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Reprinted from the December issue of Esquire. "Going down?"

A Limitation Opinion

It is unfortunate that the officials of the University of Kentucky have to spend so much of their time answering suits and engaging in useless controversies regarding the operation of the institution during the present period when so many co-educational schools are having difficulty keeping from going under altogether. The impact of the war on educational institutions has been great and some of those which did not have the support of federal funds in army and navy training programs were forced to suspend.

Measuring Up!

Reminiscently speaking, do you remember the old days when one came to University dances, was asked to dance by one boy, then at the end of the dance, was introduced to another boy, who danced till the end of the piece, then repeated the process, etc. Things are tough all over, but don't you think the boys who attend dances these days could revive this old tradition and make our present day dances better in every way? Girls may enjoy doing all the breaking, but after a time it becomes tiresome. The well-known phrase: "I got the biggest rush tonight," has changed from feminine to masculine—don't you think our men could assume their old roles of being man, not the belle of the ball?

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Secretary Explains Function Of UK's Social Committee

Office of the Social Director, November 28, 1944. Editor, Kentucky Kernel, Lexington, Kentucky. Dear Editor: There seems to be some confusion in the minds of the students concerning the University Social Committee as evidenced by an item in "Measuring Up!" in the November third issue of The Kernel. The members of the Social Committee feel that since this confusion appears to be campus-wide, they would like to clarify and explain its constitution, functions and jurisdiction. The Social Committee is not a Student Union Committee, as was intimated in the above-mentioned item, but is an all-University committee appointed by the President and composed of faculty members and representatives of all major student organizations. The Dean of Women has been appointed chairman by the President. The functions of this Committee are to clear all extra-curricular events, both faculty and student, to prevent conflicts of major or all-campus events, and to plan a balanced extra-curricular program on the campus. The Committee cannot successfully carry out these functions unless all organizations cooperate by clearing the affairs they plan. At the end of each quarter they are asked to submit to the Social Director requests for dates during the coming quarter as well as the dates of regularly scheduled meetings. A calendar is made up of those dates approved by the Committee. The organizations are notified that their requests have been granted, or if denied, an open date is suggested. If events are planned after the calendar is made up, the Social Director is notified. The joy of receiving a copy was soon forgotten as I read the account of Bob Ammon's death on the battlefield of France. Though it happened some time ago, it was news to me here. I still can't realize it's actually true—as with other classmates, it just doesn't seem possible. Not long ago Bob wrote that he would much rather argue about big game birds on campus than guess which German bullet had his name on it—somehow he knew it was coming. Reputed as one of Kentucky's most outstanding graduates and certainly one of The Kernel's most certain editors, Bob never lost his keen sense of humor or fair play no matter how adverse the situation was or how severe his critics. He was indeed everything I and others had ever hoped to be. A Phi Beta Kappa with "down to earth" opinion, he knew no fear in telling the world what he thought best. Bob died with thousands of others in defense of that right. As a closer friend than most people thought, I would like to say that The Kernel's tribute to Bob—which he so rightly deserved—will always be remembered. ED BARNES, 2nd Lt. Air Corps.

Former Graduate Pays Tribute To Bob Ammons

Editor of the Kernel: Recently a September issue of The Kernel found its way across the mountains to the desert of California. The joy of receiving a copy was soon forgotten as I read the account of Bob Ammon's death on the battlefield of France. Though it happened some time ago, it was news to me here. I still can't realize it's actually true—as with other classmates, it just doesn't seem possible. Not long ago Bob wrote that he would much rather argue about big game birds on campus than guess which German bullet had his name on it—somehow he knew it was coming. Reputed as one of Kentucky's most outstanding graduates and certainly one of The Kernel's most certain editors, Bob never lost his keen sense of humor or fair play no matter how adverse the situation was or how severe his critics. He was indeed everything I and others had ever hoped to be. A Phi Beta Kappa with "down to earth" opinion, he knew no fear in telling the world what he thought best. Bob died with thousands of others in defense of that right. As a closer friend than most people thought, I would like to say that The Kernel's tribute to Bob—which he so rightly deserved—will always be remembered. ED BARNES, 2nd Lt. Air Corps.

Three UK Men Meet In France For Reunion

France, October 21, 1944. Editor, The Kernel: It is not a common occurrence when three former college-mates of U. of K. get together to talk things over, but it is, we think, a coincidence when the fourth joins in. This has actually happened when somewhere in France, Lanier, Agriculture, and Elwood Lanter, Pre-Med (brothers) got together. In our discussion we all expressed our hopes of returning to our old Alma Mater to complete our studies as soon as the job is completed. While we are trying to do our job here, which we know is not too much, we hope that you will keep the doors open in order that we may continue our studies upon our return. We haven't experienced quite anything like the odiferous odor of the French Mademoiselle but we still prefer the Kentucky girls with plain Hoegaart perfume. After visiting "Gay Paree," we will have to admit that New York City will have plenty of competition for the style center of the world. Even in times such as these, the women are very fashionably dressed and the streets and stores are immaculate—of course the windows are dimmed, and the newly decorated stores are new. We are wishing you the very best school year and hope to see you at the Christmas formal—this year. Pvt. Elwood Lanter, Pvt. Dawson Lanter, Pfc. Eague K. White, Lt. Gene Crawford

THE SALT SHAKER

By Billie Fisher. It's our guess that in a few years Broadway will no longer be famous as a theatrical center. People won't say, "Have you seen any plays on Broadway recently?" but "Have you seen any plays on Euclid recently?" Nothing we could say would completely express our delight with Guignol's Junior Miss. When we started out for the theater on opening night, we had no intention of enjoying the production, for we had already seen it on Broadway, and had appeared in it in high school. BUT we were so thrilled with it that we went back and saw it again the following night. Our heartiest congrats go to Director Wally Briggs, who was without a doubt the most uncomfortable person in the audience on opening night. Wally crossed his fingers when the show started, and didn't uncross them until the show was over, three hours later! In one of the scenes, the mother, after learning that the family income would be greatly reduced, said to her husband that her older daughter would have to go to Hunter college instead of Smith. And the father replied, "The boys are going to miss her at Yale." A woman sitting behind us missed his line and asked her friend to repeat it. On the second floor of a hardware store, I saw a sign that read, "It's an old tradition at Grinnell College, Ia., not to have a date for the Friday night basketball games." "Basketball games are not for dates; they are for crowds."

What Goes On There..

By Dora Lee Robertson. In the confines of the AWS lounge at the University of Washington there is small, inoffensive brown door marked "Date Bureau." All a fellow has to do is describe his dream girl and no matter how peculiar his desires may be, he'll have a chance to meet her the following Friday. BLACK Black shadows steal down from the sky. When darkness creeps down from the sky, it is a very tall skyscraper, I sighing a baby skyscraper. On such dark nights the black thoughts of one's past creep up to smother and choke in the damp, black darkness. The classified section of the Northwestern University's daily recently contained an ad which stated that for a nominal fee a capable person would write themes for any hard-pressed student. Those interested were to call 7000 and ask for Frank. One eager student called the number and offered his proposition before he discovered that he was talking to Frank Snyder, president of the university. Penthouse, University of Washington's unique arena-style theatre, is receiving another touch of originality. The auditorium which is built with the stage directly in the middle of the room is surrounded with a circular foyer. A professor of the school of arts is now decorating the foyer walls with murals in tempera opaque water colors depicting a circus motive. I'm a little rushed today. More homework than I've had in ages. I tried to find more time to write. But managed only fifteen pages. Keeping my mind on studies.

NEW CAMERA "SHOOTS" FLYING PROJECTILES

WHEN Army ballistics experts needed to photograph speeding rockets, scientists at Bell Telephone Laboratories built the special "ribbon-frame" camera. Their experience came from making high speed cameras to study tiny movements in telephone equipment parts. The new camera gets its name from the narrow slit that exposes a ribbon of film at a speed of one ten-thousandth of a second. These "stills," taken on ordinary film, show a fast flying P-47 firing its underwing rocket. This is an example of the many ways Bell System research is helping to provide better weapons, better equipment for war and peacetime telephone service.

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