

## Letters To The Editor

(Editor's Note:—Letters to the editor may be addressed to the Collegian office, Carnegie Hall. Names and addresses must be included although not necessarily for publication.)

To the Editor of the Collegian:

1. So that all undergraduate students may have a better understanding of the Navy V-12 Units aims and ambitions concerning campus activities it is deemed wise to reply to the editorial appearing in the Collegian of Friday August 3, 1945.

2. It has been the wish of the commanding officer and his staff that the men in training regard themselves as a definite part of the undergraduate body and the community. It is our belief that this desire to serve has been adequately demonstrated even during the period that trainees were on the campus for a maximum of four terms. Our men have participated in all patriotic community and college functions, our dances have been dedicated to those individuals of the boro and faculty to whom we owed a debt of gratitude and in most instances have been open to all people on the campus including staff members, civilian students and ASTP. Trainees have been listed on all varsity teams, the Blue Band, Debating team, Players, the Collegian and Engineer staffs, Hat Societies, in fact, they have been particularly active in all phases of campus life.

3. Prior to July 1, 1945 participation in student government by Naval Trainees was not feasible as they were on the campus only for a maximum of four terms and because of this fact could not be truly considered as bona fide members of a definite class. However, the situation is now completely changed. All men in the unit will complete a total of eight terms and receive a degree. Therefore they are in every respect Penn State undergraduates, attending classes with civilians and doing their share and more in the furtherance of a better campus and community life.

4. The fact that trainees wear the uniform of the U. S. Navy and live in barracks should not make them ineligible for active participation in student government.

5. It is the feeling of the Commanding Officer that Navy V-12 Trainees have demonstrated their college spirit, that they are entitled to be enfranchised and that their participation in college elections will prove to be a definite asset to the College and undergraduate body.

6. It is recommended that equal voice be given to those trainees who became members of their class through the payment of class dues.

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Commanding Officer.

### Russian Club to Meet

Russian Club will meet Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wright, 314 Arbor Way. The members of the club will leave in a group from Old Main at 2:30 p. m. New members will be initiated. Games will be played and refreshments served.

## WAGNER'S MARKET For the Weekend

- Fancy Peaches . . . 2 lbs. for 25c
- Bartlett Pears . . . . .lb. 19c
- California Oranges . . . .doz. 25c
- Cantalopes . . . . .lb. 12c
- Fancy Eating Apples 2 lbs. 31c
- Grapes
- Fresh Corn Daily
- Little America Frosted Foods
- Pe Ro Ice Cream

To the Editor:

For the past eight weeks, the All-College Cabinet has been parleying around with the subject of reopening Swing Inn. Committees were appointed to investigate the affair and to find what facilities were available for the students' use. From the reports given, the only logical places to hold Swing Inn were found to be the Sandwich Shop and White Hall. It was also stated that these locations were not obtainable—for reasons unknown.

It seems that the College was able to facilitate conditions for the servicemen by giving them the partial use of the Sandwich Shop and the full use of the Armory; has the College forgotten that there are civilian students on campus?

The fact that the students haven't been able to obtain a location for their present need proves that the school administrators have been lax in cooperating with the student body. The student government was inaugurated to handle the student affairs and activities, and as it is clearly seen, they are trying their best to do this; but, as it is now being proved, without the cooperation of the College authorities, Cabinet's hands are tied.

Why can't the College authorities work hand in hand with the student government—instead of against them? By doing this, they will help make Penn State a better place for those who are now here and a much better place for those who are yet to come.

Stanley Chadwin

### Hillel Foundation Holds Swim, Record Concert

A swimming party for Hillel Foundation members will be held at Greenwood Furnace Sunday. The bus will leave at 1:30 p. m. Each student will be charged 50 cents to cover transportation.

Edward Abramson, assistant professor of sociology, will conduct a record concert at the Foundation at 7 p. m. Sunday. These concerts, which are open to the public, are held each week.

Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn, new director of the Foundation, his wife, and son, will arrive in State College September 3 to take up permanent residence.

## PSCA To Sponsor Freshman Mixer, Tour Of Campus

A mixer for all first and second semester freshmen will be held at Rec Hall September 7, sponsored by the PSCA. A committee headed by Gene Minich is forming plans for the affair.

With Edward K. Hibshman, executive secretary, and Hugh R. Riley, Jr., assistant executive secretary, of the Alumni Association, as guides, the PSCA First Semester Club will tour the campus Monday evening, September 3.

Buses will leave the rear of Old Main at 6:45, and the tour will last approximately one hour. At the end of the trip, which will include all the campus and the College farms, a dance will be held 304 Old Main and light refreshments will be served.

All freshmen wishing to take the tour are asked to sign up immediately in the CA office and purchase a ticket for 25 cents which includes the cost of refreshments. A limit of 64 has been placed on the tour, Jim McDougall, chairman, announces.

### Outdoor Club Meets

The Outdoor Club, which held its first official meeting Tuesday night, will hike to Mt. Nittany this Sunday afternoon, leaving Old Main at 1 p. m. Bob Stone is adviser of the club, which meets at 8 p. m. Tuesday in Old Main. Its purpose is to promote outdoor activities such as hiking, swimming, horseback riding, etc.

Buses will leave the rear of Old Main at 5:30 p. m. Sept. 14. Swimming, softball, games and an organized campfire will be on the program for the picnic. All students desiring to attend should sign up at the CA office immediately. Students of foreign birth will be guests of the Association.

### Chorus Sings At Church

The PSCA mixed chorus, directed by Milton Vogel, will present special music at St. John's Evangelical Church at 7:30 p. m. Sunday. Richard Troutman was recently elected president of the newly-organized group, and Joan Wolfe is secretary. Rehearsals are held at 6:30 p. m. Thursday in Old Main.

"An Interpretation of the United Nations Charter" will be the topic for discussion at the meeting of the Upperclass Club in 304 Old Main at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday. V-12 trainees are invited.

## Navy V-12 News

On V-J night it took only two minutes to empty all the barracks. No fire drill ever got the fellows out so fast. And no fire drill ever produced such a flash of dress whites and neckerchiefs.

When the Alpha Fire Company trucks came up Beaver avenue they picked up a cargo of cheering sailors. One standout was John Nolan on the back step, holding on with one hand and carrying a little redheaded boy in the other. Fifty fellows were on those engines as they drove slowly through town. And nobody fell off—too hard.

### Seen 'Round About Town

We saw . . . Andy DeLorenzo kissing every girl in range . . . Carroll Bayson climbing on top of a piano while people sang "Anchors Aweigh" . . . Ed Soza hauling wood, in cadence, to the bonfire . . . Ships Company patrolling the streets in SP arm-bands . . . Dozens of fellows on their own private and individual sprees . . . Twelve o'clock end of liberty giving watch officers headaches in putting the more violent cases to bed.

But when Old Main struck one thre was quiet of a sort. Only a few songs were being murdered and most guys were in the sack. The celebration, at least for this part of the Navy, was over. But the feeling of elation was not. The question of discharges was being tossed back and forth. Through the haze the chances looked good for a Christmas as civilians 1/c.

Verne Condon and Walt Nickle both were hit by appendicitis recently. They did their victory celebrating from hospital beds.

One result of the two day suspension of classes was the postponement of Bks. 37's houseparty. According to their O-in-C the boys were so busy celebrating there wasn't time for preparation.

### News of Ex-State V-12er's

Lieutenant Kimball is now stationed at the University of Mississippi, assisting in organizing and setting up a Naval ROTC and V-12 unit . . . Ensign Ross Christian, first lieutenant and engineering officer on the PC 553, recently here, seems to be bound for the Pacific where his ship will be turned over to the Chinese . . . George Meeker, back for a visit, says that he and Bob Parker have their medical discharges . . . Leigh Woehling is still waiting for his to be approved.

Commander Wisner and Lt O'Connell are both eligible for dis-

charge under the point system. However, the commander has requested overseas duty . . . Chief Grenfell and Yeoman Stuart are also the owners of enough points. Their applications for discharge have already been submitted.

With November coming up fast the signs of a real Naval ROTC unit are beginning to appear. Ordinance has begun to arrive at the Armory. There, set up on the floor by November first, will be all the "mock ups" and actual service equipment necessary for advanced classes.

## College Society Honored Lincoln Before Election

Five months before he received the nation's greatest honor, "the Honorable A. Lincoln of Illinois" was awarded a lesser honor by a literary society at the College, a letter in the library's Penn State collection reveals.

"Please accept my thanks for the honor done me in electing me an honorary member of the society," wrote Mr. Lincoln from Springfield, Ill., June 4, 1830 to the Washington Agricultural Literary Society at the Farm School, Pennsylvania.

The President-to-be was a little confused, however, by the club's long title, for he forgot to put in "literary" and had to add it above the line with a caret. (He spelled it with two t's!)

The minutes of the Washington Society barely mention the fact that Lincoln was elected an honorary member, and that the corresponding secretary read the letter which is now carefully preserved in the College library. What is more, in the minutes for the following November, when he was elected President, there is no mention of him at all.

Literary societies were as much social as cultural in their heyday during the last century, says Mrs. Abbie Cromer, a member of the College library staff. Her statement is proved by mentioning the topics for debate at the meeting during the '60's. "Which is happier, a nigger at a dance or a hog in a mud hole?" and "Did the first chicken come out of an egg or the first egg out of a chicken?" were two debates which took place during a meeting.




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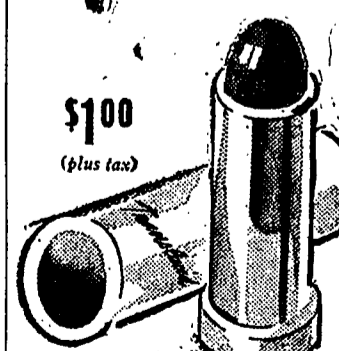
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