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Open Letter To Hat Men:

Gentlemen:
On Wednesday, July 15, there appeared in The Daily Collegian a letter attacking our recent muckracking of your organization. Undoubtedly this letter was written by one of you. No one but a hat man could have used so many words to say nothing. It clearly reveals the inner workings of an insipid mind. Instead of answering our charges, he resorted to name calling and generalities—typical weapons of a weak minded individual.

Hat societies were attacked on two issues. First, selection of membership is based not on ability but on favoritism. Secondly, hat men have only their hats to show as their contribution to a better Penn-State.

You gentlemen are supposed to be tops in Penn State leadership. Well, what have you done to justify your existence? Any jackass can bully freshmen around with the pretense of enforcing customs. The wrestling cup and track medals represent the athletes' contribution to their college. But what have the hat societies as an organization contributed to this college? Okay, boys, line forms to the right!

Patter On The Mall:

Wedding bells chimed in Scranton yesterday afternoon for Shirley Ives, Alpha Chi, and alumnus Bill Reitzel, AKPi. . . The newlyweds will honeymoon right here in State College; marriage is no excuse for cutting classes. Soph fisigmakappa Bill Franklin committed himself the other day with an engagement sparkler to hometown gal Patsy Love.

Anyone interested in a surefire reducing diet should contact Mark McCarty up on Ag Hill. . . He claims to know a secret method with guaranteed results. If Jimmy Petrillo, head of the musician's union, goes through with present plans, no more recordings will be made by union musicians after August 1. . . Which means that juke boxes will take a beating. "Yes, We Have No Bananas" will soon become a reality. . . The bahana cars have been sidetracked to make room for national defense trains. . . and you banana lovers had better switch to something like prunes.

The Leighton Riess, Teke, affair with Peggy Lou Chapman is reputed to be THAT way. Maniac holds no grudges 'cause he saw at the Blue Key formal last night: Phil Jaffe-Edith Bernstein. . . Mike Grossman-Le Galant. . . Marty Corbman-Ros Orlofsky. . . Jim Vosters and fiancée. . . George J. Cohen-Vivienne Klein

SLOGAN OF THE WEEK: Bag a stag for Drafee Drag—Hag!! MANIAC

Letters To The Editor—Spreading V-Weekend

To the Editor:
I note that fraternities are to be decorated for Victory Weekend. Why not include the girl's and boy's dormitories in town? Also go a step further and have merchants give prizes to town homes decorated for the occasion. After all we are in this war together to win.
Sincerely,
A subscriber from town

Botanical Names Twists Tongues

If your tongue tangles on such daily Russian communiques from Ryazhsk, Voronezh, and Boris-globesk, try pronouncing the scientific names of plants in the College's botany garden, Albert F. Hildebrandt, greenhouse superintendent suggests.

For instance, try Cochlearia amorocia, named after the Greek goddess of love. It also goes under the American name of horse-radish. Another is Saxifraga michauxi, a juicy morsel that rabbits find quite palatable despite its name.

Started last year to satisfy scientific needs, the garden now contains more than 50 families of plants. Among the plant groups are Baptisia australis, indigo plant formerly used in the manufacture of dye and Cassia marilandica, ordinary peas and beans.

Those people who have survived the articulation test so far might try the flexibility of their tongues on the nightshade family which includes: Solanum capicastrum, the Jerusalem

Campus Calendar

TODAY
Fun Night, Rec Hall, 7:30 p. m. to 12 midnight.
"Drafee Drag" in the Armory from 9 p. m. to midnight.
TOMORROW
Blue Band concert in front of the library, 6:30 p. m.
Dr. Paul Schearrer speaks in the Sunday morning chapel service on "What Seest Thou?" in Schwab Auditorium, 11 a. m.
Swing concert, Hillel Foundation, 8 p. m.
MONDAY
Student Sing, Schwab Auditorium, 7 p. m.

cherry; Nicotiana tobaco, "fags" to the smoker; Solanum melangena, egg plant or Solanum tuberosum, the lowly "spud."



Why Not Benches?

In the few sandwich hours that remain to us under the accelerated program we are constantly attracted by the sight of happy loafers lounging on the well-kept lawns of this campus. It seems that all students sooner or later get the urge to take off a few minutes to relax on the sward and soak in some vitamin D.

Most uncomfortable, however (disregarding ants and other minor inhabitants of the greenery) is the resultant dampness of clothing after a few minutes of sprawling in the sunshine. It's a fine thing to take time out for a tan and watch the other people scurry about but it approaches embarrassment when one arises with grass and dew stains marring Summer clothing.

The logical conclusion is this: benches. At the firemen's Fourth of July street carnival we were amazed to see the numerous green benches that lined the streets. Assuming that they are College property because they were picked up by College trucks, what are the objections to spotting them on well-traveled portions of the campus?

The addition would be very much appreciated by the older people and Summer School students as well by the undergraduates. We recognize the obvious argument against benches but if students are going to spon on they may as well spon on benches as on the grass. H.J.Z.

All It Needs Is Push

The College has had its opportunity and now it's up to the students.

Appointed a national center for the Pan-American program by the Inter-American Education Demonstration Center project, the administration and Summer session have prepared a fiesta to further Latin-American relations. Hoping that this first of a series would be used as a pattern for similar festivals in other sections, the committee of eight department representatives has spent much time and effort on this job. It promises to be new, unique and wide in its extent.

With Latin dancing, rhumba contests, varied exhibits and most outstanding, a festive atmosphere pervading Rec Hall, this new idea in All-College round-ups needs only the student's "aye" vote.

Program planners ask not for just a "Yeah that's a good idea." They aren't going to be satisfied with "I hope it comes out all right." Their plea is for a "we'll be there with sashes on." And they want that answer to be sincere. The thing is there and all it needs is a push. . . a strong one.

In keeping with the modern Latin-American trend, which evidences itself in the large enrollment of Spanish and Portuguese courses, the fiesta will bear a close resemblance to typical South American street scenes. American diplomats have assembled to iron out economic and political problems of the brother nations.

Governments have realized today's serious situation and have taken steps to improve it. Students and townspeople who are citizens of a safe state find it hard to realize how much their insignificant part can count.

Support and spirit that will brim over with "Buenos dias" and "Hasta la vista," are the only guarantees for such a program's success.

The College asks it! Let's give! —J. H. M.

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Ag Hill At War—

War Training Travels

A civilian army—238 strong—is carrying the fight for increased food production directly to Pennsylvania's farmers.

The Ag School's Extension Service, outstanding for its accomplishments in farm education, was one of the first divisions of the School of Agriculture to fall in line with the special Ag Hill program of wartime cooperation, according to Dean Stephenson W. Fletcher.

Shortages of gasoline and rubber clashed with the increased need for extension work, and created unusually difficult problems. Special adjustments were necessary," Fletcher said, "and special adjustments were made."

First innovation in the wartime extension procedure was to begin intensified training of farm club leaders throughout the state. Grange and 4-H officers received special instruction that fitted them to carry on Extension work without the use of Extension tires and gas.

Second new phase of the battle for all-out farm production is a program of training in the repair and adjustment of farm machinery. Twenty of Penn State's Extension crew, given special training in machinery and repair, last year conducted 189 demonstrations attended by 9,217 farmers. More specialized demonstrations in farm mechanics were presented before 4,092 rural Pennsylvanians.

Other ideas are constantly being added to the wartime Extension lecture-demonstration program of down-to-earth farm education. Substitute sprays, to take the place of those unavailable under present-day priority rules, are being introduced to Pennsylvania's food production forces. Use of high pressure farm spray machines in fire prevention is being stressed; farmers' wives and daughters are being taught how to extinguish incendiary bombs.

Nerve-center of the whole Extension Service, however, is the

mailing room in the basement of the Agriculture Building. From that basement room, over 1,000 pamphlets and bulletins are mailed each week-day to Pennsylvania farmers.

Subjects covered in the daily releases include everything from stepping up milk production to potato-bug control. More than 315,000 issues of up-to-the-minute farm data have been sent from the mailing room since the beginning of the wartime speed-up last year.

Proposed title of one of the booklets now being prepared might serve as a motto for the Ag School's entire wartime program. Suggested title for the new Ag Extension publication is "Winning the War—From The Ground Up."

Attend Combined Thespian Glee Club Extravaganza July 31—Aug. 1

VICTORY WEEKEND