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Friday, September 29, 1944

**Pep Rally**

A pep rally and bonfire has been planned for tonight to build interest and enthusiasm in the 1944 Nittany Lion football team's fall campaign.

If this is to be a means for the student body to show its support of the team then attendance tonight should be one hundred per cent. It is compulsory that freshmen and hat men be present. The bulk of the spirit is expected to come from the freshmen who will have their first opportunity to take part in a collegiate pep rally. It will be the duty of upperclassmen to be there and show the freshmen that such affairs are vital for victory on the football field.

Confidence does not originate spontaneously in a group of men who have been selected to carry football hopes for a college. If the team sees a rousing crowd tonight, and hears "Beat Muhlenberg" throughout the rally, much will have been done in giving the team cause to go out to Beaver Field tomorrow and begin the season with a Nittany victory. And that's what the students want.

Special permission has been given to the V-12 unit to attend the rally, and it is expected that all will take advantage.

Why is this pep rally being held? Because tomorrow the team is going to have a rally of its own. Student spirit means team spirit, and victory.

**V-Day Plans**

The College has cooperated with State College citizens in completing final plans for V-Day. Someday Germany will fall, and their battle will be over. Many Germans will be sad and many will be happy.

America's reaction will be undoubtedly unprecedented. Emotion will stir, especially that of people with relatives in the armed forces. Optimism will sweep the land and poison the minds of individuals with the hope that our men soon will be homeward bound across the oceans.

And yet Germany's end will only mean the beginning of a new drive, a drive which in every respect might result as a more menacing, more costly price for total world peace . . . the elimination of Japan. Let us not be too hasty in our varied preparations for V-Day. Adhere to the plans of the authorities but don't be original in your own. Originality has meant doom. Hitler's ideas are now backfiring and he is in trouble, unavoidable, ugly trouble. We can be thankful for that.

When V-Day comes to State College, remember the lives that had been sacrificed since Pearl Harbor. That wouldn't seem to be reason for rejoicing. The only reason for rejoicing would be the fact that America again proved herself a member of the right team.

**News Of The Week**

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The military and naval activities of the past week have not resulted in any major triumph for the Allied forces. Steady, and somewhat increasing pressure, is being exerted on the Axis defenses in the various theaters of the war.

On the western front in Europe, comparatively little progress has been made by the Allied armies. The fate of General Breton's airborne division, which captured and held Arnhem for ten days under murderous enemy fire, is still in doubt. Late reports indicate the Nazis recaptured the north approach to the strategic Nijmegen bridge in Holland. It is evident that the left flank of the Allied line has suffered at least a temporary setback.

**Nazis Dig In**

Farther south, along the Siegfried Line, numerous reports indicate that the Nazis are frantically digging in for a bitter, last ditch stand. Due to a news blackout for the past few days, little is known concerning the activities of the Allied forces which have been probing for weak points in the Siegfried Line for the past few days. The only report available is that this sector of the front is in a "fluid" state. The fact that General Eisenhower has called for a slave revolt inside Germany may indicate that he is expecting a major break through soon. In the Belfort area, General Patch's 7th Army is making slow but steady progress.

On the eastern front, four powerful Soviet armies have virtually completed the liberation of Estonia and Latvia. Riga, last Baltic capital in enemy hands and a highly valuable naval base for the newly unfettered Red Baltic fleet, is expected to fall soon. It is significant that the Red Baltic fleet is reported to be working in cooperation with the land armies. In Poland the Reds continue to tighten the arc around the Polish capital of Warsaw.

Huge air armadas of more than 1000 Flying Fortresses and Liberators with strong fighter protection continue to hammer freight yards in Frankfurt, warehouses and rail yards at Coblenz, and rail yards and synthetic oil chemical plants at oft-bombed Ludwigshafen. Royal Air Force Lancasters and Halifaxes pounded the besieged Nazi garrison at Calais. Fighters and fighter bombers worked in close cooperation with the ground forces.

In the Balkans developments of major proportions are now in the making. The capitulation of Rumania and Bulgaria, and the swift advances of Russians to the frontiers of Hungary, Jugoslavia and Greece has placed the outflanked Germans in an untenable position. The position of German  
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**A Lean And Hungry Look**

Dear Brutus,

This has been a frenziedly busy week for me. I have been conducting a poll to find out how much freshman women know and after the most scientific considerations my conclusion is, "Not a damn thing."

The methods used in gathering the needed information were novel, but nevertheless effective. I stationed myself near the main gate in a clump of bushes with my equipment and waited for the first victim. In interviewing women I have found several articles necessary—a pencil, a loose-leaf notebook, an eraser, an assortment of flavored lollypops, and a small chintz covered blackjack.

It was quite a problem to know which women were freshmen until I hit upon the happy solution of assuming that every pretty coed who was not wearing an engagement ring, a fraternity pin, or a black lace negligee had not been on the campus more than one semester. As soon as I had identified the little darling as a frosh, the rest was easy.

"I am Cassius," I would say, "and I want to ask you a few questions."

"Help!" they screamed in terror as they began to flee. A rapid lunge and a sharp tap behind the ear with the blackjack and they were ready to answer my questions.

My poll consisted of queries concerning Penn State customs and traditions and I was shocked at the appalling ignorance of an all too large number of coeds. For example:

Fifteen per cent do not know where the Lion Shrine is; 22 per cent do not know what it stands for.

Seventy-five per cent of the coeds asked were unable to sing the third verse of the Alma Mater; eight per cent did not know that there is a third verse to the song.

Sixty-three per cent of them did not know where or what the "Old Willow" is. One freshman woman thought it was the name of a song by Gilbert and Sullivan. (When this particular question was asked the coeds were standing within thirty-five yards of the tree.)

One hundred per cent of the coeds knew where the Rathskellar, the Corner Room, and the movies are.

And this ignorance of what they should know and revere, Brutus; is what hurts. I suppose we are

getting too sophisticated to care about what other students at the College thought important enough to make into tradition. Cassius is going to do something about it.

First, I am going to propose that freshman women be required to learn all the songs, cheers, and traditions in addition to the names of all the handsome male students on the campus about which they have already informed themselves. Secondly, that Tribunal be given the power to enforce these customs and punish violations, women obviously being unable to govern themselves. (I am sure the fellows will not object to the extra work.

And now let us take a gander at this week's mail.

**Dear Cassius,**

I had a date this weekend, and he asked me why the middle of the back of White Hall is painted white. Of course I said that it was because it was White Hall. But he said, "No; that couldn't be, because one side of Atherton Hall is painted white too." Could you tell me why?

**Perplexed**

**Dear Perplexed,**

It is painted white to prevent the squirrels for trying to get in, and drinking the water out of the swimming pool. Also, because if it were not, people like you would go around all semester asking why the back of White Hall isn't painted white.

**Cassius**

**Dear Cassius,**

I'm in a terrible fix! I'm being threatened! Attempts have been made on my life—I'm too young to die. What can I do? Please help! HELP! It will soon be too late.

**Tearfully Pursued**

**Dear Tearfully Pursued,**

You had better stop drinking that canned heat before it is too late. If by any chance I am doing you an injustice in assuming that you are a hopeless alcoholic, I am very sorry and for five bucks I will arrange to give you a decent funeral.

**Cassius**

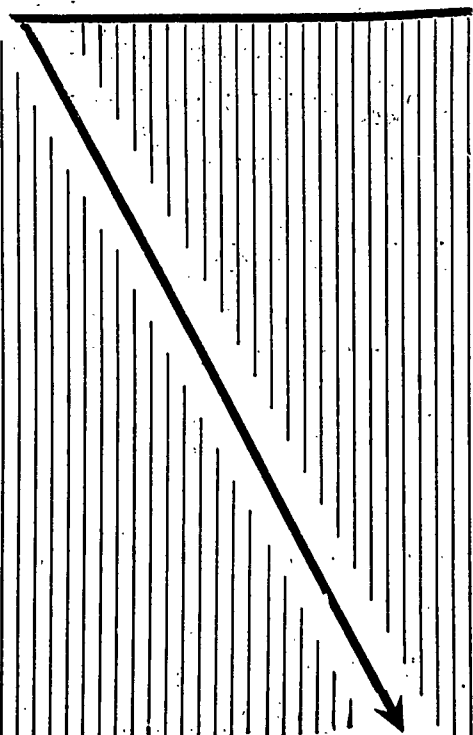
Well, Brutus, old boy, that's about all. I don't want you to feel too badly about getting drunk and writing me that terrible letter last week. What's done is done. Forget about it.

**Your Pal**

**Cassius**

P.S.—Can you lend me five bucks? I am trying to hire somebody to take my final examinations for me.

ALWAYS . . .



**The Corner**

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**Ship Ahoy**

By A/S FRED VOGEL

Before the rumor gets any further, those men digging up Miles Street are not making an underground tunnel from Bks. 20 to Atherton Hall. They're just laying telephone wire. Just ask A/S Tom Greweling . . . He tried to go through it . . . The "weed-ah-be-deet" twins, better known as A/S Bobbie Ulmer and A/S Robert Shaw expect to organize a secret society of the same name . . . Ulmer's hard work has been telling on him of late . . . It says here that the young lady A/S George Hofmeister is interested in has something to do with basketball . . . There were two celebrities at the St. Louis-Phillies baseball game on Saturday . . . Pvt. "Whitey" Kurowski watched his famous brother live up the family tradition.

**More of the Data . . .**

Who knows but what a certain apprentice seaman in Bks. 26, alias "The Nose" will be Dick Tracy's next opponent . . . Speaking of said detective, that was not Gravel Gertie with A/S Smokey Stover on Saturday night . . . Smokey was home . . . And this week's Medal of Victory goes to

the most G.I. sailor in the Navy . . . Pvt. Del Elders has slowed down considerably since the Hamilton Prop girls returned from vacation . . . Maybe he's under the thumb again . . . After hearing that coeds at the University of Wisconsin outnumber males by a 9 to 1 ratio, A/S Lou Piha has his sea-bag packed to go West . . . Piha will also handle the quota allotted to those who don't date . . . Pvt. Walt Kemmerer and Pvt. Ray Jackson have applied for a first mortgage on Mac Hall . . . They anticipate taking it over . . . A/S "Pretty Boy" Hannum isn't bashful. He just has too many women to care for . . . Even a freshman named Phyllis . . . A/S Elmer Schmitzer rode in from Autoport on the seat of a bicycle . . . It was the young lady who did the pedaling.

**Off the Beam . . .**

At the big "411" dinner-dance tonight will be A/S Harry Dunham and Pat Kell . . . A/S "Frenchy" Franch and Jenny Keeler . . . A/S Bob Zusman and Rose Sherman . . . A/S Ed Ernst and Ginny Keck . . . A/S John Pharr and Jane Watson . . . A/S Bob Bacon and . . .