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## Times Have Changed

Eight months ago in the early part of September, Penn State was deeply concerned with the infantile paralysis epidemic. Drastic measures were being planned to cope with the spread of the dread disease and the College postponed the opening of classes one week in order to safeguard the students.

At the time, many students wondered how the lost time would be made up, and how the College would overcome the difficulties of a late start. In addition, fears were expressed that the first football game with Colgate might have to be postponed if the threat of an epidemic did not subside.

Little did Penn State students realize that all these seemingly important events would soon be considered as only trivial matters. Student government was busy with its usual run of legislation, and mixed drinking was the daily topic of interest.

On the home political front, campus bosses were battling over the problem of combining Soph Hop and Fall Houseparty, while another group of student leaders were tearing apart and rebuilding the All-College constitution. Everything pointed toward another typical College year.

Then it happened. On a quiet December Sunday, Penn State and the rest of the world were shaken by the attack on Pearl Harbor. Overnight, the whole scene changed; overnight, the College rose to meet the crisis, and both Administrative officers and student leaders were called upon to make hurried decisions that had never occurred in their imagination previous to that time.

Calling the first All-College convocation in more than four years, Hetzel briefly outlined the part that the College and the students could play in order that the nation might wage a successful way against the Axis.

Immediately, the Administration began plans to accelerate the study program. Vacations were cancelled; courses were concentrated as well as shortened; and it was finally decided that Penn State would adopt the third semester.

Following the policy of many metropolitan areas, State College organized defense councils, which were to launch plans to assist civilians in the time of emergency. To better prepare themselves for special duties, hundreds of students enrolled for special training offered by College defense courses.

With little hesitation, students combined social activities with defense measures by diverting the profits of Victory Ball and Senior Ball into defense channels. Thespians, who have had a tradition based on nonsense and college humor, turned to entertaining army men in neighboring camps and induction centers.

All in all, there was a mass turnover in the short span of several months—and it is only the beginning.

## History Repeats

Paced by the amazing records established by the Winter sports teams, Penn State is dropping the curtain on the most successful year in its athletic history. Only once before did the Blue and White attempt to approach this record, and strangely enough, that was directly preceding World War No. 1.

It is not necessary to review the successes of a great football team that started a highly doubtful campaign with a wealth of inexperience. The Nittany basketball team established two all-time Penn State records and placed third in the National tourney—only after the coach had predicted that the boys would be lucky to win half of their games during the season.

In gymnastics and wrestling, Penn State placed among the top teams of the nation; and to top off a highly successful year, Barney Ewell was honored as the outstanding athlete on the merit of having contributed more to Penn State's athletic prestige than any other student has for the past few years.



Old Mania...

This column is being written for our two faithful readers who are leaving tomorrow. We hope the visiting Alumni find our jokes funny enough. The local guys and gals are now home recuperating from blue books and haven't done much pinning or socializing this week. But we still managed to garner a few things here and there. So-o-o-o-o-o, here goes!

## Pinnings And Stuff

Ruthie Rummel now sports a Phi Kappa Tau pin next to her Gamma Phi jewelry via Freddy McAdam . . . and B. J. Yost has an Alpha Chi Rho pin. Sooky Duerst is now the proud possessor of Satch Simpson's Lambda Chi Alpha pin. And two new pinnings made over Junior Prom weekend were Eleanor Stoner-Bob Wetzél (fiji) and Mary McCurdy-Johnny Jaffurs (Acacia).

A high school romance which blossomed into the real thing came about last week when Phi Sigma Kappa's Phil Moore announced his engagement to his home town love, a Wilson College senior.

Incidentally . . . Maniac apologizes to frosh Margie Walton for pinning her to some TKA by the name of Zilchman. Further investigation reveals that she possesses a PiKA pin which formerly belonged to George Tilghman. Our most humble apologies, Margie. And furthermore, who is this guy Zilchman over at the TKA house . . . and where in the hell is the TKA house? Operator 69½, take notice.

## Local Nuptials

Dottie Magor deserves a prize or something for keeping a secret. After a year-and-a-half of secret wedded bliss, she announced to her Alpha Chi sisters last week her marriage to Naval Ensign Dave Kempner. Imagine, keeping a thing like that quiet for 18 months. That's pluck!

On Wednesday night Bob Ball, AGR, middle-aided it with Dottie Geltz at the local Presbyterian Church. Ah, Spring!

## Poem Of The Week:

This little tidbit is dedicated to those privileged few who can still drive on their retreads:

He had one hand upon the wheel  
Quite joyful was his ride;  
The other arm was wrapped around  
The coed by his side.  
Chief Juba yelled, "Hey, use both hands."  
In a voice that boomed quite far;  
"I can't," the loving swain replied,  
"I have to steer the car."

## What's The Moniker?

Shakespeare was wrong when he said a rose will smell as sweet if it's called a cabbage, or words to the effect.

An investigation of name traits by a Columbia psychologist shows that if your girl's name is Bertha the average reaction will be "Oh heavens! She must be immense." The name Mazie means talkative; Rita, brunette; Joan, good-looking; and Linda, sophisticated.

Note the Hollywood influence.

## Joke!!

The following is reprinted because we think it's cute and it also fills space. At least, our two readers might like it:

He: Come on.  
She: No!  
He: Why not?  
She: Just because.  
He: Don't you love me anymore?  
She: It isn't that.  
He: Please just this once.  
She: No!  
He: Aw, shucks, Maw, all the boys are going barefotted.

## Advice To Future Coeds:

Once upon a time there was a girl who went riding with her boyfriend. When they were way out in the country, the car stopped suddenly. The boy hopped out, and in ten minutes, sure enough, he had the darned car fixed, so that they could get back to the dorm before 11 o'clock.

Moral: Don't go riding with a mechanical engineer.

Well, this will be all until next semester when we hope to have loads and loads and loads of more dirt, which should be in abundance this Summer—judging from reports of previous seasons.

—MANIAC

## 'Mr. And Mrs. North' Shows For Repeat Performance

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presented by the Penn State Players.

The dialogue was, at times, yawn-producing, but interesting enough to hold an unreceptive audience of 300. James Ambandos as Detective Mullins was the star performer; though he held a secondary role.

Elinor Herrman's Mrs. North was pleasant for one act, after that her constant chatter was anything but. Let's mention Don Taylor for a good last performance, and Doris Lavine and Leon Flook for the least convincing.

## ROTC Commissions

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lotta Robert B. Moore. Frederick W. Mueller, Jr., John W. Pierce, Jacob N. Shearer, Lloyd H. Shenefelt, Jr., Joseph D. Spinelli, Ralph E. Strootman, Cleo M. Wildasin Gerald R. Wisner and Hiram W. Wolfe, III.

Graduating seniors commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the Corps of Engineers Reserve are Lester R. Albert, Robert G. Alexander, William G. Barger, Roy A. Bay, John R. F. Bond, Roland D. Bowman, Robert P. Brooks, John D. Clarke, John P. Dubois.

Robert G. Edgerton, Wendell G. Ekdahl, Robert C. Faylor, Joseph E. Foley, Jr., William W. Horst, Jr., Wilson B. Knight, Paul Lazar, Earl R. LeVier, Bernard P. McDonnell, John H. McNary, Howard R. Mardin, Philip Martsoff, John N. Moore.

Jack E. Morgan, John D. Morgan, Jr., Rudolph S. Mucha, Warren W. Parke, John H. Quirk, Eugene F. Scherr, Milton Schwartz, Charles J. Smith, Howard W. Smith, William C. Stephens, Louis Sylvester, Andrew Tarapchak, Charles L. Van Inwagen, Richard F. Whitman, and Norman B. Wright, Jr.

New commissioned officers in the Air Corps Reserve are Ralph Blassingame, Raymond F. Leffler, Charles F. Mattern, Robert F. Mattern, James W. Ritter, John E. Salamanchuk, William L. Sandston, George K. Schubert, Ernest Soble, Richard E. Walck, Roland G. C. Young, and William M. Ziegenfuss.

Second Lieutenants Arthur S. Beward, Harry R. Lunt, Carl L. Scheirer, Jr., John W. Walker, and Ernest C. Wright will enter the Chemical Warfare Service Reserve.

The Quartermaster Corps Reserve will receive Second Lieutenants George K. Campbell, Edward F. Churella, Reginald L. Hardwork, William M. Keil, William O. Meyers, Kenneth F. Moist, Charles C. Seebold, Sherman M. Williamson and John B. Yeneral. Joseph Z. Schmidt will be the only Second Lieutenant graduating to enter the Signal Corps Reserve.

At all times, across the footlights, we felt the bond that exists in a good play. Its power and strength lay in its immediacy, in its ability to make itself at once plausible and pleasant. The characters were not prefabricated machines; on the contrary, they thought and felt their way through the parts and finally achieved the complete transformation from themselves.

Somehow, whenever Miss Herrman and R. Taylor are together upon the stage, we feel sort of content because they are so used to playing with each other that they've accomplished a sort of compromise. It is unfortunate that this play is the last that they will make together.

However, if you insist on probing a flaw, we thought that the humorous and tense moments might have been more clearly defined. But that's a minor quibble to make about the superior performance that it was.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Players' show, Mr. and Mrs. North," Schwab Auditorium, 7:30 p. m. Tickets may be bought at door.

Players' informal reception following show for seniors, relatives, active and associate members in foyer of Auditorium.

MISCELLANEOUS

Names of all officers of honoraries, clubs, fraternities, and other organized college groups should be turned in to Student Union immediately in order to be included in the Student Union Directory.

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