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## We Need You

"School Spirit" is a topic about which many students speak but which none of them can clearly define. But the term school spirit can be defined much more broadly than just cheering at athletic games or voting at election time. The student's general attitude toward the College is tied up with his school spirit. Educators state that a spirited student will do his best to maintain the College's high scholastic and extra-curricular rating.

It is a well known fact that student clubs and activities can not be continued without full cooperation of the student body. This is particularly true during the summer semester when enrollment is at a minimum. Despite numerous calls for student workers, many of the campus activities report that few candidates have shown up at the various meetings.

Oftimes, students are heard complaining what a dull place college is. The majority of those who believe it dull only attend classes, study, and go out occasionally. Students who seek an outlet for their surplus energy in some extra-curricular activity that interests them seldom complain of boredom at College. To get the full value of a college education is not to be a habitual grind in order to make a straight three average. A well-rounded college education includes the active participation in some student group as well as the maintaining of a fairly decent average.

If you suffer from college monotony or if you wish to display your school spirit in a different way than just by cheering or being a law-abiding citizen of the College, sign up and become an active member of one or more campus extra-curricular groups. According to psychologists, a busy student is a happy student.—G.A.N.

## From Present to Future

All-College elections were conducted last week. At that time every regularly enrolled student had the privilege of voting for two officers to represent his class and two All-College officers as representatives on Cabinet, the student governing body.

Statistics show that only 60 per cent of the student population cast ballots in this election, which was an increase of 8 per cent over last semester. Perhaps the political cliques have drummed up enough enthusiasm to start college politics on an upward trend.

But the cliques are not the cause of the minimum of interest. It is a known fact that the students who take little interest in politics and do not find the time or necessity to vote also take little interest in extra-curricular activities. These are the ones who complain about "nothing to do on a Saturday night."

If no interest is taken in who is elected to govern the body, how can one expect anything to be accomplished to benefit the group? The officers feel not only that no one cares what they do but also that the greater part of the student body is not willing to cooperate to make social or political undertakings successful.

It is not only the present which is in the hands of college men and women but the future. You who are considered the cream of the crop by society as a whole are expected to be experienced in democratic principles when you make your debut into society. Where can you get a better background than in a public institution governed by your classmates?

## Penn Statements

Well, here we sit down at our trusty typewriter to bang out another colym . . . . Life is so exciting these days it's hard to know where to begin. Maybe a suggestion for some entertainment these coming week-ends would be a likely topic. How about having a dance or an excursion to Whipple's Dam sometime soon? Bridge is an interesting game and all that but . . . . .

### Leg Art Banned—

Judicial is reforming again it seems. This business of walking up to the tennis courts or riding a bicycle (within boro limits) dressed in shorts certainly was a disgusting habit anyway. It certainly isn't done any place else.

There is only one problem that Judicial hasn't solved for the well-dressed coed, namely, what the hell do you do with the skirt when you get out of town? Playing the part of Helpful Hannah, this reporter sent out a questionnaire to a fairly representative cross-section of the College coeds. The answer came back loud and strong, "Bury it as you would a parachute!" So that settles that. Thanks.

### Eat and Run—

The waiters up at Ath Hall certainly are an anxious bunch—to get home, that is. If you are the last one sitting at your table, you're just a hopeless case—condemned to starve. It is a cinch you can't enjoy your food with waiters closing in on your table and shooting dagger eyes with every mouthful of food you swallow. It's best to station guards at your table at all times. Just ask

the kids who went back for seconds only to return to an empty table.

### Pre-War Ratio

Now we know why some coeds struggle through ungodly courses such as civil engineering. Take the case of Margaret Bitner. What more could you ask? She's out at civil engineering camp now with twelve fellow students—all male—and two professors to boot. That's a better ratio than Penn State had even in its heyday.

### Odds and Ends—

Here is one more for the books on the frosh. Asked where he was living, one first semesterer scratched his head to remember and then soberly replied, "Stink Street."

Speaking of nomenclature, whoever christened the new sororities on campus? Greek names would be tame compared to those originals.

All-College Cabinet met this week in an unofficial capacity. That is the new officers were not officially sworn in because the constitution states that the ceremony must be witnessed by the Dean of Men and Mr. Warnock was out of town.

## Old Mania

Summer in State College brings a dearth of dances and all-college affairs—a true calamity with a predominantly male population that smacks of pre-war days. But cupid has been working fiendishly with the material at hand.

Kalozetia Helen Grace McCollin is married to Capt. John Wiley. . . . AOP! Mona Shibley now answers to Mrs. Kibert Bird. . . . Betty Ann McGinnis and Pfc. Stephen Mickle were married July 6. Steve was an ASTP here. . . . the same day Binx Adams married home-town boy Ernest Sullivan, U. S. Army. . . . Florence Linker and Cpl. Bob Clayman were married Sunday.

Making your head whirl? Take a deep breath—here come some more. Lt. Johnny Jaffurs, former grid star and Zeta Mary Elizabeth McCurdy were married at Ithaca, N. Y. . . . AChio Barb Painter was in town with her husband, Lt. Lyle Baker, Alpha Zeta, who spent 10 months in a German prison camp. . . . Also seen in town were newly-weds AChio Doris Payton and Lt. George Elder, Alpha Zeta. . . . Gamma Phi Bobby Kilbury and SPA Ensign Robert Ritzman middle-aisled it too. . . . Bee Spector married Pfc. Sherman Faber, recently returned from the ETO.

Engagements? Oh yes, and pins changing hands too. SDT Flip Grossman wears a sparkler from Lt. (jg) Lowen Droun. . . . Sgt. John Ludlam was visiting his fiancée Dee-Dee Bull. . . .

Dottie Shoemaker and Chi Phi Mike Catanis are pinned. . . . Kappa Charlie Martin wears Bob Gridley's TKE pin. . . . AOP! Ginny Ladd and Lambda Chi Bob Hirzel are pinned.

Lt. (jg) Paul Wheeler was in town visiting Mary Ellen Diehl. . . . S/Sgt. "Oky" Mathans was up seeing Gloria Rosenberg. . . . Phi Delt Wally Sheffer, Ensign Dave Doane, former V-12er, and Phi Gam Joel Crouch, now in the Merchant Marine were all seen casing the campus. . . . ChiO Rita Rokosz was visiting her ChiO sisters. . . . Theta Chi Bill Renton was in town seeing ChiO Barb Smith. . . . Bib Jacobs was visiting Kalozetia Patsy Nelson. . . . Theta Eleanor Roberts and Mary Hayden were back too.

ChiO Anne Henry saw her marine, Ed Meyer, former V-12er. . . . SPA Harl Bossler journeyed to Pittsburgh to see Delta Gam Betty Rank. . . . DG Scotty Glenn saw her man, Phi Kap, Bill Beam. That's all for now. —Manias

## Faculty Limelight

July is a month of vacations, so this week we find many professors leaving State College. . . . Mason Long, professor of English literature, is now in the Adirondacks. . . . Raymond D. Bloom, assistant professor of industrial engineering, is vacationing in Maine. . . . Charles C. Wagner, acting head of the School of Liberal Arts, is fishing in Canada, while Edward K. Hibshman, executive head

of the Alumni Association, has just returned from the land of the maple leaf.

Franklin C. Banner, head of the department of journalism, will return this week from Mexico. . . . it isn't strictly a vacation, but Homer T. Kistler, associate professor of hydraulic engineering, and Lawrence Perez, associate professor of civil engineering, are spending this month at civil engineering camp near Petersburg.

Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics has just returned from Omaha, Neb. . . . George N. P. Leetch, placement director, is back on campus after vacationing in Riverhead, N. Y. Margaret Sanger, birth control expert, is in town visiting brother Bob Higgins, football coach. . . . Charles Lee Decker, of the Institute of Local Government, has

completed his leave of absence with the American Municipal Association in Chicago.

"Newspapers of Tomorrow—A Summary of Probabilities," by Donald W. Davis, associate professor of Journalism, was featured in the June issue of the Journalism Quarterly. . . . "Hunky John," the new novel by Edward J. Nichols, professor of English composition, is just off the presses.

Simon Marson, assistant professor of sociology, has returned to his duties at the College after spending a semester in special work at Harvard University. During his leave Marson served as sociological consultant to the Committee on the Study of Teaching Materials for Inter-Group Relations, and headed the study as it applied to the college level.

## Campuseer

Summer semester enrollment shows that for the first time in several semesters the men students outnumber women by an almost 2-1 ratio. The girls are delighted at the thought, and begin to think that things are reverting to pre-war days when every coed was a social butterfly.

Put when they look into the situation, they find that things aren't as bright as they appear on paper. One look at the sad creatures who turn out to be men students confirm them in their opinion that it might just as well be the fall or spring semester when there were three coeds to every man on campus. Then, at least, they could berate the fact that they didn't have dates because of the man shortage rather than admit that there are few men around worth dating.

Take, for example a freshman who was thrust upon a quartet of lovely coeds by some fraternity brothers who were rushing him at the Corner Room early in the week. They were obviously bored with his scintillating (?) conversation, and hoped that the presence of some women would brighten up the situation. The coeds eyed the freshman, decided that here might be a prospect, and began to make small talk.

"What's your name?" they queried.

"Uh. . . . Herman Byrd, but my friends all call me Birdbrain," he answered in a basso-profundo voice.

The four coeds looked at each other, a bit startled. After a short pause, one of them made another try.

"Where are you living?"

"Uh. . . . Smell street or Stink street or something like that. I don't remember the name," was Birdbrain's intelligent answer.

Everyone at the table was bewildered for a moment. Then a light came into one coed's eyes—the blonde one.

"Oh, you must mean Pugh street," she told him.

"Uh. . . . yeah, that's right. Pugh street. Don't ask me whose dorm I live in 'cause I don't know the name of it, or the lady who runs it. All I know is that there are four babes who live on the second floor, and boy, are they sharp characters. Phew," and he let out a long whistle.

This time the pause lasted much longer than the former one had. Then the red-head asked,

"What are you taking?"

"Uh. . . . well, originally I just came up to take a test to see if I could enter the College in the fall, but my advisor got mixed up and signed me up for this semester, so here I am. I wanted to take hotel administration, but my advisor got mixed up on that, too, and I'm in Liberal Arts."

"But hotel administration is in the home economics department," the brunette reminded him.

"Uh. . . . yeah, I know. But I guess it don't make no difference," was the frosh's concerned reply.

At this point, the coeds gave up. They started to leave but the freshman stopped them, asking if any of them would like to go to a movie that night.

"No, thank you," they chorused. "We're all busy tonight." And the four coeds walked back to Atherton to get up a hot game of bridge.

(Ed. Note:—Any resemblance between Birdbrain and any living freshman is purely intentional. —CAMPY)

## Front and Center

Capt. Ernest Kristof, wearer of the Air Medal and holder of a Presidential Unit Citation, was recently transferred to AAF Training Command Headquarters at Fort Worth, Tex.

Lt. Nestor E. deQuevedo '31, USNR (MC), has been selected to serve as a flight surgeon with the first all-Marine Aircraft Carrier Group. His squadron is now in training at the Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Lt. Henry O'Karima '44 serving in the ETO was wounded a second time. Also recently reported wounded were: Lt. Arden Emerick Jr. '42, Luzon; Lt. Wayne C. Shaffer '42, Pacific theater; Lt. Clayton J. Smith '46, Germany; and Lt. Gilbert Olewine '44, Germany.

Capt. Gilbert Radcliff '40, survivor of the Japanese "March of Death" after the fall of Bataan, is still a prisoner of the Japanese. A fellow officer who was released when the Philippines were liberated reported that Captain Radcliff was moved to the Japanese mainland last October.

Marine First Lt. Joseph S. Alexander '35 landed on Iwo Jima as a forward artillery observer with the 12th Regiment. This group struck the island on D-Day plus one.