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Rushing As Usual?

Announcement of the probable availability of Army Specialized Training students for membership in Penn State fraternities may bring thoughts of the old-time rushing, but there are many other factors which would tend to make this impression a wrong one.

In the first place, the fraternities which still have houses when the Army Specialized Training program is established at Penn State will have a decided advantage over those houses which have evacuated for servicemen.

In the long run, however, when all houses are taken over, no group will have an edge over any other. For a while, before the training programs are built up numerically, there will be some advantages for certain houses.

But so many other questions have to be answered first that it is useless to plan ahead on a "rushing-as-usual" basis, no matter what assumptions are made regarding the effect of wartime conditions. Another thing, what incentive will the specialized training student have which will cause him to pledge a fraternity? Few natural ties exist, and if he doesn't expect to live in the house, what would make him want to become a Greek?

As soon as a person pledges a fraternity merely for the name, or the pin, or the appearance of the house, or any other materialistic factor, he is losing the fraternity spirit. The very nature of the root, "fratres" meaning brother, would be undermined, unless the trainee really felt he was sharing friendship with persons he regards as brothers.

Another viewpoint is that perhaps the ideals of a fraternity will have to be abandoned in wartime in order to sustain the existence of the fraternity structure itself. Maybe a lot of things ordinarily considered in pledging will have to be overlooked in the interest of pecuniary matters, to save the financial part of the fraternity.

At all events, it is plain to see that "rushing-as-usual" is something which probably cannot take place under the conditions which will exist. Besides, the fact that Army Specialized Training students will be permitted to pledge fraternities is still an assumption.

Ah, Spring

There is a professional journalistic assumption which states that when an editorial writer begins to discuss the weather, he has run out of editorial material, and is merely filling space.

But this April 16 snow certainly deserves comment. March might have come in like a lion, and gone out like a lamb, but the lamb is to be pitied if he had to live through these last two weeks of winter weather, and gambol in the snow today.

The student who shed his heavy coat for the raincoat or reversible had to put the light coat back on the hanger recently when Old Man Winter came back for a curtain call—a white curtain.

Then, too, it helped Penn Staters brag about the freakish weather in the Nittany Valley. Rain every day weekend they tell the folks back home. But snow on April 16 will add a new chapter to the story.



Lion Tales

By M. J. WINTER

Final Finale

So everybody isn't going home for Easter vacation. According to WSGA bigwigs, those that are staying around the Nittany Valley are the the studious type and remaining to get in a little concentrated studying. Maybe that's true of some. Under the assumption, coeds have generously been granted 11 o'clock permission for Thursday and Sunday nights. With no classes scheduled during this period, and with most students staying only because of the transportation difficulties getting home, it seems that 1 o'clock permissions might have been granted for each of these nights. Those who want to study could do so, and others who are taking their vacations in State College would be able to have a little vacation themselves. It's probably too late now, but Senate might give it a little more consideration in the future.

Romance Dept.

Romance is definitely taking a turn for the worse after blossoming forth last weekend. The chilly atmosphere has put the skids under tires, leather-soled shoes, and moonlight walks. A few hearty couples have kept the love-light burning throughout the recent gales, though, and ended up with rings, pins, and stuff . . . Sam Greenlee planted his akpi jewelry on Louis Miller, chio . . . Panhel prexy Bea White, phimu, is displaying Bill McCord's agr badge . . . and 'tis rumored that Thurloy Taynton, former phikappasig and now working for Uncle Sammy, and kappa pledge Gloria Swanson are among the young marrieds as of last weekend in Virginia. She's back at the books, and he's off with the boys in khaki . . . Lluet, and Mrs. Ted Clauss (Marce Stringer)—he, former chief Stogge, and she, past Thespian extraordinary, are back in town hotdogging in the crm as of old . . . Dave Arnold, lambdachi, handed out a diamond to Miriam Lisse . . . Coeds are polishing up their best personalities to turn on when they entertain the Air Corps boys en masse this afternoon. All are expected to have a lovely time balancing tea cups . . . Zeta's and dates braved the blizzard last p. m. to cut a few rugs at their formal.

Here and There

Speaking of the heavenly downpore, which seems slightly ludicrous at this point, a similar happening last year might recall a few memories of 30-some inches of snow, stranded IF Ball imports, and some hot snowball battles. That was Palm Sunday, and here it comes again under a similar camouflage. Seems a lot of people are dreaming of a White Easter . . . Realizing the fact that alarm clocks are no longer on sale, the prep boys seem to be taking it upon themselves to see that no 8 o'clocks are cut. It really is much nicer, instead of hearing a Big Ben breaking into your dreams, to be awakened to the cheery voices giving out with "She Wears a Yellow Ribbon," "I've Got Sixpence" and "Wait 'Till the Sun Shines, Nelly." . . . The Three Stooges can dream, can't they? Seems they had to turn down an offer for a little pin money (about \$300 bucks a week) if they'd work for a guy down in Harrisburg.

SHARPS AND FLATS

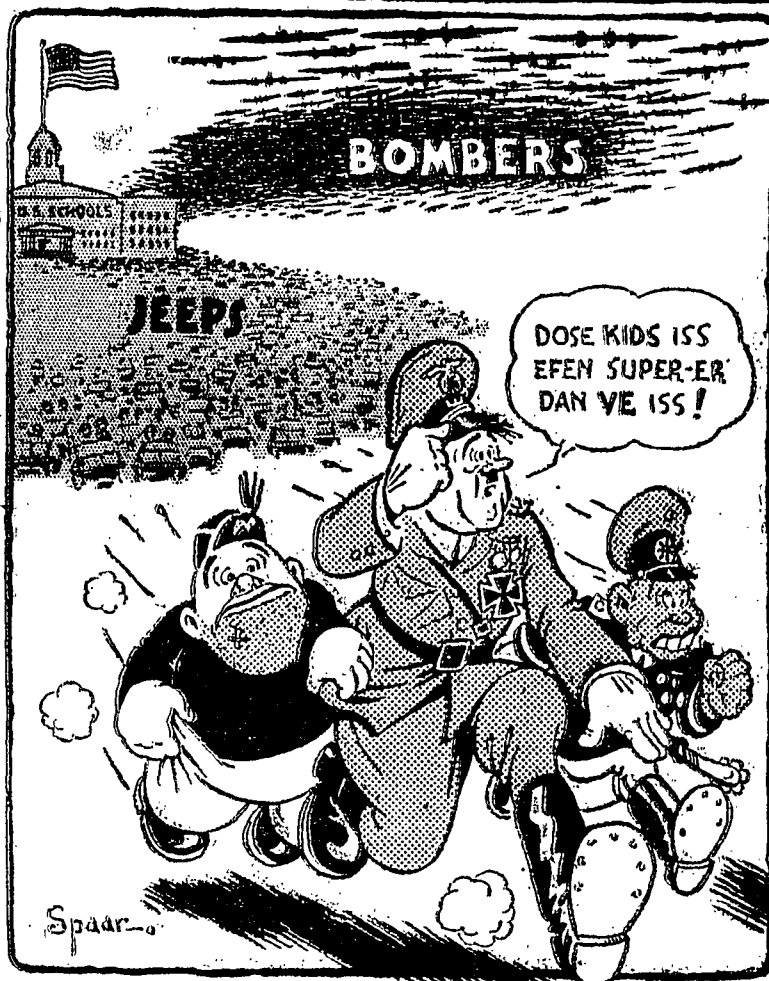
By BEN FRENCH

It seemed that our first endeavor at writing music columns yesterday turned out to be successful, if you call receiving much comment successful.

After our statements about the Aristocrats slipping yesterday, we had a talk with Les Stein last night and he gave us the whole story about the departure of Jack Lord.

It seems that Lord thought the Aristocrats were not good enough for him and was continually ridiculing the band. Instead of trying to smooth out sore spots in the band he was promoting them. Feeling that the star trumpet player wasn't earning his pay as leader, Les fired him and gave the baton to Bob Norton. Bob is doing a fine job and has the band back in shape for the Zeta formal tonight at the Nittany Lion, according to George Rice, local jive authority. Lord is now playing second trumpet for Sonny Royce and the Collegians . . . We hope that we have the right story.

Blitz, American School Style!



Tomorrow Marks End of Series

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"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" . . . Bach
"Danse des Mirlitons," from the Nutcracker Suite, Tschalkowsky
"The Entrance of the Little Fauns" . . . Pierre
"Vaise Basque" . . . Fishburn
Louis Luini, a graduate student in the School of Mineral Industries, will be concertmeister for the program. Mr. Luini will conduct the familiar composition by Massenet which describes musically the story of French peasants pausing in their work to hear the distant chiming of the Angelus.

In addition the Symphony will play two compositions in keeping with the Easter season, "Glocken und Gralisse" by Wagner and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach. The latter cantata was written in celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation.

Sunday's program will contain descriptive notes by Professor Fishburn of the numbers played by the 70 piece orchestra. Assisting Mr. Fishburn in arranging the program were the officers of the Symphony organization, Annie Haigh, principal; James Harter, president; Virginia Manley, secretary; Doris Glahn, librarian; and Herman Weed, librarian.

Fashion note: The women who once bought Paris imports buy exports to Berlin and Tokio now. Their Bonds "outfit the outfits" going there.

Winter Returns

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ing were made, and here and there groups of students indulged in the entirely unexpected luxury of snowball fights in April. Cars chugged through the heavy footing downtown, equipped with chains. Snow-shovels appeared, while scores of the less hardy brethren sought refuge in the friendly atmosphere of the 'Skeller.
Plans for the week-end were in abeyance; a few optimists took their ration books to local markets for supplies of rolls and hot-dogs, while the less imaginative dislodged moths from hopes of a long summer's rest and prepared for the worst.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY
Penn State Players show, "Love Rides the Rails," Schwab Auditorium, 7:30 p. m.
Dry Dock, Recreation Hall, 9:00 p. m.
Sororities entertain Air Corps cadets, 3:00-5:00 p. m.
MONDAY
Meteorological Seminar lecture, "Sunshine Instruments," by Mr. Charles L. Taylor, Room 313 Mineral Industries Building, 7:00 p. m.

At The Movies
CATHAUM—
"Edge of Darkness"
STATE—
"Cabin in the Sky"
NITTANY—
"Red River Robin Hood"

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