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COMMENTING ON FINLAND

THE DISILLUSIONMENT that led Dorothy Thompson to remark that the democracies rapidly were becoming a burial association finds many an echo in collegiate comments on the recent conclusion of the Russo-Finnish war. Praise there has been for a brave people crushed beneath the weight of superior man power, but the college press has not been content to close a vital chapter in history with mere praise, according to the Associated Collegiate Press.

"Who is responsible?" is a question asked, and the Kent Stater of Kent State University speaks for many when it answers: "Hesitating John Bull has slept through another diplomatic battle, and Finland lines up in the graveyard with the Czech and Polish tombstones, marking the stages of mortification of British military position in her war with Germany."

Others, as typified by Harvard University's *Crimson*, are not so sure "Easy it is," the editor writes, "for Monday morning quarterbacks to throw in their happy afterthoughts, their 'should have done's' Perhaps the Allies 'should have' decided earlier to bolster the Finn forces, but the gamble was a dangerous one. Gallipoli taught Mr Churchill the costs of troop landings on unknown coasts. Britain could ill violate Scandinavian neutrality while posing as the enemy of international banality. And an Allied expedition of at best 80,000 soldiers would hardly have withstood a Russo-German onslaught. As for Sweden, her unwillingness to serve as Lehenraum for frustrated World War II is certainly understandable."

It's the proverbial six of one and half a dozen of another as editorial comment passes back and forth.

Despite the discussion of the past, it is the riddle of the future which perplexes the Collegian.

With a complete appreciation for the plight of the plucky Finns, with a keen sympathy for their position, and as much as the affair flares our moral indignation, the Collegian still shudders at the thought of another American attempt to balance by military interference the inequalities of periodically war-torn Europe.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

orough have been improved considerably by the recent placement of stop signs at dangerous intersections.

This safety measure was requested by the All-College Cabinet. Students should abide by the regulations in an effort to further establish the favorable bonds of cooperation between borough officials and students.

SPRING AGAIN

NO LONGER covered with a deep blanket of snow, Penn State's campus is beginning to display the first signs of Spring through the efforts of the Department of Grounds and Buildings.

New grass seed, various varieties of trees and shrubbery, and other beautifying effects will be included in the general landscaping of the entire campus.

Penn State's campus has the enviable reputation of being one of the most beautiful in the country. The scenic beauty of the surrounding countryside aids materially in keeping this reputation.

But it is only through the cooperation of the student body that the campus grounds can be maintained in a manner which fits their surroundings. The tradition of our campus care and campus pride is far-reaching. Let's uphold that tradition.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

The Worm Turns
 Froth, please note Burgess Leitzell, this item is not for you.

After constantly being the subject of stories in the Harvard Lampoon (high class humor magazine which voted Oomph Girl Ann Sheridan least likely to succeed), Cambridge City Councilor Michael A. Sullivan filed suit against the funny boys for printing "false, scandalous, and defamatory" statements about him. He sued for a mere \$100,000.

Embarrassing Moments

If Arnie Laich could have seen two months ahead at the beginning of this semester, he would never have scheduled Speech 300 (radio speaking). Prof. Tyson had him prepare a radio interview on campus politics and made him quiz persons on candidate's chances in the coming election. One interviewee, Ruth Shillito, (who claims to know very little about campus politics) brought the house down when answering Laich's question, "And what about the candidates for All-College president?"

"Oh, I'd vote for Tom Backenstose. He's such a nice fellow and has held office before," she said.

Backenstose is Laich's opponent in the approaching elections.

Strong Arm Methods

Langrave Tremaine Dunlap (Prof Dunlap of the math department) held his name in Philly over the Easter Holidays. Langrave Tremaine fought off an armed hold-up man who attempted to rob him as he stepped into his auto. Calculating carefully and multiplying his blows rapidly, Dunlap drove his assailant away and got his name on the Inquirer's front page (not necessarily considered an honor). Returning to State College, Dunlap found a welcoming committee at the University club and a gang of flags and banners shouting in big letters, "Welcome Home, Our Conquering Hero!"

Dear Dr. Prof. Mr. Banner

On the chance that you might, by accident, by mistake, entirely without meaning to, absolutely unintentionally, read this column which you "never read" we'd like to ask you how you name got on the Journalism 3 class roll the other day?

What Price Skiing?

Sigma Pi John Price outlined a long-range plan under which the ski club intends raising money to Ray Conger's Recreation Class Tuesday. It seems that eight boys took out 20-year endowment insurance policies on which the club pays the premiums. After a score of years, the club collects \$4000. Now to buy this up, all the club has to do is to construct a 200-foot ski jump for the exclusive use of these eight members.

Drake Relays Request

The picture of an outstanding Penn State Beauty to enter in the Drake Relay Queen contest, according to a letter received by La Vie Editor Tom Finn. Lucky girl from one of the schools with athletes competing in Drake Relays will win a bit of national fame and an all-expense-paid trip to the western track classic. Whom do you suggest?

You'll Enjoy

The Corner
 unusual

CAMPUS BULLETIN

Notices of meetings to be published in this column may be left at Student Union Office in Old Main up to 1 p. m. on the day preceding publication.

TODAY
 Edward N Hay, personnel director of the Pennsylvania Co., speaking on "Financing Industrial Enterprise," 110 Electrical Engineering, 3 10 p m
 Agronomy seminar, Patterson Hall, 3 p m

SATURDAY
 Russian Club Skating Party, 2nd floor lounge Old Main, 6 30 p m
 Roller skating, Armory, 1, 3, 7 and 9 p m, 20 cents per session

SUNDAY
 Dr Justin W Nixon of Rochester, N. Y., speaking on "Inward Security in an Insecure World," at Chapel service

All-College bicycle hike, leaving Metzger's at 2 p m, returning at 5 30 p m. Reservations at Student Union desk, price 50 cents
 Meeting of candidates for the Thespians properties crew, Schwab Auditorium, 7 30 p m

MONDAY
 Meeting of Future Farmers of America, 405 Old Main, 7 30 p m
 George H Witt, chief of State Division of Fire Protection, Little Theatre of Old Main, 11 a m

Four Honor Arch Women Selected

Stillwell, Roberts Name 7 May Day Committees

Four senior women chosen by Mortar Board to complete its May Day honor arch are Phyllis R Gordon, M Isabel Jordan, Charlotte S Knabb, and Mary H O'Connor

May Day committees are co-terminous—Eleanor L Fagan '41, chairman, Thelma R Krieger '41, Ruth W Barbey '42, Marion M Eberts '42, Ethel M Patton '42, and Jeanne C Stiles '42, decoration—H Jean Fox '41, chairman, Mary H Ashby '41, Julia A Adams '42, Margaret M Diener '42, R Helen Gordon '42, Helen A Jagnesak '42, Alice M Murray '42, Beverly Wilson '42, and Elsie L Rooth '43, wardrobe—Janet Herzog '42, chairman, Rhea J Hower '41, Marguerite E Strohman '41, Helen L Mazuzi '42, Dorothy E Salzmann '42, M Elizabeth Shelly '42, and Mildred B Schmidt '43

Publicity—Betty Jo Patton '42, chairman, Edythe B Rickel '41, Margaret L Embury '42, and Doris J Laderer '43, property—Jeanne G McAdam '42, chairman, Joyce L Brayton '42, Elizabeth A Bower '42, Anita M Knecht '42, Katherine A Loresch '42, and Jane A Stanton '43, music—Frances E Hohn '41, chairman, Betty M Brown '41, Jeanne Clark '41, Beverly E Dibble '41, and Virginia M Penrod '42, entertainment—Jean Babcock '42, chairman, Mary W Houghton '42, V Dorothy Radcliff '42, Marion E Spelling '42, and Helen L Woodcock '42

Women Debaters Climax '39-'40 Season With Trip

The women's varsity debate squad will climax its 193-40 season with a Western Pennsylvania-Ohio trip when Mary M Greenberg '42 and Marjorie A Kionick '42 oppose Allegheny men Monday, Ohio Wesleyan women next Thursday and Western Reserve men next Friday, upholding the affirmative of "Resolved, that the basic blame for the present European crisis rests upon the allied powers"

On Tuesday they will debate, "Resolved, that the United States should follow a policy of strict isolation against all nations involved in international or civil conflict" against a John Carroll team

The negative side of basic-blame was debated by Gertrude H Hecht '41 and Lois E Novotitz '42 against Mt Mercy women here Saturday night and against Western Reserve men at Oseola Mills Monday night

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Dean Association Executive To Talk To Mortar Board

Miss Heath Will Discuss Personnel Work During Conference Thursday

Miss Kathryn G Heath, executive secretary of the National Association of Deans of Women, will speak at Mortar Board's All-Women Conference next Thursday

Personnel work is Miss Heath's field and she will discuss it at a conference at 3 p m Other afternoon speakers will talk on education, physical education, liberal arts, and home economics as vocations, and there will be a round table discussion on vocations The program also includes a tea given by Cwens to honor the speaker for the principal session at 7 30 p m, Miss Genevieve E Poole

It is the aim of the conference to help women students make the most of their college education by giving them pointers in other fields as well as their own

A member of the dean's office and a Mortar Board woman will be stationed in Atherton Hall to issue class excuses to women attending the conference

Co-Edits

TPA presented the prize-winning skit and Thetas captured the song title at Pan-hel Stunt Night in the Armory Tuesday night

New Theta officers are Eleanor Benfer, president, Betty Albright, vice-president, Emily Coyle, recording secretary, Janet Twitchell, corresponding secretary, and Leslie Lewis, treasurer

Feta Rosam is Theta Phi Alpha's new piety, Rosemarie Rednagle, vice-president, Jeanne Hofelch, recording secretary, Josephine Beljan, corresponding secretary, and Regina Ezerski, treasurer

New officers of Alpha Chi are Vera Kemp, president; Marybelle Crossman, vice-president, Betty Hearn, corresponding secretary, Anita Heffernan, recording secretary, and Dorothy Godshalk, treasurer

Ruth House has been named new president of ZTA with Dorothy Reeves, vice-president, Ruby Hartos, secretary, and Dorothy Schner, treasurer

Charlades elected Jane Knowles, president, Catherine Hagerty, vice-president, Katherine Long, treasurer, and Louise Fischer, secretary

Lakomides elected Jane Knowles, president, Catherine Hagerty, vice-president, Katherine Long, treasurer, and Louise Fischer, secretary

Newly elected officers of the Home Economics Club are Charlotte Lowe, president, Peggy Middleton, vice-president, Doris Anderson, secretary, and Kitty Frazier, treasurer

Recently installed officers of Philotes are Bertha Black, president, Ellanora Linton, vice-president, and Helene Snyder, treasurer

New members include Anna Wilson, Dorothy Neff, Ruth Ginter, Caroline Longwell, Sarah Rowles, Betie Dunlap, Mary McCarthy, Lois Patrick, Doris Fielton, and Sara Bailey

New pledges are Sybil Martin, Alpha Chi, and Julia Adams and Mary Wible, Phi Mu

Theta Sigma Phi initiated Dorothy Reeves, Ruth Goldstein, Vera Kemp, Florence Noll, Jane Fulton, and Joyce Ferris, Sunday

Alpha Lambda Delta entertained at a tea in Atherton Hall from 4 to 5 p m Sunday Committee heads were Alice Murray, general chairman, Jean Weaver, receiving; Jane Roush, serving; Margaret Diener, food; and Betty Rose, arrangements

Ruth E Graham has been appointed acting head of the home economics department in the absence of Laura Drummond, who has been granted leave of absence

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