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Why Stop At Two?

Although it looked last week as if the College version of the Third War Bond Drive had fallen asleep at the starting post, it didn't take long for the stamp and bond boys to jockey a now apparently willing to be driven student population down the home stretch.

Receipts of the campaign, with the biggest promotion events still in the future, show that the valley campus can and does recognize a need for national and international collaboration. By the time the first half of the two-jeep goal arrived in front of Old Main yesterday it was more than paid for.

With the price of a jeep set at \$1400, solicitors reported a total of almost \$2500 by yesterday noon, a situation which makes obvious the gratifying probability that the College will exceed its goal.

The situation, encouraging as it may be, is not an indication that the final whistle has blown. Actually, the raw contributions total is somewhat misleading, since a \$2000 bond bought by WSGA accounts for more than four-fifths of it. Individual offerings can still be improved. Many campus organizations have reported that they will turn large parts of their capital into bonds. Receipts of these checks by the committee will account for the large expected margin between the estimated goal and final returns.

Sellers will concentrate on individual sales in the two major pushes remaining—the rally in front of Old Main this afternoon and the Victory Raffle which will precede the Bucknell kickoff. The continued rate of exchange from cash to bonds and stamps at these affairs can make the goal an insult to the outcome.

Cabinet and its committees in sponsoring and organizing, and the students they represent in supporting the drive, are well on the way to putting across a major civilian contribution. But buying two jeeps when it is possible to buy four, or four when it is possible to buy six, is not putting it across. The time to quit is when no fraternity can spare another \$25 and no student can spare another ten cents.

Cliques May Click

Perhaps Penn State politicians are waking up. At any rate, they're beginning to see the light. What looked like a hopelessly unequal political set-up now has possibilities of shaping into a program that may distribute political power more fairly.

Tuesday's clique meeting at first looked like a stalemate, no additions to the original majority and minority groups. But apparently some wavering members of the stronger group finally realized the advantage they would have if they crossed over to the other side. It took them a long time to understand that there are certain opportunities involved in getting in on the ground floor of a new and perhaps up-and-coming organization, rather than being hangers-on with the so-called big-shots.

But it's certainly to their credit that they finally gave up the idea of being little frogs in the big pond. Now it remains to be seen if they can make a go of being the big frogs and enlarging their present little pond. L.H.I.

The CAMPUSEER

BOB KIMMEL

The seniors have been dodging strangely this week, and ducking into hiding places when they see a certain man coming towards them. After a couple of games of "You can't see me," we inquired and found that the pursuing gent is a salesman for an insurance company who won't take no for an answer. He's sold quite a few policies around campus, and from what the boys tell us, he's really a hooper-doooper salesman. One guy that he hadn't met was on the front porch when the salesman called and inquired for his prospect. The fellow told him the man he wanted wasn't in, but one of the brothers gave the show away. Now there's another insured man.

Who Gets the Football . . .

Tomorrow, before the game, you'll have plenty of chances to secure your ticket for the football raffle. The prize is the ball used in the game with Bucknell, and all it costs you is an investment in some defense stamps. One chance for a quarter stamp, and three with a four-bit purchase. Be sure and look for us at the west gate, and we'll personally administer to your needs.


Cider Rackets . . .

Forty years ago, when the leaves began to fall and the apples were ripe, the students used to "borrow" some professor's horse and go for a barrel of cider to be consumed late at night in the dorm. These days cider is the polite refreshment offered to smoker guests and mixed groups. Not that the boys stuck strictly to cider, though. But then, half the fun was robbing the horse and gathering around the keg when all was supposed to be dreams and snores. Today we don't do things the same way, and what with all the downstairs rooms in fraternities mobilized, the cheering cup will no doubt be limited in its passage. But never fear, as long as there is football, with a Thespian show as a prelude and a dance for the encore, good times haven't vanished altogether.

The Bell Tolls . . .

Never has there been so many production difficulties beset a show than the Thespian Revue that opens a two-night stand this evening. It struck us as a little funny the other night when we were sitting in the auditorium watching part of a rehearsal. About three minutes before ten, the bass man lays down his fiddle, the sax man picks up his horn and walks out, the two leading male dancers step out of their tap shoes and scramble for hats, a Marine or two dumps a load of stage properties, and some of the chorus disappears. The Three Stooges make tracks for Irvin Hall, and when Old Main tolls ten, the servicemen have departed, in time we hope, for their barracks; from there, the director takes what is left and struggles on.

This Weekend . . .



The Corner
unusual

Front And Center . . .

By RITA M. BELFONTI

Rumors about the return of junior rotisse students have been flying thick and fast these last few days. If they mean anything, we'll soon be seeing Dick Schmitt, Bob Hibbard, Luke Watkins, Cliff St. Clair, Steve Sinichak, Seymour Rosenberg, Hal Griffiths, Irv Kanenigser and lots of other faces we've missed.

See America First

Pvt. Elmer Belfonti has just returned from a prisoner of war trip to Louisiana. In the last month he has traveled through 11 states and a distance of over 3,400 miles. He is sporting souvenirs from German and Italian prisoners whom he described as "nice fellows, most of them glad to be out of it."


Gone But Not Forgotten

Macy Alexander packed his little duffle bag and left State College not so long ago to answer (in person) a rather insistent little note concerning the Marines. Frank Drumm did likewise when the Navy beckoned this week. We have it that Frank must report to Notre Dame Monday.

Commissions And Things

Bob Schuler was awarded his wings and a second loonie's commission in a recent graduation of bombardier cadets at Roswell, N. M. Bill Finn, former campus big wig, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry after the completion of the Officer Candidate Course at Fort Benning. Second Lieut. Bill Phillips successfully completed a ten weeks course of training at the Marine Corps Schools in Quantico, Virginia. After graduating from a field artillery course at the Marine Corps school, he was assigned immediate duty with a combat organization. Second Lt. Bill Means, another Penn State alum graduated with the same class and was also assigned active duty.

Aviation Student Ben French, an old Collegian-Froth standby, let out a wail from a hospital bed down Texas way. He said his condition mystifies the doctors just as his attitude puzzled his profs last semester. Pete Rutan is now attending a quartermaster's school at Camp Lee, Va. And John McNelis was recently appointed a naval aviation cadet and transferred to the Naval Training Center at Pensacola, Fla.



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