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Outbursts From The Dorms

When the College announced that women may occupy men's dorms beginning with the Fall semester, there was a spontaneous outburst of disapproval among a small number of men now living in the campus dormitories.

"What right have they to force us out?" was the cry among that small group, which was not only asking fiery questions but was threatening to avenge the proposed plan by ransacking the dorms.

By living in the dorms, the men claim that they have found a cheap but valuable substitute for actual fraternity life; and now the College is attempting to deprive them of their opportunity and to shove them downtown where they will be forced to accept rooms that are just as expensive but not nearly on par with the ones that they will be leaving in the dormitories.

Their arguments sound good—but did you ever stop to think of the other side of the story? This is war-time, and we had begun to think that the average American was getting accustomed to accepting setbacks and hardships. Maybe we were wrong in assuming this—especially in the case of college-trained men.

Before a handful of dorm men begin to assert themselves in drastic ways, we hope that they will hesitate and think twice about what they are doing. After all, the College is only proposing this project as a means of providing itself with the necessary security during a time of emergency. No one will doubt that women students are a far better investment for a college at a time when practically every man faces induction in the army.

By matriculating additional women, the College can continue to operate on a nearly normal basis, and by doing so, will be able to offer the usual technical program for whatever men are not called into the service. This may sound like a roundabout argument, but if the enrollment drops, and the State and Federal appropriation is cut as a result, then the College and all its vital defense training facilities will suffer. Undoubtedly, the only safety valve is to insure a large enrollment, and this is being done by admitting additional women.

All over the country, women are replacing men in business and industry on the home-front, while the men are preparing to protect American on the foreign front.

It has happened and will continue to happen in industry—and there is no reason under the sun why it can't happen here.

Protecting Our Frosh

When the Federal government hit upon the plan of gas rationing, little did it realize that such a program would benefit a certain group of freshmen who were going to enroll at Penn State for the 1942 Fall semester.

Because of certain legal technicalities which prevent the rationing board from allotting extra gas to school buses, a select group of frosh will not be able to attend the Freshman Camp. Now you may ask, how can such a situation be termed a benefit? On the cover it appears as though the frosh will be deprived of some opportunity.

But first, let's glance at a little background information. Freshman Camp was held for the first time this Spring when 500 freshmen were being oriented in preparation for the accelerated Summer semester. Time was short; so the usual Freshman Week training was condensed into two or three days. Since the frosh were being trained for life at Penn State, we would assume that the best place to conduct such training would be on the campus.

However, one College organization offered to orient the frosh by taking them away to a distant camp, if the freshmen would pay for the trip. Some of the frosh liked the camp plan and thought it was the logical and accepted thing to do. So, off they went to the mountains to learn about the place they were leaving—Penn State.

And then they say gas rationing has no benefits.



Through The Needle's Eye

We looked all over the Golden Piazza this morning for the camel, and we finally found him, with his legs crossed, glumly looking at a recruiting poster plastered on the Pearly Gates.

"Camel, old dromedary," we said brightly. "Why the gloom?"

He looked at us, snorted and flicked one ear toward the poster. It said: "Join the Enlisted Reserve."

"Oh," we said. "You mean those Penn State students again. You're always worrying about those kids. We figured out what the trouble is, Camel, old kid."

"You've been worrying about that Summer semester and that accelerated program again. There're just gobs of freshmen and sophomores who aren't going so hot, you know. Penn State makes a major effort to help the war program, and some of these underclassmen don't realize that it's up to them to justify Penn State's willingness to give them a college degree in less than three years."

The camel shrugged and looked up at the poster again. "Yeah," we said. "Most of these freshmen and sophomores are 18 and 19 years old, and they don't think their's much chance of their getting drafted before graduation." The camel nodded.

"The trouble with that," we said, "is that we're going to really start fighting this war after Congress finally gets itself re-elected, and the draft boards are going to come calling on these freshmen and sophomores pretty quick after that. It's bad enough getting drafted before finishing a four-year college course, without losing out on a diploma before the end of two and two-third years." We pulled one of the camel's ears.

"That's why Bob Galbraith can't understand why these underclassmen don't come to see him about the enlisted reserve. Here these undergraduates not only have a chance to finish their college education, but also to finish it in a way that will directly help their country in the war effort. Of course, these frosh and sophs are probably too much interested in the short-range difficulties of overcoming below grades, to take time out for the long-range obstacles which might waste their education if they do pass the courses." The camel twitched his nose and coughed.

"Not that anyone who is drafted isn't doing something for his country. Not that anyone who tries to stay in college is a slacker either. But it seems funny that more of these youngsters don't bring the two closer together, before the local board does it for them." The camel got up and slowly walked away.

—GABRIEL

Staff Changes Announced

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home economics extension representative.

Also appointed were E. F. Willis, instructor in history; C. D. Nuebling, analyst in the Mineral Industries Experiment Station; C. G. Seashore, assistant professor of engineering extension; Glenn Aumiller, assistant supervisor of extramural classes in Central Extension; Margaret C. Raabe, instructor in clinical speech; G. M. Graff, assistant supervisor of informal instruction in Central Extension; R. J. McCall, assistant professor of agricultural engineering extension, and J. E. Walter, instructor in physics.

New titles and promotions were approved by the trustees as follows: Hugh R. Riley, Jr., to be assistant director of the department of public information; Margaret H. Buyers, to be assistant publications editor; and R. O. Wickersham to be associate professor of aeronautical engineering.

Six leaves of absence were granted as follows: R. W. Kerns, associate professor of rural sociology extension, to serve as senior community mobilization advisor, Office of Civilian Defense, 3rd Service Command; L. L. Newman, assistant professor of fuel technology, to serve with the War Production Board.

G. E. Brandow, assistant professor of agricultural economics, to serve as consultant in the Office of Price Administration; F. E. Hyslop, Jr., assistant professor of fine arts; F. V. Grau, assistant professor of agronomy extension, to serve as assistant chief of the Turf Unit, U. S. Army; and R. W. Brewster, assistant professor of history and political science in undergraduate centers, to serve with the Office of Price Administration.

Twelve resignations were announced as follows: Mary E. Richards, home economics extension representative; R. M. Roney, instructor in English composition; F. C. Todd, assistant professor of petroleum and natural gas engineering; D. V. Ramsey, assistant professor of sociology; E. R. Van Sant, assistant professor economics; J. L. Dilworth, instructor in mechanical engineering.

Esther Knowles, instructor in home economics; Kent Forster, instructor in history; Martha S. Suter, home economics extension representative; Mary Jane Stevenson, assistant to the Dean of Women; J. D. Surmatis, instructor in chemistry; and W. R. Forster, instructor in mineral preparation.

Hetzel Confers Degrees On 187 Session Grads

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ner, which was conducted by Pierre Henrotte, then Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," led by Dr. George S. Howard, associate professor of music, extension division. Singing of "Blue and White" by the audience marked the close of the impressive program.

Degrees included master of education, 71; master of science, 15; master of arts, 15; doctor and engineer degrees as mentioned; bachelor of science, 64; and bachelor of arts, 15. Seniors in the four-year course who made scholastic averages of 2.4 or higher were Margaret Patterson, Jean W. Ranney, and Clarence M. Sykes.

For the first time this Summer, the session program was conducted with a normal College semester, and most regular session activities were sponsored as usual. Weekly concerts by the band school as well as student sings highlighted the six-week course. Special programs, recreational events, lectures by faculty and outside speakers, and two conferences on psychology and education also were scheduled in the session program.

Neyhart To Teach Army Drivers

Amos E. Neyhart, nationally famed expert in auto safety research, has been invited by Brigadier General James A. Warden to go to Fort Francis E. Warren in Wyoming to teach American army officers the intricacies of driver education and training from August 17 to 29.

This is the second of two war tasks that Mr. Neyhart has undertaken in his role as administrative head of The Pennsylvania State College Institute of Public Safety. While preparing for his Wyoming assignment Mr. Neyhart is completing work on a test which a nationally recognized committee will utilize to determine the ability of a school bus driver to operate his vehicle efficiently. This program has been designed to assist school districts in inaugurating conservation measures as their contribution to the war effort.

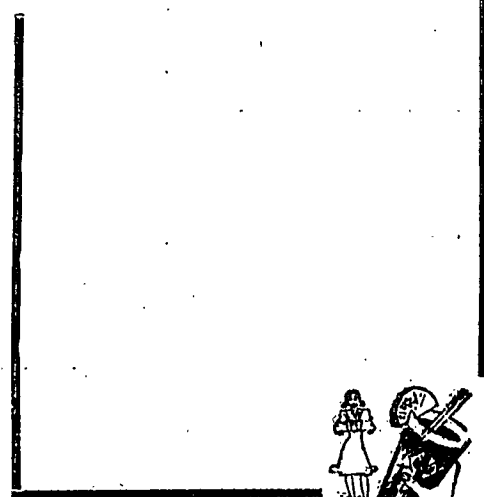
At Fort Warren, Mr. Neyhart will be assisted in his work by Dr. F. R. Noffsinger, educational consultant of the American Automobile Association.

Cap And Gown Fee Due At SU Today

Thomas Ridge '43, acting head of the senior caps and gowns committee, emphasized last night that today is the final day for this month's graduating seniors to make the five-dollar deposits on their caps and gowns at Student Union.

So far only 30 seniors have paid the deposit out of the more than 120 who are expected to graduate. Ridge stated that a refund will be made on the return of the caps and gowns the amount of which depends on the number graduated.

A Real Refresher



The **CORNER**
Unusual

Campus Calendar

TODAY

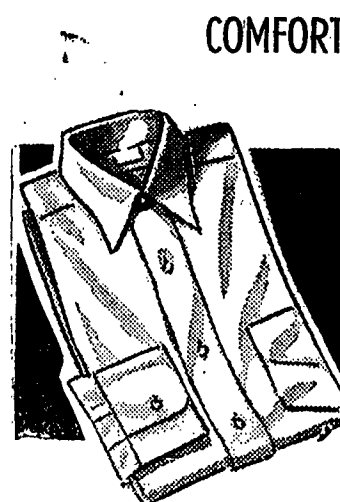
Hillel Friday evening services, Hillel Foundation, 7:15 p. m.

Panhel Ball, Nittany Lion Inn, 9 p. m. to 12 p. m.

TOMORROW

Philotes cabin party at WRA Cabin. Meet at 2 p. m. in front of Old Main.

Tennis match with the faculty, 2 p. m.



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