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Red Cross Helps Again . . .

Judging from an informal survey, not many students seem to understand the meaning of the Red Cross symbol standing in front of the Armory. To members of the military training programs on campus it is an indispensable organization, the Military and Naval Welfare Service, where financial, morale, and communication problems are discussed and results are sought.

At the head of the welfare service is William A. Staffon, field director of the local station as well as of installations at Lock Haven, Bedford and Hollidaysburg. A member of the Air Corps, Army, Navy or Marines has but to see Mr. Staffon, and if the problem at all merits attention, Mr. Staffon contributes his time until the matter is solved and becomes a material benefit to the needy party.

Besides making loans which have totalled \$3,938 since it was established August 12, 1943, the Military and Naval Welfare Service deals with problems concerning communication. If a serviceman's presence is needed at his home, the campus office gets in touch with the enlisted man's home service Red Cross chapter to obtain the whole story. The home office then sends in the information and a decision is made. Final say about any case rests with the serviceman's commanding officer.

Trainees at the Infirmary also receive cigarettes, candy, shaving needs, cards, recreational equipment, and various other useful articles from the Red Cross service.

All campus servicemen are entitled to financial aid if the situation warrants it. Members of the reserve are not included. No maximum amount is specified and the aided man in uniform is allowed a considerably lengthy period in which to pay the loan or grant back.

Although Mr. Staffon wears an army officer's uniform, he has no official military rank. The purpose of this action is justified by a cautionary measure. Capture by the enemy would automatically give him a rank of captain for the time, so that he would be treated as such. Instead of the customary commissioned officer's rank insignia, he wears the emblem of the Field Director.

—E.A.K.

Turned Away . . .

"USO dances are only for servicemen," was the snappy greeting the returning veteran received from a pretty GSO hostess. Embarrassment could not heal the added wound she had inflicted.

The ex-soldier was one of the many-more-to-come 1-C's. His wallet carried his honorable discharge papers. He had drifted back to college to begin life anew. And it was a new life the veteran discovered. As a serviceman he had known his place, even as a civilian he had fit in, but now as a crossbred—that was different.

The returning hero should not be allowed to develop that problem-child-complex. Tact and courtesy on the part of everyone can make him fit in again.

From now on more and more of our seriously wounded will appear in public. Intermingled among students on campus, dressed in plain clothes, these ex-servicemen can be distinguished only by their small gold lapel pins.

According to Emily Post the greatest kindness we can show our injured is not to dwell on their handicaps. Ask no questions unless in reply to what he says to you. Above all, Miss Post adds, remember that the one thing that helps is to make him realize he is not different from the man he was—and to assure him he is not to be set apart.

So think before you speak. Remember that the unfortunate experience of the GSO hostess might have happened to anyone but let it serve as a warning to all.

Collegiate Review

Sponge-rubber noses and vulcanite ears in the best Hollywood make-up tradition are now being built on the San Francisco campus of the University of California.

A class in the division of oral facial prosthetics under Dr. Charles Lipp and Dr. W. Rector Smith, clinical instructors in dentistry, is now in progress to instruct navy personnel and other dentists in the art of making artificial noses, ears, and other parts of the face and mouth.

Many of the war injuries to the face, the instructors said, require restoration of jaws and other features. During the long period necessary for plastic surgery, it has been found that the morale of the patient is considerably improved if his appearance is not too unpleasant during the months of treatment. From the make-up studios at Hollywood, the university instructors learned the art of transforming faces by means of latex, resins, vulcanites, and porcelains and are teaching it to others so that the wounded veterans home from the front may be helped.

—Associated Collegiate Press

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A soldier on guard one night on hearing a slight noise challenged bravely:

"Who's there, friend or foe?"

"Foe," came the prompt reply.

"Oh goodness," prayed the soldier, "What do I do now?"

—The Gamecock—

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In a letter to his parents, a Nevada soldier now in a Japanese prison camp writes: "I have been feeling pretty good lately. I've been reading lots of books sent from the United States which certainly help to pass the time."

—Editorial, The Daily Californian

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Converse College in South Carolina, one of the first liberal arts colleges for women established in the South, has opened its classes to male students.

Reversing the present normal procedure.

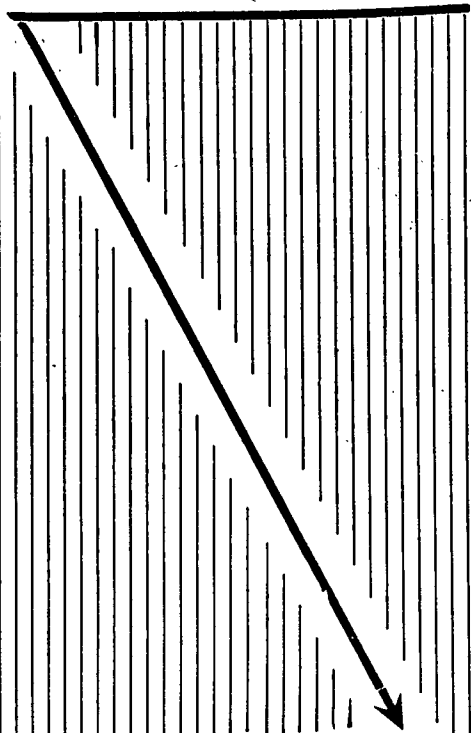
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Who is the over-energetic student running around on campus taking more midterms than he has to?

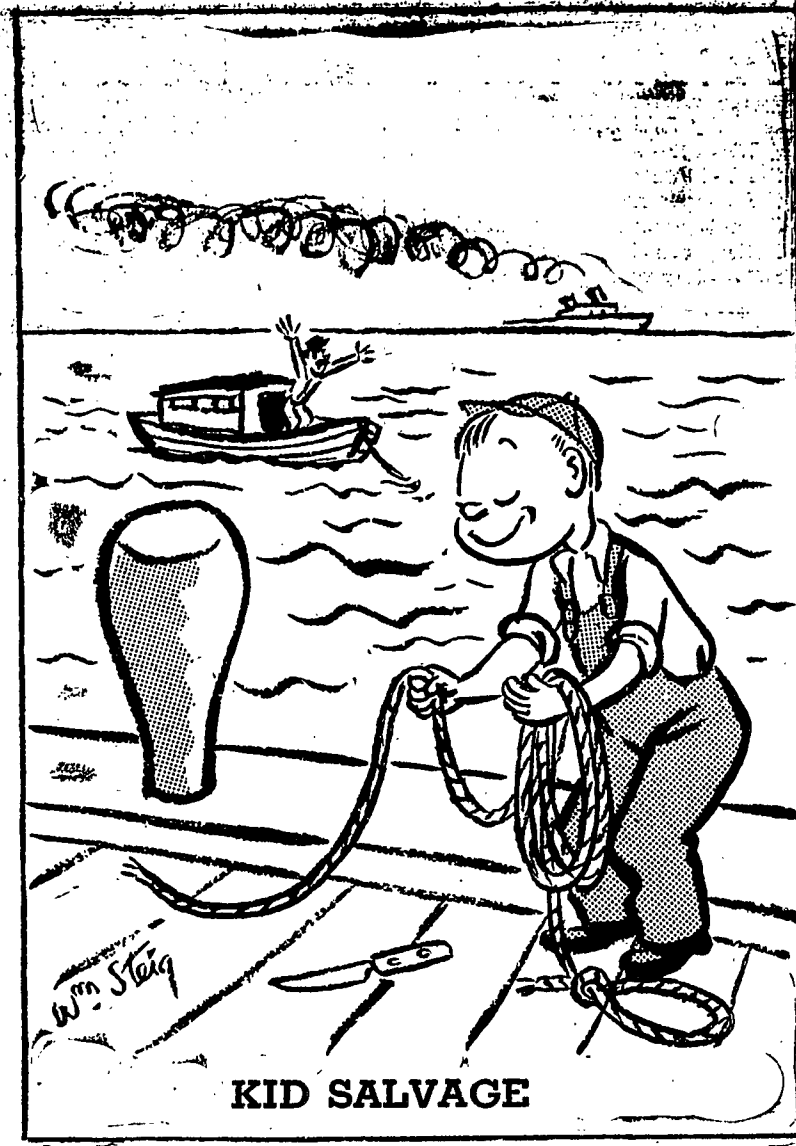
At a recent meeting of a University of California English class the professor confronted the students with a blue book from the first midterm written by someone not enrolled in the course.

Perhaps advertisement of the grade would encourage the mysterious author to identify himself and fill out the necessary enrollment card—or perhaps it wouldn't.

ALWAYS . . .



The Corner
unusual



KID SALVAGE

Front and Center

By RITA M. BELFONTI

Among the "hell from heaven" men who won their wings last week at the Big Spring Bombardier school is Second Lt. Edwin Krane who graduated as a flying officer in the Army Air Forces. Already skilled aerial gunners before their training at Big Spring, the men have been thoroughly schooled in the use of the American bombsights and have mastered the art of precision bombing as well as the principles of dead reckoning and pilot navigation.

Aviation Cadet Irvin Fished was recently commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces after completing bombardier training at the Carlsbad Army Air Field, while Aviation Cadet Dick Reitler has just reported to Carlsbad for the same training.

Hither and Yon

Former DU Walt Cleeland is now in the South Pacific with the Amphibious Corps of the Marines in the Radar Division. Pvt. Paul Tompkins, former Delta Chi, recently returned to Stuttgart, Arkansas after spending a few days here preparatory to attending glider school.

Robert Geigler recently won his Navy "Wings of Gold" and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve following completion of the prescribed flight training at Pensacola, Fla.

Scheduled to receive his silver pilot's wings and officer's bars soon at the twin engine advanced flying school at Pampa, Texas is John Dobelbower. He received primary flight training at Ballinger, Texas and basic flight training at Sherman, Texas. At the completion of his flight training at Pampa Field, he will be assigned to duty as an instructor or a combat pilot.

Names and Fields

Former students and present second lieutenants Harold Pratt, Donald Geogre, and Norris Slack are now located at Ellington Flying Field, Texas; those now at Eagle Pass Field include Second Lieutenants John Miller, Clarence Corey, Donald Stock, and George Schaffner. Second Lieutenants Clifford Rocker and John Charles are at present stationed at Altus Field.

Back Again

Eugene Rifkin and Eugene Graebner, Phi Kappa Sig, former Penn Staters, are stationed here now as sailors in the V-12 Unit.

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