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The accelerated, three-semester program is Penn State's major contribution to America's war efforts. For the duration, it is to be regarded as a normal and not a special program of study.

Wednesday, May 6, 1942

So The Story Goes . . .

Following the announcement of the winners in Portfolio's recent literary contest, it was learned from authentic sources that three of the prize-winning articles were contributed by the same person who wrote under three different names.

The author used names of people with whom he was well acquainted, and in that way, the articles were authentic as coming from regularly enrolled students of the College. This is no attempt to call anyone on the "proverbial carpet," but instead is only an informal gesture toward revealing some of the oddities behind the news stories of the day.

Coat Hanger Campaign

In answer to a request from the United States Army Reception Center at New Cumberland, Pa., student government leaders have designated that tomorrow will be campus "coat hanger" day.

There has been no national law passed that will require students to cooperate with this campaign, but instead, it is another patriotic measure, which is comparable to the "aluminum collection" that was conducted nationally several months ago.

Originally, this appeal from the Army was directed at all newspapers in the towns and cities of Pennsylvania. The official request asked "all daily and weekly newspapers of Pennsylvania to invite readers to send coat hangers to the New Cumberland Center. Capt. John E. Tilton points out that Army selectees going through the Center are well outfitted with clothing and equipment, but no provision has been made for coat hangers. He says the need is almost limitless. Have them sent express or freight, prepaid."

Undoubtedly there are many unused coat hangers in the closets of both fraternity and independent rooming houses. As students go to classes tomorrow, they will have an opportunity to leave these old coat hangers at the collection center, which is conveniently located at the base of the front steps of Old Main.

Entertaining The Army

Early in February, the Victory Ball gave \$300 to the Thespian Mobile Unit as a starter toward a proposed plan to send collegiate entertainers to Army camps. A month later the senior class followed with a \$1,000 donation from Senior Ball profits.

This money has been spent wisely.

Thrifty Thespians have been making this sum go a long way toward boosting morale in the camps. Already they have made eight trips to the New Cumberland Induction Center and one to the Carlisle barracks. In every case their music, their dancers, their funny men have "gone over big" with the service men.

Students do not realize that entertaining men from every walk of life is not the easiest thing in the world. Business men, professional men, laborers, and the recently unemployed must all be appealed to. Amateurs take on a tough assignment when they attempt this job, but the campus group has a good record.

Members of the unit must work hard at times, but their study time in half, and practice almost constantly; and all they get out of it is a meal after the performance. Of course, they are having fun, but unit members sacrifice plenty for the war effort.

—D. L. W.

A Worm's Eye View . . .



Hello, Gabriel—

Last week, Gabriel, the big bully, stuck his needle right into our little green insides. And in return, we're gonna deflate one or two of those humps on his camel's back if we can.

Look here, Gabriel Angel, you babbled on last week about brooks and sunshine vs. hodge podge timetables and "nooks and crannies" where kids will be "workin' their way through college." We agree about the timetables. We took a look yesterday, and we think a lot of people ought to pass ten cents over the registrar's desk and grab one before they come back to register May 18. It will spoil their vacations, but that would be preferable to the shock they're gonna get when they return if they don't buy a timetable now.

But about these "nooks and crannies." We're not talking about the people who work in restaurants. (Not everyone has time for the great out-of-doors.) But we do mean the people who sit in these nooks and crannies surrounded by cigarette smoke, coffee, and bull. We mean the chronic bridge players, the activities hounds, and the "key-men" of the campus.

We know that men enrolled in science courses aren't gonna have time for the sunshine. They never do anyway; and besides, they usually get deferments. But the ones who are sure to be drafted could substitute some of the time they spend on extra-curricular activities for the brooks and sunshine.

The Players could give themselves a breathing space between shows; the Thespians could cut out an hour from their performances before rehearsals start keeping them up all night instead of waiting until the Friday night show is over; Panhellenic Council could make a motion that sororities meet only once every two weeks instead of once a week; and some of the honoraries, if they must entertain, could have picnics instead of coffee hours and teas.

If the American public can sacrifice automobiles to save tin and rubber, Penn State students can sacrifice extra-curricular activities to save energy. A soldier's health is just as important as his gun, Gabriel Angel. But don't you think we've harped on this thing long enough, it's hard on little worms, so quick, Gabriel, the needle!

Speaking Of Summer - -

Last week a facetious young woman told the editor that to save on needed materials this Summer, she thought everyone ought to go bare-footed.

This reminded us of a remark a student once made, "The only thing a good night's sleep won't cure is athlete's foot." And we pictured the student body lined up from the city limits to the Dispensary, simultaneously scratching one foot and then the other.

Sure, there's a priority on rubber, but toenail cleaners are going to be hard to get, too, to say nothing of soap and water and soothing salves.

Speaking of the Summer semester (which is what we're always doing), we hope the Administration has purchased themselves a few screens for the windows of our buildings. It's no fun for the kiddies and profs to sit in a hot classroom, sticking to their seats, playing tag with flies, and squashing mosquitoes on their necks. It's even worse to get the hair caught in one of those sticky things that hang from ceilings to catch flies on.

We know a school teacher who came up here last Summer to attend College and she said, "Oh, it's a lovely little town, but my Gawd, the bugs!"

It's bad enough not to have fans to keep the professors cool and collected, without watching them skip around the classrooms with fly swatters.

—FERDY

Ode To The Seniors

We will miss you dear Penn State,
Miss going to your classes never late—
To take a Blue Book.
Miss your campus, beyond all words
And your lawns and trees and birds—
Yapping their darn heads off.
Four short years ago—matriculate
And sad, to leave, did we graduate?—
Hell no! We're drafted.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Varsity track meet with Temple at 4 p. m.
Varsity tennis match with Penn at 4 p. m.
Freshman track meet with Temple at 4 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Seniors and students not returning for the Summer session may obtain subscriptions for the Summer issues of The Daily Collegian by applying at Student Union.

Basic ROTC Engineers will not meet anymore this semester.

Players' tickets for "Mr. and Mrs. North" now on sale at Student Union. Price 55 cents.

STCD Defense certificates are now ready at Student Union.

'Bars For Tars'

Deadline Today

Candy bars or money for WSGA House of Representatives Bars for Tars Day must be handed in at the office of the dean of women by noon today, according to Sylvia P. Schmidle '42, committee chairman. Approximately 500 bars are still needed.

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