

Winter Ball
At Rec Hall
Tonight

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War Dept. Takes AAF Winter Ball Formal, Players' Show Trainees From College Combine For Weekend Festivities

by TED RUBIN

Penn State was one of 70 colleges throughout the nation notified by the War Department this week that no new Air Corps trainees would be assigned to their campuses. The announcement stated "Elimination of any particular college or civilian contract school does not reflect dissatisfaction relative to the performance of the school." It is merely a case of depleted enlistments ruling out the necessity for this extensive training.

Trainee enrollment will not terminate immediately, but as each class finishes its course here, there will be no replacements. By this procedure, the more than 500 Air Force students at the College will have departed by June.

Though unexpected by most Americans, this notice was released by a War Department which knew that it would be inevitable when their complex training system had brought the hoped for results.

Behind this action lies the story of the biggest project ever undertaken by a nation at war—of the successes which the project should bring—of the future successes which the project should bring. This story is related in this month's Fortune magazine.

Within two short years, the United States Army Air Forces has skyrocketed its personnel from 15,000 to an unbelievable 2,500,000, and the efficiency which was enforced has known no comparison throughout the centuries of war and battle.

Midway through the summer of 1943, the level-off point was reached, and since then, physical expansion has decreased to a slight inkling of its former self. Enlistments in the Army Air Forces are now fewer and fewer, the many armed services having depleted its supply of available manpower through continual drainage.

In 1934, the year that saw the beginning of Hitler's rearmament program, the U. S. had less than 1,500 military airplanes and 1600 officers. Two years later, a training program, minute in comparison to today's, had been geared to turn out 500 pilots a year. However, only a few farsighted thinkers then imagined the future need for a magnanimous number of pilots, navigators, bombardiers, aerial gunners, and technicians.

Since the Hickam Field attack of December 7, 1941, the program has expanded with such leaps that the feat is astounding. Enlistments before Pearl Harbor came in slowly, but after that attack, swarms of American manpower applied for this now famous branch of service.

The two permanent training
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2 Steaming Graves Cause Campus Crisis

Faint clouds of steam coming out of the ground on Holmes Field several days ago caused only slight consternation among students and faculty. But when the next day two grave-like holes dug in the turf began emitting dense billows of acrid steam the terror-stricken onlookers of the grotesque scene offered the following explanations:

- 1) Japanese agents had hidden a volcano in the field.
- 2) The Day of Reckoning had arrived.
- 3) A coed had dug a man-trap.
- 4) Someone gave a skunk a hot-foot.

A fearless Collegian reporter assigned to the story quickly learned from George W. Ebert, head of Grounds and Buildings, that a steam return pipe had gone bad and that routine repairs were being made.

Sorry, folks.

WAVE to Visit Campus

A representative of the WAVES will visit the campus Tuesday and Wednesday to interview interested women candidates.

The opportunities and duties of a WAVE will be discussed by the representative in 110 Home Economics building at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. All girls are invited to attend the meeting.

An Editorial

\$6.50 For Tribute

The \$6.50 profit that the Key party's Birthday Ball netted might have been a surprise to the College at large, but it was no surprise to the committee that ran the dance.

The purposes of the dance, as outlined by the committee's chairman were:

1. To make money for the March of Dimes campaign.
2. To hold a dance for the general student body.
3. To give publicity to the Key party.

Well, the party got its publicity; the students got their dance; but the "March of Dimes" didn't make out too well. Of course, every dime helps, and 65 of them are nothing to sneeze at. But its not an overwhelming sum and its too bad the committee was willing to settle for it. That they were willing is shown by the fact that according to the estimated expense sheet they expected to net somewhere between \$6 and \$8.

Estimated expenses for renting Rec Hall, a public address system, etc., were about \$50. The band was contracted for about \$150. The committee was well aware that their overhead was large, and when they embarked on the project, they weren't even sure that they would break even.

Naturally, any group has to contend with these uncertainties.
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The Rat, Man's Best Friend, Leads The Way To Good Diet

Most people would be ashamed to admit that they have rats, but Penn State is proud of the 800 rats here on the campus that are making a valuable contribution to the war effort. They are being used by the Nutrition Laboratory under Prof. N. B. Guerrant to furnish critical information concerning the human diet.

Some of these rats have distinguished educational backgrounds, their ancestors coming from such institutions as Yale, Harvard, Columbia, and Minnesota. It is not at all unlikely that the antecedents of at least one of the rats came over on the Mayflower, and that others were with Washington at Valley Forge.

Three strains of rats are used at the laboratory. The well known white or albino rat; the piebald rat, a black and white breed, brought here by Prof. R. A. Dutcher from Minnesota; and the black rat which was developed and domesticated from wild rats found in the vicinity of the College.

Rats are used in nutrition tests because their digestive systems, their dietary habits which include both meats and vegetables, and the effects upon them of dietary deficiencies are comparable to those of human beings. Rats are cheap, grow rapidly, consume only small quantities of the expensive foods necessary to dietary tests, and reproduce quickly so that several generations of rats can be studied within a short time.

The importance of the rat to
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Five Vie For Snow Queen

Crowning of the Snow Queen and the drawing of the winning ticket for \$100 war bond will be the two main features of Winter Ball at Rec Hall from 8:30 to midnight tomorrow night. Bobby Sherwood will trumpet both sweet and hot music catering to lovers of jitter-bugging as well as to more conventional dancers.

Up until the drawing at the Ball chances on the bond can still be purchased from dance committee members and members of All-College Cabinet.

The Snow Queen will be presented to dancers during an intermission at the dance. Joan Harrington, Nancy Harrington, Tawny Hill, Kassie Docher, and Sally Duffy vie for the title.

George Washington Sleeps Here Tonight

Another Broadway hit will come to Penn State when the curtain goes up at 8 o'clock tonight at Schwab to reveal the first scene of Players presentation of "George Washington Slept Here."

The Fuller family discovers the numerous drawbacks of renovating property while inspecting a deteriorated country house in Bucks county, Pennsylvania. To aggravate the situation, they find no water facilities, road, window panes, or closets and the kitchen is equipped with livestock!

A series of riotous situations present themselves as these city folk learn the hard way—by experience.

After many weeks of work have been spent by the Fullers, the house acquires a brighter interior.

Just when they can relax and Midge, their daughter, has invited friends to visit for the weekend, they are almost rained out. This particular weekend is the one in which "Dear Uncle Stanley" chooses to visit them. The uncle plays a two-fold purpose for they definitely speculate upon his money to pay off the mortgage brought to light by an irate neighbor.

The matinee will be held in Schwab Auditorium at 2:30 and the final performance begins at 7:15, according to Lawrence Tucker, assistant professor of dramatics and director of the show.

Campus Gives \$285 In March Of Dimes; Falls Short Of Goal

Contributions to the Campus March of Dimes campaign totaled \$285.55, falling short of the goal of \$500, Mildred Rubin, chairman of the campus committee, announced yesterday. The drive ran from January 25 to February 1, inclusive.

Of the total contributed, \$6.50 was netted by the President's Birthday Dance sponsored by the Key party in Rec Hall Saturday night. The remainder of the amount was collected at a table in front of the Corner Room, with the exception of \$12 contributed by guests at a Hillel Foundation dance last week.

"Servicemen combined gave much more to the drive than did civilian students, especially women," Miss Rubin said. "Moreover, the servicemen's total did not include the amount contributed by the Air Corps, which had a separate drive, solicited each aviation student, and met its quota 100 per cent."

Seniors Apply For Certificates

All seniors taking positions following graduation should apply for a certificate of availability issued by the United States Employment Service, George N. P. Leetch, director of the College Placement Service, announced today.

Application blanks are available at the placement service office, 204 Old Main.

Leetch also stated that he would like all seniors to inform the College Placement Service or the placement officer of his school of his plans immediately following graduation. The information is needed for placement records.

Placement officers of the various schools are as follows: Agriculture, Dr. J. E. McCord; Chemistry and Physics, Dr. G. C. Chandless; Education, Dr. C. O. Williams; Engineering, Dean R. M. Gerhardt; Liberal Arts, Prof. H. B. Young; Mineral Industries, Dr. D. F. McFarland; and Physical Education and Athletics, Dr. L. M. Jones.

Attention, Seniors!

Graduating seniors MUST leave their orders for commencement invitations, commencement announcements, and caps and gowns at Student Union on or before TOMORROW. No orders will be accepted after this date.

Students may order an unlimited number of announcements and invitations at 7 cents each that will be distributed upon arrival with the presentation of a receipt. A deposit of 5 dollars will be required with each cap and gown order.