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Universally, Mothers Aren't Liked— Some Of Us Have A Different Story

What good are mothers, anyway?

New York City school children debated that issue in an essay contest judged this week. The results were amazing. Mothers are not universally liked. And there are reasons.

One mother made her son wash his ears!

Another wouldn't let a daughter go to the movies.

They make children take baths.

They send them to bed early.

They scold them.

They paddle them sometimes.

They won't let them do this.

They won't let them do that.

This business about loving your mother is all the bunk. How can you love a woman who does things like that to you—makes you take a bath? Won't let you go to the movies? Makes you clean up the yard?

What's the story? Why observe Mother's Day? Why try to make these women feel at home? These bitter creatures who have been the bane of our existence, stopping us at every turn.

Now the Collegian has a lot of respect for Penn State students. It has found out year after year that students are usually pretty conscientious people, always trying to do the right thing even though they don't succeed. Usually, too, they exercise surprisingly good judgment. And if there's one thing they aren't it's this—they aren't hypocrites.

How then do we understand this business of observing Mother's Day? Is it possible that students are a lot like their mothers (although it's hardly mother's fault)? Is it possible that students like their mothers for all those cruelties—being forced to stay in, go to school, take baths, go to bed early?

Frankly, it doesn't make sense, unless, of course, that New York schoolchild was wrong. There were other children in the contest, you know.

The winner wrote:

"Mother is the best friend I have."

—J.C.S.

Mother Versus Pocketbook

Prompted by thoughts of Mother's Day which started out as a special time to pay sincere tribute and appreciation to mothers the world over and which has been developed into a day of great tribute to merchants the world over, we have been wondering just how far the commercialization of affection and respect can go.

As far as Mother's Day is concerned, florists and candy merchants are the worst offenders. But to balance that, there is Father's Day when the tobacco sellers get in on the gravy.

Clothing merchants have Easter. Turkey farmers have Thanksgiving. Restaurants, night clubs and dance bands have New Year's. Everybody has Christmas.

There are probably any number of ways in which other holidays could be given a new significance—particularly to business men. New holidays could be created.

Quite a few people foresee a boom in Memorial Day wreaths.

Come to think of it, however, we of the Collegian are a fine bunch to talk. Think how glad we are to get that extra advertising!

—J.A.B.

THE MANIAC

Light Of Our Lives

Mothers to the right of us
Mothers to the left of us
Into the Nittany Valley
Rode 2500

Ours not to reason why
Ours not to moan and cry
Ours to stand closely by
Feting our kindred.

Many the cokes we'll buy
Unquenched, we'll softly sigh
Strange though, we'll wipe an eye
For 2500.

Awake Ye Sons!

George Ebert and the elements prevailing, this afternoon should do us all proud as our 10 (yea, 10) beautiful coeds don mousseline de soie and iris to parade their glory before God and everybody down the front campus.

And midst the bevy don't fail to miss our nominee to lead the pack next year, the raven-haired Elinor Derr. Unless tradition gets back in the running, we might boast two beautiful May Queens, and in succession, too.

Where The Grass Grows Greener

Little beams of springtime have penetrated the cold, stone Theta manse and warmed the cockles of the heretofore faithful Eleanors, Benfer and Fagans. Seems as if ex-Phi Gam Bus Anderson's jewelry was neatly-boxed and sent forth last week as the retired Judicial Queen betook herself to greener pastures.

May Queen runner-up although still true to Vic Sandham has blossomed out for a bit of a social fling before the June curtain drops.

Audrey Schoemmel and Pat Young took a bit of a detour but are back on the beam from all observations.

Kappa Fay Rees and Howie Parris went pffft after a lengthy siege and the Fran Talley-Bill Wian front is reported none too quiet by secret agents X-9 and 10.

Mates Of The Moment

Not to be outdone by Campy, who has inaugurated a "Wolf of the Week" department in his column, we hereby ordain and establish as a regular feature, "Mates of the Moment"—the holdingest hands couple in this 'ere College. This week's winners are Ann Reidy and Delta Sig Bob Ellmore.

The Jig Is Up!

After bucking the draft board since way back last February, number one alumni hot dog, CDT Bob Wilson will depart tomorrow to lay his shell-rimmed spectacles and 25 extra pounds on the altar of freedom. To keep sacred his memory, we shall accept nominations for a pinch-hitter. Just take your suggestions to George Donovan at Student Union. He sees all, knows all and tells all—we're bound to hear. Leading the list now are George Parrish, Eddie Harris, Jack Heck, Rusty Swift, Bill Dorworth, Roy Rodgers, and Chuck Reid.

I'll Take My Dolls And Go Home

The editorial powers of this here now rog slipped in the night during IFC elections with—

HENSON ELECTED IFC PRESIDENT

Warnock Predicts

Enrollment Decline

Now, boys, don't be like that.

—MANIAC

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Temperature To Drop Near Freezing Tonight

TODAY

Seymour Preston, advertising counsel for the American Hotel Association, will speak in Home Economics Auditorium, 9 a.m.

Mother's Day teas in all Girl's Dormitories, 2:30-3:00 p.m.

MONDAY

The meeting of the joint Cabinet-Penn State in China Committee has been postponed until 4 p.m.

Dr. Stuart Mudd, professor of bacteriology at the University of Pennsylvania, will give an illustrated lecture on the electron microscope in Room 121 Sparks at 8 p.m.

Advising May Day participants and students not to take things too "lightly" today, Dr. Helmut Landsberg, College weatherman and assistant professor of geophysics in the School of Mineral Industries, warned that a heavy frost is expected tonight, with a probable drop of temperature to only a few degrees above freezing.

He explained that present chilly weather is due to cold air blowing from the Northwest and Canada.

"It will still be pretty snappy on Sunday," the meteorologist said, "with a little sunshine, but the weather probably won't get back to normal until Tuesday."

Two hundred of the 670 students at Norwich university are freshmen. There will be only 52 graduating cadets in June.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM—

"Penny Serenade"

STATE—

"Power Dive"

NITTANY—

"Fargo Kid"

THE PENN STATE PLAYERS

Take This Opportunity To

Welcome the Mothers of

PENN STATE

To

The College and Invite Them To The Players Production

"THE MERCHANT OF YONKERS"

Come Early We're Sure You'll Enjoy the Show

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SCHWAB AUD.

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Is None Too Good

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