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Penn State Will Answer

The more one sees of the Army Air Corps Cadets the better one gets to like them.

One student put it like this, "Why they're just like us except that they wear khaki."

Proof in this statement can be surmised from a letter written by a Penn State student who left school in February and is undergoing an identical training program.

He writes, "We had six weeks basic training and then out of a clear sky were ordered to board a train and started out for an unknown destination. After two days of traveling we were ready for most anything and when we finally got to where we were going it certainly was good to feel settled again."

"I understand the training program at Penn State will be exactly the same as ours. Therefore the boys who will be moving into the fraternities will be just like our group. I'm sure that Penn State will be proud of such a bunch of Cadets."

"There are about 30 former Penn Staters in my group and our only hope is that our alma mater will make as good an impression on the Cadets as the students here had."

The reception we got was a wonderful one. The students here are proud to have us on the campus with them and make us feel as if we owned the place. But our hearts are still back in the Nittany Valley and while we were disappointed not to be in the group that will arrive there it will mean a lot to us to hear that Penn State is welcoming boys just like us in a manner which will make us proud.

"Please write soon and tell me just how things are going."

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In a few more weeks Penn State will answer this letter—every single student.

—R. D. S.

One Last Chance

There's one last chance that final examinations will not be given this semester. That chance lies with a small group of members of the administration, faculty, and student leaders which will be appointed by President Hetzel to coordinate student and administrative views.

Plans had been made by All-College Cabinet to have the matter brought before the Senate yesterday, but because the Senate member who would have presented the case was absent, the matter fortunately was not considered.

The word "fortunately" is used because the Senate would probably have defeated the student proposal by a wide margin. It seems that Senate members feel the students are shirking responsibility by attempting to cut out finals, instead of meeting the situation by leaving things status quo. The students would rather have final blue-books covering the last part of the course than take exams over the whole course.

Collegian doesn't know whether those with power to make the change realize that it isn't just a campaign on the part of a few student leaders, but one which is backed whole-heartedly by the student body. Phone calls reach this office frequently asking whether finals are "to be or not to be." If the paper tells them the situation looks black they remind Collegian that nearly every student on campus is back of the "no finals" idea, and ask the paper to keep plugging.

To be fair about the matter, why not ask instructors and professors what they want. Why not learn the opinions of those actually involved in marking the papers; why not find whether the instructor feels he can give a just grade for the extra-long semester's course, and take his opinion into consideration?

The CAMPUSEER

By BOB KIMMEL

Chief gripe this week is the nominations made by that closed corporation called Cabinet for Senior Honor Men flag poles . . . seems you have to belong to the clique that has its headquarters around Student Union or you just don't stand a chance . . . there a dozen good men around the College who have done good and faithful work without beating their gums about it, but they don't come in for recognition . . . after all, what makes an honor man? . . . from the looks of the list it would seem to require a knack for black-slapping and staying up all night with the politicians . . . and then the guy that gets in gets his friends in and the hell with the honor idea . . .

Fumble

The honor boys didn't do so good when they fumbled the ball on the Dry Dock issue, but as it turns out now, there couldn't have been a more opportune time for this enterprise. . . Cissel deserves a lot of credit without . . . that's right, no pay! . . . and the contribution to the Red Cross is sizeable around here where so many groups are throwing their money around. . .

Love, Love . . .

Bob Simper theta xi, is now engaged to Ruth Hamilton, (although they aren't pinned, Charley Rouse, and Bunnie Hartley, one of the informers tells us, have been a twosome for ever so long . . . last weekend Shi Fink traveled to Notre Dame to admire the Navy uniform now adorning Joe Wasney . . . the aphi house has been under fire again and we beg to report that the enemy has snared three of the sisters. . . Mary Francine is wearing Dick Smith's sigma nu pin, Marylies Muller has Jack Davenport's phi delta badge, and Kenny Thompson hung his pikphi ornament on Joan Miller . . . coming up is the gamma phi beta hop to which Jane Stoudenour is taking Dick Mock alphachisig, to whom, incidentally, she is pinned, . . . Peggy Claridge has asked Howie Herd from the same house, and Marie Rude is on the beam with Les Trout, alpha sigma phi. . .

Item

Some of the readers are complaining that they didn't understand the box on the front page the other day about "How Time Flies" . . . by request we relate the story as we know it . . . seems there was a man here called Hugo Bezdek for some years, and the students didn't like the way he ran the athletic department . . . so, . . . Collegian at the head, there was an uprising with thunderous denouncements, lots of publicity, even as far away as Philadelphia, and when the smoke cleared . . . no more Bezdek . . . get the point? . . . and while yesterday's issue may have been in fun, lots of sore spots were touched, and perhaps not without malice aforethought. . .

Air Corps

Lots of the people around here have been talking about how respectful and mannerly the new arrivals are . . . students think so too, for we've heard some of 'em say so . . . and here's a little item we picked up . . . the Air Corps Cadets, some of them, went calling at one of the downtown dorms the other night . . . came time to go home, the boys didn't want to leave . . . so they just stayed on until 10 o'clock . . . they danced and played cards and had a good time . . . in spite of the hostess' invitation to depart . . . we know how it is, there just never seems to be time enough . . . and freshman hours are too short . . . could be Dougherty and her cohorts will relent and let the first-year girls cut for a little fun yet this semester. . .

From The Book

Wonder why the House of Representatives doesn't get the service flag in Old Main . . . that 1725 has been there for so long . . . and for almost the same length of time we've been waiting for those foreign movies that were supposed to come to campus . . . somebody's got the thing pigeon-holed, no doubt, so we'll see if the Stogie can dig it out by next week . . . We'll bet this will be the biggest Junior-Senior Ball in these hills for a while, what with very good prospects for no more for the duration, lots of service men at the College, and that feeling everyone has now about having a last fling . . . it's only a few more weeks.

Buy War Bonds And Stamps

LOOSE TALK COSTS LIVES!



We, The Women

WSGA Calls For Informers . . .
Not To Harm But To Help

It's true that coeds are not always free on Thursday nights for surgical dressing classes. It's true that their dull moments and leisure times do not always coincide with those appointed for war or defense work.

So another opportunity appears on the scene.

Cooperating with a town committee, WSGA will aid in maintaining an information center for friends and relatives of Army men and for the trainees themselves who are stationed here.

A means of reaching each of the men has already been set up so that visitors in town can find their

relatives without extended searching. Any other information which might be requested will be compiled and arranged in the center which has been set up in the former Alice Elizabeth dress shop on College avenue.

Since the schedule calls for the place to be open from 9 a.m. to 7:30 or 8 p.m. daily, until 10:30 p.m. Saturdays, and until about 7 p.m. Sundays, WSGA has been asked to provide coed shifts throughout the day.

A committee, headed by D. J. Jennings and consisting of H. Ann Carruthers, Harriet Van Riper, and Elizabeth McKinley, has asked that coeds sign up for one- or two-hour periods of information-giving at the center. It is hoped that women will return each week at the same times, but it is not compulsory.

Working through the WSGA House of Representatives, the committee has distributed papers describing the work and soliciting the names of interested and willing women.

If a sufficient number of the College women sign up for service in this phase of war work to fill out a satisfactory schedule, coeds will start their jobs Saturday.

Since Penn State's defense program is not too varied for coeds, and since this different, convenient means of helping out has come along, it can be expected that women will cooperate and make this a solid, worthwhile project.



WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION
BULLETIN BOARD

- A. Student department, 9:30 A. M.
- B. Communion service, Presbyterian Church, 10:45 A. M.
- C. Westminster fellowship, "Criteria for Christian faith," 6:20 P. M.
- D. Cabin group this weekend. Cordial welcome to members of the Army Air Force.

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