

I. Introduction

In one of the islands of the South Pacific was a chaplain who was interested in finding out what the men thought they were fighting for. In a lull between battles the chaplain went up to a group of men in one of the fox holes and asked, "What do you want most?" "Man - a piece of blueberry pie"! At first the chaplain thought the answer was utterly irrelevant. But the more he thought about it the more he was convinced the marine had said something. "A piece of blueberry pie." It was a symbol. (apple strudel)

He wanted peace.

He wanted home.

He wanted freedom to do a lot of things:

Ride in auto.

Lie on campus lawns or

Lie in sunshine on beach.

He wanted home-protected and secure.

He wanted mother - who could cook blueberry pie.

He wanted the things all good Americans want. (at the center of what he wanted most was

What do you and I want most? *Now what do you young people from other lands want most? the freedom & encouragement to dream dreams. He wanted opportunity to help make his dreams come true.*

The marine gave the answer.

How badly do we want the things we want most?

we think now

we do now

we plan to do tomorrow and the coming tomorrows.

II. You as citizens determine what shall be the shape of things to come.

1. But what is the shape of things to come? Our basic American belief, the thing for which we are fighting, is that the shape of things to come must be determined by the people. - Every man must have a voice, and that voice must be the expression of opinion derived from a deliberate intelligent study of the pertinent facts.

This war is a dramatic moment in civilization when one system of ideas is in a life and death grips with another. Everything that is happening now is influencing in some way our thinking, our values, and the structures and services of all our institutions. Our homes, our ways of making a living, our community organizations, our political life are all tremendously affected.

What changes shall we permit to become permanent? What services and ideas shall we sponsor as necessary war emergency activities, but

plan vigorously to discontinue after the war is over? In what directions should we travel? All these questions must be decided by the people. We must not depend upon centralized authority alone. The American tradition is to use government to carry out the will of the people. Consequently, if this tradition is to be perpetuated, and that is really what we are fighting for, now as never before people must have facts and more facts. They must have opportunities to become familiar with the opinions and thinking of other people.

2. College is supported by the people to help young citizens get the knowledge, the skills, the powers, and the willingness to serve which are necessary to give shape to the things that are to come - to get a big piece of blueberry for ourselves and for others who follow us in the future.

III. You have a patriotic duty to train your intellect, to clarify your philosophy or system of values, to equip yourselves to make this world a better place for yourselves and others wverywhere.

1. A college is essentially a serious place.

You need to develop long-range goals.

You need to analyze your present beliefs, attitudes, and habits - take a personal inventory.

2. Are you as willing to use your time and energy to achieve the objectives of college education, as are our fighting men in achieving military objectives? Today, the student who is an unpatriotic selfish parasite.

3. How about your attitude toward study?

- a. A book seems dry - so does an assignment, unless watered by a purpose.

Your job is to identify yourself with the purposes for which assignments in books are made - And no alibis!

- b. The thing that is important is what is happening to you when the book is open.

IV. You have actually entered a new phase of your life today.

1. Adult in college - society of adults - students and faculty.
2. We depend upon students to control and keep traditions.
 - a. Lawns
 - b. Beaches
 - c. Parking lot
3. Freedom - so you can learn to use it - to grow up - be under own steam; cooperation; group regulation; group thinking; student-faculty organization to make things go.

V. Characterize college as friendly place.

1. Symbolizes democracy - respect and recognition. Smiles must go two ways.
Yours to develop and continue tradition.

VI. May I indulge in just a few admonitions?

1. Get started right now - with first assignments.
2. Organize and budget your time.
3. Get a proper balance of work and recreation, tipped more toward the work side.
4. When any question bothers you seek help.
5. Find some definite organized way to make a direct personal contribution to the war effort now.
6. Keep ever alive in your minds and imaginations the image of the person you want to become.
7. If your induction is anticipated, work hard until the last minute - refunds.
8. Life is serious - but let's smile.

Remember - You are here to

- (a) "Enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand."
- (b) You are here to get the equipment to enable you intelligently to give the shape of things to come.
- (c) You are here to learn how to get for yourself and others a "piece of blueberry pie!"
