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A Lean and Hungry Look

By Milton Dolinger

"War," said Heraclitus, "is the mother of all things." And apparently Mother War is raising another minute battle in her already oversize brood. Meaning, of course, the strife the girls, or rather the Women's Recreational Association, is raising aent our foray on White Hall. One maid, by name "Cordelia," and doubtless without a doubt acting at the behest of WRA, took it upon herself to answer us with a letter printed in Saturday's Collegian.

"Cordelia" means "of Delos"—the home of the Delphic Oracle, but in this instance the pseudo-soothsayer was a trifle befuddled. Her paltry arguments in the epistle only prove our point that not enough girls are utilizing the "White Hall Harem," so why not throw it open to men. If she had perused last week's column with any measure of intelligence she would have seen that we ne'er advocated a "March on Rome" to White Hall by the males, but rather a program for that muscle mint such as Old Main Open Houses have. Perhaps, if calmer heads would prevail for the merest nonce, such a program could be worked out, or, at least, considered.

'Tis whispered that one of the muscle minders said that everything in White Hall is just for women. What? Even the water in the swimming pool? Well, so much pro hac vice, and Shakespeare once wrote about letters such as Cordelia sent us: "She draweth out the thread of her verbosity finer than the staple of her argument." Cordelia—that's a GOOD name.

Last semester, we had occasion to mention an article in "Fortune" about the worth of American colleges and universities in the defense and war effort, and what they are doing about it. Penn State was not mentioned, nay, not even hinted at in that story. Now we know why. Among other things, that illuminating chapter told how Cornell—you know, that College we occasionally imitate—had done away with all dances for the duration.

Yesterday, we read Student Union's social calendar. This semester, we are to have a Soph Hop, Jr-Sr Ball, IF-Panhel Ball, several Independent dances, and a Mil-Ball pending. Of course, Cabinet recommended that the war effort be promoted at each of these social events. That makes everything fine. The boys buried at Bataan would be glad to hear that.

Come, Tredwynkie, let us away to "the cup that cheers and inebriates." My mouth hath a bitter taste.

Errata and Addenda: The Great White Chief who resides in Washington will now rest somewhat easier when he hears that the profligate Penn State students will no longer be allowed automobiles. The all-wise omnipotent Cabinet has made this possible. Perhaps Rube Faloan should have been in Cabinet last semester, for we dimly recall his telling us then that if he got on that august body, he would lobby for such control. Now, with priorities and rationing and the no-pleasure edict, Cabinet's idea is like putting a combination lock where already there exists a padlock.

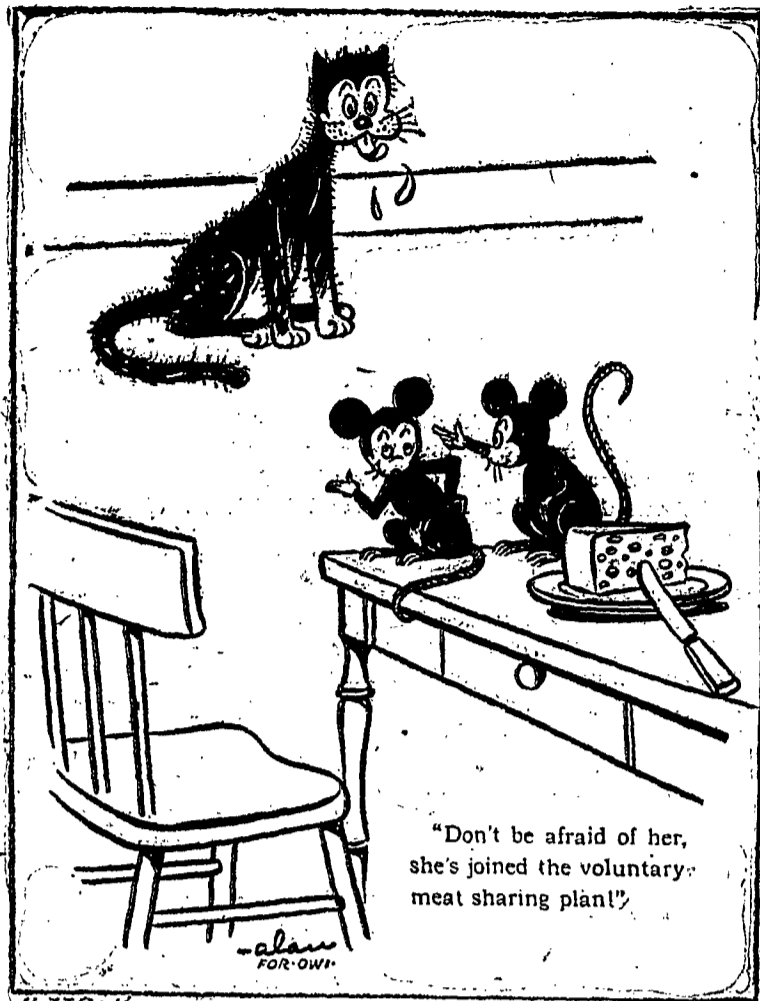
The accolade for timeliness, on the other hand, should be given to the Penn State Players for their choice of "The Moon Is Down" to be presented in February. Steinbeck's tale of rebellion by a supposedly-conquered people is being borne out in practically every Nazi-occupied country in Europe—and if time is taken to read the "New York Times" daily, you will see that we are right. The Thespians, who are going to attempt a "book" show this time instead of a hackneyed "review" will produce their epic of escapism late in March.

And so to bed, or dreams are the stuff of which Colleges are made . . . —Cassius

remarks), but the four boys who are left challenge the Foolish staff to a snowball fight two miles out of State College at sundown.

Collegian asks for physical combat for it feels well qualified after writing so much about the compulsory phys ed program, and the writers for the best morning paper in Centre County haven't been violating the gas rationing ruling as Froth time-puffers-in have.

Kind a better-morning paper in this county. Froth, and these accusations, true as they are, will be taken back.



65 New Ensigns' Schedules Include 44 Weekly Hours

The 65 ensigns from the ninth crew to be stationed here have begun comprehensive advanced courses in Diesel engineering as a part of their 44 class hours a week. Prof. Harold A. Everett, head of the mechanical engineering department, announced.

Recognizing the need for thorough training, the College has prepared a weekly schedule including Thermodynamics, 4 hrs.; Diesel Engineering, 6 hrs.; Electrical Engineering, 5 hrs.; Fuel Injection, 2 hrs.; Lubrication and Lubricants, 2 hours; 1 hour of Physical Education daily; and a 1-hour drill period.

Two hours of professional lectures weekly are also a part of the course.

Special attention is directed to laboratory instruction on engines and accessories of the type that the officers will later use in the service. Operation and overhauling procedures are studied.

Emphasis is also laid on Thermodynamics as applied to the Internal Combustion engine.

Courses in electricity concern the study of both direct and alternating currents.

The sixty-five members in this crew have been divided into 11 squads who report for duty at 8 a.m. and attend laboratory lecture periods until 5 p.m. They may spend free hours in Engineering E home rooms.

New recruits will join the ranks in March, making a total of 120 men here until May when the present division will graduate after having completed sixteen weeks of intensive training.

Victory Book Drive Yields 200 Volumes

With many local stores and rental libraries contributing, the Victory Book Drive shifted into high gear this week. Collection centers in town and on campus have yielded nearly 200 volumes while the committee expects that a house to house canvass Saturday will result in many individual contributions.

Conferences held with Army and Navy Special Services officers show that men in the fighting forces prefer current best sellers, adventure and westerns, detective and mystery fiction, technical books published since 1935, humor books, and small sized pocket editions of popular works.

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Production Movies Planned By PSCA

Mobilization for the war effort is the theme of four movies which will be shown by PSCA Thursday. The four reels, recent additions to the college film library, are sent to the College by the War Information Bureau in Washington.

"Battle of Brains," featuring Canada's part in supplying the Allies with natural resources; "Aluminum," story of an accelerated aluminum supply; "Henry Brown—Farmer," depicting the American Negro's part in defeating the Axis by tilling the soil; and "Home on the Range," reliving the wartime life of the Western ranchland, make up the program.

This show is a continuation of the PSCA movie series and will be held in 121 Sparks 7:30 p.m. Thursday, according to Ned Linger, associate secretary of the PSCA. All are invited to attend.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:
The members of my staff read Bob Kinter's statement about the recent visit of an ensign to my office in which he states that the ensign was probably spinning a yarn about his experiences aboard the "USS Scavenger."

The ensign in question was Marshall Gates, an alumnus of the College and the son of Professor Theodore Gates. Ensign Gates worked in my office as a student and naturally he visited it when on furlough after months of exciting experiences in the south Pacific.

I feel that the reference to any ensign's record in such words as "aboard the USS Scavenger" is in extremely bad taste. Incidentally, the women in my office have voted unanimously to see Mr. Kinter off when his number comes up.

Very truly yours,
Wm. S. Hoffman
Registrar

CAMPUS CALENDAR

WRA Bridge Club meeting, White Hall lounge, 6:30 p.m.
Members of the House of Representatives will meet in 305 Old Main at 5 p.m. today.
Important meeting of the LA Council, Room 9, Carnegie Hall, 4 p. m. All members must attend. Elections will be held.

Cooperation

Military Ball, like most of the other dances scheduled for this semester, ordinarily is a "second semester" dance. However, due to requests from the department of military science and tactics, the affair has been carded for this semester and will be held April 30.

One thing Cabinet requests in setting the date is that Mil Ball have a campus band instead of an outside one. The students feel that times like these are not appropriate for big dances every other weekend, and thus request that all dances except Soph Hop and Junior-Senior Ball use campus musicians.

To show their cooperativeness, Cabinet even changed the date of the biggest dance of the semester, Junior-Senior Ball, to April 9 so that three weeks instead of two would elapse before the military dance. It would be only fitting now for the military department to cooperate with the Cabinet recommendation about having a small band.

Some advanced ROTC students on Cabinet, those who would be most interested in having a "name" band, weighed the difference between what is best for the reputation of the College with what suits their own interests and decided for a better Penn State. No action has been taken yet, but it is hoped Mil Ball chairmen will follow the student recommendation.

Dear Froth

This is in answer to some filler, the material between both covers, that you had printed in your last disgrace. You mentioned something about alcoholic beverages and connected that vile stuff with the Collegian. The staff members feel hurt about having anything said concerning their morals. They consider themselves far better than Froth writers in every respect.

Froth needs only two men on its staff. The duty of one is to wield the scissors and cut jokes from the identical issue of ten years ago. He also needs an opener to get at the canned stuff Frothy uses.

The second necessary man is the poor ad man who spends his time pestering local merchants for revenue whilst getting kicked out of every establishment. Why he hangs around Doggie's so much is something which can't be explained.

It is whispered too that Froth is the underground leader for the gremlins, and runs the black market for gasoline coupons. The Foolish Gentlemen print libel and pictures of gals with guys who paid the photo editor five bucks to get the snapshot printed.

Far be it from the thoughts of said Collegian, your paper is to stay the same kind which we have known for years. Both like these—autistic