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**War Threat, Draft Concern
Students Most As Year Ends**

This is the curtain!

It is being drawn on a college year that has been filled with poignant news and critical situations. The curtain will not only climax one of the most eventful years in Penn State history, but it will fall upon a drama which is not ended.

The hot breath of impending war has fanned the campus and brought new problems to students and faculty. And the invasion of conscription and army duties into the life of the student, in addition to the present state of unrest, has upset the balanced order of college activities.

Where are we going? Who will be back on campus next year? How many of us will be drafted? We don't know! Seniors find themselves in a peculiar position. Many of them are offered good positions with war-boom wages, but they must take a \$21 donation a month from the government for a year's service.

Not only seniors, but the undergraduate body is uncertain of its future. Some students will take their place beside the graduates in shouldering a musket for Uncle Sam, while others, attracted by the high wage scale of war industries, will desert the educational halls of Penn State and accept temporary positions.

This isn't painting a black picture—it's only an uncertain one. It's ringing down a curtain on a scene with a timid hand instead of banging it down with a resounding thump, because we're not certain whether the curtain will rise again.

During the past year, students have seen their plans disintegrate and fade into mere dreams as the roll call of draft numbers has blasted them out of an ordinary, routine existence. Strangely enough, whether the change has been too sudden or too numbing, student attitude and temperament has not undergone a corresponding transformation.

Our philosophy has remained simple and clear. We know this is a time of crisis and sacrifice. We don't see our future or know our fate. But, we do know one thing,—we must keep our heads.

Whether we are destined to march in step with the drums of war or are preparing to gird the United States for a long, economic battle, we cannot afford to throw our plans to the winds. From the college student, the man who generally has the reins of leadership placed in his hands, must come the challenge,—the challenge to uncertainty.

If we cannot hope, we can work. Whether we will be sweating in an army camp doing field maneuvers or performing some menial task for national defense, we can find satisfaction in knowing that we must work toward an end that is certain to come.

What that end might be, what we must do to accomplish our purposes, we cannot prophesy. But, out of the maze and contradictions that face us, we must follow our ideals. This is no "face to the clouds" idealism but a practical outlook. Only by concentrating on what is best and what is commonly good for all can we meet the problems which face us.

Some of us will come back, others will move into an entirely new environment, but one thing will remain with all of us. That is the will to maintain our Penn State heritage.

Bon voyage!



**THE
MANIAC**

Aloha

2,000 seniors, young and old,
Both glad and sorry we are told
Will plan next week to extricate
Themselves from all that is Penn State

To all of these we drink a toast
For we are very proud to boast
That come next fall we'll be the shots
Goodbye, good luck to all you sots!

Unsung and unsung, a host of good guys and gals will go by the board come June 9 without further ado—for those with ado there's always summer school. It's gonna be tough at Doggie's without Brogan and LaPorte and the Sigma Nus; Don Durain, Walt Hosterman, and Jeffrey's boys in training; Tommie Robinson and the other pretty Bctas; Carl DeLong, Leo Russell, Maynard Bloom and the IE contingent; Larry Driever, Howard Dingle, Bayard Bloom, and Jake Hay, and Jack Dixon—honorable mention.

The women will pine and sigh for Jack Good, Jack Thomas, Bill Fowler (plug), Tommie Backin-states, Danny Delancey, Mickey Marmion, Dick "Little Minister" Bitner, Eddie Spencer, Rodge Findley, Bill Charles, Jimmie Ritchie, and myriads of others.

And the freshman crop will have to be puulenty all right to make up for the loss of Leslie Lewis, the columnist's friend, Norma Stillpuss, Jo Condrin, Mary Jane Dalton, Dottie Reeves, Gertie Hellmers, Estelle Marguillies, Knobby Hefferan, Helen Cramer and Connie Smith, Eleanor Fagans, Jean Ezerski, Audrey Schoemmel and Emily Cöyle, Betty Rand, and ad infinitum.

What, No Maid Marian?

But hardest farewell of all is our tribute to a man (?) known and loved by all, a Robin Hood among Independents, a Casanova among women, a demon among beer drinkers . . . a fellow who saw duty and performed it without praise, without reward . . . a man among men, a fighter among foresters, an actor among actors. We give you **PAPPY BARTHOLOMEW!**

La Vie!

Annual La Vie party at the Grit office in Williamsport this week proved a huge success according to bits of information which have leaked out here and there. Seems as if when the party started out, the superstitious bus driver refused to go with a load of 13 so editor Dixon saved the day, dashed into the Skellar, and drafted one lonely soul—and of 50 people he had to choose Rusty Swift, the beer drinkingest man in this College.

Campus Calendar

TODAY
PSCA Senior Cabinet, Hugh Beaver Room, 4:10 p. m.
Freshman Mass Meetings Committee, Room E, 304 Old Main, 4:10 p. m.
Insurance classes, Room 304 Sparks, 8 a. m. and 3:10 p. m. Allen E. Wierman, assistant supervisor of correspondence instruction, will speak.
Modern Dance Recital, White Hall, 9 p. m. Admission to all coeds and those who received invitations.
Pi Tau Sigma, 318 Old Main, 5:30 p. m.
Pennsylvania Press Conference registration, Lobby Nittany Lion Inn, 8:30 a. m.

TOMORROW
Bicycle hike sponsored by Outing Club. Meet at Miles street Bike Shop, 2 p. m. Sixty cents.
All persons participating in Mock Battle manoeuvres report to Armory 1:30 p. m. to draw arms and ammunition.
Pennsylvania Press Conference, Nittany Lion Inn.
Penn State vs. Michigan State, track, 1:30 p. m.
Tennis, Penn State vs. Muhlenburg, Tennis Courts, 2 p. m.
Pi Lambda Theta, Hugh Beaver Room, 1 p. m.

SUNDAY
Chapel, 11 a. m. Rev. Don Frank Fenn will speak.

Senior Hot Dog Roast, Jordan Fertility Plots, 5:30 p. m.
MAY 26
Philotes, Room 302 Old Main, 7 p. m.
IFC keys will be available at Student Union.
Meeting for persons interested in cabin party, 304 Old Main, 7 p. m.
Classes end, 5 p. m.
MAY 27
Examinations begin 8 a. m.
MAY 29
Druids, 318 Old Main, 7 p. m.
MAY 30
Memorial Day Recess.
Baseball, Penn State vs. Long Island, 2:30 p. m.
MAY 31
Baseball, Penn State vs. Long Island, 2:30 p. m.
JUNE 5
Second Semester ends, 5 p. m.
JUNE 6
Houseparty.
JUNE 7
Houseparty.
Baseball, Penn State vs. Pittsburgh, 3 p. m.
Alumni Day
JUNE 8
Baccalaureate Day, Rec Hall.
JUNE 9
Commencement Day.
Class Day.
JUNE 10
Intercession registration 8 a. m.



"OH! OH!
*Forgot to
write home!"*

Funny, isn't it,
how the days whizz by?
No use crying
over unused ink.
A long distance call
will fix things up . . .
and the low night rates
on most calls
after seven p. m.
and all day Sunday
are easy on your exchequer.

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