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Late News Flashes . . .

MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—U. S. bombing and fighting planes raided several islands in the Solomon group last night. Reports also stated that the main Japanese attack in New Guinea had been repelled.

Later reports stated that a large scale air and sea battle is raging in the Solomon islands area. Two enemy destroyers were reported sunk and five others sunk or damaged during the last several days.

MOSCOW—Russian troops have advanced to within 22 miles of Kharkov in the vicinity of Rostov, the German's southern stronghold, according to last night's Soviet midnight communique. The advancement of the Red armies in the face of recent victories at Stalingrad and in the Dnieper River sector, places the capital of the industrial Ukraine, Rostov, in a precarious position.

GENEVA—Mussolini's official newspaper came off the presses last night with a new mast-head indicating a change in sentiment in the Fascist government. The Italian journal's mast-head formerly read "We Win Win." Today it reads "They Won't Win."

U. S. HEADQUARTERS, NORTH AFRICA—Although land action remained at a standstill tonight, it was believed that the British armies were mobilizing for a "show down" fight with Rommel's forces along the southern coastal area of Tunisia. General Montgomery, British, military leader in Africa announced that the die had been cast in the direction of a final extensive assault.

MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, SOUTH PACIFIC—It was reported tonight that Allied artillery had bombed the retreating Japanese troops in New Guinea.

NEW DELHI, INDIA—Seventy-one year old Mohandas Khan Ghandi went on a three week fast last night, the ultimate result of which was expected to be the diplomatic quarrel with England. For the twenty-one day period, Ghandi will subsist on nothing but citrus fruits. Reports from Great Britain were to the effect that the fast would be of no avail as the British leaders were through dealing with the radical Indian leader.

LONDON—The Dover Strait area was the scene of violent bombings last night when British coastal defense unleashed a surprise attack on the French coast. German guns countered with a similar barrage.

Independents to Have Booth at Soph Hop; Plan Next IMA Dance

Independent houses will have their own booth at Soph Hop, Kehl Markley, president of the Independent Men's Association, announced last night.

Final plans for the booth were discussed at the IMA meeting Tuesday night. Also discussed were plans for an IMA dance, a new scholarship plaque to be awarded to the independent house which maintains the highest average, and the IMA athletic program.

Norma R. Stern, secretary of the Independent Women's Association, attended the meeting as a representative of IWA. Miss Stern discussed further cooperation between both independent organizations. At the next IMA dance, IWA will send representatives to act as hostesses.

A new scholarship plaque will be presented to the independent house which receives the highest average, Markley stated. The plaque is passed from one house to another, and was at Fairmont Hall last.

Wilbur E. Eby was elected treasurer to replace Don Cianfarini who has left for the armed forces.

Markley emphasized that independent bowling teams had already been organized, and that intramural basketball teams were being planned. This is in keeping with the new purposes presented by IMA earlier this semester, which stressed a stronger athletic program.

La Vie

Today and tomorrow will be the last days that seniors will be able to have their pictures taken for the 1944 La Vie. Harry C. Coleman, editor, announced. The Photo Shop will be open from 9-12 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m. during these two days.

Directs Play



Players to Present 'The Moon Is Down' to High School Students

Players' "The Moon Is Down," directed by Frank S. Neusbaum, associate professor of dramatics, will be presented to high school students at special reduced prices tonight. This play was inaugurated last year with the presentation of "The Taming of the Shrew." Students from surrounding communities such as Lemont, Philipsburg, Centre Hall, Oak Hall, and Pine Grove Mills attended these performances, but due to transportation difficulties, the plan was dropped.

"The Moon Is Down" will be introduced to students in Schwab Auditorium tomorrow evening and Saturday at 8:30. The play, which is John Steinbeck's latest story of oppression, has appeared in both book and dramatic form.

The choice of "The Moon Is Down" is an excellent one for the first Players' production of the year, for the theme of the dramas ties in magnificently with the current events of the times.

The play is most unusual in that it has no set locale. It is representative of the plight and passive resistance of conquered countries the world over. The scenes could easily be laid in France, the Netherlands, Belgium, or Poland. The conquerors, too, are anonymous. But, of course, there is no real doubt as to their identity.

Penn State Cagers Beat West Virginia, 54-40

By BOB KINTER

Running their winning streak on their home court to 19 straight, the Lion cagers easily took a fast-passing West Virginia five in Rec Hall last night by a score of 54-40.

A wildly cheering, near-capacity crowd watched the Blue and White take complete control of the situation at the beginning of the thrill-packed game.

Drawing first blood, the Lions stayed ahead during the entire game under the leadership of lanky Dave Hornstein, who scored 15 points to add to the home team total. He was outscored only by Joe Walthall, West Virginia forward, who scored nearly half of his team's points.

Marked by saves from their own and West Virginia's bank boards, the game showed clearly the advantage of the Lion height. It also showed clearly many tries for goals which did not reach the score board, probably because the play was so close throughout the entire game.

Scotty Hamilton, West Virginia captain, upheld his reputation as ace play setter-upper while his teammate Walthall did the team's scoring. Hamilton continually harassed the State guards with fast

passing and close guarding.

Thespians Offer Technical Positions, Specialty Openings

Positions on various Thespian technical crews are open for those interested in that type of activity. Applicants should report to the Little Theatre at 7 p.m. tonight.

Excellent experience can be got in stage designing and construction, lighting, advertising, costuming, and in the handling of stage properties.

Since the coming production is scheduled to be the biggest in many years, there is room for a large group of people to work "behind the scenes." Expert instruction from the experienced members of technical crews is an added attraction.

Specialty tryouts are being held in conjunction with the technical ones. Candidates for specialty acts are urged to bring their equipment, if any, with them to this evening's meeting.

Jobs Available

Dean of Men Arthur R. Warnock has announced that jobs are available for students. All men interested should report to his office.

Close behind Hornstein in the scoring column was Co-Captain Herk Baltimore with 12 points, followed closely by Biery with 9. Second high scorer for the Mountaineers with Reaves, left guard, taineers with Reaves, left guard.

The win for the Lions makes their record for the season one better than the Mountaineers with ten wins to four losses against nine wins and five losses for West Virginia and may place them back in the running for invitation to one of the special post-season tournaments.

The box score follows:

Penn State	FG	F	T
Baltimore, f.	4	4	12
Egli, f.	1	1	3
Lawther, f.	2	1	5
Hornstein, c.	7	1	15
Von Neida, g.	2	0	4
Gen, g.	3	0	6
Biery, g.	4	1	9
Total	22	8	54

West Virginia	FG	F	T
Walthall, f.	7	4	18
B. Lewis, f.	3	0	0
C. Davis, f.	0	0	0
Lester, f.	0	0	0
Stark, c.	1	0	0
B. Davis, c.	0	0	0
Hamilton, c.	0	0	0
Reaves, g.	5	0	10
Nicksick, g.	2	0	4
Total	19	4	40

Score by periods:

Penn State	11	19	40	54
W. Virginia	7	14	30	40

Officials: Dayhoff, Wallace.

Hat Societies Conduct Raffle for Pitt Game

Hatmen will assume control of the next Victory raffle, scheduled for intermission during the Pitt-Penn State game February 20. Robert M. Faloon announced at the Skull and Bones meeting.

Handling the sale of defense stamps, three hatmen will be on duty preceding the game, and six Friday afternoon and evening in front of the Corner Room.

Tentative selections were also made for spring tapping by the honorary. They will be released early next week.

Owls, Aristocrats Vie For Title

Rec Hall ratters will be ringing tomorrow night with the music of the campus' two best bands as the Penn State student body gathers there to pay homage to "Honest Abe" Lincoln on his 123rd birthday.

The official name of the event will be "Lincoln's Birthday Ball" and the two orchestras present will be George Washko and his "Campus Owls" and Jack Lord and his "Aristocrats." Two bandstands will be erected and the bands will play intermittently throughout the entire evening.

Entire net proceeds will be used to send the Daily Collegian to Penn State men in service all over the world.

Both bands will be competing for the official title of "Penn State's Favorite Dance Orchestra," in a contest that has been appropriately dubbed "The Battle of the Bands." Both leaders have agreed to accept the decision of the dancers as final.

George Washko has just released the list of tunes that the Owls will be playing tomorrow night. They include such old time favorites as "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jerico" featuring leader man Washko with Sammy Eyer beatin' the

skins, "As Times Goes By," highlighted by Ray Fortunato's messin' around on the ivories, and "Hodge Podge" with Joe Cannon taking rides on the tenor sax.

Vocalist Betty Platt, with the help of the band within a band—The Owls Octet, sings many of the new ballads including "You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To" and the new Duke Ellington creation that is sweeping the country, "Don't Get Around Much Anymore."

Betty joins forces with the brass section on the feature number, "For You." The ever popular jump tune, "One O'clock Jump" features a little mutiny in the brass when leader Washko and Jack Cannon stage a battle of the trumpets.

Washko lays down his trumpet for a few minutes long enough to take the vocal chorus on the sentimental "Blue Moon" backed by a little vocalizing by the whole band.

Tickets are going fast at Student Union and the Collegian office according to latest reports. Prices are 55 cents to Collegian subscribers and \$1.10 to all others.



Betty Platt, brunette songstress, will be featured with George Washko and his Campus Owls at the "Lincoln's Birthday Ball" tomorrow night in Rec Hall.