

Old Mania

By NANCY CARASTRO

Another Homecoming weekend has rolled around, the third one since the war began . . . Many alums will not be able to attend until after the war, and some will never attend again because of the war . . . But welcome to those alumni who are here this weekend . . . Have lots of fun for yourselves and for those who couldn't make it . . . Let's look forward to the first reunion after V-Day . . . It ought to be a gala affair . . . Here's hoping it's soon . . . Juniors and seniors as well as alums will miss the decorations that formerly adorned the lawns of every fraternity and sorority Alumni Weekend . . . The huge and elaborate decorations always carried a welcome-back-alums-theme, or a beat-so-and-so-out-of-so-and-so-at-the-game-tomorrow-theme . . . A prize was always awarded to the fraternity and sorority having the cleverest lawn display . . .

Standing Room Only

The old town is going to be crowded this weekend . . . Can't say about the fraternities but lots of sorority women will be coming up to visit . . . Alpha Chi alums returning will be Kathy Clouser, Mollie Gilbert, Sue Sickler, Jane Murphy, and Phil Parsons . . . The Zetas will hang out their welcome sign for Polly Boyd, Ann Emery, Betty Mock, Cassie Hays, Naomi Wolever, and Jane Brader . . . Not to be outdone are the Chi Omegas who are holding a tea for their alums . . . Mary Thompson, Ruth Ernst, Mary Laubach, Mrs. Ted Green (Carol Kane), Rita Rokosz, Fran Angle, Pat Middleton, and Friz Burke . . . Marty Albert, Skeets Knecht, and Mary Lou Wentzler (nee Johnson), all Delta Gam alums, are returning . . .

Some old dets will be back . . . Art Masters '32 and his Mrs., and Pvt. Kermit Staaf . . .

The Marine farewell dinner-dance Friday was a big success from all reports . . . Chow hall was transformed by the presence of many beauteous Penn State coeds, and 'twas quite romantic eating by candlelight . . . Some of the Marines and their dates present at the steak dinner were Pvt. Don Gaudio and Ellen Poorman . . . Pvt. Pete Trynosky and Jen Poorman . . . we presume she's Ellen's sister . . . Pvt. Park Burgess and frosh Ginny Pierson . . . Pvt. Jack Foley and Nancy Fernau . . . Pvt. Hank Trautwein and gamma phi Dot Taylor . . . Pvt. Walt Kemmerer and frosh Evelyn Williams . . . Pvt. Ray Jackson and Beatrice Menago . . . Pvt. Don Wells and Chi O Laura Jeap Davis . . . Pvt. Ray Peterson and kappa Nan Charles . . . Pvt. Fred Olsen, and Odette Hector . . . Pvt. Handsome Harry Powers and Virginia Durbin (no relation to Deanna) . . .

O'Brien Rates Roosevelt, Dewey Good Speakers

President Roosevelt and Governor Dewey are first-rate verbal combatants, but their speaking styles are radically different, emphasized Prof. Joseph F. O'Brien of the speech department, today. Both contestants possess the ability to adapt their speeches to their listeners, pointed out Professor O'Brien, coach of the men's debate team.

"Roosevelt is a master of the conversational style of speaking—warm, earthy, and informal," asserted the professor of public speaking. "On the other hand, Dewey is the typical courtroom prosecutor—striking hard, making heavy use of facts, and pressing for an indictment."

Admitting that people's reasons for choosing a political candidate are plural and complicated, Professor O'Brien said public speaking is of supreme importance in a political campaign because it is the only direct link most voters have with the candidates.

Change of Heart

Handsome Harry, by the way, is at the off-stage with the coed from Washington University, contrary to Maniac's late flash two weeks ago that said they were together again . . . We waited two weeks just to make sure, so it looks like their romance is definitely on the shelf . . . But don't believe everything you read . . .

Wally Shaffer, phi delt, expects to take final vows with hometown girl Jeannie McDermott between semesters . . . Wally is tall, blonde, and handsome . . . and only seventeen!

Doris Stack, AOPI, and delta chi Bill Clark, Marlise Muller, AOPI, and Jack Davenport, phi delt, traveled to Annapolis last weekend to see the Middies roll over State . . . SDT alum Ray Weinstein was married to Dr. Irv Kimche recently . . . Ann Cohen and Ens. Paul Bohm were also married, last Saturday to be exact . . . Priz Schautz, theta alum, was in town . . . ditto gamma phi Ginny Carter . . . AEPHI Doris Levine Seigal . . . SDT Arline Rabinowitz . . . Jeanne Tracey came up to visit, AEPHI Phyllis Schweitzer . . . Garnet LeVan was seeing the town . . . Peggy Trump Matz, former Chi O, and her husband, Pvt. William Matz, former KDR, were up . . .

Alpha Xi Delt Bunny Milich is flashing a sparkler from former soccer star Jose "Jake" Lombana, phi kap . . . Jose is working in his native Central America at present . . . ASTP Pvt. Bob Gerber and SDT Til Bronstein are going to the ASTP formal tomorrow . . .

Hollywood Romance

Pvt. Tommy Kent returned from weekend leave to find pictures of Shirley Temple plastered all over the wall of Room 16—his room . . . Seems the barracks won't let him forget he once had a date with the lovely lady . . . But who wants to forget? . . . Maniac heard rumors to the effect that Pvt. Kent penned a note to Shirley and now waits with bated breath and an anxious look when mail is handed out. —MANIAC

Award Degrees On Merit, Says Education Director

A plan designed to speed the education of servicemen was advocated today by Dr. C. C. Peters, director of education research at the College, who said that college academic degrees should be awarded on the basis of attainment rather than time requirements.

According to Dr. Peters, a student should be awarded a degree as soon as he has successfully passed a series of comprehensive examinations, whether he has been attending college for two months or two years. "Colleges," he said, "must de-

Front and Center

Second Lieutenant Don Webb has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operations against the enemy" in Italy.

Veteran of Air War

Lt. Webb is a 15th Air Force Liberator pilot and already a veteran of the air war . . . He and his ten man bomber crew have ranged the skies over occupied Europe and he has watched bombs plunge into heavily defended Nazi installations at Vienna, Munich, and Blechhammer . . .

Sgt. Whitey VonNeida, basketball star of 1941-42 played 44 games on a serviceman's team and scored 1,066 points to set a national record . . . Sgt. VonNeida is now serving overseas with a paratrooper unit . . .

Two Lieutenant Colonels

There is news of two Penn State boys who are now Lieutenant Colonels in the Army . . . Lt. Col. James F. Reed, air inspector at the Big Spring, Texas, Bombardier School, has received a rating as senior pilot in the Army Air Forces . . . Col. Reed has almost 1700 hours flying time . . . To qualify for the rating, a pilot must have served five years as a rated pilot and have more than 1500 hours in the air . . .

Our other Lt. Col. is Ben Trapani, class of '38, who is serving with Pennsylvania's famed 28th Division . . . In a recent letter he said, "I'm in Germany, and I don't like it near as much as France, Belgium, or Luxembourg . . . And I don't like any of them as much as I like good old Pennsylvania . . ."

That's what we like to hear, Colonel!

Two more Penn State women have joined the ranks of the WAVES . . . Chris Yohe, '44, Phi Mu, and Rosemary Halpin, Delta Gam . . . Second Lt. Jack Smith, now a B-17 pilot, was recently assigned to an AAF Flying Fortress unit of the 15th Air Force.

Under this plan, he explained, students would be given an opportunity to utilize the general and specific education which they have received while in service.

The old system, involving credit and time-in-residence requirements, should be retained, he said, for the students who prefer it. However, he predicted many veterans will balk at the old mechanical routine and insist upon education as fast as they can take it.

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Ship Ahoy

By A/S FRED VOGEL

Ahoy there, you swabbies! Let it be known that on the night of 14 October, Bks. 26 will be transformed into "The Shackque Rusticque" for their house party. It will be Dogpatch style with all on board in dungarees and the lassies in pigtails instead of an exotic coiffure. The corn will be plentiful but after all, this is the season for it.

More Operations

Bks. 9's party proved to be a big success. A large crowd was on deck and entertainment hit a new high.

The Marines' farewell dinner dance last Friday night officially brought to an end the social side of the Leathernecks' participation in this Nittany Campaign.

Below Deck

A/S Danny Hopkins and A/S John Riley were the ones who painted Pittsburgh a bright red . . .

Pvt. Whitey Kurovski came back early from Annapolis on Saturday night and within ten minutes was occupying a sofa at the Theta Phi Alpha house . . . Current scuttlebutt is that Whitey will pledge and be granted membership . . . A/S Stan Snyder tried his best to spend Saturday night at a Harrisburg hospital . . . It seems the nurses there keep his heart beating in double time . . . A/S Herb Locke, after eight months in the Navy will put on a "civilian outfit" . . . As a cheer leader for Penn State, he hopes to spur the team onto victory against Bucknell on Saturday . . . It was Pvt. Al Shine who made Lancaster "shine" this past weekend . . . A/S Joe Haddock, perennial V-12'er, may merge with a local banking institution.

Off The Port Bow

A/S Brandenberger, Bks. 26's own oriental mystic, a la V-12, also specializes in Yogi and Bud-dah ceremonies . . . A/S Anthony Robert Joseph Black may now be referred to as an "Indoctraine" . . . His next station will be Fort Schuyler which is an indoctrination center . . . A/S Paul Rowland will schedule a Sociology course next semester . . . He's trying to get in good with the family . . . That Army Lieutenant didn't pull his rank on A/S Harry Dunham to get a date with that co-ed . . . Dunham just doesn't wear a pair of silver wings . . . A/S H. L. "Cutie" Graham wasn't banging ears with Battalion Commander Ted DeVeas . . . Apprentice Seaman Ray Holmes, Clay Richmond and "Stet" Stetler are planning a big party during leave . . . All Phil-

adelphians are invited . . . A/S Sam Benkowitz probably won't be speaking to beautiful women for sometime . . . That is, before he finds out their names and telephone numbers.

To The Windward

Gordon Bronson, small but mighty private from Bks. 13, has officially opened a new campaign . . . These Marines really go far Mac Hall. The target he is aiming for in this case, is a blond resident . . . A/S Mort Godshall and A/S Chuck "Fatty" Grube will establish a convoy service next semester . . . Bks. 20, the only off-campus Navy barracks, will be surrounded by no less than 5 dormitories full of beautiful coeds . . . Some will cheer for Notre Dame, Northwestern, Penn, or Duke, but the bulk of the swabbies shipping out will be matriculating at dear old "Raspberry Tech" on New Jersey's sunny shores . . . A/S Bob Saloman former V-12'er at Penn State is now at the Naval Academy . . . After having seen a full admiral at Annapolis, A/S Paul Berg is finally convinced that being right guide of the second platoon (the best one in Bks. 20) is one of the minor positions in the naval service . . . to the ladies in the infirmary—Marge is the object of Pvt. Phil Jones' affections.

Attention Hat Men!

Guy Newton, newly elected president of Hat Societies Council, has announced that members of all Hat Societies should be present on New Beaver Field promptly at 12:30 Saturday for the convocation ceremony.



Saturday Evening Fireside
Guest: President E. M. Pogue,
Colgate-Rochester, Sunday
Fireside Room 7:30 p. m.
Final Session of the Student
Department, Sunday 9:30 a. m.
Closing Communion Service,
Westminster Hall, Sunday 10:30
p. m.
Visit of Dr. John Oliver Nelson,
Monday, October 16, 7:30 p. m.
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