

Penn Statements

By SERENE ROSENBERG

Looks as if the fates are ganging up on State College. First come the story in last week's paper saying "Surprise! State College Has Rainfall Deficiency For April" and right on top of that Hollywood producers re-issue "The Rains Came." Hans Neuberger, assistant professor of geo-physics at the College, would probably have a technical reason for the heavy dew of the last week, but as far as we can see it's just a case of the rain gods extending Penn State's famous weekend weather into the rest of the week. And without Tyrone Power and George Brent of the movie rains to rescue coeds from thunder and lightning, it's just inconvenient.

Won't Be Long Now - - -

Eight more weeks to go! Exactly 55 more days or 1320 hours before the end of the semester. It may seem pretty far away but second semester seniors are already beginning to tear their hair out. First problem seems to be the "will we or won't we be taking finals" item. Unfortunately the answer to this question, important from the "how little can we study" standpoint, is still in the rumor stage. The finals issue is very, very hazy in even the faculty's minds, since the administration hasn't reached a decision one way or the other.

One, Two OR Three - - -

Second on the worry list for for graduating ones is the hour of the 22nd when the sheepskins will be bartered. The registrar's office is still not certain, and just in case you don't see where this can be a problem we'll put it to you this way. If some prospective graduating senior's parents are busy hoarding gas to come to the "big day" via motor carriages, rooming accommodations will have to be made for them. Now if the exercises are scheduled early in the afternoon, parents will pack up their little ones and depart hurriedly for home premises the same day. But if the program occurs later in the day, rooming accommodations will have to be made for another night. Anyway it's confusing and not very amusing to those whose parents are even now hoarding precious transportation articles. And even Mr. Anthony can't help much here.

How About This One? - - -

Nominating a "class of the week" gets very interesting after a while and right now there is a class which should interest just about everyone. History, "The Historical Background of World War Two" was recommended by Rita Belfonti and we eagerly pass it along to you. It traced the steps leading to the outbreak of war in Europe and its spread to Africa, Asia and the Americas, with special emphasis on the involvement of the United States. Three hours a week for three credits, and those in the know say it's darn good.

Coming Back? - - -

The amount of "No's" in response to "Are you coming back this summer" make us wonder again about the advantages of continuing the accelerated three semester program in postwar college. The issue is especially timely just now because mid-semester exams have been coming thick and fast. In ordinary pre-war days

there would have been a mid-semester vacation following the exams. As it stands most students have that down-in-the-mouth-worn-out look. In postwar days it seems hard to imagine a three semester program such as the present 16-week-and-no-vacation set-up. Certainly it doesn't sound like a sensible program if only from the standpoint that a continuous round of classes during twelve months makes it doubly hard to absorb and really get much out of class lectures.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Today

Last Priestly Lecture, 119 New Physics, 7:30 p.m.
Regular Weekly Services, Hillel Foundation, 7:30 p.m.

Tomorrow

PSCA Cabinet meeting, 304 Old Main, 1 p.m.
Spring Frolic Dance, Armory, 8:30-12 p.m.; sponsors, Freshman Forum.

Sunday

Regular Chapel Services, Schwab Auditorium, 11 a.m.
Enlisted men's movie, 121 Sparks, 1:45 p.m.
Games and ping-pong, 401 Old Main, 2-5 p.m.

Student-faculty discussion, "The White Man the Negro's Problem," 304 Old Main, 2:30 p.m.; Mrs. Maude E. Coleman and Dr. Louis H. Evans, leaders.

Penn State Bible Fellowship, 405 Old Main, 2:15 p.m. This week's topic, "Daniel's Prophecy of Modern Times."

Monday

Freshman Council cabinet, 304 Old Main, 6:30 p.m.
Freshman Men's Council, 304 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

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Old Mania

By RITA M. BELFONTI

Cornroomers were a trifle shocked Wednesday night when a brigade of potential Druids marched therein with feathers adhering to their scalps with the aid of molasses, glue, of some other definitely sticky substance. One thing about that organization—tapping is not secretive as in other men's activities' honoraries like, say . . . Lion's Paw. We've been told on good authority that Lion's Paw has tapped two lone senior men. And this happened after word was let loose that the honorary was closed for the duration. What gives here?

Trivia

Tomorrow night will mark the AEPHI initiation dance. Looking around you can expect to see G. G. Rosen and Betasig Herbie Kay . . . Frances Sklar and Gamma Sig prexy Shelley Baldinger . . . Ina Shelin and PhiSig alum Ed-die Sykes . . . Adelaide Gluck and Arnie Pearloff, gammasig . . . pledge Roslyn Knapp and import from home . . . pledge Phyllis Berney and Bob Kranich, Beta Sig . . . and alum Joan Runkel and A/S Don Sperling.

Jeanne Ward, DeltaGam alum, recently announced her engagement to Al Williams, former SPE . . . Theta alum Joan Herzer left for home after spending five weeks of doing nothing but enjoy herself in State College. We always contended that State College was idyllic for spending a few days sans bluebooks et al . . . Beta Sig Seymour Barash, Collegian reporter, will be leaving for Parris Island May 12. After this semester even more men on this campus will be able to say (and with good reason) "Here's to me. Good men are scarce." People are still leaving right and left.

Theta Evie Kohler (we have a hard time keeping track of her)

is wearing the pin of Charles Knowlton, Phi Gam from Ohio State . . . Ensign Paul Bohm, Pi-kappaphi from Perdue, recently pinned Ann Cohen . . . two Pilam alums Irv Klein and Bernie Abranowitz were up to attend the "Sweetheart Dance" with Jewel Baronoff and Shirley Roth . . .

Too Good To Last

Not very long ago Collegian carried an article which had as its subject the fact that this month has not been characterized by as much rain as a typical State College April. Everyone read it and thought that perhaps April showers would pass over this hamlet. Unfortunately, we were tempting fate, because the obvious is that no one has been able to take a raincoat off his back for more than one day without running the dire risk of being drenched in the middle of a sunny afternoon.

Front and Center

By RITA M. BELFONTI

From the China-Burma-India Theatre of war comes a record of the promotion of two former students, Dante Morell to captain, and George Fenton to first lieutenant. Both of these men have been in this sector for more than nine months.

The India-China wing of the Air Transport Command is the U. S. Army Air Forces unit which transports vast quantities of military freight from India to China by air, flying unarmed cargo planes over the north Burma "hump" of the Himalayas. This aerial link is virtually China's only supply line from the outside world.

Tom Henson, Phi Tau and former IFC prexy, is now stationed in the Aleutians. In a recent letter to "Gal" he stated that he missed beer, neon lights, the swimming team meal . . . Bud Savard, former Sigma Chi, who was commissioned March 15, is now an instructor in light weapons at Fort Benning, Ga. . . Mickey Becket '45 after scooting in and out of foxholes for about three weeks, finally ended up with a wound in the knee obtained at Anzio beachhead . . . Lt. Jackie Grey, former All-College prexy, was in State College this week, looking over the Crrm and the College . . . Johnny Miller, former captain of the swimming team, received his commission April 15 from the Eagle Pass Navy Air School, Texas .

Here is a little news about two men whose names should be familiar to the Marines stationed at Penn State. Captain Frank Paige, who recruited most of the Marines stationed here now, has been assigned to Marine Corps Rehabilitation at the Charleston Navy Yards, South Carolina; and Captain R. S. Engert, formerly president of the Aviation Board at Harrisburg, has been transferred to Camp Butler, North Carolina. Marines here would recognize Captain Engert as the officer who swore them into the Service.



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