

22 Lion Athletes On Casualty List

Former Penn State athletes have utilized their extensive training not only to win football games and track meets but also to help win battles in the South Pacific, France, and the Mediterranean areas.

Two hundred and ten Nittany Lion graduates have been listed as killed or missing in action or have died while in the armed forces of the United States. Twenty-two of these were outstanding athletes while undergraduates at the College, 17 of them being reported killed and five missing. To date no ex-sportsmen have been reported as prisoners of war.

Lt. Col. William V. Martz, class of '32, is the oldest alum athlete listed as missing in action. While at State he was prominent in both football and track. From the class of 1936 F/O Richard W. Flenniken, one time varsity boxer, and Lt. (s. g.) David K. Sloan, griddier, are among the dead.

Lt. George Ellstrom, hailing from the class of '37, wrestled while he was here and Lt. (j. g.) W. Garfield Thomas Jr., '38, served as head soccer manager. Both are reported killed. Lt. Kenneth S. Byrd Jr., dead, was a member of the boxing team and Pvt. Adam B. Kalmanowicz, now missing in action, was a Lion trackster. Both were graduated in '39.

From the class of 1940 Lt. Warren Elliott, wrestler, is listed among the fatal casualties.

Lt. Paul O. Staller, trackman, missing; and Lt. Walter Sypherd, who was head cheerleader in his time, killed. Sgt. David S. Welsh was one of Bob Galbraith's swimmers when he was here with the class of '41. He too is listed as killed.

The '42 class boasts Ensign Emmett H. Fletcher and Lt. Donald Megraill, both soccer stars, as well as Lt. Harry A. Master, boxer. Pvt. Harry A. Conger was the athlete for the class of 1943. He was active in track. All have been reported dead.

The following men were enrolled at the College and were active sportsmen when they entered the armed forces:

Sgt. John A. Potsklan was one of Bob Higgin's footballers and Ensign Leonard C. Urquhart, swimmer, both members of the class of '44, have been reported missing. Pvt. Walter H. Juve Jr., '45, was a varsity swimmer, during his stay at State. He has been added to the list of athletes killed.

Pre-Med Group to Meet

Gamma Pi Epsilon, women's pre-medical society, will meet in 318 Old Main, 7:15 p.m. Wednesday to elect officers. Dr. Clifford Adams will speak on "Psychology and Medicine."

Coeds Top WSGA Drive; Distribute \$527 Fund To Three Organizations

Final tabulations show that coeds contributed \$527.25 to the WSGA Christmas Drive which tops the goal of \$450 set by that organization.

The money collected was distributed among the Mrs. Hetzel Fund, the American Women's Hospitals organization, and the Mifflin County Child Welfare Services group. The latter two funds each received \$174, while the Mrs. Hetzel Fund got \$179.25. Normally each group receives an equal share, but this year the Mrs. Hetzel Fund was given the \$5 which was turned in late plus all the odd pennies which are never spilt up.

Both the American Association of Women's Hospitals and the Mifflin County Child Welfare Services Society sent letters to the office of the dean of women thanking the students for their contributions. In their letter the Mifflin County Child Welfare Society said that they had used much of the money to buy gifts for needy children. They stated that the majority of these presents were selected by the youngsters themselves.

Dean Ray Gives Advice On Sorority Pledging

"Any coed concerned with joining a sorority should view this opportunity in relation to her program of education," stated Charlotte E. Ray, dean of women today.

Dean Ray believes that each coed weighing the pros and cons of sororities should ask herself if she will accept the teachings that a sorority offers, if she will enter into the sorority's activities so as to benefit the chapter, and if she will influence herself and others to promote the postwar service expected of them.

WSGA Distributes Little Sister Forms

Forms for Little Sisters will be distributed to the House of Representatives and Freshman Council, announced Gertrude G. Rosen, WSGA president.

Any coed who wishes to be a Big Sister to a freshman woman next semester may obtain one of these forms from her house president.

WSGA is also planning a Big-Little Sister tea for Sunday afternoon, February 4.

Choral Group Elects

Recently elected officers of the Girls' Choral Group are: Carolyn Lerch, president; Betty Herring, secretary-treasurer; and Jean Diehl and Janet Taylor, librarians.

Sorority Rushing Unknown To First College Coeds

Rushing, coed dates, formal teas, and sorority bids are all part of the freshman coeds' activities today, but 25 years ago sororities were unheard of at the College.

It was in January, 1922, that a group of girls got together and formed the Nita-Nee club, which later became a member of national Kappa Alpha Theta. Thetas today claim that the national sorority first started when a Phi Gam wanted his sweetheart pledged, but his fraternity brothers wouldn't accept a coed. Therefore, the undaunted coed and a group of friends formed a fraternity of their own.

Sychor, La Camaraderie, Arete, and Allost formed soon after the Nita-Nee club. Today these groups are known as Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma, Alpha Omicron Pi, and Chi Omega, respectively.

The rush for women's fraternities died down until 1927 when Omicron Eta (Theta Phi Alpha), Trestrella (Phi Mu), and Oread (Alpha Chi Omega) were organized. Following these came Laodelfia (Gamma Phi Beta), Astriad (Alpha Epsilon Phi), Emanon (Sigma Delta Tau), Eukra-

tia (Zeta Tau Alpha), Charitides (Kappa Delta), and Krimcon (Alpha Xi Delta).

In June 1926, the Board of Trustees granted permission for the clubs to petition national organizations. As a result, Chi Omega became the first national sorority on campus. In the summer of 1928, five campus cottages were assigned to the first five clubs in the order of their age. Kappa Alpha Theta received the Stone House; Kappa Kappa Gamma, Willard House; Delta Gamma, Every; Alpha Omicron Pi, Maple Lodge; and Chi Omega, Edgewood Cottage.

Meanwhile, a Campus Clubs Council was formed of three members from each group. In 1930 the name was changed to Panhellenic Council, although the functions remained the same. The president of Panhellenic Council is rotated for each sorority, according to when the group organized.

Several years ago a survey was taken of graduate women, advisers, and undergraduate women, to determine the advantages of the sorority to members and to non-member coeds. This revealed

WRA Sweetheart Dance To Feature Campus Owls

The third annual Sweetheart Dance will be presented by the Women's Recreation Association in White Hall, 9 p.m. to midnight, February 10. It will be semi-formal.

Decorations will be in keeping with St. Valentine's Day, and Bud Wills and his Campus Owls will provide music for dancing.

Marilyn Globisch, vice-president of the WRA Executive Board, is general chairman of the affair.

IWA Date Bureau Moves

IWA Dating Bureau has moved its headquarters to the Service Center on West College avenue. Members of the Independent Women's Association will be at this address each Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. These coeds will attempt to find suitable dates for all interested coeds, servicemen, and civilians. No charge is being made for this service.

that women's fraternities provide an incentive to higher scholarship, develop high ideals among the student body, and offer good training in activities. The results were published by Charlotte E. Ray, dean of women, in an article for the Alumni News, January, 1930.

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