

COLLEGIAN SPORTS

By BOB KIMMEL

"Goodbye, Ben, and don't forget to write," we said yesterday while shaking hands with Ben Bailey, departing sports editor of the Daily Collegian. Ben has gone to do his bit in this war, having received his orders to report for active duty with the Army Air Corps.

Bailey didn't shout very loud, so there are not too many people around who actually knew him, but there were no doubt lots who knew of him. For our part, there hasn't been a sports editor on this paper in our time who has done as good a job as Bailey.

For 50 consecutive issues Ben produced some of the best writing seen in these parts, and with that opinion many of our readers and severest critics concur. His pieces were not always serious but they always had a point, brought to mind cleverly and without too much sting. In addition to the sports pieces, Bailey also filled the Mug and Jester department in Froth, of which he was managing editor.

For the first three years of college, Ben didn't have an easy time, for he was completely on his own, earning every penny he spent. But the will and the determination to make out kept him here. During the last two semesters the going got easier, and Bailey started up through the crowd.

Ben almost didn't make out as sports editor for the simple reason that he was too soft-spoken and quiet. Near the end of the long pull, he finally found his voice. But here's a little story to make the point.

Last Winter he went to Rec Hall one night to a basketball game. At the door he discovered he had forgotten his AA book. And then he had the devil's own time trying to convince the man at the door that he was the Collegian Sports editor. The campus cop finally gave in, and Ben took his piece up the next day to convince the guy.

The bunch around the office are going to miss Ben, and quite a few of us are thinking of him now, wondering how quiet, innocent-looking Bailey is going to make out with those sergeants these Air Corps boys have been telling us about.

Although he was president of Sigma Delta Tau, Collegian Sports Editor, and Managing Editor of Froth, Skull and Bones didn't get around to tapping him until it was almost too late. He got his hat last week.

When Bailey took over the Collegian sports page, he hardly knew a lacrosse stick from a tennis racket, being definitely not on the athletic side. But in spite of such a handicap, it wasn't long before he had a few talks with the coaches and the boys in the various sports, the beginning of an excellent background that furnished material when the news got scarce. When he left last week, he was in the process of toughening up with a little of the physical fitness treatment.

Last Winter the furor about physical training for prospective soldiers was at its heights, Ben came out with views, all for it. By the time he was due to leave, Bailey was up to four laps around the track in Rec Hall, with some exercise on the side. If you knew Bailey, and the ungodly hour that he had to get up for work, 5:30 a. m., you know that he could take it in spite of his slight appearance.

Now Bailey is in the Air Corps and we don't have the best sports editor we ever had, and there isn't too much we can say, for what can you say but "Good Luck, Ben."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Continued from Page Two) They represent the highest ideals of the military service and their loyalty and devotion to the better interests of Penn State have always remained prominent.

These units are Penn State's representatives of societies which are organized nationally. Frequently, they have been commended by people not affiliated with the College. The writer feels that the Collegian, as the representative of the College and the main exponent of campus activities, should render thanks to Scabbard and Blade and Pershing Rifles for their activities.

This letter is not endorsed by

the two groups. The writer is solely responsible for it. It is not written with the desire to gain personal attention. It is written in the hope that the personnel of Scabbard and Blade and Pershing Rifles will gain recognition as worthy representatives of Penn State.

Sincerely,
Rudolph Bloom, Jr.

Jordan and Irvin Hall coeds will entertain their dates in Irvin Hall lobby from 10:30 to 1 o'clock Saturday night, according to Gloria McKinley, hall president. Dancing and refreshments are planned.

Final Wartime Problems Institute Features Coffman

Pros and Cons of War Marriage To Be Discussed

Climaxing a series of wartime institutes, the PSCA will present Dr. Harold Coe Coffman, president of George Williams College, as main speaker at the third program, "Wartime Marriages and the Home," continuing on campus from Sunday through April 11.

Dr. Coffman, formerly a professor of educational psychology at Northwestern University, noted psychologist, and president of a professional school for social workers, has done much research concerning problems involved in wartime marriages.

To inform married students and persons contemplating marriage of the wartime marital problems, the institute will also feature Mrs. Harold Coe Coffman, lecturer in parent education; Dr. Leland Foster Wood, executive secretary of Federal Council of Churches; Mrs. Polly Moss Cupphertson, regional secretary of YWCA; and Mrs. Stuart Mudd, marriage counselor in Philadelphia.

Special minute movies illustrating the pros and cons of war marriages and suggesting solutions will be shown in 304 Old Main from 12:40 p.m. to 1 p.m. each day. All persons with questions on the topic are asked to discuss them in a clinic in 304 Old Main from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day.

Sunday's program will include Dr. Coffman as chapel speaker, discussing "What Matters Most in Wartime." A movie dealing with the engaged couple's attitude on marriage will be shown in 304 Old Main, 12:40 p.m. Monday. Mrs. Coffman will discuss "Women's Place in the World Scene" in 118 Home Economics, 1:10 p.m. Monday.

All students and town people are invited to a discussion on "Wartime Problems in the Home," featuring Polly Cupphertson as speaker, in the High School, 2:15 p.m. Monday. D. Jane Cromis and Maur Levan, co-chairmen of the committee, announced.

Complete programs for the week's conference may be obtained in the PSCA office.

State's Zabkar Wins Oratory Regional

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Three excellent orators will take the floor against him. One is Rathbun of Northwestern, who is the past national oratory champion in Delta Sigma Rho, national debate honorary. Another holds three state championships in North Dakota, while a third contestant has title to three oratory championships from Detroit University.

Represented in the Pittsburgh contest Saturday were Pennsylvania College for Women, Seton Hill, Mt. Mercy, Carnegie Tech, Pittsburgh, Duquesne, and Penn State.

At State, Zabkar is a member of the varsity debate squad, a major in Advanced ROTC, and a member of both Delta Sigma Rho and Pi Lambda Sigma, speech and pre-legal honoraries. He is also a member of Scabbard and Blade. By taking two semesters' credit in one term, he will graduate in May with a probable All-College average of 2.2.

"Of all our founding fathers, Thomas Jefferson is today more than ever present in our minds," Governor E. Dewey said in commenting on the Hearst competition. "Not merely because this is his bicentennial, but because every thought he expressed, every principle for which he fought, is at stake in every theater of this global war."

YOU MAY NEED THE RED CROSS—GIVE GENEROUSLY

Tennis Team Stages Outdoor Workout Under New Coach; 4 Lettermen Back

The weather man has finally allowed the sun to shine long enough for the tennis squad to get in its first workouts of the season in preparation for their initial meet April 17, when they tackle a tough Swarthmore outfit.

Prospects are bright for this year's squad with lettermen Cy Hull, Ace Parker, Dick Armbrust, and Herb Kraybill returning. Two more of last summer's squad are in college but as yet have not turned out for the team.

Numbers one and two singles slots are fairly certain with Hull, who filled that position in the summer, and Parker, varsity matman who was ineligible during the summer season, slated for the berths. These two are likely to team up to play in the number one doubles bracket in addition to their singles chores.

Armbrust and Kraybill will probably pair up again in the number two doubles department, where they played in the summer when the squad opens against its Eastern Pennsylvania foes.

Numbered among the large group of freshman and sophomore candidates for the varsity are Russ Campbell and Walt Stenger who are working hard toward a berth in the starting lineup. Coach Ray Dickinson is pleased with the turnout of players and has high hopes for a successful season. Dickinson takes over where Lion Coach Ted Roethke left off. Roethke is on a leave of absence to teach at Bennington College, Bennington, Vt.

The Swarthmore team, according to the Nittany net coach, will have the edge on the Blue and White squad in conditioning. So far the team has been out on the courts for only two days while the enemy team has had constant practice on their indoor court.

In a warm-up match yesterday afternoon, Cy Hull wound up on the short end of a couple of sets with Junior Fisher, a State College boy who played varsity tennis for California Tech of Pittsburgh.

Second Dry Dock Offers New Features

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Pass at Me," from the Broadway revue, "Pins and Needles," and will give several impersonations.

"The Zoot-Suiters," four couples of jitterbugs, come in with several spots throughout the program. Dottie Koush, who made her name in the Players' shows, changes her mood to do comical monologues.

Called back after her hit last week, Jane Abramson has composed another song dedicated to the night club. This time it's the "Dry Dock Boogie."

Walt Kazor, boogie-woogie specialist on the piano, will also be back for this week's show, along with Essie Campbell, who sang during intermission spots last week.

Bill Cissel, master of ceremonies, has something new up his sleeve. Bill has planned to sing "Minnie from Trinidad."

There are still several hundred reservations for tomorrow night's show at Student Union since there is more room than last week. Prices will be the same as last week, 75 cents a couple. Another sell-out crowd is predicted.

Northern Lights Appear

A display of northern lights was seen between 9 and 12 p.m. Monday, according to Dr. Hans Neuberger, head of the meteorology department. "A large homogeneous arc with a secondary homogeneous arc was visible in the north and east, and a few streamers appeared at intervals," Dr. Neuberger continued. Northern lights are an electrical phenomenon and occur at altitudes of 50 to 700 miles.

Dr. Neuberger stated that the next evening, following the northern lights, rain came down from perfectly clear skies, something which is quite rare.

CA Holds Lenten Meeting

The first of a series of Lenten meetings sponsored by PSCA and Interchurch Council was held at the Methodist Church yesterday afternoon. Ralph W. Harris spoke on "Serenity Under Strain" and booklets of quotations and poems were distributed by Anne R. Hazard, Ruth M. Miller, B. Ruth Pielemeier, and Ruth P. Sprague. Meetings will be held at 4:30 each Thursday during April.



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Hey Doc—

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Look no further. The Penn State Engineer announces a technical writing contest, open to all students, but aimed especially at engineers.

For the best articles submitted for publication, the Engineer will pay ten dollars first prize and five dollars second prize. The articles may be any subject pertaining to technical work.

Closing date for May issue—April 7
Closing date for June issue—April 15

Leave your articles at Student Union, or at the Engineer Office, Room 1, Armory.