, and the coordination

Yule Party Set For December 16

Duke students, marking time before Christmas vacation, will have an opportunity to celebrate before leaving the campus, at the annual Y-sponsored Christmas party which will be held in the union ballroom on Wednesday night, December 16.

Among the entertainment attractions there will be Al Rocco and his Kamus Klub-men, square-dancing, led by an authentic ball-billy orchestra, and games of skill and chance which will be contested for such prizes as candy bars and lolly pops.

There will be no admission charge, and students are welcome. Festivities will commence promptly at 7 o'clock and curfew will toll at ten.

ROTC Unit Mails Out Invitations To Formal Ball

Invitations to the exclusive Blue-Jacket Ball, annual formal dance sponsored by the Duke Naval ROTC unit, were mailed out today. Approximately 250 of the 300 cadets in the battalion have registered.

The bus is not a special one, he said, but is merely an extra section of the regular bus that leaves Durham at one-twenty-five.

Southern and Seaboard officials recognized that the students' situation should be taken into account. The bus will leave Durham at one o'clock in the morning and at night. The Seaboard train, the Silver Meteor, leaves Raleigh every night at eight forty.

The TSGA will distribute mimeographed schedules for all bus and train departures for the three-day vacation, Friday and Saturday—preceding the vacation, as a campus service, was announced. The distribution will be campus wide.

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of the whole most ably executed. Mr. Barnes' hold on the choir was complete. Duke university may well be proud of this able musician.

The orchestra gave a pronounced "old world" charm to the whole setting, reminding one of the music of the past.

Too much praise cannot be given to John Alexander for his part in the solo work. He was an excellent soloist and his singing was marked by poise, feeling, and good enunciation.

The presentation of Handel's "Messiah" marked the two-hundredth anniversary of its first performance, being first performed in 1742. In this, the chaotic year of 1942, the transcending nature of its theme should bring into sharp focus the real nature and spirit of this Christmas season.

Air Raid Course Closes Thursday

Final session of the campus OCS course for Air Raid defense training will be held Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. in Biology building lecture hall. With hospital staff members acting as lecturers on first aid training principles.

The session will combine course instruction for two evening sessions, owing to the short space of time remaining prior to the Christmas holidays.

The course has been undertaken by sixty-five students and faculty members with approximately 30 attending the series of five first aid lectures. Other course members had already taken training in elementary first aid, which fulfilled the requirements set up by the Local Office of Civilian Defense for the prospective air raid wardens.

Course members have been requested by OCS series officials to bring their manuals on First Aid and Air Raid Preventions to the last session, as well as the triangular practice bandage distributed earlier in the series of lectures.

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Y Fair Will Open Tomorrow On East

Offering a chance for Duke students to do their Christmas shopping right at the foot of the tree, the Y Fair, under the direction of Marybelle Adams, will open for two days tomorrow at the Ark on the East campus.

Among the numerous articles which will be on sale will be books, novelties, war stamps, and other Christmas gifts.

According to Miss Adams, there will be an inter-society cookie contest with Harvey Bullock and Gil Moss as judges. Each society will enter two kinds of cookies which will be judged and then sold after the winners are announced.

The other features will include a fashion show, in which members of the Finance School and Duke men will model the latest fashions, and a game room with various prizes. There will also be fortune telling.

Outstanding feature of the dance will be the presentation of the Navy Queens as per court, which will be composed of the cadet officers' spouses. The Queen is to be elected by the popular vote of the members of the ROTC unit. The man will be announced. Her identity will remain unknown until she makes her appearance at the Ball, where she will be crowned by Battalion Commander Ben Gatt.

Another distinctive feature of the Ball will be a Grand March. The Queen is to be elected by Shirley Decker. The march will proceed under an archway of crossed sabers.

Decorations for the dance will be decidedly nautical in theme. The decorations committee has prepared an elaborate display, he added.

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