

The United States entered World War II during the 1941-42 school year. For countless high school seniors future plans and dreams were postponed "for the duration." Many enlisted in the armed forces, rather than wait to be drafted.

The 1942 CULMEN described James Muir as "short, bashful and quiet" with a desire to attend college to study mining engineering. President of the Class of '42, Jim deferred college for military service.

James Muir became a statistic, instead of an engineer, as the only member of the class of 1942 to serve and die in combat in World War II.

As our nation confronts foreign combat possibilities in the Middle East in 1990, perhaps members of the Class of 1991 will pause to contemplate their futures, as James Muir did 50 years ago.

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