

Editorials

Your Duty

As many Penn State Alumni battle all over the world the few who are fortunate enough under existing conditions return to the campus this weekend for the third time since Pearl Harbor.

Alumni, faculty members, students, and servicemen will gather to pay tribute to approximately 10,000 men of Penn State who are now in the armed forces.

The alumnus, the faculty member, the serviceman, and the civilian students each will have his or her special reason to be at the Convocation.

But all should appreciate these men in the service, and especially pay homage to the men in uniform who have died by being present at the All-College Convocation.

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News of the Week

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Western Europe: Canadians in northern Belgium are meeting fanatical resistance in their drive to clean the Germans from the Schelde Estuary and to make Antwerp an Allied port.

At Aachen, the U. S. First Army is pulverizing the city with artillery and bombing planes. Advance units of doughboys, with tanks and flamethrowers, are making their way toward the heart of the city. The example of Aachen's destruction may give the Germans some idea of what lies in store for cities which choose to resist the Yanks.

Further south, the U. S. Third Army appears to be making its way between Nancy and Metz. If Patton's forces are able to bypass these ancient strongholds, they may cross the German frontier ahead of schedule. However, the fierce struggle at Fort Driant has slowed the American advance and has now progressed into a grim, Wellsian battle amid the subterranean mazes of the fort.

Another U. S. Army, the Seventh, under Lt. General Patch, is closing in on Epinal.

In front of the German defenses at Belfort, the commander of the French First Army has predicted that unless the Allies can make a break-through within the next three weeks the French winter will make it impossible to conduct major operations until spring.

Southern Europe. In Greece, the Allies have taken Corinth, while the Germans are making frantic efforts to get out of the peninsula.

To do so they must run a gauntlet of British, Yugoslav Partisan and Russian soldiers, with the ever-increasing possibility that their escape route may be cut off before they can cross Yugoslavia.

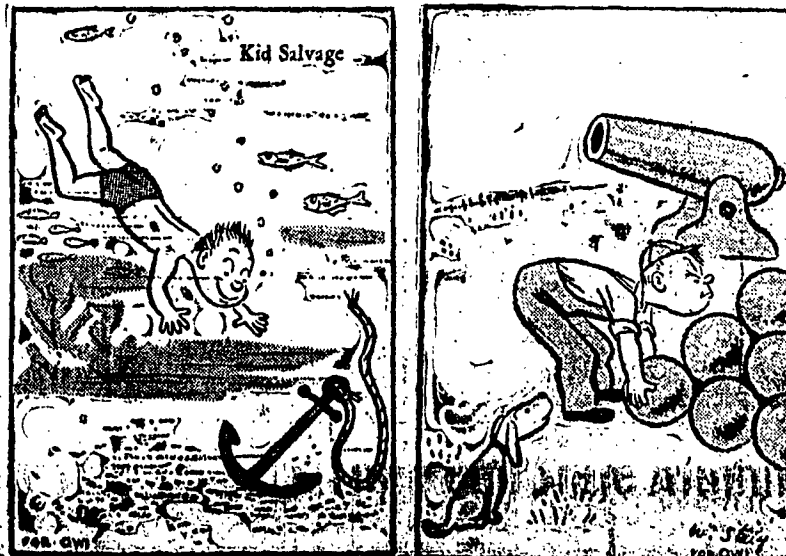
In Italy, the Nazis are making a final effort in the last fringe of mountains that protects the Po Valley. If the Allied Fifth Army can break this line, it will be able to make effective use of its armor and motorized power on the relatively flat floor of the Po Valley.

Eastern Europe: From Riga to Belgrade the Russians are moving toward Berlin. Below Riga a Russian force has isolated 100,000 Germans in Latvia. Further south, three Russian columns are converging on East Prussia. The port of Memel has been cut off, and fighting is going on in the city outskirts.

Along the Warsaw front, the Russians seem to be stalemated, but further south, in Hungary, the Soviet powerhouse, with aid from Marshal Tito, is rolling up to Budapest. The fall of this city would open up the Danube to Vienna.

Far East: In the Far East, the Americans are losing the war in China and winning the war in the Pacific. News dispatches do not play up the great gains which the Japanese war machine has been making on the Asiatic mainland, but the decreasing activity of U. S. land-based bombers, and especially that of the B-29's, is especially that of the B-29's, is sub-

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Cassius Writes

Dear Brutus,

A deathly pall has fallen over the quiet hamlet of State College. The faces of the students are grim and somber. It is going to be an ordeal and those who hope to survive are steeling themselves. The local drug stores have reported a run on their small stock of No-Doze and Sta-Awake pills.

The town has taken on the aspect of a plague spot. To some of its inhabitants a bout of cholera would come as a welcome relief from the terror. Cholera strikes seldom and without warning, running its vicious course and swiftly residing. The plague finale, on the other hand, appears on prescribed days of the year with the monotonous regularity of a trip hammer, and all the precautions of a frantic student body serve in no way to lessen its ghastly effect.

Final examinations were introduced into this country in 1702 by Professor Gonzales Shurdlu of the University of Greater Tough Apples. He initiated the infamous practice in order to flunk the entire senior class at the University, including one Eager Beaver, who had not only been taking up too much of the time of his wife, the beautiful Peaches Shurdlu, but also too much room on the old man's couch. The plan was a success. Beaver flunked out of school and the Professor was able to call the fuscious Peaches his own again, because as an old diary records it, "She luvved only college-men." And for some reason or another final exams have never since left the American academic scene.

Naturally you will want to know why the mere thought of this summary test at the end of the semester should cause so much frantic cramming and misery. Well, that's easy. Take the department of hysterical horticultural hedonism for an example. The department head is known as Bar-2 Kloppagain. There is another man in the department who wants, because of the greater prestige, to be called Bar-2, Ponball. At present he is only called Bar-1 Pinball and he is doing his best to steal Kloppagain's title. He is drawing up an incredibly tough final in order to flunk the whole class and Kloppagain, who is trying to protect his reputation as the toughest squirrel to crack, has already flunked his class before final week. This state of affairs is technically known as the "mousetrap" or the "squeeze play" and the students, to quote that outstanding figure in early English parliamentary law, Jack the Ripper, "are getting the dirty end of the stick."

Of course there is another side to the story. Kloppagain's house burned down four times last year, and Ponball spends the between-semester vacation in the infirmary recovering from severe bruises and lacerations. CASSIUS. P.S.—Can you lend me five bucks? I want to buy a three gallon can of kerosene and a box of matches.

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