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'Princeton Daily Quits'

"Princeton, Feb. 8.—For the second time in 25 years, the Daily Princetonian, Princeton campus newspaper, has been forced by war conditions to suspend publication."

That was a dispatch sent out by the Associated Press. And in the column of another college paper was an item giving notice that the Brown University campus newspaper had folded up. "To the Exchange Editor—We regret to inform you that the 'Brown Herald' has suspended publication until victory," the article stated.

The Targum, student publication at Rutgers, writes an editorial, "The Art of Walking on Eggs," commenting on the paper's status. Shortage there is staff members, as the financial condition continues as usual.

Collegian has listed only two of the college papers which have given up the ghost. There are many others throughout the country, particularly in small colleges where decreased student enrollments fail to support a campus publication.

College newspapers which do have their noses above water are existing solely because students are required to pay for the paper on fees—The Semi-Weekly Pennsylvanian at the U. of P., for instance. Those which have to solicit subscribers are either "walking on eggs" or have given up.

The Daily Collegian naturally has been hit by the same forces which are crippling other newspapers—small enrollments meaning smaller circulation, loss of advertisers who don't realize the value of keeping their names before the town and student body, and increased printing operating costs.

The Collegian had a tough time pulling through last Summer when it sponsored the "It's Up to You" campaign, but healed its wounds last Fall. This semester has again put a kink in the balance sheets, but the Collegian will continue to operate as a daily as long as it possibly can.

This paper feels it an attribute to be able to stand up almost independently without student assessment, while other student newspapers crumble; but it realizes that without some automatic plan its present status will be periled this Summer and for the duration.

It's too bad a campus newspaper as old as The Princetonian has to suspend publication until after the war. The Daily Collegian extends its sympathies to the Tiger editors, and hopes for a bigger and better paper at Princeton when peace comes.

The ERC Goes

Officials of the War Department weren't kidding when they said they'd call up members of the Enlisted Reserve Corps at the completion of the semester ending after December 31, 1942.

At Grove City College, 55 students will leave that institution in a body for induction. Lehigh University has been affected to about the same extent, and other colleges about which no information is on file, are also being affected.

A Lean and Hungry Look

By Milton Dolinger

The weekend past we were tagging along with some of our columning concomitants to observe how they went about digging gossip out of the campus mesalliances. 'Twas a little short of necromancy the way they could observe fraternity gew-gaws on various revelers and then tell who was pinned to what and why. To our jaded glances the only pinnings that looked good were under-pinnings. But that's neither here nor there. Some time during the evening, we espied sitting in a corner one Bill Cissel lachrymating same good brew with what appeared to be salt-encrusted eye-wash. To our inquiry, said Cissel replied to wit: "Everybody keeps asking me when Drydock will open, and I haven't got the heart to tell it won't because . . ."

And that "because . . ." gentle reader, is what we now propose to unfold. Bill was manager of last year's highly successful Drydock, which still has a profit balance, we understand. This year, with no dreams of hindrance, Bill planned a bigger and better soft-drink nite club. The only difficulty, at the time, was the question of the Sandwich Shoppe, traditional center of Dock activities. That went by the boards when Bill found the Shoppe authorities glad to co-operate. And then Cissel went to some students leaders and asked for an off the record opinion about the advisability of opening the Club. These "leaders," mayhaps seeing nothing in it for them, turned the proposition down. They advanced the argument that there were too many "big" weekends this semester—of their own making, mind you.

Know you then that these "big" weekends don't do anything for the defense program which is so easily bandied about by the campus brain trust—but most of the money made is turned over to the "big" bands on the "big" weekends. Drydock, however, will use nothing but campus material. Exempla gratia: College bands have offered to supply groups for musical entertainment; Thespians, now that they can no longer take their Mobile Units to army camps, will put on those same shows at the nite club—and the Shoppe will handle refreshments despite its closure to the general student body. And remember, you can't get out of this heavenly Borough with blood, sweat or tears. Maybe the town viceries and ptomaine temples have formed a bloc among campus politicians to oppose something as detrimental—to them—as Drydock.

Drydock then plans to turn over all its profits to the USO, and not to such morale builders as "big" bands. And yet one small-minded big-shot said Drydock would hinder the campus war program! Cissel also plans to invite about 15 ensigns to the Club—with their own dates. Possibly the teas the girls have for them is this institution's foremost hospitality gesture to date. Last year Drydock received invaluable publicity in the country's newspapers for its unique experiment in soft-drink clubs. This year, several national magazines have written for an article on the Dock and for a picture layout of its activities. Since Barney Ewell left, maybe the College could use some publicity.

Even our Falstaffian ferret, Tredwynkle, is in favor of Drydock . . . Doggie's is still tops for him, but still, what the hell, a soft-drink nite club, o boy. . . .
—Cassius.

EDITOR'S MAILBOX

Dear Editor:

Somehow or other this Cassius-Cordelia feud has given me the "urge" to write. Perhaps I'm slightly prejudiced but I believe in the words of Cordelia—orator of our fair sex. However, I think there has been one stone left unturned. Now more than ever we stress physical fitness—gals have to be able to "take it"—that means all gals . . . why then, I want to know, the discrimination against women faculty members and graduate students.

They work hard if not harder than some undergraduate students and surely are entitled to a fair measure of relaxation. The town facilities are meager for this group—White Hall has "tops" in equipment and is not TOO crowded to hold a few more.

Why then, I ask, cannot W. R. A. further the student-faculty relationship by encouraging wholesome fun and recreation together, (the very best substitute I know for "informal teas,") plus doing heaps in morale building by letting our women faculty members get a real chance to enter into our physical fitness program?

Sincerely yours,
Coed-Cassandra.

We, The Women

Coeds Should Consider Curtiss-Wright Opportunity Worthy Of Investigation

More than 100 women will come to the College Monday as "Cadettes" of the Curtiss-Wright Corporation.

At the same time representatives from our campus will join the course at one of the other seven appointed colleges and universities.

But less than five coeds from a possible 1,776 are hardly worthy of the word representatives. And yet only four women have really displayed that important "carry it through" interest.

Evidence of this fact has been apparent since November when this idea was first presented to State coeds.

An ordinary dormitory "bull session" proves that women think everyone should exhibit initiative, independence, and patriotism, but that's as far as it goes.

European women have nothing offered to them which could begin to compare with this opportunity; yet they do all in their power to alleviate the war situation.

The corporation offers free tuition, room and board, plus a salary of \$40 per month.

A company representative, Miss

Eleanor Tilford, is here to personally interview applicants if there are students who want interviews. Additional information and advice may be obtained from Miss Charlotte E. Ray, dean of women, and Harry P. Hammond, dean of the School of Engineering.

Desire to be a career woman or at least an eagerness to serve Uncle Sam in a time of crisis should prompt qualified coeds to participate in this well planned program.
—M. J. Mc.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Poultry Club meeting, Delta Theta Sigma house, 8 p.m.
WRA Bridge Club meets, White Hall, 6:30 p.m.
WRA Badminton Club meets, White Hall, 6:30 p.m.
WRA Rifle Club meets, White Hall, 6:30 p.m.
PSCA Freshman Council meeting, 305 Old Main, 7 p.m.
Alpha Lambda Delta, freshman women's scholastic honorary, will meet in southwest lounge, Ather-ton Hall, 6:45 p.m. All active members and pledges are invited.

DON'T WASTE TELEPHONE CALLS!

The weight of war on telephone lines grows heavier every day. We can't build new lines to carry the loads because materials have been "drafted" to produce the tools of war. We've got to make the most of the telephone equipment we now have.

Important war calls of the government, the armed forces and war industries must go through promptly.

You can help us speed war calls:

- 1 Make only the most necessary calls.
- 2 Keep ALL calls brief!
- 3 Whenever possible, call by number.
- 4 Don't call the busy war centers if you can avoid it.

Every call you save . . . every second you save . . . helps us speed the calls which are most important to every American.

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