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## Looking To The Future

A mild riot followed the announcement Tuesday that the College Senate is granting an extended Thanksgiving vacation plus a liberal Christmas holiday. Pressure from all sides preceded this announcement, pressure from the ex-GI's, the students, and the faculty. The Senate must have thoughtfully considered the issue, for the revision in the calendar entails a major change in the semester.

The decision, aside from its morale raising tale of a big weekend and a chance to eat Thanksgiving dinner with mom and pop, indicates that the Senate is conscious of the implications of a post-war college. Longer vacations are the first step towards reconversion from a wartime institution to a college looking into the future.

Last week Collegian ran an edit advocating the vacation, but hopefully waiting for Senate's decision. This week we're running the decision, with our thanks to the Senate for their consideration.—P. W.

## Key Platform

Why don't they do something? Why don't they carry out the platform? Every semester class officers are faced with these questions, and many times they are well-founded criticisms.

This semester the Key party is faced with a challenge to do as well as the Nittany clique did during the summer semester. Mike Lynch carried out every provision of his platform, in so far as was physically possible. If Van Lundy is to be rated as a successful All-College President, he must do as good a job as Lynch did, or even better.

The foremost objective on the Key Pledge is the re-establishment of Dry Dock in White Hall. Dry Dock, or any activity similar to it, is a necessary part of the college social life, and it is now up to Cabinet to provide it. Here the officers will meet the first obstacle in their platform, for White Hall was built as a girl's gymnasium, and has always maintained a policy of girls only, except for special occasions. However, if the arrangements could be made, White Hall would make an excellent Dry Dock, since it has facilities for dancing, eating, swimming, and many other sports.

Other items in the Key platform call for national recognition for Penn State through periodicals or magazines, incorporation of the NROTC students as part of the student body, movements to alleviate the housing situation, etc.

On the surface the pledge sounds sincere and workable. However, the real test of the Key platform rests with Lundy, and just how soon he plans to start working. If he intends carrying out the platform, Collegian promises full support.

All letters to the editor must be signed with the writer's name and address if they are to be printed. However, if the writer requests, the name of the author will be withheld.

## Old Mania

By BARBARA INGRAHAM

And still the list of alums, ex-GI's and other visitors to the campus continues. The Alpha Xi Delt guest list included alum Jane Smith, and Dona Minke. Phi Kappa Sig Ed Kiser visited Theta Betsy Merkle . . . AOPi alum and former Collegian Managing Editor Fay Young was up to see AZ Ed Williams. Another Collegian Managing Editor also came back for the Temple game—Theta Phi Alpha Nancy Carastro.

Also among weekend visitors . . . Chief Petty Officer Cliff Ross to see Betty Herring . . . Theta alums Pris Schautz, Evie Kohler, and Mrs. Phyllis Stevenson . . . alum Jane Karam . . . Ruth Eberle . . . DG's Barbara Keast and Betty Stripple

DG Scotty Glenn visited her fiance Phi Kappa Sig Bill Beam . . . Flight Officer Walt Backman visited AOPi Carolyn Leworthy . . . Seaman Joe Norris came up to see AOPi Ginny Pershing . . . ditto recently discharged Air Corps Lt. Morty Pollack to see Marilyn Jacobson.

### More Visitors

No wonder the Corner Room was crowded last weekend, because the visiting list still continues . . . AOPi alums Mary Fransen and D. J. Jennings . . . AOPi Mary Ann Jennings . . . Beta Sig and T/5 Paul Vinicoff recently back from ETO . . . ADPhi's Doty Schwartz and Bernice Greens . . . Kallotzias Lea Addleman and Helen Morris.

Also visiting were Zeta alums Vi Nagle, Naomi Woolever, Margaret Stahlnecker and Jean Krauser . . . ChiO's Barb Smith and Eunice Hulbert . . . ChiO alums Ann Henry and Jean Gilbert . . . DG alum Jan Hartz, now Mrs. Bob Drake, and her husband . . . AOPi Nancy Norton and Ensign 'Nick' Nichols.

TEK Carroll Barton was up to see DG alum Pat Dierner Barton . . . ditto Sgt. Harry Bickford to see Gamma Phi Beta Marian Doty. Chi Omega Ginny Durbin went to Philly to see Lt. Joe Highland. Bucknell Kappa Nu Jerry Bayer visited SDT Roz Dulberg . . . Her sorority sisters Jean Isenberg and Elsie Bohard were visited by Larry Moses and Pvt. Marty Cohen respectively. SDT's Myrna Newman, Pearl Feller Edith Cahn Rosskan and Betty Davis Madway treked up.

FFC Bart Kroungold, Phi Ep, visited SDT Mim Robinson . . . Former A/C Chuck Berg saw Lorraine Yotka . . . Aviation Machinist Mate Arnold West will visit Alpha Xi Delt Elvira Holmes this weekend.

### She's Lovely, She's Engaged

DG Nancy Peck and John Conbere are engaged . . . Lt. George Gallino gave his Army Air Corps wings to Theta Janet Taylor . . . ADPhi Elaine Dimpwitz is engaged to Marine Lt. Luke Gross III . . . ditto Josephine 'Peppy' Scialabba to Alpha Phi Delt John Bernardi.

Back on campus are Lt. and Mrs. Murray Freedman . . . She's the former ADPhi Rea Silverstone and he's a Pi Lam. H. K. Miller, Chi Phi, pinned Elve Mae Cornely.

According to last minute reports . . . Air Corp Pvt. Marv Pressman, Beta Sig, will visit Bobby Cohen this weekend before he leaves for overseas service . . . Aletheia Janet Schmit will attend the Junior Prom and Phi Ep house party at Penn . . . Tech Sgt. Walt Wilkerson is visiting his fiance Theta Phi Alpha Marie Raymond. He was formerly stationed on campus as an air cadet . . . Sally Kohler married Neil S. Williams, ATO from Muhlenberg.

ZTA Georgia Snook middle-aisled it with Ensign Jack McCarthy, former V-12 on campus . . . Alpha Xi Delt alum Kit Frasso married Navy Lt. Charles Rich last weekend.

## Collegiate Review

### TEN YEARS AGO IN THE COLLEGIAN

The grandpa of WMAJ was creating interest. It was W8YA, a local short wave station.

The College was facing a big game with Penn (Penn won 33-6) and the foundations were being laid for a Future Farmers of American chapter.

Players were presenting "The ate Christopher Bean" while the Cathaum was showing "The Three Musketeers."

"Old Mania" ran a tale about a Frosh, excused from Tribunal for lack of evidence, who had to break a date to attend his trial.

Prof. John H. Frizzell was moved up from acting chaplain to chaplain.

A frosh was forced by the cold to move out of his tent in Wooddale and into a more substantial residence. He was all set to go back in the spring. (He'd probably feel right at home in State College now.)

The Corner Unusual had a fire but opened for business the next day.

## Barracks Bag

By PVT. RALPH TEMPLES

I would like to take this opportunity to express, on behalf of the AST Unit, thanks to the College officials who made it possible for us to attend the last two home football games without charge.

### AST Dance

Tomorrow is the date for the AST All-College Formal, and from all indications it will be one of the outstanding social affairs of the semester as well as one of the last at Penn State for the Unit.

The rhythmic, romantic music will be furnished by the AST Band which became so popular last semester, and the evening will be filled with entertainment. Tickets are still available at the Student Union, and you can pick up your corsages tomorrow.

Because of the unusual character of the dance, the fact that it costs you of the school absolutely nothing, the men of the Unit are going to make it an affair of affairs. It will be particularly important to us of the ASTP, because we're awaiting orders to Destination Unknown. But let's not get sentimental over it; just come and have an evening to remember.

### Captain Hirsch

Captain Irwin A. Hirsch, graduate of Penn State and veteran of many overseas battles has reported to this post as a permanent member of the college's military staff. A member of State's 1941 graduating class, he received an ROTC commission in the Army at the same time. He returned to the states in September of this year from the European

Theatre of Operations after seeing action in seven European countries, Africa and Sicily.

Attached to the Seventieth Tank Battalion, Capt. Hirsch participated in the D-Day invasions of Africa, Sicily, and France. He wears a Presidential Citation, the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart with one cluster.

### NIPS and KWIPS

A recent attempt to get a basketball tournament going full swing seems to have fallen by the wayside because the games had to be played on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons.

Cpl. Guy is in the Indiantown Gap Hospital. . . . We hear M/Sgt. Foley is re-enlisting. Maybe it's a good idea, but he'd have a hard time convincing one Private I know.

In case some of you are wondering why this article has not appeared sooner this semester, it's due to the fact that the last one vanished more or less into thin air.

Ralph Temples

## Back In Mufti

Crouching behind enemy lines in the steaming jungle underbrush of Guadalcanal, Marine Cpl. Jess Panar had worse than malaria mosquitoes to worry him—a Jap patrol coming his way was outlined against the night sky. They had located his squad and were coming in for the kill. The Japs advanced slowly towards him, but he held his fire. They kept coming, and when only a few inches away, he emptied his clip into the first Jap's belly.

The fireworks started. Rifles cracked and the Americans sprayed

### Ex-GI Information

Vetsburg, Tinytown, Galbraith or Trailer Town . . . which would be an appropriate name for the trailer camp?

In collaboration with Prof. Robert Galbraith's office, Collegian is sponsoring a campaign to find a suitable name.

However, it is felt that the veterans and their families living in the camp should decide. Ideas should be sent to the Collegian office.

### GI Bill Changed

Congress has changed the G.I. Bill of Rights regarding its educational provisions. The change removes the 25 year age limit providing vocational or college training for all veterans.

The vet need not prove that his education was interrupted by military service. Educational grants have been set at \$65 a month for a single man and \$90 for a veteran with dependents.

The educational grants will not be deducted from any future bonus.

### Trailer Camp Grows

Forty trailers are already in use in the camp. Mr. George Ebert, head of grounds and buildings, hopes to see the camp increase to 107. Those interested in living there should contact Professor Galbraith.

### Rustic Days

Two couples have set up house-keeping in the NYA cabin behind the college farms. Although a mile and a half from town, distance doesn't matter . . . they have a car.

### Addresses Needed

The Veterans Administration office wants the names and addresses of all veterans so that they may be located in emergency or be notified of impending jobs. If the addresses are not permanent, it would be advisable for the men to obtain a post office box.

Three men have their families here living in trailers. They are: Leo A. Fiedoerek, Dave Nemeth and Ira Ramsey, Paul Mayer, Edward Drew, James McGarge and David E. Thomas are living in the camp with their wives.

lead into the enemy patrol from their hiding places. The Japs fell back, and then started to hurl hand grenades into the Marine positions. The jungle became a roaring volcano of action, vomiting bullets and blood. One grenade landed so close to Panar that he got a mouthful of dirt and the concussion blew the rifle from his hands. Then, as suddenly as it had begun, the firing was stopped—the enemy was beaten back—all was quiet.

Crawling through the damp jungle floor, Panar searched for his Springfield. He knew he would need it, as he knew the Japs. They would be back. The rifle was found a few yards away, the sling cut in two by shrapnel from the Nip grenade.

The skirmish was costly for the Yanks, one man was killed and another seriously wounded. But these men of the famous First Marine Raider Battalion accomplished their mission, now they had to get the information back.

Only one way led to the relative safety of the American lines, and this was to circle the enemy rear. The squad started the trek, but it wasn't long when the wounded man died. On all sides they could hear the voices of Japs who were encamped around them. At no time were they safe from discovery and possible death. Cautiously, noiselessly they moved on.

The morning mist was rising from the dank swamps as Panar and his men crossed into Marine-held territory. He delivered the information, but there was no respite from battle. Within a few hours he was at it again—killing more Japs in that day's bloody fighting.

There were other battles and other close calls for Jess Panar, but those days behind the Jap lines, the 11th to 14th of September, 1942, were the toughest of the five months this ex-Marine spent fighting the enemy in the Solomons.

Discharged in April, 1943, because of wounds sustained in battle, Jess entered the College to take commerce and finance in July, 1944. Holder of the Gold Star, Purple Heart and Presidential Citation, he was the first ex-GI to be on All-College Cabinet, being elected president of his freshman class.

—JERRY TRUMPER.