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Poor Catchers

"We throw to you the torch" may have been a good high school cry of inspiration, but it is also the battle-cry of war.

Thousands of soldiers as they leave the ranks of civilian life throw their torch of sacrifice to others, who in turn, must step into the ranks of Uncle Sam's army. This business of war has made the torch-throwing a rapid-fire procession.

But, we students are poor catchers. In fact, the spirit of sacrifice is missing from the war vocabulary of the nation, and particularly from our campus. We are on the edge of the war-torn world, a little more removed from actual combat than most men.

We are isolated from the nation's war efforts, and are tardy in awakening to the full peril that confronts us. We don't know what sacrifice is, and we don't care. Our valley of Mt. Nittany is safe, we think, from bombing and we won't look "beyond the vale" before we are plucked to join one of Uncle Sam's torch brigades.

We have been badly beaten in three months of war. Our backs have been light from luxurious living, and we refuse to take on the added burden of war. It may be possible that in three more months of warfare, the packs may be thrown on our backs by a less democratic means. This time the danger of defeat will be blazing before our eyes and we will be told instead of asked.

We have been asked to save rubber. We procrastinate. We have been asked to buy defense bonds. We turn our pockets inside out with a shrug of the shoulder. We have been asked to save paper, conserve raw materials. We waste them. We have been asked to work more and ask less. We complain.

Now the lanes of communication from San Francisco to the Dutch Indies are still clogged after three months of warfare. Supplies cannot reach General MacArthur. Men cannot be transported fast enough to close the breach in the Java and Burma battleground. Planes are being turned out, but not fast enough. The American people are still smoking their cigars, striking for more pay, grabbing money needed for armaments, allowing fifth columnists to soften their war attitudes, and slowing up armament production.

In Corregidor, a small group of men are anxiously scanning the skies for air relief, and watching the seas hopelessly for transports. The supplies will come, probably too late, because American sea power and air power cannot connect its supply bases in a 6,000 mile chain.

This chain depends upon the American people, their ability to turn out planes, ships, ammunition, and men. The chain depends upon students, Americans who are willing to sacrifice.

The sacrifices must not come from the "gimme" urge but from an awakened America, and awakened students. The torch-throwing act is an idealistic one, but also a practical one, because it signifies a desire to eliminate the petty, selfish greed in a crisis where unity is imperative.

Mt. Nittany may be a temporary haven, but it is also a Shangri Lai where men walk in and roots walk out. Let's hope we are not fools of illusion in place of "idealistic torch-bearers."



Through The Needle's Eye

Forgotten Men Of Fame

With the war and all, we decided to talk to you about forgotten men and women today, the ones who are "famous" at Penn State. We have a conviction that the student body has been snubbing those whom it has made "great" in the college, and we'd like to humbly submit that a person can hold an extra-curricular office and still be a guy or gal who goes to classes and likes to tell the hot one he or she just heard, too.

Take Jeanne Stiles, for example. Pretty soon now, Jeany turns the whip over to the next head of Judicial. We fervently hope that her successor will not be the conscientious sucker that Jeanne was. We'd like to spank all the kids who make the head of Judicial into a bogeywoman that you have to pass primly in the Corner Room with a cool hello, because if you say anything nice, she might remember you for a campus. We have found Jeanne to be one of the damned few real people in this college, and we have wondered if the student body realizes what it does when it honors a student for capability, and then immediately refuses to separate the human being from the office held.

Jimmy Leyden, Thespians' production manager, is another one. Maybe it's old man jealousy, but as soon as a guy gets his name in the Daily Collegian as having done something significant, like having Waring play his tunes, the cats begin to howl instead of swinging out. Meanwhile, Leyden rolls along, quietly turning out the work that makes his particular organization move along. We've chatted with this fellow, and we think he's pretty much like everybody else: a nice guy who'll flunk a course if he doesn't stop writing tunes for Thespians and start writing them for classes, who is headed for the army or navy with his sheep-skin.

There are those who are sad apples, as were Ray Leffler and Pat Nagelberg, not-so-cordially disliked by most people. There are also some folks who are in the groove, like Jerry Doherty, who takes his girl's picture with him on debate trips; like the hypertensed editor of this sheet, who has fun getting his girl to show him how to jitterbug; like quiet Johnny Baer was before the army put him in a rut. We're not a press agent for any of these people, but we think that, before you get formal with the next person you meet with a high college office, you should try honoring them by being human and interested, instead of by making them forgotten men and women of "fame."

—GABRIEL

You'll Enjoy

The Corner

unusual

Former Librarian Dies In Washington

Sabra W. Vought, former College librarian, died of heart attack last Tuesday at her home in Washington. Nationally known for her research work and student education, she was, before her death, Librarian of the United States Office of Education.

From the period of 1924 to 1930, when Miss Vought was librarian of the College, numerous additions in personnel were made to the library. The 100,000 volume mark was passed and the Sparks and Coester collections of books were donated to the school.

Just as a friendly warning—ten inches of skin were grafted on an Oklahoma man who smoked a cigarette in bed.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Varsity debating, Ursinus College, labor question, 316 Sparks Building, 7 p. m., Penn State negative, Ursinus affirmative.

Freshman women Collegian candidates meet in 9 Carnegie Hall at 4 o'clock. New candidates are welcome.

Northwest Atherton coeds are invited to Penn State Club dance in Northwest lounge at 9 p. m.

Newman Club initiation, Theta Kappa Phi, 8 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Try-out for Thespian Stage Crew, Auditorium, 7 p. m. Sunday.

Entries for the ping pong and badminton singles tournaments must be handed in along with a 25 cent entrance fee to Eugen C. Bischoff in Rec Hall by 5 p. m. Wednesday.

Faculty Changes

Fourteen new appointments to the College faculty, as well as promotions and transfers, were announced yesterday by President Ralph D. Hetzel.

New appointees and their positions follow: Robert Stiles Beese, photographer in the School of Agriculture; Charles Stoll Bickler, instructor in engineering drawing; Orson S. Cannon, instructor in plant pathology extension; Liberata Emmerich, Mineral Industries librarians; Thomas R. Ferguson, Jr., instructor in fine arts in the Schuylkill Undergraduate Center; John R. Low, Jr., instructor in metallurgy.

Joseph Marin, professor of engineering mechanics; Rita Mae Miller, circulation assistant in the College library; B. S. Norris, instructor in metallurgy; John W. Oehrli, assistant professor of mechanical engineering; Anna Marie Teresa Quinn, home economics extension representative; Eleanor B. Simpson, assistant in economics (shorthand); J. Donald Watson, as-

stant professor of economics; and Mary E. Wattles, serials assistant in the College library.

The following promotions were also announced: H. P. Zelko, from instructor to assistant professor of public speaking; J. S. Levine, from research assistant to instructor in petroleum and natural gas engineering; and R. F. Nielson, from instructor to assistant professor of petroleum and natural gas engineering.

In addition, four faculty members were transferred to new positions. They include: George D. Lobingier, from assistant professor in the Schuylkill Undergraduate Center to district representative in Wilkes-Barre; Leon D. Skinner, from Mont Alto to the campus as assistant professor of English composition; John Y. Roy, from the Schuylkill Undergraduate Center to the campus as assistant professor of fine arts; and Duane V. Ramsey, from assistant professor of sociology to specialist in community adult education in the Extension Services.

IFC Changes Dating Code

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president, announced. This committee, Henson said, was operating under the provision of the code that was changed and so their decisions are null and void.

In a statement that seemed to surprise many of the Council's representatives, Henson added that the code was not in effect last week-end anyway, since it had not approved the minor changes of the Senate Committee on Student Welfare.

Debate began when William F. Finn '42 proposed that IFC's jurisdiction end when properly approved Wednesday by the Senate Committee on Student Welfare which "disapproved mixed drinking in fraternities at any time and on any occasion."

As the code stands now it does not differ materially from the one in use last semester. The one new clause that formerly was in the new code, that regarding chaperoned mixed drinking, has now been stricken out.

A committee consisting of the members of the IFC Judiciary Committee, the chairman of the Association of Fraternity Counselors, and the IFC president will approve chaperones.

To end one of the longest IFC meetings on record, the executive committee announced that IFC elections will be held April 13. The nominating committee will submit candidates' names at the next meeting.

Chewing gum costs Americans \$50,000,000 annually—which is a lot of money to stick under chairs and tables.

BUY DEFENSE STAMPS AND BONDS

Politics

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P. J. Jordan, historian, Samuel G. Fredman and Charles R. Sorber. The office of class historian has been vacated by John McLaughlin, who has transferred to another college.

Other Independent preliminary nominations follow.

Senior class president: Frank R. Flynn, J. Hilary Kelley, and David J. McAleer; vice-president, William C. Mazzocco, Glenn W. Ely, and Charles E. Gundlach; secretary, Joyce R. Brown and Lila A. Whoolery; treasurer, Jess V. Fardella, Charles E. Gundlach, J. Hilary Kelley, and Robert J. Perugini; class historian, David J. Woods and Charles E. Gundlach.

Class of 1944

The Campus party has completed its slate and will run William B. Prichard for president of the next junior class. His running mate will be Robert M. Faloon, Jr., Shirley J. Tetley was chosen a candidate for class secretary, and William Briner, Jr. was named for the treasurer's post.

No nominations have been made in the '44 Independent party.

Class of 1945

Campus party politicians put their heads together in the freshman class and came up with James A. McKechnie for president of the sophomore class. Ruth A. Embury is running for vice-president. Margaret L. Good received the nomination for secretary, and John L. Pfirman was placed on the ticket for treasurer.

The Independent party refused to reveal its plans for the coming elections. Party organization is not yet complete.

It used to be "tramp, tramp, tramp the boys are marching." Now it's stamp, stamp, stamp, to keep 'em flying. Buy all you can!