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Pay Him A Visit

During the last several weeks when we were putting some editorial pressure on the suggestion that the student advisory program be improved, someone commented that a valuable contribution could be made toward the present system by asking the students to take more initiative in the matter.

In other words, much of the fault in the advisory system may be based on the fact that a majority of the students are more or less indifferent when it comes to seeking advice from their scheduling officer or some other member of the administration.

Probably the war will prove to be of definite value in strengthening the advisory plan, especially in the case of many male students who are facing immediate military induction. After having ignored his advisor for three or four semesters, except for a five-minute conference prior to each registration, the average male student now finds that his scheduling officer is the logical person who will be best fitted to help iron out the many scholastic and military problems which face many students on campus.

But the potential draftee is not the only person who can reap some benefit by visiting his advisor. Students who see the value in taking special wartime courses along with their regular studies should take advantage of any advice that might come as a result of a conference with their scheduling officers.

All in all, we are beginning to believe that the big fault is not in the advisory system, but in the manner that it is being used—or should we say—not being used. As the present system exists, it has great potential power and value, a fact which is especially true in these times of emergency. But the power and value will remain in its potential state as long as students regard it with indifference.

Rationing Social Life

There has been a lot of talk about cutting the amount of social activities for the duration. But when the Fall social calendar was released, it appeared that all the talk had only been considered, and nothing had been done with regard to curtailing some of the less significant activities on campus.

Of course we can't forget that old argument about civilian morale—and how important it is to maintain a certain amount of social activity and forms of relaxation during these times when war tension begins to rack a nerve-strained public which is going all out to win its production battle on the home-front.

But first of all, it may be interesting to glance at the Fall social calendar. Practically every weekend is packed. In fact, Penn State has jammed a normal, peacetime social calendar into a shortened wartime semester.

Many colleges have already rationed their social activities, while still others have eliminated practically all weekend events, including class dances. Such action saves time and money—two of our most vital necessities during a war emergency.

Rumors indicate that several organizations intend to cancel their weekend dances for this Fall; and there are indications that such rumors will develop into facts within the next month.

Decide—But Quick

With dormitory men clamoring for decision one way or the other so that they can make definite arrangements for their Fall housing, the dormitory question will lie squarely in the hands of President Hetzel after noon today. The need for a quick announcement of the College's plans is plainly evident.

The Fall semester is now less than a month away and already the dormitory men who have made inquiries about rooms have found them scarce, and those available "very restricted." Some of the men have complained that incoming fresh-

A Worm's Eye View . . .



Collegian's business manager says it's high time this column was spitting out a minor explosion on "the human side of Penn State."

"Inject a little humor into this thing," he says. "Show the human side of the Penn State student." Whereupon, we came down to earth, burrowed under the soil a while, and finally wound up at Student Union's lost and found department, looking for the "human side of Penn State." But Donovan didn't know anything about it.

We decided that maybe this human side isn't something you have to look for; because we discovered it right out in the open under the sunlight.

We saw it in a coed who dropped a bobby-pin on the sidewalk. As she bent to retrieve it, we heard her say, "Remember Pearl Harbor." We didn't get it, until we remembered some talk about a priority on bobby-pins.

Then we saw a silver-haired lady sailing down a street on a bicycle. She had been used to driving the family car, and bicycling didn't come too easily to her. As a matter of fact, in no time at all, we saw her sprawling on her derriere at the foot of a tree, looking up at a friend, and remarking, "Remember Pearl Harbor?"

We figured maybe that's what the business manager meant by the "human side."

Then we read an irate letter to the editor, which condemned Collegian's attitude toward the housing situation. The writer felt that he was doing as much for defense and his country as any ensign or future draftee by studying chemistry at Penn State, and that he deserved decent living quarters as much as any one else. Being human, he misspelled "hypocrite," but we think he had a point. (And since we think there should be more doing and less talking about this housing business, we're gonna shut up about it.)

We could go on pointing out these little human touches on the campus, but we'd better get to the point. You see, we've been told that Penn State students are taking only a superficial interest in this war. But we think that "underneath this exterior" they're pretty serious about it. Some of them seem casual about it; some see humor in it; some get sore. But all of these reactions are just indications of the "human side" of students who really know what's going on. FERDY

On The War Fronts Second Front Talk

By Milton Dolinger

Talk about the so-called "second front" overseas to be opened up by the United States as an aid to the beleaguered United Nations, brings up the questions of where and how. Conjecturing about the best location for this force places it anywhere from the Atlantic Coastline of Europe to the deserts of North Africa or the oil and blood-soaked sands of the Russian Caucasus.

As the battles of this war are continually shifting from one unpronounceable site to another, the views of the armchair strategists on the best place for this American aid to concentrate shift also. But it is generally agreed that the second front would prove most effective in Continental Europe.

Apparently the only bases of operation of any consequence for a thrust at the continent lie in the limited area of the overcrowded British Isles—excluding the militantly neutral Ireland. Iceland is another possibility, but the U-boat menace of the North Atlantic will first have to be overcome.

Looking at the European coastal scene, one finds seashores that vary from the cliff-like fiords of Norway to the broad sandy beaches of the southern Belgian coast. Norway would be a logical area for the second front if for no other reason than it would help break the Nazi terror-hold on the Northern route convoys to the USSR. But here the fiords present the almost insurmountable barrier.

Only other place that provides a good invasion point in all that stretch of coast from Norway down to the Northern edge of Italy is the region of Brittany on the West Coast of France facing the "white cliffs of Dover." Here where the Vichy government is more remote, native uprisings might help the second front cause.

men and upperclassmen have had a great time advantage over them in securing rooms.

The men from the dorms can't act definitely until they know the administration's decision. In all fairness to those who may be moved out this decision should be announced as soon as possible. R.D.S.

'Ephrata' Runs Until Friday

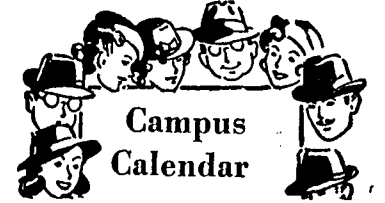
Already with a "run" of five performances behind them after last night's presentation, the Players have decided to extend the showing of the original one-act play, "Ephrata" until Friday night, at least. Tickets for the performance are free, but must be obtained at the dramatics office, Schwab Auditorium. A limited number are still available for the Friday night show.

"No attempt is being made to break a performance record, stated Frank S. Neusbaum, director and co-author of the play. "We are merely trying to satisfy the demands of the many persons who are storming the office for tickets," he added.

The director admitted that he had already received five requests from other organizations for the script of the play he wrote in conjunction with Kathryn M. Popp '43.

Since it will be given Friday night, "Ephrata" has been added to the Old Main Open House program. However, persons wishing to take in the play must obtain the needed tickets in advance.

A story of the religious sect of the Ephrata cloisters, action of the play takes place in the Sisters' house of more than 200 years ago. The play received excellent review notices from the Centre Daily



Campus Calendar

TODAY

Meeting of WSGA, House of Representatives, 318 Old Main, 5 p.m. Important I.M.A. meeting, Room 305 Old Main at 7:00 p. m. today. Open to all independent men.

WRA Bridge Club with Mrs. Nichols instructing will meet in White Hall playroom at 6:45.

WSGA House of Representatives will meet in 318 Old Main at 5 p.m.

TOMORROW

Tau Beta Pi will meet at Sigma Nu at 8 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Freshmen who have not picked up their new photo-matric cards from the Registrar's office should do so as soon as possible. They must be presented at registration for the Fall semester.

Times and The Daily Collegian.

Performers in the one-act who are receiving all the experiences of Broadway troupers, are Joanne Palmer '43, Verna Sevast, graduate student, Robert Herrman '44, Jean Hershberger '43, Dorothy Koush '44, Pauline Rugh '44, Anne Carruthers '44, Florinne Olson '45 and Rodney Wigglesworth '45.

Sergeant, Ex-Penn Stater, Gets A Break At Laundry

From Phoenix, Arizona, by way of Camp Young, Rice, Cal., comes a story of a Penn Stater who made out with the women. Thomas G. Tousey Jr., '41, 1st Lieutenant, sends a clipping to prove it.

The story says that Sergeant James McElhinney forgot to take a highly prized address book out of his shirt pocket when he sent it to the laundry at a downtown shop in Phoenix.

The officers of the Luke Field Army Air Corps Public Relations Office will vouch for the truth of this: when the shirt came back from the laundry, the address book was neatly buttoned in the pocket.

But something new had been added. Not only were the original addresses intact, but more than a dozen new names and telephone numbers were included, presumably those of the girls in the laundry.

MacElhinney was inducted into the army about a year ago at the end of his sophomore year.

'Senior Grades Due August 24'—Hoffman

A tentative list of 194 students who will receive degrees at Commencement exercises on August 27, was released yesterday in the Faculty Bulletin by William S. Hoffman, Registrar, who requested that grades for those whose names appear on the list, and for all others who will receive degrees at that date, be handed in to his office no later than Monday noon, August 24.

Grades for all underclassmen will be due at the Registrar's office no later than Wednesday noon, September 2.

Hoffman warned: "Although every effort will be made to secure missing grades, no senior will be prohibited from graduating simply because grades have not yet been turned in to my office."

TONIGHT

FRESHMAN MEN AND WOMEN

ATTEND THE ANNUAL SMOKER OF

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● DANCING

● REFRESHMENTS

● SHORT SPEECHES

Candidates For Business and Editorial Staffs Are Invited