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The Wild Blue Yonder

There just wasn't any two ways about it—Monday night's entry of the Army Air Corps Cadets into State College was one of the most stirring sights the present generation of students and townspeople have witnessed.

The campus was normal until about 8 p. m. when the first strains of "Off we go into the wild blue yonder—" sifted down across the Mall from the Bellefonte Central depot and then the spirit caught on.

"The Air Corps' in town," was the universal comment. Doves headed for the station. Students found the boys only too willing to talk and more than one acquaintance with the new Penn Staters was manufactured on the spot.

Then the boys were on the march. They couldn't have chosen a better route to their barracks. Nitty many followers swelled with pride to see them parading down Pollock road, proud for two reasons. Proud of United States and servicemen of the type who were passing by right then. And proud to have them marching on the Penn State campus and hoping that they'd think it was as wonderful as everyone here thinks it is.

The army invasion will do much for Penn State. Petty student complaints seemed absolutely silly as one stood and watched these boys—tackling the biggest of jobs and yet singing all the time.

Students can gain much from their arrival. Most of the male student body is headed for the service after May and what better opportunity could they have to acquaint themselves with what they'll be facing than to observe and get to know these boys.

Monday night was one of Penn State's best.
 —R. D. S.

Easter Closing A Rumor

Latest words on the tongues of rumor-mongers is that the present semester will end with Easter vacation. Collegian, to air all points of student opinion, has printed in this issue a letter from a student arguing for an early closing. The author of that letter also requested clarification and an answer. This is it.

Nothing has been said by administrative heads about ending the semester at Easter vacation, and in the opinion of Collegian, the semester will continue until May 12. For one thing, definite plans are being made for Class Day and graduation exercises on May 11 and 12. To shift the closing date would be wasting money that has been used to have programs and announcements printed. Charms for honor students would not be here on time.

Perhaps the strongest reason for the papers' assurance that no cut will be made in the semester calendar is the fact that the College opposes the slash. In the fight for elimination of final examination week, the main argument against it was that there would be little incentive for returning after Easter if tests were eliminated. However, the student plan is to substitute final bluebooks and review classes during what is scheduled for final exam week. When College heads learned that, and concluded that the proposal would not affect the calendar, they dropped arguments against the plan for abolishing finals for the duration.

The Collegian feels that this semester should not be cut at Easter, but continue until May 12 as scheduled. It does think, however, that it would be to everybody's benefit to eliminate final exams, substituting the normal class schedule and final bluebooks.

The Senate will meet today to consider dropping finals.

A Lean and Hungry Look

By Milton Dolinger

The Aircorps came down like a wolf on the fold, and his cohorts were gleaming—500 all told. . . 'Tis perhaps a bad thing that kiwis have come into this peaceful valley for if they are not careful they will be lulled into a blissful state of complacency. Their arrival is only one of the hints to the dwellers herein that conditions are not as they should be in the outer world. But now that they are safely ensconced in Camp Nittany, pray tell what plans have been made for their recreation. We hear that they are in a two-week "quarantine" from their real work until they all receive inoculations. Dean Schott was caught off second yesterday when approached for a ball and bat for the boys. Of that, more anon.



From the serious to the slightly inane now, there is a puzzling grimace on the faces of soon-to-be-graduated-seniors anent their "honor men." Mulciber has sounded them out, and they desire to know why no blank was left on the ballot for their choice of, shall we say, "backstage BMOC's." There are many Seniors who have contributed more to Penn State than practically all of the 10 on the set-up ballot, or is the criterion for "honor men" limited to contributions to Penn State politics? Jerry Stein, for example, PSCA prexy and Froth business manager, who gave us the Old Main Open Houses almost single-handed. And which same was taken over by Cabinet once the hard work was done.

Small Beer: Penn, almighty Penn, the institution that exists for the diffusion of kulchur to RB's, set as its Red Cross quota the vast and munificent sum of \$1,500. When it was reached, the Quaker City rags went into raptures about it. Ond the poor-country cousin, Penn State, has already reached \$1800 of their \$5000 goal. Maybe we ought to turn the College's NYA subsidy over to Penn. There's something for Cabinet to mull over. . . Feeling overconfident quite recently, we sounded out one of our more zealous professors about the final exam situation. After impassioned pleading, we could see his face soften like granite on a rainy day, and he confided that it was out of his hands. He suggested we appeal to the higher-ups, the usual brush off. We can't quite understand why Senate is willing to throw credits so easily to departing service men to be, and yet hold those who are unfortunate enough to remain for final exams. If a certain psych prof is right, Penn State has the highest scholastic rating in the East . . . and that with no finals for the past several semesters. . .

Thespians and Players are putting on shows within a week of each other. One, the usual musico-comeddia; the other, a mellow-drama. In fields of entertainment so much alike, there will be opportunity to compare the productions, and woe betide the loser. . . We wish there was a Monty Woolyish character on campus to tell off those telephone operators. Complaints have reached us from all sides about their perfect indifference and insouciance. . . On the Artists' Course ballots, the person who evidently reads the papers marked after the outstanding 'cellist, Emanuel Feuerrmann: "He died last year, where have you been?" Someone ought to tell Marquardt. . . Marion Dougherty, the Portia of the upperclass coeds but the Medusa of the Frosh, got a threatening letter from some great, big student whose girl had been campused. . . Let's play Roman. Marion can be Claw-dius, the blackmailer can be Nauseous, and Fort Custer, Michigan.

Army Sends Approval

Dear Editor:
 I just want you to know that your paper is my most eagerly awaited piece of mail every day. There are several boys from Penn State here at Fort Custer, and they drop over every spare moment to read the "Daily Collegian." Even several of the fellows who graduated from different colleges read "our" paper because, as one of them said, "it brings back memories of our own college days."

What we look for especially is the columns, with gossip about friends we still remember, but all the college news is also avidly read. We think the job you are doing is a great one, especially in managing to keep going under the difficulties that confront you. Here's wishing you the best of luck and continue the job you're doing.

Private, Class of '41,
 Fort Custer, Michigan.

We, The Women They Deserve The Best You Plan; Let's Get Busy On These Plans

CODETS, Cadettes, Cadets. . . These three. But from the looks of things since the Army Air Corps song penetrated the Nittany Valley, the greatest of these is the corps of Cadets. And rightly so. Coming from high schools, training camps, colleges, and homes all over the nation, the Army men are isolating themselves from other home fronts to consider the books on a typical American campus. It is a privilege to have them here. And now, once again, our entertaining capacities will come in handy. And the capacity is greater than we seem to realize. It's true that coffee hours and tea dances are accepted social functions, arranged to politely entertain and repay guests. It's true that these have been used as such a means several times on this campus. But it's also very true that these Army men are not different from us. They dislike dignified functions and propriety as much as we do. They would appreciate the thought . . . sure; but they'd rather get along without the thought.

How about a little informality? Perhaps a little more homey, natural atmosphere would tend to help the visitors more. Occasional coke parties, short, small jive sessions planned on the spur of the moment, will break down a little of the reserve which coeds necessarily maintain.

Women can easily get behind campus movements for miniature USO groups which could intermittently sponsor the equal of Student Union dances or freshman mixers. Men and coeds could be rationed to avoid too long a line of stags. They can, without a doubt, fit into plans for either an All-College sing or one sponsored by Panhellenic. According to a suggestion made at a recent meeting of the coed Greek council, sorors and friends would gather on the Old Main steps and sing individual

songs as well as those of the College. You'll have to admit that a chorus or two of the "Army Air Corps" would aid. Because campus male enrollees are lessening, this Spring's baseball tourneys could rightly feature meets with Uncle Sam's men. A good win like that would serve as a great morale builder.

We are not advocating that the College's 1,600 women turn into forward flirts. We ask that the men, who are preparing to serve us and our country, get a welcome that they deserve and desire.

Campus News Briefs

Phi Mu Elects Officers

At a recent meeting of Phi Mu sorority, the following girls were elected to office: Olive Van Houten, president; Rita J. Burkhard, vice-president; Monna L. Weiland, second vice-president; Mary Werts, secretary; and Christine Yohe, treasurer.

Lion Coats Go On Sale

Two hundred Lion Coats will go sale at down town stores next week to graduating seniors, Harold Bucher, chairman of this year's committee said last night. Price for the coats has been reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.00, Bucher added. !

Jobs Available

Part-time positions are available to men students as waiters and for general work in private homes, according to D. Ned Linegar, associate secretary of PSCA. Interested students are urged to report to the PSCA office immediately.

KD Elects New Officers

Kappa Delta has elected a new slate of officers. They are Lois M. France, president; Janet Power, vice-president; Betty J. Frable, treasurer; Leila E. Thompson, assistant treasurer; Ellen E. Long, secretary; Catherine H. Bostwick, editor. Virginia M. Minshall was recently pledged.

Air Corps Asks for Collegians

A request has been made by the Daily Collegian that students return their issues of yesterday's paper to the Student Union office to be picked up by the new pre-flight men. A number of the men came to the office requesting a copy of yesterday's issue and the circulation department was unprepared to meet the demand. The men want the paper with an account of their arrival to send home and keep as "memoirs" of their triumphal march into State College.

Campus Calendar

TODAY
 Important meeting of Campus '45 in second floor lounge, Old Main, 7 p.m.

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

Collegian Junior Board picture for La Vie, Photo Shop, 4:30 p. m.
 Special meeting of WSGA House of Representatives, McAllister Hall lobby, 5 p.m. today.

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

At The Movies

CATHAUM—
 "Air Force"
STATE—
 "Reap the Wild Wind"
NITTANY—
 "Casablanca"

Penn State Men In Service

Among the new pilots graduated from the ten advanced flying training schools of the AAF Gulf Coast Training Center are Lt. John R. Allen Jr., Doylestown; Lt. Charles W. Fatzinger Jr., Allentown; and Lt. Grover C. Wasabaugh Jr., New Wilmington.

First Lt. Roy A. Bay, Burnham, will accompany a large cadet group to one of the primary flying schools in the Gulf Coast Training Center Command for the next step of their pilot training. Ensign Frank J. O'Hara, Dunmore, former three-sports star here, has been assigned to the Naval Flight Preparatory School at Colgate University as an assistant in the department of athletics and physical training.

Cadet Thomas Stuart Hammond, Bloomfield, New Hampshire; Cadet Don Wayne Salix; and Cadet John M. McClellan, McKeesport, have reported to the Army Air Forces' Pre-Flight School for Pilots at Maxwell Field, Ala., to begin the second phase of their pilot training in the U. S. Army Air Forces' expanding program.