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Faculty, Students Mourn

Death of Professor Coad

William J. Coad, for thirteen years Professor of Violin at Ithaca College, died suddenly at his home on December 29. He had been ill only a few hours.

Born in Sydney, Australia, Professor Coad was well known both as an outstanding violinist and teacher. He graduated from the Royal Academy of Music in Sydney and studied under Severik and Cecar Thomson, world-famous violin masters, in Europe. For seven years he was on the faculty of the State Conservatory in Sydney and at St. Ignatius College. In 1924 he came to the United States, teaching five years in the Manhattan School of Music, New York City, before coming to Ithaca College.

At various times he had been Commencement guest at the State Universities in Sydney and a first violinist with the New York Symphony.

Professor Coad is the author of a violin method and of a book called Musical Analogies. An improved, chin rest of his invention has been widely accepted by professional violinists.

On January 9 Prof. Coad was to have participated in a joint recital with Prof. Richard Gore, organist of Cornell University. On that date, Prof. Gore gave an organ recital in memory of the artist whom so many students of Ithaca College remember with highest regard.

I. C. Students Asked To Help Save Light and Coal

Virtual sabotage is being enacted by almost all of us these cold days. It has recently been disclosed that coal, that most vital of war commodities, in so many ways directly related to the war effort, is being unconsciously and almost heedlessly wasted by Ithaca College students. On these bitterly cold winter days, it is the practice of the furniture boards and of the dormitories to stoke furnaces to top heat capacity, in order to permit boarders to regulate their room temperatures according the their own desires. It is the careless habit of a great many students to regulate the heat by opening windows instead of shutting off the radiators, thereby, wasting large quantities of the precious material. Most of us are offenders also in utilizing electric lights to burn unnecessarily. Let's keep our windows shut and our lights off. Remember: coal generates heat. Coal generates light. And today, coal is the essence of battle.

Independent Thinking

Recently in the St. Louis Post Dispatch there appeared a cartoon by Fitzpatrick depicting four over-cortulent gentlemen, who represented the Labor Bloc, Farm Bloc, Oil Bloc, and Anti-Higher Tax Bloc. The caption underneath read "Our New National Anthem," and the men were lustily singing "My Country 'Tis of Me." The meaning of this cartoon becomes clear when one considers the selfish aims of the many blocs in Congress, and the fight of labor against the war effort.

Walter Lippman has said, "The underlying cause of the trouble in this country is that we are applying one standard of morals, of values, of duty, and of rights to the men and women of the armed forces and a different standard to the civilians ... No one has ever worked out a just system of economic payments for the Marines at Tarawa. No one has been foolish enough to try . . ."

No doubt all students who are aware of this situation agree with the statement, but how much are they actually doing to alleviate the problem?

One of the appalling things we can't help noticing after a vacation at home where everyone is so vitally interested with matters and important that it is almost impossible to think that students here are so concerned with "saying lines or playing notes on a piano" that they lose sight of anything outside of their own little sphere.

What is this impregnable barrier that so many college students have put around themselves? Is this a wall of ignorance, indifference, or pure selfishness?

Most students know that we are at war with the Japs and Germans, but just how much more about the world situation are they aware of? It is natural and right to be aware of those things which concern us immediately and directly. But there are also things going on in our nation's capitol which are of vital, even personal, importance to us, and we are entirely oblivious of them.

How can we hope to become educators, or even well-informed citizens, if we adopt this apathetic attitude during one of the most precarious periods in our nation's history?

We must realize that each of us is personally concerned and responsible for all actions taken by our government. Responsible seems like a strong word, but in a democracy it is the right word. As students it is our duty to educate ourselves in the working of the government, so that we can take our place as thinking citizens of a democracy.

For instance we must remember that a democratic government operates only because citizens make known their opinions to representatives in the legislative body. How many of us, even if we had anything to say about these matters, would know where to write to make our opinions known? To our Congressman! But who is he, and where is he? How many of us know?

Many of us are aware that there are dangerous racial and religious prejudices abroad today. Have we taken a stand on this problem? Is our stand an intelligent one based on a careful examination of the facts and an objective evaluation of them? Or are we blindly "following the leader"? Watch for this. In much discussed book Undercover it is pointed out that most of the subversive groups begin by agitating for the removal of all Jews and non-Christians.

Another challenge to our ability to think for ourselves will come with the next Presidential election when many of us will vote for the first time. How many students will vote differently from their parents? Do we know the differences in the Republican and Democratic parties? Assuming that the two candidates were to be Willkie and Roosevelt, would we know where their policies are similar, and where they differ? It's up to us to find out!

We object to the Congressional blocs that selfishly undermine the welfare of our country, but in ignoring many of the vital issues we are merely following their example.

Is it too much for anyone to give fifteen minutes or a half hour?

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Dear Johnnie,

Well, we've just breezed (?) through all of our final exams, and now with a sigh of relief we stagger into a new semester. And now here's just oodles of news about a lot of people that we haven't heard anything from in a long time.

On Friday, January 21, Kappa Gamma Psi will sponsor an informal dance in the gym from 9 to 11. Music will be provided by two bands.

The departure of Otto Miller and Andrew Norton, president and vice-president respectively, has necessitated a mid-term election in the fraternity. The new officers, who will take over duties immediately, are: See, chief executive officer; Al Korkosz; Secretary-Treasurer, Kenneth Nathanson; Corresponding Secretary, Keith Connes; Pledgemaster, Warren Roberts; Chaplain, Gerald Leonard; Sergeant-at-Arms, John Richardson; and Historian and Social Chairman, Bernard Shtrin.

This compulsory W.S.G.A. party will be in the nature of a farewell to the freshmen of which there are about a dozen—several of whom appear to be buried in the corporation secret files. There will be no admission charge, refreshments will be served, and a dance, prepared by the freshmen representative, will be given. There are also plans for a "sweater and tie" affair from 8:30 to 10:30. There will be round and square dancing, and refreshments, too.

Speaking of the men of Phi Mu Alpha reminds me that word has reached home from the (hole) Rexroads who is about to celebrate his 2nd year in the army. "Gee" is in the Medical Corps—a basic training lieutenant.

Our own Dr. McGaw (now a Lt. in the Navy) is teaching English at Annapolis. Frank Shaw dropped a line the other day saying that the show he had been touring with has closed and that he now is stationed at McClellan Field, Sacramento, Cal. His address is from 10 M. til midnight, and during the day he attends business college.

On the disaffection side we hear that Mary Klaboe is now a member of the WAVES and is stationed in Chicago.

Incidentally, anyone trotting up to Mrs. Broughton's office can see a brand new picture of Bruce Flaherty, who is an ARM 3/c still stationed at Norfolk, Va. He is due to see Ruth Studd and Biff De Santolo around school again. Russ is the proud papa of a brand new baby girl, "Mama" is the former Betty Worth.

Who said that Ithaca College graduates don't get around? Down in Honolulu Howie Johnson came across Arthur Vold, class of '37 who is teaching English at the University of Hawaii.

Wandering around the lobby these days are several people with rather bewildered expressions on their faces; these, no doubt, are the new freshmen of which there are about a dozen—several in all departments.

The school has reason to be proud of Betty Jane Kohler who is now a member of the regular company of the Pasadena playhouse in California, (which means that she is not there in a student capacity).

Mist say "bye bye" for now, Johnnie, and get to work on some of those incomplete—for all this is the beginning of a new semester. Oh, the problems of civilian life!

Sweet dreams—you'll hear from us soon . . .

Cute Canine Cuts Capers

Frosh Plays Tomorrow

A group of three one-act plays will be presented on Saturday evening by the freshman class at 8:15 in the College Theatre by the Freshmen of the Drama Department. They will be directed by Charles Pinto and George Horsman, with Al Korkosz, secretary and Ellen Drake. The program will begin at 8:15. There will be no admission charge, and the public is cordially invited to attend.