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Penn State Helps Russia

Penn State now has a chapter in the Youth Division, Russian War Relief Inc., thanks to one student who took matters in his own hands to organize aid for our Soviet Allies. He is Allan W. Ostar, a freshman. First official word of the drive came when Ostar appeared before All-College Cabinet Monday and asked that body's approval to start a nucleus for the campus chapter.

Also helping to initiate the move is Stephen Sinichak, president of the Russian War Relief Committee of State College. Townspersons and faculty are members of this group, headed by Rev. Edward M. Frear, pastor of the Episcopal Church. The Penn State chapter is part of the Philadelphia district organization whose president is retired President Beury, of Temple University.

Starting from scratch six days ago, Ostar and Sinichak collected the first 100 contributions and distributed Russian War Relief pins to the 100 members which now form a nucleus for the drive. Since then Prof. Carl W. Hasek has been made faculty advisor to the group, and indications point to a successful chapter.

Putting credit where it is due, Ostar and Sinichak deserve mention for their work in originating and pushing the Relief plan. (Russia needs aid, and it is time for Penn State students to help in that field. Among the tentative plans of the chapter are a benefit dance, a benefit movie, and possibly a prominent speaker.

A meeting of the nucleus, that is, the first 100 Penn State student contributors, will be held in the near future when committees will be appointed. Plans for coming benefit activities will be made, and first arrangements will be made for getting a prominent speaker to be sent by the Philadelphia organization. An obstacle to the latter movement may be student convocation which must be called before the speaker will appear here.

Let's cooperate with this group which worked up from nowhere to sponsor this unselfish project, and admire the ambitions of a freshman who has pushed the project this far.

December Reaping

About two weeks from now a class will graduate from the Pennsylvania State College. Recent figures indicate that approximately 1,000 students will get baccalaureate degrees from this institution, or slightly more than one-half the 1,900 who entered Penn State as freshmen in September, 1939. Many fell by the wayside for reasons so numerous to mention that it would take a couple volumes of sociological and psychological knowledge to tell why. The armed services have quite a few of the boys who would have graduated this December.

A number of persons who give little support to the Summer semester plan, and those who at first opposed it, should easily be able to see how useful the Summer semester has been. The 1,000 who will get degrees in two weeks ordinarily would not have graduated until next May. And looking to the future, how certain is anyone of what will happen even in January, let alone May?

It may have been tough studying this Summer, and perhaps some things didn't sink in like they might have otherwise. But without studying any reports, it's easy to say the extra semester was a success.

How many of these 1,000 would have graduated if the original May date remained?

A Lean and Hungry Look

By Milton Dolinger

War has finally made its influence felt on The Daily Collegian. A new edict by the powers that be on the paper have ordered that henceforth each and every columnist should append his name to his literary outpourings—gossip and otherwise. As representative of the otherwise, we follow suit. And even though Cassius has given way to the name above, we are still going to remain Cassius as before in spirit and deed if not in reality.

Last week's ebullitions brought forth the query concerning the Senior Class gift. To date, no answer has been forthcoming. Today, gentle reader, we are prying into a resolution passed some time ago by the omnipotent All-College cabinet. To wit, Cabinet went on record as being in favor of a minimum wage for students employed in various "industries" throughout the town. The munificent wage at present is 35 cents an hour, which is the amount paid by NYA and the College.

Several town places are paying their student employees less than that sum per hour. Mayhaps it is the prestige these joints feel that they impart to their employees, but 'tis an anomaly that they charge the highest prices (for food) and pay the lowest wages. The Old Main "hole-in-the-wall," Student Union, has on hand a veritable pile of placards with Cabinet's resolution on it—but no efforts at distribution are being made. Why?

Henrik Ibsen was reincarnated upon the Schwab stage last night when the Players presented "Ghosts," and we heartily agreed with the resurrection. 'Tis a sad commentary on student intelligence that these Collegians emulated the sardines in the recent Thespian show, while they stayed away from a show the seeing of which The Bookworm in his Centre Daily Times column said was a prerequisite for a liberal education.

Whilst glancing through this month's issue of Fortune Magazine, we sighted an article on the war doings of America's colleges and universities. Interest high, we searched for some mention of Centre County's proudest possession, but alas, nary a notice. Cornell was there, replete with pictures and statistics. Far above Cayuga's waters, they have cut out many things we still regard as indispensable where the vale of Old Mount Nittany, etc.

In an impressive looking report in a recent Faculty Bulletin, bearing the heading "Report of the Special Committee to Appraise The Accelerated Program," was the statement which we here append:

"This College was one of the first to adopt an accelerated program and it has accelerated more completely than most institutions." Granting that premise, why is it that we are not ranked—nay, why is it that we are not even mentioned by the editors of that Midsean magazine.

—Addenda: Reading the plethora of army news lately, we came across something which read FAWS Galbraith. Piqued no end, we hastened to FAW's office, only to be repulsed by a line which resembled the Mannerheim. Until we can find out then, faws, Gal, faws!

Some ignoble freshman, pretender to notoriety, has been sending us letters and columns which resemble so much high school balderdash, we grow nauseous to read it. So if itty bitty "Liberal Artist '46" will reveal herself (handwriting denotes the sex), we would like to put her on the right path before she apes Lot's wife.

—Cassius

Teen Age Draft

WASHINGTON—(ACP)—As this is written the president has signed the 'teen age draft bill. Its impact will be felt at once by colleges and universities throughout the nation.

About one-third of all male collegians are 18 or 19 years old. Prospects for these men sum up about like this:

Approximately 25 per cent probably won't be taken because of physical disabilities.

Those already enlisted in college reserve training courses won't be taken—they are already in the army and, apparently, passage of the bill won't appreciably affect their present status. The same goes for those in senior ROTC.

All other 18 and 19 year old college students are subject to draft call—and fast.

We, The Women A Woman Speaks . . . Who Will Listen?

A man speaks . . . and approximately 1,000 persons, a majority of them men, attend and listen.

Now a woman speaks . . . and we wonder what the response will be.

For the first time in five years, a woman . . . Mrs. Curtis Bok, former professor at Stevens College, Miss., will address chapel goers in tomorrow morning's 11 o'clock service.

We're in doubt about the female attendance, because coeds are unpredictable.

On sorority Founders' Days they turn out en masse and reserve seats for themselves near the front.

On houseparty weekends, they don their newest hats and talk about that one service and speech for a month afterward.

When speech profts make listening assignments, coeds go with pencil and paper and listen attentively.

Rushing seasons bring hundreds of "special guests."

Yet, when an outstanding speaker is announced, coeds "are just too sleepy," or have to study that a. m.

This time, we're asking hard. This time women are going to be conspicuous by their absence. And this time, they're going to miss something if they sleep through.

We find that alarm clocks work just as well on Sundays as they do when there's a sorority breakfast, fraternity hike, or history bluebook.

Set them tonight and see what happens.

Marines Visit

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graduates of accredited colleges enlistment in the MORC until they graduate.

At that time they will be sent to the Candidates' Class for Commission College for a period of 20 weeks training. After successfully completing the course, men are assigned to general duties with troops, or to special duties, depending upon the demands and needs of the service.

Abolishment of two requirements—written consent of parents in the case of minors and the removal of the ban against members of R.O.T.C. units—have shortened the general enlisting procedure.

However, candidates must still present recommendations as to moral character and qualities of leadership from the president or dean of the College, one from a faculty member and at least three letters of recommendation from citizens of the applicant's home community.

A birth certificate and a passport size photograph must also be produced at the time of enlistment.

Medical students are ineligible. At the present time, one of the qualifications for Reserve Officer

Friars Elect And Initiate

Friars, sophomore hat society, initiated thirteen new members on Wednesday evening, it was announced by Paul Bender, secretary-treasurer, last night.

Elections were also held for the coming year and Jack Berlin was chosen to replace James Lawther as president. George Durkota was elected vice-president and Drew Kinney replaced Paul Bender as secretary-treasurer.

Plans have been made to have a banquet at the Nittany Lion Inn at 6 p. m. on December 7, at which time shingles will be presented to the new members.

The initiates are: Jack Berlin, George Durkota, Herbert D. Kliney, James D. McCaughan, Jack Gracey, Frederick F. Shaw, Delbert D. Hamilton, Charles B. Strain, Robert W. Moore, Myles W. Katerman, Dayton G. Greenly, David M. See, and Howard F. Horne, Jr.

Candidates is that they complete four years of college training, an indication that the Marines will not call out undergraduate Reservists until they receive their degree.

Men who fail to successfully complete the required training or who otherwise fail to attain commissioned rank will either be transferred to another class for active service as enlisted men, or, at the discretion of the commandant, may be discharged from the Marine Corps Reserve.

As a rule, at least 75 percent of those who enter the Candidates' Class successfully complete the training and receive commissions.

Penn State College Night

December 28

at Frank Dailey's
Meadowbrook

Newark - Pompton Turnpike,
Route No. 23, Cedar Grove, N. J.

CAB CALLOWAY and his
ORCHESTRA

See Posters on Bulletin Boards
for name of chairman handling
reservations or write directly to
Meadowbrook.

Your Last Chance
TONIGHT!

The PENN STATE PLAYERS

Present

Ibsen's "Ghosts"

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5

SCHWAB AUDITORIUM—8:30

Admission 55c Tax Included