



Late News Flashes...

RANGOON — The British have evacuated virtually all their troops from Burma, leaving only a few defenders to battle the greatly reinforced Japanese attackers. The Chinese are still working for the defense of Rangoon.

WASHINGTON — Congressmen are proposing to raise the debt limit to 125 billions of dollars. The debt limit now stands at \$65 billions.

WASHINGTON — Costs of eating in this country will be increased \$1,000,000,000 if the Senate Farm-Bloc's threatened rider is placed on the war appropriation bill, according to President Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON — Authoritative sources said yesterday that the Administration is opposed to abandonment of overtime pay for work in excess of 40 hours a week, and that even if he had the power, Mr. Roosevelt would not suspend such provisions of law.

BATAAN — MacArthur's forces have been making repeated counter-attacks against the Japanese. In the past two weeks the Japs have advanced only 12 miles.

Penn State Club To Elect Officers

Three juniors have been nominated to succeed Arthur Peskoe '42 as president of the Penn State Club, according to Benjamin J. Snipas '43, club secretary.

John C. York, present vice-president, Martin H. Duff, publicity chairman, and Charles W. Thompson, athletic manager have been named for the post. Nominations for all offices can still be placed with Peskoe or at the regular club meeting.

The elections for all club offices will be conducted in 405 Old Main at 8:30 p. m. March 5.

Thomas E. Wilcox '44 is thus far the only nominee for the vice-presidency of the club. Robert A. Christoff '44 and Martin L. Zeigler '44 will vie for secretary.

Other nominees are: Ray A. Zaroda '44, treasurer; Kenneth D. Bair '43, social chairman; Vincent B. Makowski '43, athletic chairman; and Harry C. Coleman '44, publicity director.

Penn State's Willow Tree 'Wept' With Napoleon On St. Helena Isle

Legend has it that the famous old willow which formerly stood on the site of the drinking fountain on front campus was one of the willow trees that wept with Napoleon at St. Helena.

Planted in 1859 on what was then a dirt road leading up to "The College" (Old Main) the willow was flanked by farm lands and potato fields, and was a favorite meeting place for students. Many stories have sprung up about its derivation but the one connecting it with the "Little Corporal" is the most romantic.

Another favorite theme is that the willow was brought back from England by Dr. Evan Pugh, first president of the College, and was described by him as "a scion from a willow on the poet Pope's grounds at Twickenham."

Although there is doubt as to who actually planted it, it is believed that William G. Waring, professor of horticulture at the time, was the one who set it.

Tokyo Journalist Speaks At Dinner

The Liberal Arts school will present James R. Young, former Chief of Staff of the International News Service in Tokyo, as the featured speaker at its annual dinner at the Nittany Lion Inn on Monday night.

Mr. Young will address a Journalism 2 class in 121 Sparks at 11 a. m. Monday. Students interested may attend the class, according to Prof. Franklin C. Banner, head of the journalism department and chairman of the dinner.

Gillespie's Book Covers Axis War

"Europe in Perspective" is the title of the latest work in historic research written by Dr. James E. Gillespie of the department of history. The book was released February 5 by Harcourt, Brace, and Company, New York publishers.

The new book which is being used in History 19 and other 400 courses, covers the cultural, economic, social, and political background of European civilization from 1815 to the present. It even covers the recent Pearl Harbor Attack and the United States declaration of war on the Axis powers.

Among several new features embodied in Dr. Gillespie's book, is the extensive coverage of the cultural phase of European history, and the use of many captions to permit easy summation and review of material.

The book, according to its author, is designed to provide the necessary background for the students in order that the college teacher may develop the courses offered in European history.

Hillel Town Forum Holds War Hatred Discussion

Continuing the special series of Hillel Town Meetings on the main topic "The United States and the War," the foundation will have as this Sunday's subject "Can We Win the War Without Hate?"

John H. Frizzell, head of the department of public speaking; Professor Harold F. Graves, professor of English composition, and Major Guy G. Mills, assistant professor of military science and acties will be the participants with Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn as moderator.

1-B Registrants With Bad Teeth Face War Duty

All draft registrants who have been placed in the 1-B classification because of bad teeth will be reclassified and made liable for any kind of military service, the U. S. Army revealed this week.

Under the recently lowered physical requirements, men previously deferred because of poor vision will also be accepted, but only for non-combatant duty.

No specific number of teeth will be required, and Army doctors will be permitted to approve all registrants whose teeth are believed strong enough to chew Army food. Troublesome teeth will be repaired, replaced, or pulled at the government's expense after induction, the Army explained.

As for eyes, men whose vision has been rated no poorer than 20-200 will also be classified as 1-A. Previously, ratings between 20-100 and 20-400, correctable to 20-40 with glasses, were placed in the 1-B group.

The men will be reclassified into 1-A first by their own boards. They will then have 10 days in which they may, if they wish, appeal for deferments on grounds of occupation or dependency.

'44 Independents Name Committees

Committees for the coming political campaign were announced last night by Robert T. Kimmel, chairman of the '44 Independent Party.

Fred E. Clever was appointed campaign manager to conduct the coming contest. Thomas E. Wilcox was named chairman of the nominations committee, with Joseph R. Piontek, Loyal E. Ramsey, and Donald L. Webb.

Platform Committee co-chairmen appointed were James R. Zeigler and Cadmus G. Goss, along with Harry C. Coleman, and Milton B. Dolinger. Benjamin J. Bailey was chosen to handle publicity and contacts assisted by Robert E. Kinter, and Richard B. McNaul.

All committees will report to a general meeting of the clique Monday at 7:15 p. m. in 318 Old Main.

War Stimulates Student Enrollment In Russian

Entrance of the United States into the war has stimulated the student enrollment in Russian language courses 50 per cent over that of the last three years according to Dean Charles W. Stoddart, School of Liberal Arts.

Dean Stoddart pointed out that increased enrollment in a language during the second semester is unusual. During the last war there was a similar interest in Russian courses. At that time the late Dr. Max Kriss, professor of animal nutrition, earned part of his college expenses by tutoring the language.

DTD Elects New Officers

Delta Tau Delta elected Harry M. Locke '43 house president and A. Clark Daugherty '44 vice-president at elections held this past week. Ralph E. Lyford '44 will serve as treasurer, while William F. Lahner '44 and Joseph A. Surace, Jr. '43 will serve as recording secretary and corresponding secretary, respectively.

Senior Ball Hits New High As 3,000 Throng Rec Hall



MOONLIGHT SERENADER — Making his third campus appearance in two years, Glenn Miller attracted a capacity throng of 3000 in Penn State's first war-time Senior Ball in Rec Hall last night.

All-College Dance Classes Resume

The Penn State Club's All-College dancing classes will begin on Monday night their second semester schedule, Arthur Peskoe '42, club president announced yesterday.

The classes, begun last semester will be continued this half at the request of Recreation Coordinated.

The classes will be conducted on a different basis this semester under the direction of Joseph C. Farrell, professional instructor now on campus. The classes will be divided into groups with a regularly assigned coed as instructress in each group. This, Farrell said, would give more personal instruction to the students in the classes.

The course of ten lessons will be held from March 2 through April 3 with classes each Monday from 8:30 to 9:30 p. m. and Friday from 7 to 8 p. m. Class sessions will be held in the Armory. Tickets can be obtained at Student Union or at the Armory.

Members of the Committee in charge of arrangements for the classes are Thomas E. Wilcox '44, Ray A. Zaroda '44, and Martin L. Zeigler '44.

No Corsage Plan Sells Every Stamp In Town

A huge American eagle against a patriotic background of red, white, and blue was the theme of Penn State's first war-time Senior Ball when more than 1500 couples jammed Rec Hall last night.

This was the biggest dance ever held at the College, the crowds lining the sidewalk beside Burroughs Roads waiting for admission to the hall.

Glenn Miller and his orchestra furnished the music, national defense provided a worthy motive, and the crowning of Barbara Torrence as Senior Queen added glamour to the scene.

National defense stamp booklets containing a dollar's worth of stamps instead of corsages were definitely a success according to Thomas J. L. Henson and Peter J. Krones, co-chairmen of the Ball. They expressed the thanks of the committee to the students for making the idea go over big, and for their cooperation on the Ball in general.

Karl W. Ilgen, deputy state administrator of the State Defense Savings staff complimented the seniors on the idea of national defense stamps instead of corsages, and said that he thought it was a very worthwhile idea which other schools might copy.

"Babs" Torrence, recently elected Senior Queen to replace the traditional May Queen, with her date, led the grand march of the Ball just before the intermission, with H. Leonard Krouse, senior class president, and his date second in line.

A total of 9,210 defense stamps were sold, according to George L. Donovan, student union manager. All program booklets and every stamp available in State College were disposed of, he said. In addition, all of the profits from the dance will go to some charity or defense organization.

Review Of Hebrew Songs

The colorful panorama of Israel through the ages as depicted by dramatized song—sketches, narrative and music will make up the "Cavalcade of Hebrew Music" to be presented by the Hillel Foundation at 7:30 p. m. next Tuesday.

Student Majority Found Dissatisfied With Administration's War Effort

The Roosevelt Administration is not pushing America's war effort vigorously and efficiently enough, according to a large majority of students interviewed this week by The Daily Collegian. The country is too complacent and overconfident about the war, they said.

A Gallup Poll of the nation's voting public on the same issue showed that most Americans were satisfied with the war effort. Although their opinions vary, both students' and public's appraisal of the war situation is based on their own interpretation of war-news from day to day, plus the comments of "experts." Typical suggestions for improving America's war effort were:

- 1.—Make better use of labor and production facilities, work longer hours, stop strikes.
- 2.—The psychological attitude is wrong; we need all-out effort, less disagreement, more sacrifices.
- 3.—Send more men and equip-

ment to the Far East.

4.—Cut out graft and red tape; get better administrative direction, more business men like Donald Nelson.

5.—Strike at the enemy, take the offensive.

The question put to Penn State students and America's voting public was:

"Do you think the United States is doing all it can toward winning the war?" Results of both polls follow:

	Collegian	Gallup
Yes	22%	78%
No	68	17
Undecided	10	5

Phi Sigma Delta Elects

Newly elected officers of Phi Sigma Delta for 1942 are Mervin Krentzman '43, master frater; Kenneth Sivitz '44, vice-master frater; Leonard Bach '43, treasurer; Edgar Sykes '45, secretary; and Milton Bergstein '44, caterer.