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The Campuseer



Hi Ho, Lackaday

Five p. m. and still nothing blunders into the deathly silence of the Campuseer recess of what I optimistically refer to as a mind. Seems that the boys and gals hereabouts have been stagnant over the weekend, nary a ruffle to break the smooth surface of campus complacency. However, we do have a few gleanings to offer our immense public (both of you) and here goes:

Some wag was calling all fraternities Friday afternoon with the message that Brother Jones from the Penn Chapter was anxiously awaiting transportation at the local bus depot. Many of the more conscientious clubs dispatched with haste a delegation to meet the visitor, only to arrive at the station just as ten or twelve other reception committees from other houses rolled in. They all stood around in the cold until two of the delegations got together, compared notes, and discovered the hoax.

George Schless stopped over to see his former associates and friends before continuing on his way to join the Naval forces of Uncle Sam . . . Pity the poor campus hot dogs who will be well roasted at the annual Gridiron Banquet. We hear tell that especially prepared torches will be applied to Les "\$1500" Hetenyi, Donovan, the chapel fund investigation, and many others . . . Ruth Zang, Mac Hall hostess, has fifty pairs of earrings. Wow! Ain't that an earful, gang?

Helen Nugent, sophomore kappa lovely, was duly honored by the Colgate-phi delts when they elected her to reign at their Houseparty last week . . . Fred Allen says the safety pin he wears on his many garments represents his affiliation with the Greek letter club, Phi Hadda Button. (Ouch!)

Circulation Department

Now out of circulation, temporarily at least, are Mary Hammond and Killer Irwin who relinquished his phi gam pin. Also on the "closed for alterations" list is Gloria Greene who took Bill Whyel's beta jewelry some time ago . . . Then we have Betty Ziegler, pinned by Red Yoho, delta sigma phi; and Mary Sallada who now bears Bob Stevens' alpha chi sig pin.

Campus Calendar

TODAY

All-College elections committee will meet in 318 Old Main at 4 p. m.

Sewing and knitting for the Red Cross in the campus workroom, 117 Home Economics Building, from 6:45 to 8:45 p. m.

Alpha Phi Omega, Boy Scout service fraternity, 110 Home Economics, 7 to 8 p. m.

Liberal Arts Lecture, Dr. J. J. Rubin speaking on "Walt Whitman, Poet of Democracy," 121 Sparks, 7:30 p. m.

All-College Cabinet, 104 Old Main, 8:15 p. m.

Freshman Forum, Hillel, 7 p. m.

Priestley Lecture, Dr. Henry B. Hass, 119 New Physics, 7:30 p. m.

Tau Beta Pi Notes are available for all Tau Beta Pi members at Student Union today, Wednesday, and Thursday only.

Campus '44 meeting after political rally in 309 Old Main.

Theta Sigma Phi meets, 212 Grange Dormitory, 4 p. m.

PSCA Executive committee, 304 Old Main, 11 a. m.

PSCA Freshman Forum-Council Cabin Party committee, Hugh Beaver Room, 4 p. m.

IMA sound news and sports movies, 105 White Hall, 8 p. m.

TOMORROW

Lenten Morning Watch in 304 Old Main at 7 a. m.

PSCA Cabinet meeting, 304 Old Main, 4 p. m.

Second lecture of the Priestley Series in 119 New Physics at 7:30 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tickets for Player's production, "Mr. and Mrs. North" are on sale at Student Union.

Final proof reading on fraternity LayVie pictures at Photo Shop today and Wednesday.

Deadline for ordering commencement announcements, invitations, and programs at Student Union is Wednesday afternoon.

Spring's War Drums

While the earth shakes herself from winter hibernation and stretches her arms to welcome Spring, war drums are beginning to beat with faster intensity.

America is slowly freeing herself from self-induced lethargy, but she was not awakened by the usual herald, the robin. She was roused by the harsh boom of guns off the coast of Java.

This is a new Spring. It will be no lazy awakening. Guns will roll hastily to the far corners of civilization, will plant themselves behind rapidly-dug embankments, and will hurl their loud shells of destruction to open the first of a long series of Spring war campaigns.

With Spring comes awareness. With Spring, so poets intimate, comes the rebirth of senses and new perceptions. This spring the harsh sounds of war cries will drown out these forces and it will usher in the uncongenial hosts of "hell and shells." This Spring marks the opening of a "death-to-death" struggle of world powers.

With winter snows disappearing, defeat stares the United States in the face. We cannot calmly depend upon our superior natural resources to outlast the Axis reserves. They seem to be drawing upon mythical supplies. We cannot sit in our trundle beds and smile at our power. That power has proved to be impotent.

We must wake up! The destroying of 13 United Nations warships at Java broke the calm of winter sleepiness and jarred us Americans out of our beds. Now we can see that long supply line to Australia broken; we are watching the infiltration of Japanese troops from Singapore south to Java; we suddenly realize the retreat of the British to new defense positions in Burma; we anxiously scan the reports that Hitler's famous Panzer divisions have not lost too much ground in Russia and have rested their main fighting units in winter quarters for their great Spring offensive; we see strikes impede American production and halt the life-lines to the Philippines; we notice civilians taking defense jobs lightly and refusing to cooperate in air-raid drills; we count endless thousands of laborers, white-collar workers, business men, fraternity brothers, and roommates casually picking up funny papers, leaving front pages unread, and discounting front-page headlines which state that America is in a more serious situation than she has ever been; we look at our friends laughing at the headlines and calling the war, "Nothing for us to worry about until we're in it."

With Spring comes awareness. We hope so! We repeat that the awareness of America and her responsibilities and dangers will come only when her people forget the "gimme" phrase.

The war drums are beating. Maybe the American people haven't heard them. Maybe we students will wait until the war drums are pounding at our back door. Maybe it will be too late. The war drums are coming closer. Will we hear them in time? Will we be awake from our winter slumber?

Spring is here, and with it, the answer.

Rain or Apathy?

True, it was raining last night . . . Much more comfortable to sit in easy chairs by the fire than traipse up to some meeting in Old Main. But when that meeting offers the student body its only opportunity to survey and contribute to its newly revised constitution, it seems too bad that only four students attended. But more disheartening than this was the presence last night of only seven Cabinet members.

Apathy—student government's worst enemy!
 —D. W. D.

Report Shows '45' Independents Elect Twin Heads

Penn State graduates in the pre-medical curriculum have made an excellent record in medical school, a report covering a ten-year period indicates.

Over 96 per cent of the former Penn State students who entered medical school completed their course, the report shows.

Of these, 82 per cent had a clean slate, while 14.1 per cent failed one or two subjects and were reinstated with a clean record through re-examinations. Only 3.3 per cent were completely washed out, and .6 per cent withdrew for reasons other than scholarship.

The thorough foundation in chemistry and physics is largely responsible for the success of Penn State pre-medical graduates, according to the report.

Two brothers, Thomas A. Dempsey, Jr., and John B. Dempsey are co-chairmen of the Independent '45 clique as the result of party elections last night. At the same time, Henry P. Yeager was selected publicity chairman; Rozanne M. Brooks, art chairman, and R. Christine Yohe, clique secretary.

The politicians announced a meeting in 412 Old Main at 7:30 o'clock Thursday.

Duchin And Band To Appear Here

"Music will help America win the war." These are the words of Eddy Duchin, owner of the famous "magic fingers of radio" who will appear in person on the stage of the Cathaum theatre tomorrow afternoon and evening.

Featured with America's outstanding popular pianist are Lew Sherwood, the singing trumpeter; June Robbins, songstress; Tony Leonard and Johnny Drake, popular vocalists.

Clinic Studies 200 Children

"The most neglected of all our handicapped children," the cleft-palate patients, will be the subject of a two-year study begun by the speech clinic and the department of education and psychology.

According to Dr. Herbert Koepf-Baker, in charge of the clinic, these children are often shamed from one agency to another without getting the help they seek.

"Approximately 4,000 Pennsylvanians were born with a cleft-palate condition which handicaps them socially and vocationally," he said today. "Many of them could find their proper place in society if given treatment."

Two hundred patients will be studied to see what can be done for them, who should assume responsibility for their care, and how they can be fitted into the public school program.

Debate Convention Climaxes Season

Debate activities will reach a climax on the campus this weekend when 125 delegates representing 21 Pennsylvania colleges and universities meet here for the seventh annual Pennsylvania State Debaters' Convention.

The visiting debaters will arrive Thursday and Friday for the weekend sessions. Registration in Old Main lounge Thursday evening and Friday morning will inaugurate the forensic meeting.

Samuel G. Fredman '43 and John B. McCue '43, debate manager, returned yesterday from the team's annual Southern trip.

Marines Return To Obtain Quota

Failure to obtain the Penn State quota has forced Lieut. Robert Port, recruiting officer, and his staff to return to the campus Thursday for other physical examinations and for applicants for the Candidate Class of the Marine Corps Reserve.

The ratio previously set for Penn State is 25 seniors, 18 juniors and 6 sophomores. The number of freshmen which will be accepted has not been announced. Hours for recruiting in 311 Old Main will be 10 a. m. to noon and from 1:30 p. m. to 5 p. m. Physical exams will be conducted at the Infirmary between the same hours.

IMA To Sponsor Football Movies

News and football movies, 70-minutes long, will be shown in 105 White Hall at 8 o'clock tonight, it was announced last night by John H. Knode '42, acting president of Independent Men's Association, sponsor.

Coach Bob Higgins will show motion pictures on 1941 professional, college and all-star football games, narrated by Bill Stern. News reels will include scenes of the sinking of the Bismarck, evacuation of Dunkirk, and "It Can Happen Here."

BUY DEFENSE STAMPS AND BONDS