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We Dream We Dwell In Marble Halls, Of...

A man sometimes writes a story, a book, a song... an editorial which is destined to remain in one's mind for more than a moment, a day, or a year.

"Chatting the other day, we were presented with the proposition that Penn State men are like yardsticks, long in one dimension, but surprisingly narrow otherwise.

"The point was that Penn Staters learn a lot in their chosen field, chemistry, engineering, or what have you, and not enough outside.

"Our first and best defense was an alibi that other colleges are just as bad—which is not a defense at all.

"In State College, situated as it is away from most centers of population, there is plenty of opportunity for study but not much else. Particularly is this true of the 65 per cent of the male students who are non-fraternity.

"The man who raised the point happens to have the job of hiring and promoting men and he knows that it takes more than knowledge of one subject to win a promotion. He has seen men, hard workers and full of specialized information, passed over when promotions were due because they didn't have the personality and leadership necessary to advancement.

"In our crowded rooms where the midnight oil burns every night with never a rest we are manufacturing those men by the thousands. In the process of mass production we've taken the stress off the polishing job that a product needs to make it highly salable.

"Penn State men need this polish even more than men in private colleges, it was pointed out. For the most part they come from poorer homes and have fewer advantages. For them college is able to offer so much. And it had offered so little.

"The dating code has raised a problem. Coeds can't be guests in apartments. Those who want to drink can't go near fraternity houses. And without money there is not much else to do or many places more to go on a date. Witness the over-stuffed and overfurnished dormitory lounges on a weekend.

"The conversation turned to cures. Where are they? What are they? Aren't we too pre-occupied now with building classrooms, boosting enrollment, and getting bigger appropriations for more classrooms and more enrollment?

"Can't we rest just a minute, catch our breath, fill out this vast, hollow shell we call a college with more of the real stuff of life? Not that we aren't moving somewhat in that direction now, not that organizations such as the Recreation Coordinating Committee aren't tackling just such problems, but can't we move faster?

"Why can't the College help the situation by providing a Student Union Building? Why can't students be permitted the recreational facilities they need so badly. If the College can't provide the building, what about the students themselves or the alumni?

"The people who don't want a Student Union Building could meet in an Old Main telephone booth. Why then don't we do something about it? Because we have no leader, of course. Let's find one.

"Let's find him, say, in the Alumni Association.

"Let's give him (from where Collegian doesn't know) enough money to get the College architect to plan such a building.

"Let's have those plans printed up with attractive descriptive material.

"Let's show people what we want.

"Let's show them why we want it.

"Then, let's ask them help us get it.

"Let's stop dreaming and act."



Grimmer and Grayer

Tear down those Palisades Pick up your hand grenades, Drink down Anheuser Ales Grab for your window shades, Hold tight your winsome maids The Lions are comin'.

Two foos for old Purdue Same goes for Fordham, too. These sons are ever true To Nittany's White and Blue. We'll moider N. Y. U. Ve Lions ist kummin'.

You Do The Rest, Boys

And these are just the playful kiddies who are going along to help: Sonny Brian, Ralph Capelli, Glenn Miller (an honest to gosh student), Jane Gibboney (to meet last year's stoogiest stooge, George Parrish), deltachis Jim McCaughey and Rusty Earl (his boys also ran), Elaine Goldman, Ted Noll, Joyce Brown, Janet and Gail Twichell, Pat Nagelberg, Dottie Field, Kay Loesch, Betty Ziegler, Sally Miller, Murph Temkovitz, Jack Santmyers (the army hasn't nabbed him yet), Handsome Bill Christman, and well, you two kids have fun here this weekend.

Well, Really, Mr. Eberts

Across this spacious expanse of campus at the prexy's back door there stands a handsome structure called Electrical Engineering and this fine architectural symbol is replete with complete equipment for life's necessities—one for men and t'other for t'other. Lest they forget, a helpful directory reposes at the foot of the stairs with these few words:

TOILET Men ..... 2nd floor east Women ..... 2nd floor west And for that the GSA spent millions.

Then Along Came—

DU's will throw their annual Pledge Parade tonight—chief difference from former years being that this time they have a pledge or two. And just feast your eyes on this list of beautiful belles who will be in attendance: Mary Lou Keith with Wally Murfit, Bunnie Bundick with Tommie Allison, Beanie Siebert with Charlie Baldi, Joan Herzer and Ronnie Williams, M. J. Winter with Billie Foucart, oh me, why bother about the glittery city's burlesque queens with local stock like that.

Worms for the Early Birds:

Pre-houseparty rumors have transfer Dottie Yoder with Beta Bill Weil and Janie Windle with Alpha Zeta Keene Campbell, Phi Delt Dave Sharp with his back-home smoothie, student editor Lehman with a Pottsville pretty, SPE and president of the greatest little hat society of also rans on the campus Bill Murphy with Jeanette Lose, Evon Wilson with her boy Johnnie, and Elden Shaut with (oh, he knows so many girls he just can't decide which one to ask). Cheer up honey lamb—you've still got 154 more hours counting Friday at 4 and one of those Greyhounds might topple into a ditch. —MANIAC

'44 Music Fan Compares Beethoven, Boogie-Woogie

Boogie-woogie and Beethoven don't often come together but they do for Bill Brown '44, who says that next to Meade Lux Lewis' version of Yancey Special, Beethoven's Thirty-two variations on a theme is very close to tops.

Bill has a collection of more than 650 records to prove his interest in boogie-woogie. Most of his records are boogie-woogie but a few swing pieces have been selected for the solos they contain.

According to Brown, boogie-woogie had its origin in the passacaglia and chaconne, Spanish dance forms brought to this country with the Conquistadores. From there it went to a moving figure played with a left-hand base, and has been developed by the negro into a kind of folk music.

Bill's favorite performers include Meade Lux Lewis, Mezzrow, Ladnier, and Bechet, either alone or in combinations. He says that most of these men can't read music and improvise as they go along, which accounts for the spontaneity of their performances. They follow no set rules but try to bring out the best in their instruments, he says.



Become Officers Today—Frank M. Platt, Jr. '41, left, and Edwin S. Jones '41 will become second lieutenants in the U. S. Marine Corps today following graduation ceremonies at the officers' training school at Quantico, Va. At Penn State, Platt was a member of the varsity football and track teams, vice president of his senior class, and a member of Parmi Nous and Druids, hat societies, and Delta Sigma Phi fraternities. Jones was a cheerleader, sang in the choir and glee club, participated in varsity lacrosse and freshman wrestling, and was a member of Sigma Pi fraternity and Blue Key, sophomore hat society.

New Attendance Record Set By Dancing Class

The All-College Dancing Class, sponsored by the Penn State Club, has reached a total membership of 160 students, the largest turnout in the five year history of the club activity, it was announced yesterday by John C. York '43, club vice-president and chairman of the event.

Coeds are being contacted to assist F. Thomas John, class instructor, as the dancing classes progress. The class, consisting of ten lessons, includes instruction in the waltz, fox trot, and the latest rug-cutting techniques of the jitterbug.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY Fraternity presidents and presidents of all other campus organizations should call at Student Union for their copy of the Student Union directory. It contains the names of the officers of all campus organizations.

Roller skating in the Armory from 2-5 p. m., 7-9 p. m. 9-11 p. m. 20c per session. Credit is given on elective physical education.

Varsity Soccer, Navy, New Beaver field, 2 p. m.

TOMORROW Meeting of the Newman Club, 7:45 p. m.

Hillel record concert at Foundation, 2:30-4 p. m.

MONDAY Tickets for the Thespian show, "What's Coming Off," Nov. 7 and 8, on sale at Student Union.

Tickets for Soph Hop will not go on sale at the Athletic Association window until November 7, the day of the dance.

Students are requested to return Players' membership bids by 5 p. m. to Joanne M. Palmer '43, at Grange Dorm, or to the Penn State Players' office. Initiation will be held in the Little Theatre Wednesday at 5:30 p. m. followed by a dinner in the banquet hall of the Corner Room.

4-H Campus Club meets in 405 Old Main at 7:30 p. m. Monday.

Struck Publishes Article

"Example of Good Housekeeping" is the title of an illustrated article by F. Theodore Struck, instructor in industrial education, about cleanliness in vocational teachers' shops. It appears in the November issue of Industrial Arts and Vocational Education magazine.

Alumni Now In Services To Be Guests At Game

Graduates and former students who are now in the armed forces of the United States will be honored at a ceremony to be held here next Saturday.

All officers and enlisted men who attended Penn State will be the guests of the College at the Penn State-Syracuse football game. The ceremony, dedicated to the men in uniform, will be held on the field immediately prior to the kickoff, according to Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics.

In addition to the officers and enlisted men who can come to the game from nearby service posts, the ceremony will be attended by graduates who hold Army commissions and are now on duty with the College's Reserve Officer's Training Corps.

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