

## Editorials . . .

### Victory Spirit

Servicemen at Penn. State have taken their place on campus as undergraduates in an all but official capacity. They have been extended numerous opportunities to participate in extra-curricula activities of which they have taken full advantage. This has brought about a better understanding and relationship with their temporary college and its civilian student population.

The Nittany Lion football squad has been bolstered by military personnel. Many of Coach Higgins' players are servicemen sacrificing free time after a complete day of required studies. They are playing for Penn State. They should be supported by their units cheering for them and the school they represent. There is no reason why the rooting section at athletic contests should not be composed of servicemen with true Lion spirit.

Knowing the history and background of their present Alma Mater is an important element in the proper support of athletic teams. Penn State's songs and cheers should be learned before the start of the football season.

This is not meant to advocate the antiquated Joe College attitude on the part of fighting men. It does mean to suggest however, an intelligent participation in the school spirit. It will give the servicemen a feeling of belonging to, and a wholesome participation in, the life of the College.

It would be an impressive sight if each and every servicemen were to be seen in the New Beaver Field stands September 30, singing and cheering the Nittany Lions on to victory over Muhlenberg. There should not be a civilian section in one part of the stadium, and a military section in another. There should be one large group of enthusiastic Penn Staters with one idea . . . the unified support for a winning team at all the football games. —EAK-BJC

### Finals . . . Ugh!

In this changing world there are three things that appear to be with us forever—death, taxes, and final examinations. The event underlying this gloomy statement is the announcement of the final exam schedule for the current semester published in this issue of the Collegian.

The mere mention of the semester's greatest ordeal should in itself be enough to strike terror in the hearts of Penn State students, but that is not all. There is a much more frightening fact to add. The date that has been selected for the start of the finals scourge is Friday, October 13. That's right—Friday the 13th.

One good effect of this date is that it will give students a ready made excuse for flunking their exams. "Oh, well, what can you expect on Friday the 13th?" they might well say.

Since this is an editorial there should be a moral or something in it. All we can bring ourselves to say is that all you students had better get on the ball and study for those exams. —BJC

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## News Of The Week . . .

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### Penetration of the Reich

The long awaited invasion of German soil occurred on Monday, September 11, when the U. S. 1st Army under Lieutenant General Courtney H. Hodge, after driving through the duchy of Luxembourg in a single day, plowed ahead for five miles into the Reich. This penetration of the German wall brought the U. S. forces to within fifty-five miles of the Rhine and the great industrial city of Coblenz. A second U. S. armored column invaded Germany on the following day and still another was poised on the Luxembourg border. Reports from the eastern border of the Reich reveal that Russian patrols crossed into East Prussia west of the Lithuanian city of Kaunas on the same day as penetration was made on the west. Russian communiques reveal, however, that their advance here was only one of a series of probes into the enemy's territory in this region during the past several weeks.

### Further Advances in the West

Other Allied achievements in the west, less spectacular but of equal importance in the campaign, were the crossing of the Moselle River in several places and the taking of a huge sector of the Maginot Line by the U. S. 3rd Army under Lieutenant General Patton; the drive of the U. S. 7th Army under Lieutenant General Patch from the south of France to well within range of Belfort just north of the Swiss border and the establishment on the way of a firm contract with General Patton's 3rd Army in the region of Dijou. This juncture of forces securely pockets the German forces in southern and western France and cuts off their retreat to the homeland. Meanwhile in the north the British 2nd Army under Lieutenant General Dempsey continued its drive through

Belgium into the Netherlands. Behind this British Army, and operating along the coast, Lieutenant General Crerar's Canadian 1st Army liquidated German coastal pockets on the Channel from LeHavre eastward. Of particular value to all the liberating forces on the continent was the dislodgement of the Nazi forces holding LeHavre, the second largest port in France. The reconditioning of this harbor will facilitate immensely the movement of men and material to the western front.

### The East and Balkans Area

A several week's deadlock in Poland was broken by Russia during the week and Nazi satellites in the Balkans suffered a severe jolt as a result of diplomatic as well as military maneuvers directed from Moscow. Bulgaria was forced to abandon her assumed position of neutrality after being forced to sever her tie with the Nazis and to openly declare war on the side of Russia. Soviet forces penetrated deeply into Transylvanian area and advanced within a hundred miles of Hungary's capital Budapest. The eastern border of Yugoslavia was crossed and Soviet forces joined with Tito's guerillas with the apparent objective of cutting the Athens-Belgrade trunk railway line.

### In the Pacific

Admiral Halsey's attack on Mindanao foreshadows the establishment of an advanced base in the Philippines. Increased activity in recent days as evidenced by U. S. battleships, cruisers and carrier-based planes pounding the Palau Island indicate a determined effort to get a foothold in this area. Based on unofficial reports that the present conference between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill will be concerned in no small part with the war in the Pacific, it is assumed that a concerted effort will be directed toward augmenting the forces directed against Japan.

## Cassius Writes . . .

Dear Brutus,

I was walking down the street minding my own business when I saw that sign. There it was sitting in the store window proclaiming that everyone who could see the sign and get someone to read it for them was invited to attend a WRA Co-Rec Night in White Hall. I immediately became suspicious.

Mary Beaver White Hall is the primary source of coed brawn on this campus. Behind its cloistered doors Penn State women are mauled and molded into shape. No man is allowed to sully its sacred confines with his profane carcass. And here we were invited, even urged, to enter this inviolate harem and play with the girls. Mighty suspicious, indeed.

I have always mistrusted the women who operate and inhabit White Hall since the time they would not allow Coca Cola to be served at a dance there because it is unhealthy. They are frenziedly trying to develop sinew because of a feeling of inferiority to men. They well realize that man is the animal highest up the evolutionary scale, followed closely by the chimpanzee, the horse, the dog, and the woman, in that order, and they are jealous. Cassius Plays Around

Submerging my misgivings in my desire to play with the girls, I trotted over to White Hall Saturday night, was sneered down at by a burly Phys Edess guarding the door with a golf club, and was permitted to enter the Mecca of muscle. An amazing sight met my eye.

All over the spacious gymnasium games were in progress. Happy boys and girls were playing badminton, bridge, fistball, miniature bowling, table tennis, croquet, jacks, and other savagely athletic sports. Here and there in secluded corners couples were playing a quieter game I could not

recognize, but which I was sure I had seen in Atherton Hall some-time.

I don't know what could have possessed me, I am generally so well behaved. Perhaps it was the stimulation of seeing violent exercises, or of being at last within the passionate precincts of White Hall, but I completely lost my manners, and without being introduced, walked up to a strange young lady and spoke to her. "Would you like to play with me?" I said.

"Yes," she smiled. We began to play all the games provided there for our amusement. First we play badminton which consists of beating the hell out of some feathers. Then fistball which consists of punching the hell out of a ball. We played table tennis and croquet, the object of these games being to beat the hell respectively out of a small white ball and a large wooden one. We also played bridge. The exertion in this case comes from beating the hell out of your partner for trumping your ace.

Ju-Jiisa Floors Cassius  
Somehow I found myself alone with the coed I had been playing with. She stood very close, looking up at me with shining eyes and parted lips. I gently put my arms around her and drew her to me. Then I went sailing through the air landing heavily on my back. I had not realized that ju-jitsu was one of the games on the program.

Suddenly a murky green gas began seeping through the ventilators. Everyone gasped and choked horribly. When no men dropped dead the lady in charge disappointedly told us that some chlorine had escaped from the swimming pool, and cleared the room. Imagine her trying to pass off for an accident a vicious female plot to kill all the men on campus by poisoning gas. —CASSIUS

## Collegiate Review . . .

Many famous entertainers will take part in the 1944-45 Artists' Course at Indiana University. Richard Crooks, the tenor, pianist Artur Schnabel and Marjorie Lawrence merit individual concerts. "La Traviata" and "Martha" also appear on the program.

Fraternity men at Washington and Jefferson are glad that rush week came when it did. The fraternities there recently were given back their old suites in Hays Hall and used their new pledges to tote bags and baggage up flights of stairs.

A camel will model the latest shade of tan for fall during the intermission act of the Pelican fashion show at the University of California. The spirit of the football season will be carried out in the gowns and three-piece suits of 22 Pelican models.

The camel will be contributed by three members of Treble Clef. Describing the pretty animal, the director said, "Her legs will have more beauty than those of any Petty model. We believe, however, that the camel will still be wearing one hump in the fall season."

A front page headline in the Bowdoin Orient surprise us. It states, "Formal dance Saturday night will culminate last houseparties before all fraternity houses are closed." The eighty expected imports were housed in the Beta, DJJ and AD houses there.

At Bowdoin College, a bridge tournament is being hotly contested. We await with interest the outcome of this physically and mentally stimulating game.

The Southern Cal Trojan lauds itself on procuring and printing an exclusive interview on Harry James. The said Mr. James played there recently sponsored by the Spotlight Bands program.

The Bowdoin Orient sees little hope that fraternity houses will be open during the fall and winter. It reports that the entire student body will live in the dormitories and will eat at the student union building there.

Milady be wary of Cupid

And list to the lines of this verse

To let a fool kiss you is stupid

To let a kiss fool you is worse.

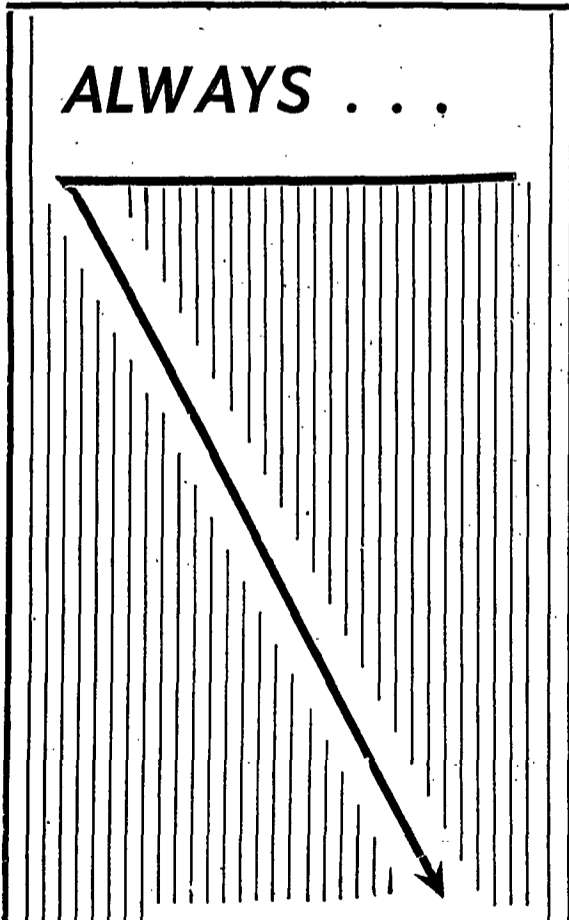
—The Northeastern News

In this world of chaos we still have some things we can count on—five on each hand.

Character's like muscle—it develops with use.

—The Indiana Daily Student

ALWAYS . . .



The Corner

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