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Who's Doing The Work

While a majority of students are relaxing and enjoying life to the hilt, even though there is a war going on, there are a few people connected with Penn State who are plenty conscientious and are doing their best to further the nation's war effort. These persons that we're talking about are the students who are not present at Penn State in body but who are surely present in mind; namely, the correspondence course student.

A glance at the application blanks for the correspondence courses given by the extension services of different schools and departments of the College will support the fact that these persons are doing their best to help this nation adjust itself to the war. Although they have other jobs to earn a living, the correspondence students manage to find time to study their mail lessons, get their required work done at all times, and learn so they can help their country.

Up to this point, the reader of this editorial is probably wondering just what point is being emphasized. The point is this: many students have still failed to realize that this nation is at war, and that they are needed to help the country win this war. They don't realize what the results will be, if at the end of the present conflict, the United Nations are beaten and the Axis starts to institute its policies here in this country. They go on leading a normal, pre-war life, doing little extra work, and getting all the enjoyment they possibly can.

We do not believe that students should turn into a group of radical workers. However, we do believe that students should begin to feel that they do owe something to their country and begin to get into the swing of a nation at war.

Some oft-repeated suggestions for doing "your share" are to see only one movie a week, thus saving a bit and spending it on war bonds and stamps; get into the scrap metal drive and bring in some of the much-needed materials for Uncle Sam; in general, "get on the ball" and show an interest in all that this democracy stands for.

The Marines on Solomon Island are leading the way. The least we can do is to follow.

S.R.

Truce In Civil War

Now that the Collegian women have enjoyed their annual fling of putting one issue of the paper to bed, the fairer sex will again retreat to page four where they dominate their own five columns for 364 days out of the year.

Comments were varied as surprised students glanced over the "job" that the women did on yesterday morning's paper. Several readers were subtle enough to remind us that the paper was the best one that they had seen this year. Of course we had to hesitate in agreeing with such a statement, but we did admit that the women's staff did a commendable job.

From a more serious side, however, we saw the handwriting on the wall as we reflected a moment after reading the women's parody issue. For with it came the announcement that women would be assigned to cover a number of campus news beats that were originally held by men on the staff.

The reason for making such a move is two-fold. First of all, the day may come when it will be necessary to have a Collegian staff comprised mostly of women. In order to win this war, Uncle Sam intends to build a mighty army which may eventually drain U. S. colleges of most of their men students. If such a crisis does arise, Collegian women will be prepared to take over this paper.

Secondly, there is no doubt that Collegian women must receive more adequate training while in College, so that they will be better qualified to step into metropolitan newspaper jobs which were originally held by men who are now in the armed services.

In other words, the tradition civil war between men and women on the Collegian has been postponed for the duration, in an all out effort to help America wage a far greater war.



Through The Needle's Eye

Dear Boss:

We were wandering around checking on lost souls and listening to a block of Grade-A Parents' Worries about those Penn State students, and we stumbled over a funny little one-paragraph prayer. It was from an engineering student and he was bemoaning the passing of the first floor back.

Down on that Penn State Campus place, they're thinking about making the first floor lounge in Old Main into a eatin' and drinkin' lounge. This engineer had a sort of wistful little prayer, because now he wouldn't have any place to go and read the paper, or sleep through sandwich hours.

You know, Boss, that's a fact, too. That first floor lounge was a superior kind of a place. There's 5 leather-covered couches that you can put your feet on, while you're sleeping. It's much better than the second floor lounge; you have to be sort of a gentleman there, and keep your feet off the furniture. Besides they don't have any newspapers there.

Of course, there are other places, Boss. The men's room in the Library has a swell beat-up leather couch, just measured out for sleeping.

But, a lot of stuff is going on around that campus now, Boss. They just invited the students to move out of the mens dorms, because on account of now they're womens dorms. It was a surprise to almost everybody, but especially to a guy named Fred Clever.

He's Chief Potentate, or Tribal Medicine Man, or something plenty important on that Student Housing Board thing, and these fellows who are kissing the dorms goodbye want to put him on the spot. They sent up a whole batch of Fervent Cries and Prayers for some decent rooms to live in. This clever Clever is supposed to do something for them.

Trouble is, Boss, that he can't do much without the students helping him. The College can't order the townspeople to fix up the rooms. About all a student can do, is refuse to take a sub-standard room. That's where the Housing Board is supposed to work. Maybe, if they'd put the o.k. on town rooms, the students would know which ones to stay away from.

The dorm kids want to help, Boss. Makes us think of a saying we just heard: "The difficult we do at once; the impossible takes longer." The difficult (moving out of the dorms) the students are doing at once. The impossible (making town rooms better) will take longer.

See you, Boss,

—GABRIEL

Gas Rationing Puts Warneke On Back Road

Travelling back and forth between his farm near East Haddam, Conn., and State College, Heinz Warneke has made two startling discoveries. He has found another use for back roads, that is besides the use college students know for them, and a way to beat the gasoline rationing system.

The answer to both these problems is the same. In fact, they answer each other. He travels the back roads because there he finds greater possibility of finding gas when he needs it. Most service stations along well-travelled roads, he said, often have no gas, but back where fewer people travel, there is much less sign that there is a shortage at all.

He said the worst places to travel were near the big seaboard cities, especially New York and Philadelphia. Gas was scarcer there than at any other place along the road.

His trip here early this week took him two days because he travelled the roundabout way. This was the last trip he will have to make for a while, however, because now he is here to finish the Lion Shrine.

The reason for using his automobile to make the trip was to bring all the small models he made in designing the lion. Because of their size, he said, the models were very hard to pack.

As for the work on the shrine, he says, prolonging the time limit placed on the work by Joseph Garatti, that they will make an effort to have the lion finished in time for the first home football game with Bucknell.

All the roughing out work, even that around the base of the huge lion, has been completed now and the taking off of the last sixteenth of an inch began yesterday. Despite the fineness of the work from this point until the shrine is completed, the time of completion, he said yesterday, would be dependent on how many hours he would be able to work each day and the lateness of the first heavy frosts.

Ag Hill At War—

Foresters Test Plywood For Use In Training Planes

Tons of metal now reserved for the construction of Army training planes may be freed for other wartime uses, as a result of experiments with plywood now being conducted by the forestry department as a part of the School of Agriculture's wartime program.

Tests to determine the stress and strain, the relative bulk and weights, and the best type of plywood are resulting in a collection of data that may prove wooden training ships entirely adequate for Army purposes, according to Newell A. Norton, assistant professor of forestry production.

Norton was chosen to direct the research because of his past experience with airplane construction, Victor A. Beede, head of the forestry department, stated yesterday.

Testing plywood for use in airplane construction is the latest in a series of special projects included in the School of Agriculture's wartime research program.

Research sections of every Ag School department have united to perform their part in the Ag School's three-fold victory program of instruction, extension, and research.

Theirs has been the back-room task of improving the food production techniques that the Ag instructors pass on to the students, and the extension workers carry directly to Pennsylvania's wartime population.

Even while maintaining their behind-the-scenes testing, the School of Agriculture's research

Four Profs Join Music Fraternity

At initiation ceremonies recently, Alpha Zeta, the Penn State chapter of Phi Mu Alpha, initiated four nationally known men into the professional music fraternity.

Those initiated were Pierre Henrotte, a member of the Summer School faculty and former Konzertmeister of the Metropolitan Opera and professor of music at the Ithaca College of Music; T. K. Karhan, of the music department and head of the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra; and S. A. Kurtz and P. D. Harner, members of the Summer School music faculty and nationally known music educators.

Conrad R. Hilpert '43, president of the fraternity, was in charge of the initiation. Professors Henrotte and Karhan were initiated as honorary members while the others will be actives.

Firemen Will Hold Convention Here

The effects of the war on community fire-fighting organizations, and the resulting inroads in membership caused by the draft, will be one of the principal points of discussion at the Fourth Annual Pennsylvania Firemen's Training Conference, to be held here from August 31 to September 5.

Sponsored by the Public Service Institute of the State Department of Public Instruction, the conference will feature several nationally known lecturers and technicians in fire fighting methods who will address the daily sessions.

A special section to train fire wardens, auxiliary firemen and rescue squad members, has been added as a service to Civilian Defense, it was announced by Arthur W. Espy, director of the school.

State Fire Marshall Captain William Treager of Harrisburg, Director Harry D. Immel of the Bureau of Inspection, State Department of Labor and Industry, and Dr. Hubley R. Owen, director of the department of Public Health in Philadelphia, will be among the featured speakers and consultants at the conference.

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Beside the Allencrest

Ag Hill is at war.