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The Anti-Slack Campaign

Are you a slacker?

According to the latest daffynition circulating around campus, "slackers" are women who have surrendered one of the fair sex's duties in life, that being to attract, and vamp men by exhibiting her shapely legs. They have, the more rabid anti-slackers claim, forsaken their heritage for the silly and mundane purpose of keeping their pins warm by wearing a pair of men's baggy breeches. Some even wear pegged pants, which is rubbing salt into an open wound.

Most of the griping seems to come from ex-servicemen on campus. After spending too many months in isolation from women, they feel that they are being victimized by the slack brigade. "While in service, they gazed longingly and languishingly at the works of art drawn by Messers. Varga and Petty and hoped that they would someday return to the States to do their gazing on live specimens. And what do they find—women masquerading as men. Ex-GIs don't say much about wartime slackers, but they have to wipe the foam off their mouth when discussing these post V-J Day "slackers."

Leaving the sensual and getting to the more down to earth reasons of the anti-slack campaign, a lot of fellows get pretty angry when after they walk futilely from store to store in pursuit of pants, they make a date with their current choice, and find her sporting a pair of grey flannels that he could have been wearing. The clothing situation is bad enough without females helping it along.

The only merit in slacks is that they leave something to the imagination. —CASSIUS

Old Mania

By BARBARA INGRAHAM

This weekend the holiday dance season gets under way. The AOPi's will celebrate Founder's Day with a dance at the SPS-ATO house tomorrow night. Among the AOPi's and their dates are Jane Wolbarst and TKE Frank Schneider . . . Charlotte Scibetta and ATO Bill Krauss . . . Jo Campbell and ATO Bud Brown . . . Kay McCormick and Lyle Wartz . . . Alice Hooper and Clair Hess . . . Doris Stack and A/S Jim Jones . . . Mimi Dowling and ATO Bill Hubbard . . . Gini Pershing and Lyle Koenig . . . Ann McGovern and Bob Steigle, up for the day from Franklin and Marshall.

Lots of Penn State coeds trekked down to Philadelphia for the Army-Navy game . . . Shirley Bremier, Dolly Breiner, Doris Dittman, and Beverly Joyce . . . AOPi's Marlis Muller, Ann Blackburn, Carolyn LeWorthy, and Jackie Struble who saw Navy plebe Meredith Nicholson, former Sigma Pi on campus . . . DG's Jean Briner, Jeanne Sickle, and Pat Bergey . . . Susy Braude saw Annapolis Midshipman Ned Cook . . . AEPi Jeanne Rich saw West Point cadet George Levenback.

Alum Bob Schire came up to see ChiO Jean Schrumph . . . ditto Gordon Strunk to see AChiO Ruth Bollinger . . . also Pharmacist's Mate 3/c, James Hutchison to see ZTA Norman Van Tyle.

Weekend Visitors

Alum Weezy Gwillum and Marine Pfc. "Jimmy" Minchell were back to see their KD sisters . . . On the SDT guest list were alums Teddy Rappaport, Til Bronstein, Carol Ginsburg, Hats Miller, and Raisa Poser . . . Beta Sigs back were Pvt. Art Bohard, Capt. Dave Goodman, and alum advisor Lou Harrison . . . also AEPi alums Helen Beth Orange and Lois Cohen . . . ditto AChiO Alice Mendenhall.

Phi Ep Mel Livine visited AEPi Sherry Feldman. Lt. and Mrs. Geist visited on campus. She's AEPi alum Addie Gluck. Kappa Audrey Hartley went home to see recently discharged Marine Bill Cahill. Jimmy Antinof visited Alethia Blanche Vail. ChiO pledge Jo Ann Beaver went to Pittsburgh to see Pfc. Walter Baxter.

Among the Gamma Phi Betas and their dates for an informal party at the Ski Lodge last Saturday were Doris Strandberg and ATO pledge Ralph Schumack . . . Peggy Wasson and TKE Ed Fels . . . Sally Poulard and TK Pete Haust . . . Carolyn Currier and Delta Chi Eddie Havn . . . Marigolde Kinney and AZ Paul Gift . . . Doris Handwerk and A/S Ted Cline . . . Ginny Gallop and Phi Kappa Psi pledge Fred Kecker . . . Marge Dunmyer and A/S Ed La Voice . . . Marge Seyber and PiKA J. C. Ferm.

Ring Department

KD alum Jane Page is engaged to George R. Jacobs, former Phi Sigma Kappa now in the Air Corps . . . ditto DG Anne Siebrecht and PiKA Alan Bentz . . . also KD alum Norma Lee Hooyer and PiKA grad student Bob Gruver. DG Mary Lou Waygood is pinned to A/S Bob Foote, Phi Psi. DG alum Allene Babbitt will say "I do" to Ensign Donald Swenson in Erie tomorrow. Ed Sullivan will visit Gamma Phi Beta Jackie Ervin this weekend.

Back In Mufti

Four years ago today Japanese bombs rained down on Pearl Harbor. Four years ago today American ships were carrying British soldiers destined to fight the Japanese. Singapore was the destination of the 15,000 Tommies jammed aboard five troop transports, three flying the Stars and Stripes, and two, the Union Jack.

Protected by the bulk of the US Atlantic Fleet, the convoy slipped out of a Nova Scotian harbor on November 27. Its course was to circle the Cape of Good Hope and deliver its precious cargo to the British stronghold before the Japs would strike. The race against time was lost as, on that fateful December morning, the convoy had just sighted Capetown, Union of South Africa.

Largest of the three American vessels was the USS West Point, former luxury liner of the US Lines. At 11:45 that morning the loudspeakers of the camouflaged ship reported the news to a startled crew. Then there was silence.

Moving swiftly, the Atlantic Fleet headed full steam back to the East coast of the United States. As black as the situation was in the Pacific, there would be trouble ahead in the Atlantic, and it had to take up defensive positions against the German threat. This action left the five troop transports in Capetown with only a few English ships for protection.

The convoy moved out of the security of the harbor on the second leg of its odyssey. For CPO Joseph Dunst, this was the curtain-raiser of battles against the enemy that were to carry him to all corners of the globe. Bombay, India, was the next stop, and there was no Christmas for Dunst and his shipmates aboard the West

Point that December as the crew had to be on constant alert in the sub-infested waters.

In Bombay, the English troops went into jungle training for the new brand of fighting that was to face them. Training over, they embarked to meet the real stuff and were landed at Singapore on January 30, 1942. Fifteen thousand men left their transports to meet their death or imprisonment by the Japs.

Subjected to enemy air bombardment while unloading the troops, the West Point came through without physical damage but a few of the crew were wounded by shrapnel. Singapore surrendered just five days after the giant liner cleared the breakwater.

Christmas caught up with Joe Dunst in Aden, Arabia. All the mail and packages arrived on April 27, and he had his Christmas dinner under the sun of the Near East. Four months later, but this will be remembered longer in the mind of Joe than 42 months of combat against the enemy.

The 24 year old Erie student was discharged on points in September and entered the College this semester. He is enrolled in the School of Liberal Arts majoring in industrial psychology. —JERRY TRUMPER

Letters to the Editor

In reference to your "Letter to Editor" on page three of Friday's Collegian, I feel that some comment should be made. Perhaps one cure for the members of the Bursar's Office would be to enter the armed forces where they would learn the art of living together and helping their fellow men. As an officer, I can say this war was won by men working together, helping each other out in time of distress. In looking over the men who won the Congressional Medal of Honor, I am sure you will find that most of them won it through violation of the "rules" or in an attempt to help a fellow soldier for whom he would risk his life. No deed is forgotten—war or peace—that comes from the bottom of a person's heart, even if he must violate a "rule" in order to do it.

In a case such as the one presented, I feel that some allowances should have been made. Since I started to work my way through Penn State before the war, I know how it is to under-estimate your expenses. In short, I shudder to think we fought a war to make inhuman people, such as we have in the Bursar's Office, free to keep up their activities.

Sincerely,
An Ex-GI

close. His statement that the number of Japanese killed by the Atomic Bomb was equal to the entire number of Americans killed in the Pacific War brought smiles and sarcastic remarks from his listeners. "The Jap toll should have been higher" attitude was evident in the face of every ex-service man present. The mere mention of more lenient American immigration laws for the Japanese people appeared shocking to many.

Professor Winthrop pointed out that many of the Japanese were good, hard-working people, and that the military class are for the most part responsible for Japanese aggression. He related that his Japanese cook had hiked three miles each day to bring him food during his five-months internment in a prison camp.

Yes, it seems to me if we are to secure the world peace and harmony we are now demanding, we should lay aside at least some of this war hatred and prejudice and try to visualize the Japanese through the eyes of someone who really knows them.

Professor Winthrop has lived and taught in Japan for 19 years. He survived five months in a Jap prison camp. This I mention to assure you that he knows both sides of the Japanese people.

Do we really want an enduring world peace? Our attitude in the occupation of Japan will determine this.

A student.



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