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Army Program Delayed

Announcement that 500 students in the Army Specialized Training Program will not arrive at Penn State before May 1 probably will draw considerable comment from the student body, particularly among the fraternity men whose houses have not yet been taken.

The administration has gone out of its way, however, to reassure those fraternities not yet occupied, that it will uphold its end of the business transactions between the administration and the fraternities.

"In other words," explained one administrative head, "Penn State's fraternities which have been vacated and which face the possibility of not being immediately occupied, will undergo no financial loss."

Postponement of the Army engineers coming does not mean, however, that those houses will not be occupied. There is a distinct possibility that 500 more pre-flight students from the Air Corps may take up the vacancies and arrive as unexpectedly as did the first 500 last night. Concerning the same "landing party" last night, Collegian is sorry it could not verify rumors last night, as definite information before completion of an Army movement of troops is comparable to sabotage. Collegian itself had little more to bank on than indications.

Students in the reserve in Advanced ROTC can now safely make plans for the rest of the semester, or at least almost all of it. According to the wording of the release from the President's Office, the arrangements for transfer of soldiers in the Army engineers' specialized training program will not be complete until May 1, at the earliest. Members of the advanced ROTC will have no change in status until the Army engineers finally arrive, and it is Collegian's opinion that the date for the arrival of the latter group will be shifted to a date after May 1, thus allowing the advanced ROTC students to stay put for the rest of the semester.

Penn State should also be able to make a good showing in the sports world this Spring with full rosters of players.

Why was the Army specialized training program postponed? That is a long story which rests with the Army, but indications are that there was unexpected trouble at distribution centers. The Army has many places to send its soldiers, and it is possible that men have been sent to other camps first, leaving none for Penn State. It is probably only a matter of time before a sufficient number are assigned to this college.

Loose Lips

"Loose lips might sink ships" is a slogan on the wall of the Daily Collegian newsroom.

But we're wondering how many persons at Penn State or even in the Army realize the significance of those words.

We're referring to yesterday, when for the first time secret word was passed around that 500 men in the pre-flight Air Corps program would arrive. It was supposed to be secret, but it wasn't long before words spread all around campus.

Collegian, given a tip, pledged itself to secrecy until the event actually took place, and only three persons on the staff shared the information. Questions about the arrival of the Air Corps were diverted with "We don't know, but we'll check." However, after so many tipsters who had fairly authentic sources of information, Collegian began to wonder if the matter were a secret.

At any rate, it should have been. Loose lips sink ships, and whispered talk might make the Air Corps walk. Fortunately nothing happened to their train.



Duck, Da Cops!

If this thing stops abruptly in the middle this morning, we would like it known that we aren't quitting on the job. It will be merely because we have been quietly and quickly whisked away to the local bastle to have our person searched for the typewriter which someone light-fingered from the Rag's office. And incidentally, we wish, for the sake of the whole staff, that whoever took it would return it. We now know what a man condemned to die feels like. Being constantly under suspicion and not being able to answer anything to the questions asked us while under the third degree but, "I don't know nothin'" is one of the most disconcerting things we know of at present. We would like to get out of the rut we're in with the answers, and the only possible way out of it now is to have somebody tell where the old rattletrap is. Whoops! Gotta duck. Here comes a campus cop.

Three Cheers

Well, it finally got under way after months of wrangling about it and was quite the popular thing, it seems. Bill Cissell said yesterday that Dry Dock doormen were forced to turn away as many people as they admitted for lack of dancing space and the Lion ballroom is a good sized joint. In the sizeable crowd we couldn't manage to pick-up many faces that we knew too well and the spies were too busy watching the show to notice any of the couples. Makes us feel a little bad, but we'll try to do better next time. The show was, as promised, diversified and good to say nothing of the various and sundry icky exhibitions, by the local jitterbugs. We bet a good many of them were awful tired when they got stopped dancing. That seems like a pretty hard way to get your exercise, but we think, too that the obstacle course looks a little funny. One way is probably as good as the other.

People And Pins

After a second check with the spies, we find that they have been able to pick up very little of interest to our "dear" readers, and were able to report merely that many of the dispossessed fraternity men were present at three house dances Saturday night. Sigma Pi's, Phi Tau's, SAE's showed up in large numbers at the Phi Kappa Sig Spring Dance. . . The Alpha Chi Sigs had a good many of their brother chemists and plenty of the houseless men at their dance. . . The Sigma Nu Bowery Brawl was well-coupled with the now apartment-dwelling men. Hat's off to these houses for helping out the social situation some.

Pin and ring business was slow in the hearts and flowers dept., but we picked up several ringings and a pinning to report—Stan PoKempner, former Collegian columnist, and Fannette Brill were married several weeks ago. . . Marilyn Kindl Kappa announced her engagement to Jim Morgan Phipps alum. . . the pinning was Adelaide Gluck AEPH's to Sheldon Marks Phisigmadelta.

Blackout Flaws

Friday night's test blackout, the second under the new blue, red, blue, white signal system was ample evidence that more tests of this type are necessary, locally at least, in the very near future.

Reports from the air raid wardens indicate that Atherton Hall coeds were the chief violators. A general ignorance of the signalling system as well as a lack of serious attitude toward regulations seem to be the chief reasons that the test was not commendable.

It's not hard to take blackout's lightly especially in an isolated spot like State College. The possibility of enemy attack actually seems remote in the Nittany Hills. But it just isn't practical not to be prepared, and well, for that one chance in a thousand that bombs may fall.

The new signalling system is relatively simple but it is surprising that so many students have not taken a minute out to memorize it.

These days requests to cooperate here and there are numerous. Some of these instances require personal sacrifice such as rationing and volunteer work. Learning blackout signals and cooperating with them is such a minor task that it's just plain silly not to do so. —R. D. S.

We, The Women Came Like A Lamb . . Better Go As Lion

This March Red Cross drive that came in like a lamb will have to go out like a lion if it lives up to all expectations.

The only trouble is that some people are doing all the claiming and giving, while others sit back and idly pledge but fail to contribute.

Perhaps you muttered something about pay later on in the drive, but there are only a few days left, so the money should start rolling in soon.

We aren't speaking today to those individuals who feel that they can't give, but still manage to go to the movies, drink cokes, read magazines, and so forth. This column refers temporarily to those coed organizations who are passing up a chance to do something of value.

Hatmen and other campus honoraries have long been the victims of jest, "jest" because they seemingly do little for anyone or anything.

It is at a time like this that we are inclined to agree.

Many times there is nothing that they can do and so their static positions are understandable. Now, they have a huge opportunity in the form of a \$5,000 challenge and they fail to see it, or, more politely, they have not yet responded.

As useless as the office may be, each of these women's honor groups has a treasurer who, in a majority of cases, has some money to guard. It is in normal times, given as scholarship funds, gifts for needy students, or kept to finance a later function of the club.

Today there is a definite destination for that money planned by national war relief officials. Today our men, fighters, representatives, need . . . or may need soon . . . doctors, nurses, bandages, operations, or relief of some sort.

We can't be there to indirectly help. As in other phases of this conflict, we women have to carry on on the home front and send others to do for us what work we feel should be done.

Therefore, our money merely finances any such help or necessary medicinal aides as the nation's forces might need.

It's silly to say that you have a brother, father, loved one, or husband in the forces, for who knows that better than yourself? It's silly to say this is a worthy cause, because who knows that better than you?

But it isn't silly . . . it's about time . . . that coeds pooled un- (Continued On Page Four)

Navy Transfers

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manded from the reservists who will take the physical examination, and must be 2½ by 2½ inches square. Four prints are required, including two full face poses and two profile shots.

Applicants who have had previous military or naval service should present their discharge at the time of examination. The ERC men will receive honorable discharges from the Army after they are sworn into the V-1 program.

Meanwhile, FAWS Head Galbraith said that the A-12 and V-12 mental examinations will be held as scheduled on Friday morning. All men who are not enlisted in any branch of the Armed Forces are eligible to take this test.

Students actually registered in the Navy V-1, V-5, or V-7 branches are not eligible to take the V-12 examination, Galbraith asserted. Ear-markers may take the exam if they desire, but the choice is optional.

Later this month, however, the reservists who are transferred to V-1 status must take a mental examination along with other men enlisted in this program who have received their orders.

Marine ear-marked men must



TODAY

Alpha Lambda Delta will tutor freshmen, 318 Old Main, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Junior Service Board will take pictures at Photo Shop at 7 p.m.

International Relations Club will meet, Room 5, Sparks, 7 p.m.

PSCA Freshman Council-Forum, Hugh Beaver Room, Old Main, 7 p.m.

Hillel Foundation will hold dateless Tuesday dance, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

WRA Tennis Club meets, 6:30 p.m.

WRA Bowling Club meets, 8:30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Alpha Lambda Delta will hold pledging ceremony for fall semester freshmen, Ath Hall southeast lounge, 6:30 p.m.

All-College Dating Bureau will be open Tuesday, 5-5:30; Wednesday, 4-5:30; Thursday, 5-5:30, 321 Old Main.

At The Movies

CATHAUM—

"Air Force"

STATE—

"Reap the Wild Wind"

NITTANY—

"The Keeper of the Flame"

500 Pre-Flight Students Make Surprise Arrival

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favor of the coeds, and those who came from colleges were surprised to learn that the Enlisted Reserve Corps at the College is still intact. They were happy to hear that they would live in fraternity house units, but expressed fear they would be cramped.

They knew little about the discipline which will be imposed on them here, but they indicated it has been very strict in the past. All seemed to be jovial, and their singing on the march indicated high morale.

Information about the arrival of the troops was kept a strict secret until the last few minutes. Only about 30 persons were on hand when the train rounded the bend, and several of them said they had been tipped off by campus patrolmen who were at the freight station and along the route of march in full force.

However, word of the Air Corps' actual arrival spread fast after rumors had circulated all day, and in a half-hour nearly 1000 students and townspeople had turned out to see the troops move snappily from the station, marching to the rhythm of their songs.

Cooks at former fraternities were given notice to prepare meals at one hour's notice, and other preparations yesterday hinted that the influx of the Air Corps was on hand.

Army Postpones--

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able," continued the President, "will be held subject to use by additional Army Air Force men, should they be sent here at this time, or for the housing of the specialized training groups as soon as they are sent to the College.

"Army officials expressed regret that plans could not be carried out as originally made, and gave me assurance," said the President, "that at the earliest possible date men would be sent to our campus. The Army feels that the program is of vital importance and it is anxious to get it into operation at the earliest possible time."

report to Galbraith this week for information regarding summer addresses. Also ordered to receive orders from Galbraith are about 50 V-1 and V-7 men who have not received letters awaiting them in the FAWS office.