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## A New Campaign

With a serious scrap iron shortage threatening America's steel industry, Penn State can do its part in a small way by salvaging several landmarks that have little traditional value. On campus, there are several mounted cannons that serve no purpose other than their decorative value. This same situation may be found in hundreds of towns and cities throughout the nation, and there is definite reason to believe that many of these Civil War relics could be used to great advantage in winning the present war.

This is only a suggestion—but it is a suggestion with great potential strength. Within the next two days, the proper College authorities could decree that the cannon should be salvaged for use as vital scrap iron. This action could be followed with a general feature story explaining Penn State's newest contribution to national defense. The story could be sent from the College publicity office to all parts of Pennsylvania, where newspapers may use it as an incentive toward similar action in their own particular area.

The idea is not a new one. Many towns have already initiated this plan, and a little more drive in the right direction may cause others to fall in line. Since the College's publicity releases have been used quite extensively by Pennsylvania newspapers, it is an assumption that a story about Penn State salvaging old cannon may go a long way.

But, before any benefit can be realized from this plan, the College must take the initial step and scrap the cannon. The Collegian has dropped a hint, and will watch with interest as the administration considers the plan.

## Let's Wait A While

Everyone is talking, but generally it isn't about the war. Campus idealists, who are intimately concerned with what we must do after the war, usually say nothing about the present. How are we going to get from war to peace? Certainly not through thinking entirely about the future.

Defense forums attempt to tell us what our jobs will be after we win this war. Instead of looking to the future in wartime, we should pay more attention to the present.

However, students have no opportunity to consider the present with such forums as "After the War—What?" This is only one example. There are many more such forums, many of them in defense, too.

Students are not taking advantage of the present to solve their problems. They are "asleep at the switch." Studies mean little or nothing to some students because they forecast that the armed forces will spell their doom.

Since war has broken out, increasing carelessness has been reported in College classes.

Do we want to be slackers? Why shouldn't we buckle down to the tasks of educating ourselves while we have the time to do it? The time is growing short.

Isn't it logical to concern ourselves with talk about the present, about the efforts we can push ahead to help our armed forces, about running our own private economic affairs within the shadows of war?

Campus defense forums do not fill the gaps between our present life and our future. We are only interested in winning this war. We are the ones who will also solve the problems of post-war. But let's wait until we have an opportunity to solve them.

—R. E. S.



Old Mania...

Our sole aim in writing this column is to entertain with plenty of gossip, anecdotes, and, maybe a little sex. Nothing escapes us 'cause we got hordes and hordes of snoopers peeping around the campus.

## Pin Jobs And Stuff:

Lois Jane Hunter lost her Kappa pin over the Easter weekend to Kimber Jim Grimm, Jr. Oh you kid! Another new combination on campus via the Phi Sigma Kappas is Gene Cassel and Alpha Chi Joyce Strobe. And it is rumored that Bob Roy, candidate for IFC prexy, is going to take one of our prettiest Collegian gals to Junior Prom. We refer, of course, to Peggy Good.

Edie Smith, Collegian's pride and joy, accepted Hal Dersam's Chi Phi pin recently. Margie Walton reversed the usual procedure and returned Pat Golightly's Sigma Pi jewelry.

Incidentally . . . Balfour should give a discount on Theta Xi pins to Bob Kaval. My, how that boy gets around. And politico Kemp Noble relinquished his SAE pin to Ginnie Morrow.

Despite hail and high water, the AEPi pledges held their formal at the Nittany Lion last night. Observed here and there about the premises were Jack Bard and Edie Dubnoff, Harold Berger (Hillel prexy) with Hilma Eisen, and Stu Sussman squiring Nel Wortman. Two couples who really set foot on the dance floor were Eleanor Freedman with Laibe Kessler and Fredlyn Potash with Ted Casnoff.

## Musings Of A Moron:

Hundreds, yea thousands, of Penn State wolves will suffer from cross eyes if our lovely coeds persist in wearing V-shaped peek-a-boo shirts. They may be stylish, but they're awfully hard on the poor boys' nerves.

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From recent observations down at Doggies', we note that you can lead a Chi Phi to water—but why disappoint him.

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A recent survey showed that the average Yale graduate had 2.3 children and the average Vassar coed had 3.4 which goes to show that women have more children than men.

## Damn Those Priorities!

With the recent announcement that skirts will be shorter this year because of priorities, we composed two poems:

Mary had a little skirt  
She stood against the light  
Who gives a damn  
For Mary's lamb  
With Mary's calves in sight.

But if you think that was putrid, take a gander at this brainchild:

Mary had a little dress  
Dainty, chic and airy;  
It didn't show the dirt so bad,  
But my, how it showed Mary.

## Now Really, Mr. Hershey

In case anyone is interested in deferment from the draft, here is something worth looking into. A Selective Service ruling has it that men married since December 8, 1941, cannot be deferred on the basis of dependency unless they "prove the status was acquired under circumstances beyond the registrant's control."

## White Wittle Wabbit

Over by Dean Schott's big red barn stands the Alpha Zeta manse. And in this manse live Lyle Baker and Bill Leindun—who believe in being different. So last Sunday night they sent a live rabbit with white fur and pink eyes to Doris Peyton and Barbara Painter of fourth floor Mac. The gals screamed with delight when they beheld it, but now they find that he's running up a sizeable feed bill. Can you use a white, wittle wabbit in your room? If so, contact fourth floor Mac.

We'll have loads of more dirt next week after the snow melts, and the influence of Spring is again felt on campus. See you at the WSGA dance tonight.

—MANIAC

## 6 In Speech Finals Tonight

Six students will compete in the final round of the All-College Extemporaneous speech contest in 121 Sparks at 7:30 tonight for a \$50 first prize and a \$25 runner-up award.

Finalists taking part tonight are Donald R. Taylor '42, who talked on "Causes Make Men," in his semi-final speech; Mary I. Greenberg '42, "Whatever It Might Be"; L. Jeanne Kaiser '43, "How Judge a Man Great"; David A. Young '42, "America's Hour of Decision"; Francis E. Zabkar '44, "A Call to Youth"; and John E. Ritchey '44, "The Hereafter."

Sponsored annually by the speech department, the contest will make a change in the usual method of awarding the prizes. Instead of the usual cash, the contest committee has agreed to give the winners defense bonds and stamps that have a face value of \$50 and \$25.

Prof. John H. Frizzell, head of the department of public speaking, will serve as chairman of the event tonight. Judges are Adrian O. Morse, assistant to the President; Robert G. Bernreuter, professor of psychology; and Anna P. Locklin, assistant professor of English literature.

The contest attracted 57 students, according to Clayton H. Schug, assistant professor of public speaking, who serves as chairman of the contest committee. Other members of his committee are Mrs. Harriet D. Nesbitt, instructor of public speaking, and Raymond W. Tyson, instructor of public speaking.

## Club To Pick Best Senior

Selection of Penn State's outstanding non-fraternity senior will be released today, according to Arthur M. Peskoe '42, retiring Penn State Club president.

Started in 1937, the award has become an annual honor for the Nittany senior who has been most prominent in campus activities during his four-year campus life. The committee who will make this year's selection is made up of George Donovan, Student Union manager, A. R. Warnock, dean of men, and Thomas H. L. Henson '42, retiring IFC head.

The scroll that symbolizes the selection will be presented to the senior chosen at the annual Spring banquet of the Penn State Club on April 23 in the Sandwich Shop, according to Peskoe.

Previous winners of the award were Johnson Breneman '37, Russell Gohn '38, Joseph R. Peel '39, David E. Pergrin '40, and Arnold C. Laich '41.

## 6 Debaters Travel On Tour Monday

Six members of the debate team will travel to Reedsville to speak before the Parent-Teachers Association at 7:30 p. m. Monday.

The labor question will be the topic that they will discuss.

The members of the team that will make the trip are John B. McCue, Howard Harmon, R. Warburton Miller, David L. Englehardt, Earl R. Booser.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

### TODAY

A meeting of the PSCA cabinet will be held at the home of Harry Seamans from 4 to 6 p. m.

Finalists will compete in the Annual All-College Extemporaneous Speaking Contest held in 121 Sparks Building at 7:30 p. m.

Summer semester deferment application blanks, now ready at the Bursar's office, must be obtained before April 25.

Students, faculty, and townspeople are invited to attend Home Economics Hospitality Day.

WSGA formal dance, Rec Hall, 9 p. m. to midnight. Coeds are admitted free.

A display of oil paintings, water colors, prints, and drawings will be formally opened in the MI Art Gallery at 8 p. m.

### TOMORROW

Prof. John H. Frizzell, chaplain of the Pennsylvania State College, will speak on "The Way, Today" in chapel service.

The Newman Club will hold an election of officers in 405 Old Main at 7:45 p. m.

Riding Club business meeting at the club stables at 2:30 p. m.

Symphony Concert in Schwab Auditorium at 3:30 p. m.

Russian Club will enjoy their annual Easter party to be held in the Sandwich Shop of Old Main at 8 p. m.

## Services Okay New Anthem

Musical divisions of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps have agreed upon standardizing the new A-flat arrangement of the Star Spangled Banner, written in collaboration recently by Dr. George S. Howard, associate music professor in the Extension School, and Major Howard Bronson, in charge of music, Special Services Division of the U. S. Army, it was announced by Major H. W. Kent.

Instead of a separate version of the national anthem for each branch of the armed forces, the Army, Navy, and Marine Bands will play the same one henceforth. The new arrangement brings the Star Spangled Banner into a lower key, which allows the average citizen to negotiate its high notes more capably. On March 31 the arrangement was played for the first time before a national convention of 6,000 public school music directors in Milwaukee. The musical debut was so successful that action was taken almost immediately to obtain rights for performance by the nation's military music organizations.

Numerous people have written Dr. Howard thanking him for rewriting the anthem in a singable key. A large metropolitan newspaper has also offered to print the Star Spangled Banner in its new form and distribute it free of charge to anyone requesting it.

### PSCA NAMES COUNSELORS

Members of the Student Counselor Committee chosen to help in the orientation of incoming freshmen this summer include Eugene R. Yeager '43, chairman, Jerome H. Blakeslee '43, Norman Weisberger '43, William E. Murphy '43, Charles H. Ridenour '43, Frank R. Flynn '43, Daniel C. Gillespie '44, David J. McAleer '43, Samuel E. Flenner '43 and Jack R. Grey '44.

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