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Wanted: More Service News

There seems to be a very definite feeling among servicemen that Collegian is not doing right by them—that they should be given more space in the paper. And Collegian has long since realized that it is not giving adequate coverage to servicemen's activities.

What Collegian has had in mind for a long time is to run an entire page of servicemen's news stories and columns can be run every week. Since almost half of the students on campus are in uniform, it is only right that such a project be initiated. However, a reduced staff finds its hands full covering just the regular campus news.

A very simple solution to this problem is found in a small story on today's front page. Collegian is asking servicemen who are interested in becoming unofficial reporters for their groups to contact staff members. This will be a much better arrangement for everyone concerned since servicemen naturally know more about what is going on in their groups than a civilian student would.

Here's an opportunity for cooperation which will yield benefits to both parties, so if there are any potential journalists among Collegian uniformed public, will they please speak up?

L.H.L.

Keep It For Them

Letters from Penn State men and women in the armed forces inevitably contain nostalgia for their college days, and almost always voice a desire to get back to the campus. They remember it as a place of beauty and charm, to which they will want to return, in an effort to recapture a measure of their carefree past.

But what kind of a campus will they see when they do come back? The answer lies in the hands of those who remain here now. And unless some changes are made in the habits of the present student body, the campus of the future will be a sadly different place.

It is not merely a case of ignoring paths and taking short-cuts across the grass, although this tendency in itself has done a lot towards defacing certain parts of the campus. But even more injurious and willful destruction is caused by those who blithely and thoughtlessly pull down fences, scribble on walls, and cut their initials into desks for the benefit of posterity. It is doubtful whether posterity will appreciate scratched and uneven desks, or a generally run-down campus. It is hardly possible that they will consider it picturesque, or that they will understand the so-called traditions that lie behind these scribbles and defacements.

For these reasons, and also out of ordinary respect for property, every student and every faculty member should consider it his own special duty to protect the campus from the punishment that it is now taking.

L.H.L.

Training For Imperialism

"If the United States is to remain an active member in the society of nations, politically and economically, we shall need business men, professional men and government officials who can go into foreign lands for their life work; and we must revise our educational objectives if we are to train such men."

This was the contention of Dr. Raymond J. Sontag, professor of history and director of the European Area and Language program on the Berkeley campus of the University of California, who spoke at a recent meeting of the Western College Association.

On the surface this appears to be a commonplace enough statement, but when the surface is

Editorial Editings

We always knew chemists were clever people. But never before did we realize the wide field of their talents. From NYU, a chem prof is credited with blandly whipping off a yell that is expected to "fill the air at athletic events at NYU for years to come." The yell follows:

Octa-deca-di-ene
9-11-13
Acid, acid, bic, acid!

Wow!

At UCLA, Dr. Ramsey, professor of chemistry, was explaining a theory. In order to simplify the explanation, he said, "take, for instance, a beer bottle. When you open it, you shift its equilibrium—and yours, too."

Eyes Through Key Holes Department. The most audited class at the University of Kansas, at present at least, is the modern dancing class (feminine) held at the east gym of Rosinson hall. Despite the fact that the auditors (masculine) are forced to "audit" through key holes and cracks in the intervening doors, the number is increasing daily.

From the Oregon State Barometer we gleaned the information that finals begin on Wednesday and end on Friday of the same week. We can't help but wonder how long their exams are and how many courses the average student takes.

Students at WeTstern Reserve University are welcoming suggestions for a new name for the college yearbook. Because Adelbert yearbook has been called Nipon, derived from the Japanese word for "rising sun," the students feel that they would rather call it something else.

scratched, it would seem to smack of imperialism. Dr. Sontag went on to explain that in the past it has been the aim of colleges to train the student as a specialist in one particular field, with scant emphasis in any given region.

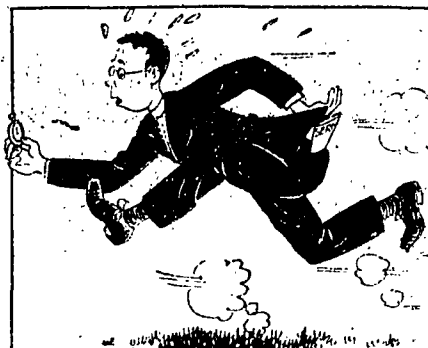
But recently why should American professional men, government officials and business men, especially the latter, have any call to seek their fortunes abroad, unless to promote American interests? It is hardly conceivable that anyone would believe that their motives would be altruistic—the idea of using the "white man's burden" theory as a rationalization for exploitation abroad has long since been abandoned. There is still plenty of room for reconstruction and revision and planning in our own country. If regional specialists are wanted, there are all too many regions of the United States that could use such specialists.

We are not putting in a bid for isolation, but rather a plea against the ugly entanglements of imperialism.

L.H.L.



LAMBDA IOTA,
FOUNDED IN 1836 AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT,
IS THE OLDEST LOCAL
FRATERNITY IN THE U.S.
THE FRATERNITY WENT
ON RECORD IN THE
MID-1800'S NEVER TO GO
NATIONAL.



43 STUDENT PREACHERS AT
TEXAS CHRISTIAN LAST YEAR
TRAVELED MORE THAN
25,000 MILES PER MONTH
TO FILL SUNDAY PULPIT
ENGAGEMENTS



IN 1925 A BILL WAS
INTRODUCED IN THE NORTH
CAROLINA LEGISLATURE
WHICH FORBADE ANYONE TO
FLIRT WITH COLLEGE GIRLS
OR TEACHERS.

BUCKSHOT

RUINS OF BREASTWORKS
BUILT DURING THE SIEGE
OF JACKSON IN THE
CIVIL WAR ARE STILL TO
BE SEEN ON THE CAMPUS
OF MILLSAPS COLLEGE,
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

★★★ HOARD WAR BONDS!

We, The Women

There is something more than snow, slush, and bluebooks disturbing even dispositions of coeds right now, and it is obviously sorority rushing.

Last Monday opened formal rushing for all sororities except Kappa Kappa Gamma, who will because of a Panhel penalty, begin rushing Monday. Feverish looks are beginning to haunt the faces of sorority women, as they worry frantically whether they are going to get this girl or that one. Freshmen and transfers are wondering whether they will ever be free women again, as the phone rings incessantly, and they make one rush date after another. And then there is the problem of whether to go sorority or not, and if so, which one?

This will be, undoubtedly, the largest rushing season the campus has ever seen, with the huge enrollment of women students. So to freshmen it is bound to be bewildering, and maybe even a little ridiculous. But the only answer is to think it all over carefully. Consider the individual girls in each sorority, and try to see them as they really are, and not only as they look during rushing season. There are definite advantages to sororities, but pledging one is an important step.

After each rushing season more than 50 per cent of the coeds remain unaffiliated. Among the independents are women who have proved outstanding scholastically, socially, and in activities. Only during rushing is so much stress placed on Greek symbols and gold pins. After that only a few campus snobs judge a coed by her sorority.

The Corner Room will continue to be mobbed with Greeks and rushees for another week, but after the final rushing parties and formal coffee hours will come pledging on Sunday, January 16th, the firing will cease and coeds will revert to a less nerve-racking existence.

P.W.

It isn't until the average college woman looks into her future and sees no husband potentialities that she begins to consider specifically what to do with her aptitudes, which are likely to include education but no experience.

Because good positions in industry so frequently require experience and training which new college graduates do not have, many women are now turning to government service as unbiased and attractive vocational possibility.

When Jo College makes inquiries into Civil Service procedures, she finds her ideas about being of service to her government are quite considerably warped. Perhaps she sees herself as the "in-the-know" secretary of an up-and-coming young government executive. Perhaps she listens with horror to stories of bureaucracy and sharing a bed with two other girls in Washington. Perhaps she decided to live at home and sleep on her own Simmons'.

But if she decides to do something with her sheep-skin, she will find that the government so respects her college education that it is promoting to the hilt, a position called Junior Professional Assistant, especially designed to bring young blood into government service.

The average college woman graduate is, therefore, most likely to qualify for the position of Junior Professional Assistant, whatever her major may be. For this classification no experience is required, although credit is given for any experience the applicant may have.

The idea of the job is to employ a person to do general types of work until his on-the-job experience qualifies him to specialize, probably in his major.

Examinations for Junior Professional Assistant now test intelligence and general information. The final score of an applicant is based upon his experience, education, and examination scores.

Government pay should be attractive to Jo College, who cannot generally expect to fare so well if she starts out in private industry. For jobs paying under \$2000, the government salaries are higher than corresponding positions in business.

By joining the ranks of Civil Service employees, the college woman not only profits by the opportunity of being paid a salary while she accumulates valuable experience, but also she perpetuates the merit system by proving that government positions from the bottom to the top are no longer plums for the politician.

ALWAYS . . .

The Corner
unusual