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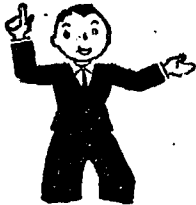
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Nothing BUT The Truth

(The opinions expressed in this column are those of the columnist, and are not necessarily those of The Daily Collegian.)

Far be it from us to plug the homely, timid Philly Inquirer, but you've just gotta buy it these days to read the best reading of the month: Quentin Reynolds' "Only The Stars Are Neutral."

Although it seems to be the fashion among the student intelligencia to regard any story about the war played up from the Allied viewpoint as sheer nonsense and something dreamed up out of the minds of paid propagandists, we recommend it for the kind of stuff that makes a guy "fightin' mad."

And, incidentally, somebody should wise up the "little children" who left out long sighs of disgust over Clark Gable's closing speech in "Somewhere I'll Find You."

It makes a fellow want awfully much to beat some dope's brains out.

Pathetic sights seen here and there: The many pounds of good healthy scrap metal tossed recklessly around behind the AKPi house. May this inform them there is a large steel mill thirty miles away that would "please like to have some scrap metal—QUICK." . . . the "fire engine drivers" who are trying to make themselves the life of the party by ridiculing the 35 mph speed law now in effect in Pa. State Motor Police who are draggin' 'em in right and left are also quite amused . . . the sad response we gave our cheerleaders during the Sat. game—must have been too much IFball and too little FOOTball.

They'll do it every time: When the boys slapped a pledge pin on surprised Lou Gehrig in "The Pride of the Yankees," a voice in the deep dark back row of the Cathaum wailed out: "They must be Sigma-Nu's!"

All the news no other column would print: The little gal who thought she had crept out of the first floor window in Jordan Hall for a date must have been reading too many Rover Boys books. She's got a two-week strict campus and doesn't think it was worth it, says we to get on the good side of WSGA . . . Froth will come out next weekend to take this newspaper for a merry ride. Spicy Adventure is also parodied . . . The three be-e-aautiful gems that came to the Chi Phi air raid party last weekend and sat around for two hours before anybody realized it. P.S.: Then the Navy took over . . . Bob Graham, one of the Sons of Graham &, informing everyone all Mon. eve and Tuesday that the Cards copped the Series. He's been rooting for them for years and is not the kind of a guy to make any bones about it, either . . . Prize motto on the production front: TNT—Today, Not Tomorrow.

We, The Women It Worked Once

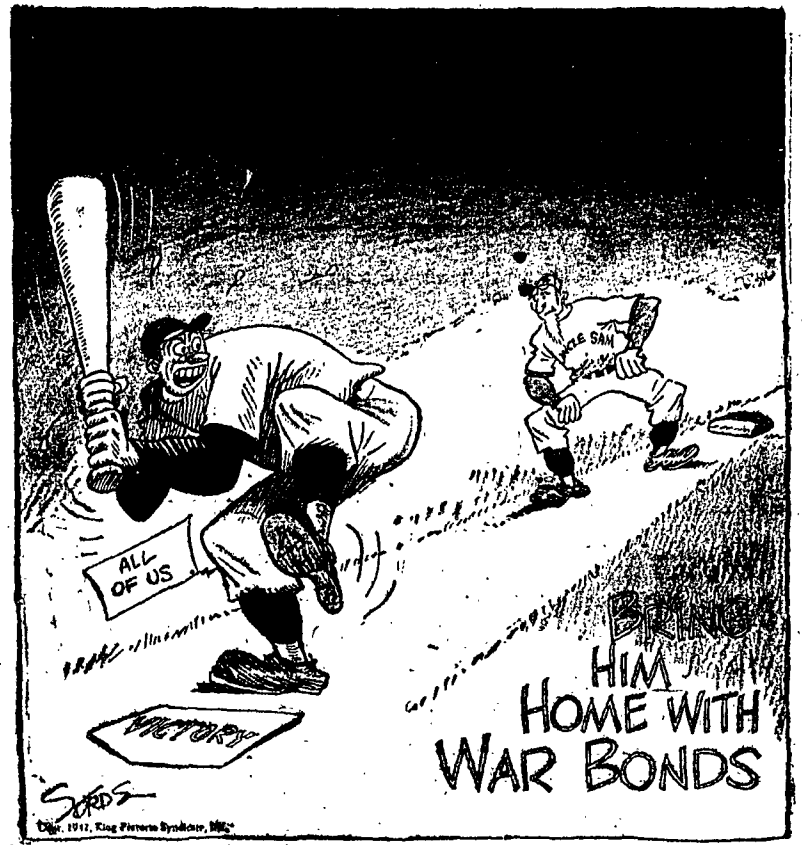
When the idea of defense stamp corsages originated last year, it sounded like a good one. It was—and, to our way of thinking, still is.

More than one coed was surprised when her IF Ball date inquired what kind of flowers she would like. Because of the successful sale at previous big dances and because students are becoming increasingly war conscious, it was assumed that stamps would replace floral corsages for the duration.

None of this chatter is intended as criticism of Interfraternity Council members. In view of their plan for every fraternity man to purchase at least one 50 cent stamp each month, it deserves only commendation. Moreover, it is understandable why one organization would hesitate to risk investing money in stamp corsages when a big dance is a financial risk in itself.

Class dances, because the financial reserve is larger, fall into a different category. Certainly, the sale of stamp corsages was successful at Soph Hop. Will it be tried again at Junior-Senior Ball?

With a little organization, defense stamps would be used at every dance—big and little. Student Union could be designated as a coordinating agency. If one group overestimated the demand for its dance, the remaining corsages could be bought by the next committee.



No Greater Service

"Promote, then, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of a government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened."

—George Washington.

America, in its early days, realized the importance of a free press—a press that would give force to public opinion and promote the best interest of a democratic government.

Today, after more than a century and a half as a free and united nation, America has grown to realize the tremendous part a newspaper can play in the national scene.

Now, as never before, newspapers have a big job to do in helping the United Nations win the war against the Axis. With this purpose in mind, America has set aside the week of October 1-8, during which time the country will celebrate National Newspaper Week. In other words, this nation is reserving one week when it will boost and promote the American newspaper in order to give it extra incentive and vitality to help it face the terrific task that lies ahead.

As America plunges more deeply into the present world conflict, every newspaper will be called upon to perform jobs that will be highly instrumental in aiding the United Nations. The Department of Commerce reported in August that upwards of 300 million dollars in newspaper space had been donated to the Defense and War Bond Campaigns. This is only a small example of what the American newspaper can do. Its potential strength is unlimited.

In the months ahead, American newspapers will be the mouthpiece of the nation's war activities. Only through the powerful press will America be able to uphold home front morale, and inform every citizen concerning the hundreds of changes that must be made in civilian life.

Edwin F. Abels, president of the National Editorial Association, says, "Newspaper week should be a time of reaffirmation of the ethics of the profession, information that inspires leadership must be grounded in truth, simply told, fearlessly presented. No greater service is possible on any battlefield."

The Show's On

The show is on the road. Streamlined but little by curfews and other wartime restrictions, the Fall edition of Penn State's student political battle is at last underway. And the election it will influence is an important one.

With wartime problems, restrictions, and programs certain to be brought up for consideration in the months to come, Penn State's student government—already America's strongest—is presented with the opportunity to become even more powerful, and with the danger of proving itself a grand farce.

The student leaders chosen in Friday's elections will help make the tell-tale decisions.

Join in the student political scrap and help choose worthy leaders.

Help make Penn State's political show a four-star hit. —L. T. C.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

WRA Bridge Club meets, White Hall playroom, 6:30 p. m.

WRA Rifle Club meets, Rifle Range, 6:30 p. m.

WRA Badminton Club meets, gymnasium, 6:30 p. m.

Authentic war film, "Target For Tonight", Schwab Auditorium, 7 p. m. No admission fee.

Campus '46 meets, 110 Home Ec Building, 7 p. m.

Pre-Medical and Medical technicians meet, 405 Old Main, 7 p. m. Movies will be shown.

Second semester freshman men and women candidates for Daily Collegian editorial staff meet, 9 Carnegie Hall, 7 p. m.

International Relations Club meets, 7 Sparks, 7 p. m.

Campus '45 meeting, 318 Old

ADS Elects

Alpha Delta Sigma, national advertising honorary, at a recent meeting elected William R. Armstrong '43, vice-president, and Phillip P. Mitchell '44, treasurer. Mitchell will serve as treasurer for the coming year.

Plans for a smoker on Sunday, Nov. 8 were also made. Edward J. Meyers '43, and George J. Cohen '44, were appointed to make plans for the event.

Main, 7:30 p. m. Debate squad meets in 316 Sparks at 7 p. m. to initiate season.

TOMORROW

Mexican Dinner in Maple Room, 4:45 p. m.

Friars meeting, 318 Old Main, 7 p. m.

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