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Above all, the Collegian will be tolerant. For in tolerance there is reason and there is might.

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DEATH TAKES A HOLIDAY

WAR HUNG over the European continent like a cloud of death last month.

Adolf Hitler was clamoring for Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland, England, France, Russia, Italy, Poland, Hungary, Rumania—all were digging in for the "inevitable." Soldiers were being rushed to the most vulnerable frontier points. Sandbags were being piled about strategic buildings as a precaution against expected attacks. Gas masks were being clamped on all civilians. Preparations for lightning-like exaction from danger spots were being made.

And all the while, Britain's Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain played patty-foot with Hitler, listened to his demands, finally capitulated to them when they seemed closer to reality than Old Man's hands at midnight.

Yet, in the welcomed breathing spell that followed, Americans were wont to hold in their souls a bitter dislike of Britain's "cowardice."

Sunday night the whole American continent stood up and listened.

The radio suddenly boomed out that New Jersey had been invaded that gas was rising from the Jersey swamps choking off every bit of humanity in its wake, that 7,000 soldiers had been annihilated, that hysterical people had jam-packed Times Square, fleeing in disorder; that ships were steaming out of New York harbor with thousands of refugees; that black fumes of death were seeping through the White Way.

In a moment, the night became a fantastic dream—eerie, horrible, unbelievable.

Americans faintly remembered Americans prayed, Americans bade reluctant farewells to friends and prepared to flee or die. Then from the loudspeakers came the announcement: "This is the CBS presentation of 'The War of the Worlds' by Orson Welles."

And we thought the Britons were cowards when they ran away from war.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

LAST WEEK, after completion of the major preliminaries, the freshman political campaign got into full swing with the 1942 Campus Clique's appointment of two vitally important committees—one to recommend nominations for class officers, the other, to recommend a platform.

Next week, these committees are scheduled to present the results of their studies to their representatives.

Now a few years back this matter may not have been of much importance to any of the students other than those who were members of the committees or of the clique itself.

Today, however, it is of prime importance not only to committee members, not only to the clique, but to every member of the freshman class and even to the student body as a whole.

For today there exists on this campus a new and an enlightened student attitude toward student problems, an attitude which has aided materially in lifting campus politics to a more decent and more sensible level.

And it is because of this fact—because of the great improvement noted in campus politics during the past two years or so—that the matter becomes of such importance.

It is important, most of all, because it will show just which way the political winds are blowing in the Class of '42.

If the committees choose to follow the prevailing political thought and dwell more on issues than on personalities, then all is good and well.

If the committees choose, however, to shun issues, and dwell instead on personalities, then the time will have come to move quickly and forcefully to crush the rebirth of gutter politics and insure the continued betterment of student welfare.

HMMM!

USING THE logic employed by some people hereabouts, the Collegian is expecting to see any minute a concerted drive to oust Ossie Solem as coach at Syracuse University. Any reference to persons living or dead is purely coincidental.

OLD MANIA

Houseparty Hell Raising:

The Big Weekend has come and went with no casualties, just as many drunks, and the worst looking crop of imports in years. Luckiest house Friday night were KDR, DTD, and Theta Kappa Phi. Something went wrong in the Power Plant leaving the three houses lightless. From 10:15 to 11:30 the boys and girls were dancing by candlelight. Plenty of embarrassment when the lights went on. Jack Woods and Bob Wetterau were doing all right with a couple of Indiana Normal School teachers over the weekend. Acacia had the best band Saturday night. Smoothest looking guy at houseparty was the boy who tripped barefoot through the Corner Room dressed in tails. Johnny Pearce got back into College for a little socializing to see Anne Stumman. Hermione Hunt and Paul Dean were skipping happily down Allen St. Sunday night. Music, beer, good liquor to have such a lasting effect.

Ask The Boyfriend:

In philosophy 7 class Friday, Aristotle's disciple, Dottieter, was explaining that subjective idealism is a series of sensations or experiences. Carol (Phi Mu piexy) McConnell piped up, "Am I real or just an experience?"

Spirit of Brotherhood:

Eddie Feinblatt, phi ep pretty boy, and his date had tickets for Saturday's game in different sections of the stand. Eddie couldn't convince the usher to let him sit next to his love so Dud Hoffmoff walked down to stodge Irv Supow and borrowed his usher's label. Feinblatt and date were ushered by fate to seats on the 50 yard line.

Brotherhood: Add 1

Harvey Seavy vaded into the Alphachisg kitchen the other day and saw Brother Rooter bent over a table talking to Cater Caldwell. Seavy planted his foot on the seat of Rooter's pants in no over a table talking to Cater Caldwell. Seavy won't be eating this week because Rooter wasn't Rooter, but a food salesman.

The Honest Crook:

Phi Sigma Kappa pledge Lowell Williams lent his dad's car to pledge brother Kimber Grimm Friday night. Grimm left the keys and all in front of the Beta house. When he came out he could find no car. Saturday night there was the car in front of the Beta house again, intact and with a couple of gallons of gas still in the tank.

War Scare Effect No. 9954321:

(CENSORED)

Sunrise on Mt. Nittany:

Pete Ginet, Lee Morrison's import, took Lee home to Atherton Hall Saturday night at 3. When he came back for her at 5 a. m., Lee was still sleeping. He sat down on the back steps of the dorm for a brief snooze. Our everwatchful Campus Con found him there and was ready to arrest him for vagrancy. Lee finally arrived at 6:30.

Maternity Ward:

There's a new name for the Alpha Zeta farmers. Ever since their mascot, "Lady," had a litter of six pups on Bruce Beecher's bed, the AZ house is called the Campus Maternity home.

You Figure It Out:

Melville must have been thinking of Lepley's psych 2 course when he wrote this in Moby Dick. "An attempted delineation of chaos bewitched."

Horsing Around:

Last year phi gam's Bus Anderson had a horse and buggy. This year Bus neglected to bring the horse back (pun unintentional) with him. But the Phi Gam's still go out for buggy rides. The fresh supply the horse power.

These Are The Christmas Cards You Have Been Reading About

BROWSING THROUGH THE 1938 AMERICAN ARTIST GROUP CHRISTMAS CARD CATALOGUE IS LIKE WALKING THROUGH THE ART GALLERIES AND VIEWING THE FINEST PICTURES IN THE COUNTRY. HERE ARE ASSEMBLED EXQUISITE REPRODUCTIONS OF OIL PAINTINGS, WATER COLORS, ETCHINGS, AND LITHOGRAPHS BY SOME OF THE OUTSTANDING ARTISTS IN AMERICA SO RICH AND DIVERSE IN SUBJECT MATTER THAT IT AFFORDS SATISFACTION FOR EVERY CONCEIVABLE VARIETY OF GOOD TASTE.

Some of the Artists

Adolph Dehn Lee Townsend
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 Jonas Lie John Steuart Curry
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 Waldo Pierce Arnold Blanch
 Mabel Dwight Agnes Tait

And Many Others Sold Only At
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Lingnan University Undamaged As Fire Destroys Most Of Canton

Lingnan University at Canton, South China, was undamaged during the disastrous fire that leveled most of the city last week, according to United Press reports received yesterday.

Immediately after the Japanese capture and occupation of Canton last week, huge fires broke out and continued unchecked throughout the week after destroying the business districts and many other sections of the city. Shamen Island, foreign residential section opposite central Canton, narrowly escaped destruction.

Lingnan's campus and buildings are at present serving as a refuge for destitute Chinese women and children.

United States sailors are now guarding the University, the New York office of the U. S. S. Mindanao, a small gunboat with a crew of approximately 60 officers and men. The Mindanao has been stationed at Canton for the protection of American citizens and property since the Japanese land and naval campaign against Canton began.

A shallow draft vessel, the Mindanao is of the same type as the ill-fated Panay which was bombed and sunk by Japanese warplanes in the Yangtze River Dec. 13 last. Also on duty at Canton are British gunboats.

The Washington bureau of the U. P. reports that the U. S. State Department has received no word as to the situation at Lingnan but the mere absence of reports indicates that the University escaped conflagration.

Living N. Linnell, United States Consul General at Canton, has reported to the State Department that all of the Americans in the Canton area are safe. Among them is G. Weidman Groff '07, dean of agriculture at Lingnan and well known here as "Daddy" Groff.

Dean Ralph L. Watts, of the School of Agriculture and a member of the American board of trustees of Lingnan, states that "Daddy" Groff is now in Hongkong, a British crown colony near Canton. Watts declared that the last word he had received from the New York office of the board of trustees was that the students and staff of Lingnan had left the campus and the University had been designated a civilian refuge.

Traditionally known for 27 years to students here as "Penn State in China," Lingnan has received continuous financial aid from the College. All collections taken up in Sunday Chapel services go for the support of Lingnan. Last year Lingnan received \$2,697.40 from Penn State.

FOOT LIGHTS

When an audience likes a show, it must be good. And the audience definitely liked "College Album" Saturday night.

The Thespians and Glee Club teamed up to put on the best musical comedy the campus has seen since "Pardon My Glove," a couple of seasons ago. It was divided into two distinct parts. The first act was a series of takeoffs on phases of campus life. The second was an hilarious burlesque of "Romeo and Juliet" by the Glee club.

The College Medley for the opening number fitted in perfectly after the Syracuse victory. It reminded the audience of the glorious afternoon and put them in the mood to enjoy anything if the score had been reversed, the audience would have reacted differently. It was a real thrill to hear the Glee Club sing the College songs, and it was also a thrill of a different kind to see that cheerleading chorus, ably led by lovely Barbara Thiel. The novel routine was well-executed and entertaining.

The football bit went over big, thanks to Bud Yanofsky, Cully Pomeoy, that two-ton tackle, and Joe Dobb. The audience was so receptive, they even laughed at that sad Peaco crack. The "Star Dust" number wasn't too good, although the ballet was fun.

The Old Man chimes struck right just in time to help the Bells of St. Mary's parody on the Artists' Course. This number brought more applause than any other bit, and Marge Stinger sure did put them in the aisle.

Platinity men enjoyed the takeoff on rushing. It exaggerated actual lead-pipe rumors in fratinity rushing and registered in high numbers on the applause meter. Someone in properties slipped up when they forgot to tell the usher to take his pledge button off.

We'll take that course in Spanish anytime from Lois Jane Hunt. This castmate number was well-executed, but you shouldn't be afraid to smile, Lois. What happened to the Classroom Kapers, "Lit"? We don't remember seeing it, and we don't remember falling asleep.

The digs at Letzell and the boy-ough council were really good. That boy Yanofsky was even a better Letzell than Letzell is. College Pion helped make the show last longer, but that's about all. The Small Fry number was very popular with the audience and with us, too. The Jamin' and Yamin' made us want to shag up the aisle, but we were held back.

Wee Willy Shakespeare is probably getting dizzy from turning over in his grave after the Glee Club entertainingly murdered his "Romeo and Juliet" in the second part of the show. Sammy Gallu's voice was superb, and Sammy was right in there, too. His ad libbing as Romeo, together with that of Phil Rhodes, the nurse, stole the show. Boyd Bell as Juliet and Walt Llewellyn as the apothecary gave exceptionally good performances. The singing of the Glee Club made us leave unsatisfied. We liked it so much we wanted to hear more.

If we were going to pass out awards, we would see that Bud Yanofsky, Sammy Gallu, Joe Dobb, Marge Stinger, the bass-diddle, Ruth Marcus for her shagging and the whole Glee Club received two apiece for their outstanding performances. Gordy Thomas and Maurice Feldbaum deserve three apiece for writing the bits, and five apiece for the football team for beating Syracuse.

Co-Edits

Winifred M. Watson '40 has been named acting junior member of Judicial Committee in place of Justice M. McPhail '40. Jane A. Stanton '42 was elected secretary of Freshman Council.

Pledging and initiations are again a highlight in fraternity activities. Chi O's pledged Alan Lobach '41. Kappas initiated Jane Anderson '39 and four sophomores: Mary Clinger, Bee McKechnie, Penny Nichols Ritts, and Pauline Swelgart. A O P's will initiate Betty Lee Cannon '39, Mabel Goss '40, and Edith Burage, Alice Jonato, Evelyn Lapham and Matty Meschko '41 on Monday.

Alpha Lambda Delta, sophomore scholastic honorary, pledged Katherine Gochmaner last Wednesday. Phi Iota Theta initiated Julia Gales '38, Virginia Goss, Ruth Haberlen, Dorothy Hoine, Ann Loughlin, and Rena Oveshger '40, and Lena Carter, Margaret Elder, Joyce Ferris, Lillian Fluke, Ann Hessemer, Thelma Wiegell, and Vivienne Wiesner '41.

Theta Sigma Phi initiated four seniors last Wednesday—they were Florence V. Watkins, Jeanne M. Walker, Rieta B. Glueck, and Mary R. Kypel.

Music fills the air—Women's Building entertained the Penn State Club at a closed victrola James on Friday. Every other Wednesday the Louise Homer Club holds an informal record musical at 7 p. m. in 417 Old Main. The next musical for the benefit of members and their friends will be held November 9.

Emanuel will tea the transfer students on November 6 in the third floor lounge. Frances Atherton Leona Felksten is chairman of the tea.

King Sugar Dad, Court To Rule Novel Dance

Are you a potential King Sugar Daddy?

If so, make sure your girl takes you to the Mortar Board Spinsters Skip in White Hall Friday night, so that you can be recognized (owned and admired).

Any and all men attending the dance are eligible for the honor, and if you don't make out as King, maybe you can be Mr. Joe College, Mr. Jeterbug, Mr. Esquire, Mr. Suppressed De-bee, or Mr. Tarzana. At least, it's worth a try.

This will not only be the first dance of its kind on Penn State campus, but it is also the first dance to be held in White Hall Bill Bottorf will furnish the music and your date will furnish the ticket and corsage.

Tickets may be purchased from any Mortar Board member for \$1 a couple.

ROTC Rifle Team Sponsors Petition

Petitions for the establishment of an all College rifle team are being circulated on the campus by members of the ROTC rifle team.

Grant Carpenter '39, manager of the ROTC team, is in charge of the movement which aims to establish a rifle group to participate in intercollegiate competition.

The petitions will be presented to Dr. Carl P. Schott, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics for approval and final action.

First tryouts for the team will be held tonight at 7 p. m. in the Armory.

Northwestern University's Prof. M. C. Carlson for four years has experimented with raising orchids in bottles on diets varying from carrots, beets and tobacco to sugar and beef extracts.

Art Societies Plan Water Color Exhibit

Seraph and Pi Gamma Alpha fraternities will sponsor a water color exhibition of student summer work, entries to be submitted at the Architectural Library by Friday.

The entries will be judged by a group of faculty members and prizes awarded. Both fraternities will give a cash prize, and book prizes will be awarded by the Athletic Store and Keeler's.

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