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'There's No Letdown

One of Penn State's students, in a letter to the editor, expressed his belief "that the college is not 'all-out' in its war program." He asks "Is the College going to provide the proper training in the future, or are Penn State students to turn elsewhere in providing for their own part in the pro-'gram?"

Main reason the letter is not printed is because It is unsigned, but there are some false impressions which should be clarified.

To quote more: "Why haven't the facilities at the present disposal of the College been entirely pallied forth in this 'all-out' war program. I am referring to the physics courses, meteorology courses, pre-flight training courses, and the ignoring of the adoption of Civilian Pilot Training and Civilian Aeronautics Authority courses which would be willingly taken by a large number of students?

In the first place, these programs have been worked on, planned, thought out and worked on some more. Much time has been spent trying to get the programs set up. Many are in the realm of immediate possibility, and much goes on behind closed doors concerning military war training programs. Naturally progress of attempts to bring them to Penn State cannot be made public, since such programs are never certain.

The meteorology course has been set up. Quite a few students have taken advantage of it. But many have not. The writer of the afore mentioned letter claims certain courses would willingly be taken "by a large number of students." That statement is extremely doubtful. Penn State has .thrown many military preparedness courses open to students, but few have taken advantage of them. It's encouraging to note that the administration and faculty war cabinet have not thrown in the towel long before, when student indiffer-. ence was evident.

Instead the College heads keep working-trying to establish all types war training courses here. To the author of the letter, Collegian would merely instruct: Look back at what the College has already done through enlisting students in Reserve programs, and opening new branches for poossible entrance. Then have patience while con-· tacts are being made for bigger programs for servicemen on campus, and try to realize that every ounce of progress cannot be announced. President Roosevelt's recent African trip is a good example of this principle.

Penn State isn't letting any student down. It's doing all it can to help. It has offered the government use of all facilities so that uniform Army or Navy programs can be set up. What more can anyone expect?

'The Wounded Don't Die

New techniques devised for the treatment of soldiers wounded in battle are performing miracles in saving the lives of these men. Russian Redief, Inc., says that on the 2,000-mile battlefront in Russian, only 1.5 per cent of the wounded have died. Nearly 40 per cent of the Russian wounded are back in the war and one-third are fighting soldiers.

The Russian record is slightly higher than the remarkably recovery rate at Pearl Harbor, when 6 out of each 100 wounded were saved. The Russian recovery rate of 98.5 per cent of all wounded, however, is not as good as the Guadalcanal miracle of one per cent of wounded dying.

Three main causes of the high rate of life savings include the use of sulfa drugs to delay infection, blood transfusions and prompt methods of getting the wounded to field dressing stations and permanent hospitals.

· It is little short of amazing that any system of treating wounded men is able to prevent the death of all except less than two per cent.



Lion Tales

This snow may be pretty and all that, but it definitely has its hazardous aspects . . . students and profs having snowball fights, avalanches sliding off buildings, and worst of all, those little snow plows sneaking up behind innocent people. It might be a good idea to equip them with horns, sirens, whistles, or something to warn the unsuspecting pedestrians.

Apologies

Although we had our agents at work shoveling all day, it was almost impossible to get even a handful of dirt for the weekly item through the drifts . . . something might have developed, if Uncle Sam hadn't gotten there first. The romance of Bob Weitzel of football fame and Skeets Wolf was intercepted by Bob's sudden call to the Army. Must be love—they were strolling along campus at 8 a. m. last Sunday, cramming in their last few hours together . . . WSGA and AEPhi seem to be running in competition tonight, with the V-Male Special scheduled for Rec Hall and sorority formal set for the Nittany Lion. A few of the couples at the formal will be Adelaide Gluck-Shelly Marks, Daisie Kranich-Buddy Miller, Shirley Fierman-Hal Chidnoff.

Hell Bent

Seems like hell week is in full swing around a couple of the Greek abodes. Sigmadeltatau pledges looked like kindergarten broke loose yesterday, carrying teddy bears and pandas to class. Juvenile, isn't it? . . . Phidelt pledges needed publicity, that's what the "big boys" told them, so they had to have their names in the Collegian. You may have noticed classifieds with such comments as-"Wanted-Ride to Casablanca," "Lost-43 hours sleep," etc., with names attached. Just in case some of them didn't succeed in getting the needed publicity, here's something might help-Bob Bedecker and twin Ray, Harry Brenneman, Dick Buckheit, Bill Clark,, Paul Daugherty, Fred Faber, Dave Hess, Frank Mattern, Bob Pomerene, and Lynn Taylor.

Here And There

Joan Clark, zeta, and Evie Kohler. theta, plus a few other coeds have turned imports for the weekend-at Cornell Junior Week . . . Marie Ellen Tome is back for the weekend to see all the kids and Bob Lyman, phipsi . . . the kdr's knocked themselves out last night at a Zoot Suit dance . . . The Epstein brothers of Hollywood, phiep alumns, really packed 'em in at the local flicker house with their latest offering, "Casablanca," Local boys really made good . . . Marcia Crichton made out with a dozen red roses from a local hotdog the other day. How'd this happen? Her man's basking in the Florida sun prior to adding his number to the Old Main service flag . . . Pat Pearsal and Ginny Carter helping Mr. Bell along. The phone calls from their hometown heartbeats have been piling up lately.

-The Cub

Don't Question Cheerleader's Intelligence; He's Brighter-

By Associated Collegiate Press

When the cheerleader pleads hoarsely for a "Fight, fight, Siwash" and then does a cartwheel through the rain, don't question his intelligencehe's probably a little brighter than the average.

That's the finding of a survey conducted at Colgate University. The investigation was aimed at determining what relationship, if any, existed between intelligence of Colgate seniors and participation in extra-curricular activities.

Long suspected, the fact was established that the varsity letter for skill in major sports usually adorns a strong back and an I. Q. 11 per cent.

And as for the meek little student whose name never appears on a committee, he's 3 per cent below average.

The survey revealed that 30 per cent of the nearly 800 seniors engaged in no extra-curricular activities. The most intelligent group, 16 per cent above the average, worked on student publications.

Ratings for men participating in social religious, dramatic, musical, managerial and cheerleading activities were found to be "slightly above aver-

Men in the student government were second only to those men on publications. The rating for men in minor athletics coincided with the average, while the standing of the men in departmental clubs dropped 6 per cent below the average.

We, The Women Inhale, Exhale... Let Hitler Gasp

they can do a lot for you.

Fifteen minutes late for class; fifteen minutes more sleep; fifteen ive situations.

The fifteen minutes about which we're talking today refer to an gin Monday and continuing every

WRA will ask you to get out in the halls and inhale, exhale, bend Mrs. Ivalclare Howland's body mechanics class will direct the ters in the armed services.) calesthenics which are aimed at limbering up the average dorm inhabitant.

Even though it should prepare a lot of coeds for some good defense action, it can be scheduled for the mere purpose of reducing. That's up to the women.

The exercising will fall conveniently during the noisy hour intermissions which come for the frosh from 9 till 9:30 p. m. and for the upperclassmen from 10 to 10:30 p. m. They will last for just half that period.

Hall actually comes to you, direct- still permitting empty tankers to ors ask at least a trial week.

sounds queer and you're probably American forces in Africa. wondering what's coming next. be inaugurated.

Opening the windows and inhaland might make Hitler gasp.

Rachmaninoff To Play For Course Subscribers

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Rachmaninoff composed his first opera at the age of 19. For this they have the power to expell you, achievement he won a gold medal, but it does not mean that there Soon afterwards he made a tour are no other milder forms of punwhich disclosed him as a pianist ishment. of amazing gifts. At 24 he was appointed conductor of the Moscow avoid the possibility of a ration-Private work had been produced with suc- which the name of Penn State

His first concert was played at a concert of the Royal Philharmonic Society in London when he was only 26. The same year he made his debut in America. By this time he had already achieved the distinguished position he holds today as one of the greatest pianists

appear Monday, February 22, and sure it is not at us. Gladys Swarthout, well known for her appearances at the Metropolitan Opera, on the radio, and in moving pictures, will appear Mon-SUBSCRIBE NOW!-FOR YOUR day evening, March 22.

Letters To The Editor-

"Dear Woody and Fellow Penn Staters:

"It is with some feeling of alarm akin to shame that I view the Fifteen minutes aren't many but student reaction to the recent automobile ban formulated by their All-College cabinet.

"The attitude seems to be, best minutes for breakfast; or fifteen expressed by a comment I heard minutes nore study for a blue-today, "Why did you put that book are essential in their respect-through?" The answer is simple as broken down into three or four simple parts, they are:

"1. People at home have always exercising program which will be- been quick to criticize Penn State -when you go home and tell them that you can't travel back and forth by car when other forms of transportation are available that over, touch the floor for just that criticism may abate (they are esamount of time daily. Students of pecially critical in wartime when they have some sons and daugh-

"2. No transportation shortage will exist for State College according to bus and rail executives, who assure students that any increase in the number traveling by public conveyance (which save gas and tires that are essential) can be accompdated.

"3. Rather than create unfavorable criticism the ban has an opposite effect and has provided generous publicity for the college (note front page story in Post-Gazette, etc. for January 27.)

"It doesn't matter whether you use the gasoline here in State Col-In this new project where White lege or to travel home you are sit in New York waiting for gas You're right-when you say it and oil for transportation to

conception "Most erroneous But it's just the fact that we don't heard though was that students know what's around the corner could absolutely not have cars. that causes plans of this kind to That is not true. The only effect ' the ban will have is that in order to have a student car you must ing long will make you feel great give ample reason for its maintenance to Tribunal. If there is no means of public conveyance to your home, you should so state that to Tribunal.

"A further clarification about the punishment. If Tribunal feels that your attitude and crime are of such a nature as to warrant it

"This attempt has been made to Opera, where his own ing case in a Federal Court in would be besmirched because of the attitude of some one student.

"Need I point out further that 25 such cases have been apprehended so far by OPA officials and that this ban, which gets the problem at the quick, will eliminate. the possibility of criticism.

"We are living here at Penn' State on borrowed time to pre-In addition to Rachmaninoff, pare ourselves for a better life in Carmen Amaya and her troupe of the future. A man in uniform has gypsy dancers and musicians will every right to crab; let's make

See you on the Greyhound,

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