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1945 Red Cross War Fund

Colleges and universities have made a material contribution to the American Red Cross in its tremendous expansion in recent years. Today more than 7,000 men and women are serving with the Red Cross overseas, while additional thousands are stationed in this country.

Their jobs require not only skill in human relations, but in many cases professional and technical training of the highest order. Thanks to the academic training furnished by American institutions of higher education and the all-around development which our way of life provides, the American Red Cross has been able to carry on its world-wide duties in a manner which has brought praise from every quarter.

The blood donor project, the program of services to the armed forces, and the never-ending work at home which looks to the improvement of health and happiness of the individual and community, have been continued and expanded as needed. Each new job has been tackled with a will borne of the belief that if it is to be done it must be done well.

With the advent of peace the Red Cross will face new tasks. New people will be needed to carry on, and it will be largely from American colleges and universities that these people will be drawn. In the meantime, however, the Red Cross must continue its wartime work. It must maintain an increasing flow of blood plasma. It must continue to serve in every theater of operation. It must provide for our men in training camps and in hospitals. It must maintain its activities on the home front.

To do this during the next 12 months the Red Cross needs \$200,000,000. Last year thousands of dollars were contributed to the Red Cross by American colleges and university students. This year will be no exception. Give generously to the 1945 Red Cross War Fund.

Don't Forget to Vote

The foundation of the American democratic system of government is based on elections. The same is true here at the College where the students go to the polls each semester and elect their officers.

Once again Penn State students will select officers when the spring semester elections are held in the first floor lounge of Old Main on Tuesday and Wednesday. Approximately 2900 civilian students will be eligible to cast their ballots next week.

However, past records have shown that on an average less than 50 per cent of the College enrollment takes advantage of its right to vote. As a result, many times politicians have been elected to office despite the fact that a majority of the students did not favor the candidates.

Last semester 3100 students were enrolled in the College. After the ballots were counted it was discovered that only 1322 civilian men and women voted in the fall semester election. The response was typical of previous wartime elections at Penn State.

There is a definite lack of interest in politics on the campus. The war may be blamed for this indifferent attitude, but it shouldn't be. Even the men at the front were interested enough in the national and state elections last year to mail home absentee ballots.

Why shouldn't you take an interest in who is to represent YOU on the All-College Cabinet? Penn State's student government was organized to benefit the students and not the politicians.

Penn Statements

By VICTOR DANILOV

Once again campus politicians are beating their campaign propaganda drums. Clique candidates are wearing their best suits, displaying their widest smiles, and doing more handshaking and backslapping than ever before.

I suppose it is only natural for politicians to act their parts. Sure, it's wonderful to be elected president or secretary-treasurer, but too often class officers forget the pledges they made as candidates prior to election.

Take last semester as an example. At that time there were three parties—Key, Lion, and Nittany. Each clique proposed a number of plans "for the betterment of Penn State." However, of the 23 points in the platforms, only three were carried through by the victorious candidates.

A few of the things which were sidestepped by the officers are the erection of a war memorial to Penn State men killed in service, the promotion of College spirit, restoring the College book exchange, and cooperation in bringing a big-name band to the campus.

It seems that it has been the practice in the past for political parties to make promises but never keep them. Politicians seem to forget that they are elected to office for a reason, and NOT for the honor that goes with the office. It would be nice if the candidates who are chosen this semester would fulfill the pledges they are now making.

Let's consider some of the things the cliques are promising this election.

There's the Key party, which has been yelling for school spirit semester after semester, but has done nothing about it. Its project this college term is a "get acquainted policy" in respect to the school and its functions. The clique hopes to accomplish this deed by class meetings, cooperation from students, enforcing freshman customs, and all-college sings.

The Nittany party intends to bring back that "old Penn State spirit" by bringing a coast-to-coast radio show to Rec Hall, class meetings, promoting weekend activities, publicizing the social calendar, and encouraging intramural sports.

Both programs are excellent, but let's do something about them this semester for a change.

Old Mania

By NANCY CARASTRO

Everyone and his date who attended the Theta Phi Alpha formal pledge dance St. Patrick's Day at the Chi Phi house had one bang-up time from all reports... All the little TPA's were there dancing and drinking... punch nacherly... Jean Klinikowski and A/S Andy Merrick... Anne Patterson and PiKA pledge Ricky Englert... Landa West and A/S George Lacantas... Connie Micali and Pvt. Dick Zaccagnini... Marilyn Ferdinand and Sigma Phi Alpha Pudgy Shutt... Julie Pastewka and Bill Stover... Bea Glover and Ernie Sladics... Anne Uhrick and Joe Leonard...

'Nother pledge dance coming up this weekend... KD's are holding theirs at the Nittany Lion... Dorothy Jaun is importing Bob Meagher, an ADPhi from CCNY... Weasy Gwillin will be going with Bill Thomas, phi kappa sig, coming up for the dance... Dee James and delta chi George Yoder... Peggy Martin and phi kappa sig pledge Fred Walker... Jean Dalton and Paul Thayer, phi kappa sig... The Delta Gamma house was

bulging with alums back last week for Founders Day... Bess Paine, Sammy Phillips, Carol and Mar-go Blass, Marjorie Cherry Newton, Jeanie Ward, Skeets Knecht, Marty Albert, Peg Deiner Stover, Ginny Cooper Vogel, Frenchy Moerschbacher, Janet Hertz Drake, Marge Zint, Peggy Lou Johnston, and Lt. (j.g.) Kay Polite of the SPARS...

Jim Redmond '44 was here seeing Theta Ginger Sykes... Ens. Johnny Lucas visited Gamma phi Sally Pollard... Radio Technician 2/c Ted Miller, former phi gam, journeyed up to see Delta Gam Helen Hatton... Pvt. Jack Geist has been visiting his wife AEPi Adie Gluck Geist... Pvt. Kenny Thompson, pi gamma phi alum, and his wife, the former Joan Miller, AOPi, have been around all week... Ens. Jim Bell, former All-College president, was up... Pvt. Val Grady, beta alum, came to see AOPi Louise Zimmerer... AOPi Annie Blackburn went down to see Pat Lentz, psi omega at the U of Pa... Alpha Z delt Pat Reiff went home to see Pharmacists Mate 1/c Paul Miller... MANIAC

Faculty Limelight

By WOODENE BELL

George Leetch, director of College Placement, and H. R. Riley, assistant secretary of the Alumni Association, are attending the alumni conference in Binghamton, N. Y., today. They will give a picture of the College at war and information about placement service.

David R. Mitchell, professor of mining engineering, has been named to honorary membership by the International Mark Twain Society for his contributions to technical literature. Professor Mitchell's name is listed along with such leaders as General Eisenhower, Winston Churchill, and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek.

Prof. Robert E. Galbraiths, name was written on a shell shot at the Germans by Pfc. Mitchell Williams, a former Penn Stater. Pfc. Williams writes "this should give you as much thrill as buying a \$1,000 war bond"... Professor Galbraith, faculty counselor of veterans, and Louis Bell, director of Public Information, have just completed work on a veterans' booklet for ex-servicemen attending the College.

Dr. Hans Neuberger, director of the meteorology department, is conducting the first phase of groundschool instruction for prospective pilots at Ridgway...

Dr. W. A. Weyl, professor of glass technology, summarizes a year's work with the Glass Science Research Foundation, in this month's issue of Mineral Industries... Dr. George L. Leffler, professor of economics, and Mary Virginia Brown, statistician, have prepared an analysis of labor costs in Pennsylvania.

Samuel Bayard, new member of the English Composition department, is a son of Edward S. Bayard, editor of the Pennsylvania Farmer... Conrad Link, assistant professor of floriculture, will discuss "Teaching the Three R's to the Army" at the Faculty Lunch Club meeting Monday.

A Lean And Hungry Look

It has become quite common for various low types around here to speak and publish disparaging remarks about the noble crew of hatmen gracing our campus. Things more or less came to a head last week when my old friend Victor Danilov printed an imaginary conversation between two nitwit coeds to the general effect that hatmen are a do-nothing lot.

Now I do not want anybody to think that I am down on Victor because his editorials and columns crowd my unparalleled prose out to the very end of this page. I think he is a traitor. Victor is a hatman himself and the journalistic body-blow he has dealt his brothers is unpardonable.

There is only one honorable action for the hatmen to take concerning this calumny. At high noon tomorrow afternoon they should form a hollow square in front of Old Main. To the muted roll of drums Victor Danilov wearing sackcloth and ashes, in addition to his hat, will be marched to the center of the square.

Then before the whispering multitude the president of the Hat Societies Council shall read Danilov a proclamation of his treason, comparing him favorably with Benedict Arnold, and tear the hat from Danilov's head. If his head comes off with it so much the better.

About this time of the year a young man's fancy turns to campus politics. This recalls to mind the story of the Nittany Party and the telephone. Jerry Ciarrocchi, the ex-clique chairman, and three cohorts had recently moved into a new apartment without a telephone. Setting out to remedy this intolerable situation, Jerry found that there were no private telephones available and that he would have to wait several months to get one.

But Ciarrocchi was not in politics without ability. With the ingenuity of a far older hand he promptly applied for a business phone.

"Exactly what business are you in?" he was asked.

"I am the chairman of the Nittany party and I have to do a lot of phoning to tell the members about the meetings," Jerry said.

"I see. And do you make many long distance calls?"

"Yes, I have to phone out of town to have tags made for the members to wear on their coats and things like that."

Jerry got the phone. So far I have been unable to determine if the boys use a pay phone when they dial 5051.

Note to all young swains: I was talking to a pretty coed the other day. We were discussing the current crop of passionate lovers on the campus. She seemed quite impressed by what she had heard about the technique of a recent importation who bites girls on the neck.

"I wish my date would be more passionate," she sighed "He never bites me." —CASSIUS

Front and Center

Recently commissioned in the Marine Corps at Quantico, Va., were Penn Staters Bill McKee and Dale Hamilton. Dale was a member of Phi Delta Theta, Bill, an Alpha Tau Omega, and both were stationed at State under the V-12 program.

Marine Lieutenants Paul Frey '44 and Art Gladstone '45 are bunking together on an island in the South Pacific.

Capt. William Frantz '40 is recovering from wounds which he received from machine gun fire in the South Pacific.

Alice Noll '40 is with the Red Cross in Alexandria, Egypt. Her picture, broadcasting with Lt. Col. Gordon Hittenmark, former Washington radio announcer, recently appeared in a Maryland newspaper.

Lt. Jack Grey '43 writes from somewhere in France that Al Moses '43 and Sol Harris '43 are his "tent neighbors."

Al Bollinger '44 has been reported wounded in action in the invasion of France.

Lt. Abner Rainbow '45 is credited with knocking out two Nazi supporting trucks on the Normandy beach-head.

F/O Karl Yohn '45, reported missing in action by the War Department, cabled his parents that he is "safe and well."

In the Chicago Daily News a story appeared about Mickey Beckett, former Penn State diver. Mickey had been injured by mortar fire, and when he gained consciousness on the operating table, he learned that his surgeon was another Penn Stater. Mickey has since been wounded on two other occasions.

Lt. (j.g.) Thomas Burke '42 received two bronze stars for combat duty in the Pacific.

—PEGGIE WEAVER