

# Nibbling At The News

With ROBERT LANE

## Best Show On Earth

Until three weeks ago Washington newspaper correspondents were of the opinion that the presidential press conferences were for the purpose of gathering news and comment from the man who is best qualified for such a task, but latest developments have caused considerable skepticism among the gentleman of the press.

Lately the President has resorted to ridicule and so-called humor as a method of answering, or rather, not answering the queries. FDR is doing a fine bit of acting. In fact, the correspondents might begin to wonder if he is competing for the Academy Award, in which case it is likely that he will also have to be "drafted" for that honor.

Since in a democracy the president must mainly keep the nation informed through the medium of the press it would seem that he could spend the 15 minutes he allots to the press each day more profitably, instead of launching vitriolic attacks against isolationist senators, and also suggesting that he, as president, should stand on his head in the center of Pennsylvania avenue.

Recently a reporter asked the President to comment on Col. Lindbergh's views of giving aid to the Allies. The chief executive smiled broadly and replied that he had not read the speech—and then asked why he should have read it. The newsmen didn't appreciate humor in that instance. It is possible the correspondents believed that hearings before the House Foreign Affairs Committee should have been reviewed with more than passing interest by the President.

Then there was the conference when FDR remarked that his children had kept him up too late the night before, and he was too tired to think about a certain national issue. Another time, "He was too sleepy to discuss the matter."

In defense of the President's present attitude it is true that there are numerous matters which the head of the government is not in a position to release for public digestion, nevertheless, this continued evasion of questions on subjects which heretofore have been made public, is difficult to understand.

If the President continues to regard these conferences as a 15 minute recess "where anything goes" it might be more profitable to schedule the "act" in Madison Square Garden, charge admission, and eventually balance the national debt with a packed house each night in the week.

## New Bus Depot

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A baffled look was on the face of the driver as he stared at Siberian-like stretches outside. "What's it all about anyway. I guess I'd better flag the buses coming in from Harrisburg and tell them to steer clear of College Avenue. The law is waiting for them," the driver said.

This crudely improvised depot was brought about by the refusal of Burgess Wilbur F. Leitzell to allow buses to stop at the State College Hotel. The borough council had agreed to wait until the erection of a new depot, but Leitzell stated that he would fine the buses if they stopped at the old depot after midnight last night.

H. C. Crawford, Greyhound representative, presented plans for a new depot to council last week, but added that it was impossible to complete the erection of the building until July 1. He then asked for a time extension until that date.

## We, The Women—6,000 Should Hear An Untold Story

Robert C. Mackie must have been disappointed when he faced a meager audience of little more than fifty persons in Schwab Auditorium Tuesday night—the official opening of the All-College Cabinet dollar-per-student war relief campaign.

It was unfortunate that two well-known speakers made their campus appearances the same evening.

But fifty persons heard the story Mackie told. They realized, perhaps for the first time, that they are members of a world-wide organization of students. Perhaps they were reminded what effect international conditions have on students all over the globe.

Maybe they were awakened to the dictatorial purge of many classics which has not only impeded democratic education, but also slowed up progress of the human race.

Perhaps they were roused to the realization that not all students throughout the world are complacently walking across campuses and sipping cokes. No, thousands have moved from bomb-splintered buildings with the few text books they could salvage to pick up where they left off in quieter sections of their countries.

Perhaps those fifty persons will understand that the dollar quota from each student will go a long way toward boosting democracy, not only in education, but also in politics, religion. Yes, and it will bolster the very wills of war-stricken people.

We hope those fifty persons will tell their story to the 6000 students who were not here to hear it.

## Ag Honor Roll

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Sherman, Frederick A. Slezak, Chester E. Snyder, Jordan P. Snyder, Walter E. Snyder, Monica Williams, Charles S. Wiggins, Harley L. Wilson, Stephen J. Zayach.

Juniors—Sam Asen, George H. Brown, Miles J. Ferree, Donald W. Holligan, George M. Kessler, John S. Kookogey, Karl H. Norris, Mervin H. Reines, Drew Schwartz, Edward C. Shearer, Mark E. Singley, William A. Smyser, Ernest B. Thompson, and George H. Watrous Jr.

Sophomores—Elizabeth J. Billett, Robert E. Carlton, Glenn W. Ely, Joseph G. Featro, Helen H. Hayward, Archibald M. Hyson, John W. Laughner, Stuart Patton, Homer J. Preston, David K. Rice, Herbert C. Stevens, and James K. Weil.

Freshmen—Robert I. Brawn, Edward A. Breuninger, Henry A. Dymza, Esthermae Hartos, Samuel D. Lewis, John S. Meadows, Harold S. Neidig, Robert F. Shigley, McClain B. Smith Jr., Raymond L. Smith, and Betty W. Story.

Two-year students—Cora C. Bierbauer, Carroll V. Hess, Robert L. Holtzinger, Joseph A. Meiser Jr., Harold C. Neibert, Joseph L. Ray Jr., and Harry D. Woolverton.

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## 35 Students Loaned \$265 IFC, Panhel Plan Last Term By Hetzel Fund Bridge Tournery

Thirty-five students received loans totaling \$265 from Mrs. Hetzel's Student Loan Fund last semester, Russell E. Clark, bursar, has announced. From March, 1940, when the committee was organized, to October, 1940, 15 loans amounting to \$122 were made.

Aggregate gifts to the fund since it began total \$891, with loans averaging \$371, and money repaid, \$253. Loans over this period have been made to 24 coeds and 24 men students.

Contributions this year include: Personal gifts ..... \$225

WSGA Christmas Drive	85
Beta Sigma Rho Memorial Fund	50
PSCA Carol Sing	39
Mortar Board	35

Loans were used for eye glasses, food, emergency trips home, clothes, a senior employment booklet, room and board, and medical examinations. Money up to \$10 is loaned without interest. There is no delay in granting the loans which are kept strictly confidential. Students may apply for aid through the dean of women's, dean of men's, and bursar's offices.

## Women In Sports

By EMILY FUNK '43

Ath East scored a 3-0 victory over Town East in the first badminton game of the Independent League in White Hall at 4 p.m. yesterday.

Grange tied Town West in the second game. The tie will be played off tomorrow.

Ping pong honors were taken by Mac Hall in a 3-0 match with 139 South Frazier.

ZTA topped the Thetas with a bowling score of 481-410 in the Tuesday meet. Lyn Wolf captured high score of 129 for ZTA and May Perry made the Theta high score of 103.

Forty-nine points are still to be awarded for six winter events of badminton, basketball, bowling, ping pong, swimming, and volley ball.

Points already made toward obtaining the Intramural cup are: Chi Omega ..... 11 Kappa Alpha Theta ..... 10 Delta Gamma ..... 8 Zeta Tau Alpha ..... 3

## Locust Lane Elects

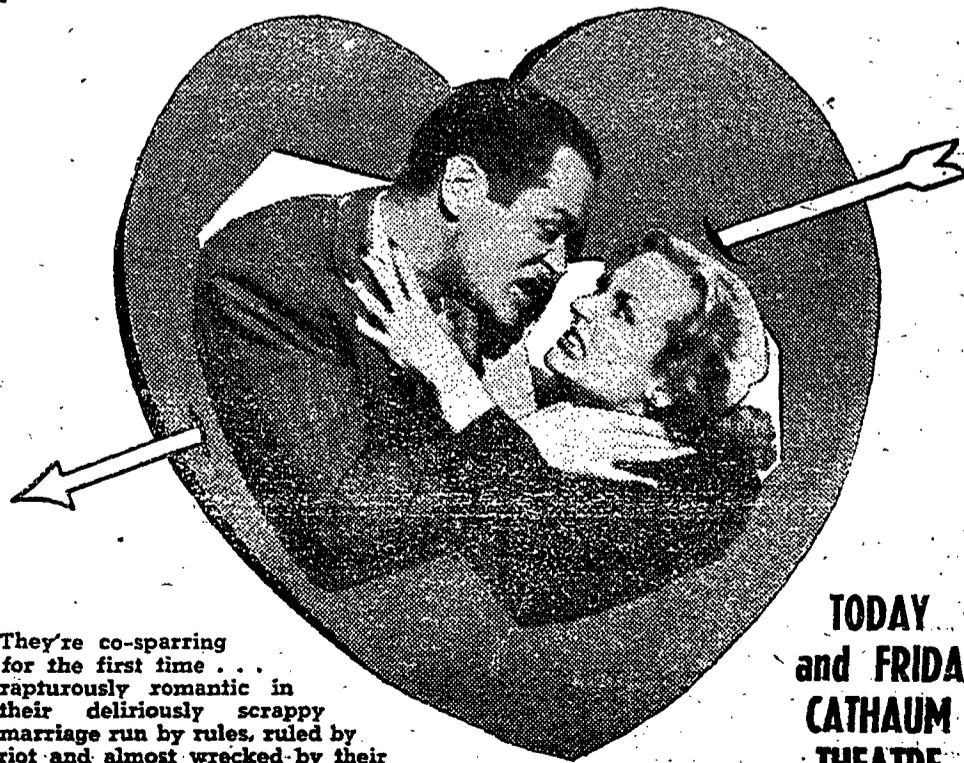
Locust Lane Lodge, freshman dormitory, elected Marion DuBois, president; Betty J. Podell, vice president; and Irene E. Fanucci, secretary-treasurer for second semester. A party with Frazier dormitory has been planned for March 14.

## Coffee Hours Continued

Atherton Hall coffee hours given during final week proved such a success that a new series was initiated when coffee was served in the southeast lounge from 10 to 11 p.m. yesterday with Doris H. Boyle '42 and Elsie L. Rooth '43 acting as hostesses.

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