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## Dreams Drawing Closer

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Many other outstanding colleges and universities have magnificent Student Union Buildings where every organization has an office; where a huge dance floor is situated; where a sizeable auditorium accommodates the whole student body; where bowling alleys, lounges, and other facilities make the recreational problem an easy one.

Does it look like a dream? It isn't. It can be done. Proof of administrative interest in the project is evidenced by the recent request that the many favorable opinions for the project be put in writing, an opportunity which All-College Cabinet literally jumped. It's a good thing. It'll really make for "A Better Penn State."

While the class is waiting for the war to pass before it will see any material start on the project, it will have the satisfaction of knowing that the money is invested in United States War Bonds, drawing interest. It will know that for the present the money is helping Uncle Sam, and that in the future it will help Penn State.

This class will be the first to earmark funds for a Student Union Building. It would be fine for this class to be recognized as the instigator of an edifice which will make for better student activities and recreation. It will boost the appearance of this campus, and will add more appeal for incoming students.

Collegian hopes the class gift committee seriously considers this proposition. Invest the money in War Bonds, earmark it for a Student Union Building but with a clause that a class committee be given full powers for diverse appropriation if the future proves that the project can never be completed.

This paper would like to see idle money from other class funds appropriated when the time comes, and future class funds voted for the same purpose. With that as a nucleus, then, the Commonwealth could possibly enlarge its appropriation to provide for the construction of a Student Union Building, and long sought post-war dream would come true.

Who knows, maybe the Class of '44 will have its tenth reunion in the building's spacious auditorium, and the alumni dance on the beautiful wide dance floor?  
—P. I. W.

## Dear Prexy

Dear Prexy,  
We happen to know that you have a meeting with the executive committee of the Board of Trustees sometime at the end of this week. And we know, that having the last word on anything concerning the College, that that group will want you to account for our actions the night of March 13, or the morning of the 14th.

We hope, Prexy, that they realize you had nothing to do with the matter, that few persons suspected the "good time" would end up like it did. We take the blame all ourselves and admit that it was a pretty rash act, and that we probably made the Nittany Lion slightly bow his head in shame.

We admit that independents, too, played a big part in the celebration. We want to forget the whole incident.

But tell them, Prexy, that we'll do all we can to see that it doesn't happen again. Tell them that we dug into our class treasuries and used everybody's money to pay the borough bill of \$135. Tell them more fuss was made over it than it deserved, and it didn't happen because we were selfish about moving.

Tell them we're patriotic. That we'll give other houses. And last of all, that we're still loyal to Penn State.  
—P. I. W.

## A Lean and Hungry Look

By Milton Dolinger

Ornithomancy was an ancient superstition which augured dire or beneficent omens according to the way a cock picked up grains. And so, if you'll keep pace with us, we will now "pick up grains." Know you then that we were quite surprised along with perhaps every other student when we read last Thursday's column in this advocate "For a Better Penn State," by name "Campuseer" to the effect that several BMOC's (for want of a better name) are garnering a hell of a lot of money on the various Senior Class committees. Brother Kimmell has certainly set himself up as the premier windmill-tilter of campus life, and with good cause. Like Oliver Twist, we want more.

... We loathe passing on rumors to others, but here is one vested with a great deal of interest. Not having investigated personally, it nevertheless came to our attention that several of the vacated fraternities had suffered willful damage by their departing inhabitants as a sort of a thumb-the-nose gesture to the omnipotent Army. Rather like the childish trick of destroying one's outgrown toys so no one else will get them. Faugh! ... We believe it was Dr. Dengler who once told us that "fraternities" are misnomers, he insisted they should be called "Greek letter societies!" But the much maligned Sigma Nu's are apparently going to dispute that category with their annual Bowery Brawl come weekend; they've invited their dispossessed brothers.

**Remember. Cabinet's antipathy to Drydock?** Well, if advance interest is any criterion, Bill Cissel's Nittany Liondock Saturday night will have the mob crying for encores. ... 'Twas very amusing all semester to see the advanced ROTC men—some of them—bedecked with all the trappings and accessories an officer is heir to, and now that from cadet shavetail to cadet colonel all will be brethren under the same cloth, that of private or non-com material, we can see hitherto pigeon chests assuming a more concave angle.

**Ted Roethke, about to leave rather reluctantly the Blue and White,** having trouble gathering his books which have been carried away by various bantlings who promised to return them. His definition of bantling is just a person. ... A grim har-binger of things to come, however not without humor, was the Grehound bus driver who pulled his huge conveyance to a stop in front of Rockview Prison one night last week and announced: "All out! Penn State!"

**Raking our Sibylline leaves to the inevitable conclusion,** we would further like to give you one more anecdote. ... Lunching 't'other day with Edward Angly, foreign correspondent, we picked up his remark that this war had certainly struck home to everyone in the world. The words were, "... even into darkest Africa and densest Papua!" Whereupon, Professor Gardner concurred, adding, "Yea, verily even into that most impenetrable of regions—State College!" —Cassius.

## Clothing For War Effort

State College homemakers will make a definite contribution to the war effort when they list their children's outgrown clothing of good quality that they are willing to sell, says Mrs. George Free of the Committee on Clothing Conservation.

Sponsored by the Committee and endorsed by the State College Homemaker's Group, this project has as its chief objective the conserving of all present clothing so that labor and materials can be released for war industries.

Between now and April 1 every homemaker will have a chance to list every piece of clothing her children have outgrown and which still is in good condition. Townspeople will be called by a member of a committee consisting of Mrs. E. H. Rohrbek, Mrs. H. Tietz, Mrs. Paul Selsam, Mrs. G. Crossley, Mrs. F. Mavis, Mrs. William Jeffries, Mrs. Emmett Betts, Mrs. Hugh Pyle, Mrs. C. A. Morgan, Mrs. R. Henninger, Mrs. James Sinden, Mrs. Fred Stewart, and Mrs. Free.

If anyone is not called and would like to list outgrown clothing, she may call Mrs. Rhorbeck, 2024, or Mrs. Free, 3338.

When the lists of available clothing have been completed, State College Girl Scouts will distribute them to every home where there are children.

College seniors in home economics have offered their services to any woman who needs assistance in altering outgrown garments she has bought. Women desiring such help may list their requests with Mrs. Free or another member of the committee.

## Below Zero Weather, Howling Winds Interest College 'Degree' Men

"There is nothing so invigorating as being up on the roof when the temperature is ten degrees below zero and the wind is howling at 40 or 50 miles an hour," according to Albert Miller '44, who, together with Alan Brunstein, compiles the weather report every morning. Both students are official weather observers for the station here at State College.

"No two days offer the same experience for a keen observer," Miller commented, "for the weather is different every day. The experiences derived compensate for the lack of sleep every morning. An observer's work doesn't end after the morning's observation. He must be observing continuously throughout the day, watching the sky for phenomena, changes of weather, and possible indications of future developments."

How would you like to get up every single morning in rain, hail, or snow to record the weather for the millions of people who think of your word as law? It may sound romantic and thrilling, but when one has to buck a 40-mile-an-hour gale at 7:30 a.m., your efforts lose all their glamour.

A typical routine of the meteorologist really consists of reading various precision instruments which record the conditions of the day. First he reads the maximum and minimum temperature of the day and then the barometer which registers the pressure.

He calculates the visibility, the intensity of the sun, and the wind velocity and direction. Then the relative humidity is checked to see how much moisture there is in the air, also any rain or snow precipitation is recorded. These records are broadcast to Harrisburg, the nearest weather station. The College is one of the 26 stations in United States which has a device

## Campus Calendar

TODAY

El Circulo Espanol meets in the Grange Playroom, 7 p.m.  
House of Representatives meets, 318 Old Main, 5 p.m.

Pre-Medical Society meets, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m. Movie, "Development of Medical Diagnosis," will be shown. All pre-medical, medical technology, and pre-dental students are invited to attend.

Last week for the campus Red Cross War Drive.

Candidates for Golf seconds report to Caddy House 4:15 this afternoon.

## Students Get Certificates

Undergraduate and graduate students may get their smallpox vaccination certificates by reporting to the Dispensary. No certificates will be mailed except to faculty and staff members, according to Dr. J. P. Ritenour, head of the College Health Service.

## At The Movies

CATHAM—  
"Happy Go Lucky"  
STATE—  
"Jacare"  
NITTANY—  
"Arabian Nights"

for recording the amount of sunshine we receive.

Mark Twain said, "Everybody talks about the weather, but no one does anything about it." But there are some people whose work it is to do something about it. It is the meteorologists who compile the weather reports every single day of the year. Few people know anything of the average routine that the meteorologist goes through each day. Almost everyone is merely content to know if it's going to rain or not.

### ASK THE WAR CORRESPONDENT



"I'VE GOT THE NEWS FROM AFRICA."



"BIGGEST HIT IN EGYPT? THAT'S EASY. HAMBURGERS AND COKES."



"You probably read that in your newspaper a while ago. That war correspondent found how our fighting men everywhere want Coca-Cola. It must have something special to be the favorite of the fighting forces. There's taste you don't find anywhere this side of Coca-Cola, itself. And there's that welcome feel of refreshment that goes into energy. Take it from me, Coke is good."

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