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# THE ITHACAN

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## Farming Makes Problem For Practice Teachers Of Ithaca College

Teacher shortages may be making the headlines, but it's student shortages that cause the real headaches, report Ithaca College practice teachers from the nearby communities where they are working. There's heavy competition from the farm front, they say, potatoes and corn reigning supreme over grammar and "Macbeth". Gloria Raunick reports from Dryden that classes meet only during morning hours. The afternoons are spent in the surrounding fields. A similar situation confronts Dorothy Conger in Spencer, and Carol Lewis in Trumansburg.

Should the college decide to harvest a victory garden, enrolled students would probably swap music for mowers and history for hoes.

The war has affected routine practice teaching procedure in other ways. Former semesters have found the student teachers scattering in all directions to assume the duties of the high school pedagogues. This year, however members of the Physical Education department are not leaving the Ithaca terrain, but are confined to quarters in the local school systems. Gas rationing curbs even youthful educators. So the husky athletes now make daily treks to Fall Creek, Belle Sherman and the various Hill schools.

Music students are working in the Department of Instrumental Music of the Ithaca Public Schools, and are conducting classes in the schools just outside the city limits.

## College Men In Army Hit Broadway Boards

When Manhattan audiences crowded into the Martin Beck Theatre to witness the original army show, *The Army Play by Play*, they heard an orchestra conducted by Warrant Officer William Carney, (Ithaca College '42) and containing Pfc. Walter Beeler and Pfc. Craig McHenry, members of the Ithaca College faculty on leave and Pfc. Lee Ottman '42.

Pfc. Beeler was Acting Sergeant of the cast and orchestra.

*The Army Play by Play* ran five weeks on Broadway, where the opening performance was attended by Eleanor Roosevelt, Mayor La Guardia, and celebrities of stage and screen. It was at Mrs. Roosevelt's suggestion that it continued during the five week period for the benefit of the Army Relief Fund.

When a special performance was requested at the President's home in Hyde Park, Mrs. Roosevelt gave a luncheon for the company, which all four Ithaca College men attended.

## The Ithacan Forms New Policy

Changes are necessary in order to keep alive and growing any organization, institution or enterprise. These changes must be made not for their own sake, but for the value they will have in satisfying a specific purpose. A newspaper, in itself a living thing, must therefore endure constant revisions, all aimed at the improvement of the paper and the retention of high journalistic standards.

The *Ithacan* is now in a state of revision. Obvious alterations in the paper are its diminished size, not to be attributed to the war but to the newly formed policy of the paper; the variations in type; the new stock of paper; the absence of advertisers; the change in content; and the skeleton staff. Each of these revisions has been adopted to conform with the new policy established by the editorial board.

We have limited the size of the paper because we felt that the terse, pungent accounts of activities at the College which would most appeal to active college students would require no more space. And since most advertisers demand a larger publication than such a policy would net us, it has seemed best to omit advertising. By such changes we hope to meet your demands for a bi-weekly news sheet full of timely and interesting material.

The second aim is to present this material from an objective, impersonal point of view. Only through editorials do we intend to inject any element of opinion.

Any critical reviews that may be published will be written with but one view in mind—to express an authoritative reaction to a performance. Those criticisms that are offered will be for the sole purpose of making constructive suggestions that may lead to improved presentations in the future.

Just as the *Ithacan* plans to print criticisms from time to time, so does it expect to receive them. It is the hope of the editorial board that suggestions from the students will be forth-coming, and that any such ideas will be proffered with an aim toward improving—not destroying—such customs as have been established.

The editorial board now publishing the newspaper is but five in number. There is a reason for this too. This group is composed of those remaining writers who were active and regular contributors to last year's paper. They are at present merely a nucleus. In time as the paper grows we shall need assistance from others in the student body; but an apprenticeship and trial period should precede any additions to the staff. Department affiliations receive no considerations; interest and ability are the prime requisites.

The entire organization of the *Ithacan* is now on a small scale. If this compact unit can achieve the goals it has set for itself, then it will essay larger ones. Only those projects will be undertaken that will retain the standards of the *Ithacan*, the student newspaper of Ithaca College.

## Senior Class Picks Slate

At the Senior Class Meeting held on Thursday night, September 21 in the Little Theatre, election of officers took place. Beverly Miller was elected president of the class, Marion Teter, vice-president, Vera Kowaloff, secretary, and Olga Hourn, treasurer.

Possibilities of having a Senior Year Book for the class of '44 were discussed, but no definite conclusions were reached. Dr. Rawski, the class advisor, explained the system of financing activities and James Ure was appointed to investigate possibilities of a Cayugan as based on Dr. Rawski's speech.

## Department Changes In Music, Drama Personnel

Each department in Ithaca College has undergone changes in personnel. Professor Finch is now the Acting Supervisor of the Drama Department replacing Mr. Newens. Dr. McGaw has resumed his place as a Speech professor after receiving an honorable discharge from the Army. He is now a Lt. (j.g.) in the Navy and awaiting orders.

Professor Marlin Morrette has replaced Professor Walter Beeler in the Music Department.

## "Love From A Stranger" First Dramatic Production

Bernice Cohen and Rafael Brewster have been given the leading roles in the first production of the Drama Department—"Love From a Stranger."

This past summer Miss Cohen played for two weeks in the "Subway Circuit" in New York appearing in the comedy "Let Us Be Gay" starring Gloria Swanson. Miss Cohen was last seen on the Ithaca College stage as the French girl in "Letters to Lucerne."

Mr. Brewster spent the summer with the Priscilla Beach Players at Plymouth, Massachusetts. With this company he had parts in "First Lady," "Family Upstairs," "Take My Advice," and "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

In the current production Miss Cohen plays a young English girl who has just won an Irish Sweepstake. Mr. Brewster, in his most difficult role at Ithaca College, plays the young American whom she marries and who is later revealed as a psychopathic case.

In supporting roles are Edna Ruelke as Miss Cohen's best friend; Jack Deuel, her former fiancé; Marion Teter, an old maid aunt; Adrienne Larsen, a cockney maid; Helen Tapley, a caretaker and gardener; and Robert Schultz, a country doctor.

The play will be directed by Johann Reich, with Eleanor Segal as assistant.

"Love From A Stranger" by Frank Vosper was adapted from an Agatha Christie novel and is a suspense-packed psychological mystery. The story moves swiftly and has several moments of humor to relieve the tension of the drama. George Hoerner is designing the two sets that will be used: the first in London and the second, a cottage in the English countryside.

Production dates have been set for two weekends: October 15 and 16, and 22 and 23.

## Callers Welcomed By College Cats

Remember Faculty? If you do, you will be interested to know that her family is leading a most luxurious existence in the cellar of the Studio Building, and boasts a coveted collection of Christmas cards, birthday cards, and letters.

Mr. John—the man behind the scenes in the dining hall—is rearing a family of kittens, giving them every possible attention. At their disposal is a spacious room with system of runways and wooden ramps leading to the windows, allowing them easy access to the out of doors.

They would be very much pleased to hear from you, so drop them a line sometime, or, better still, go over and pay them a visit.

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## Dramatists Fete Frosh

District Attorney Finch questioned for fully a half hour before finding Miss Eleanor Segal guilty of the slaying of Miss Andy Larsen at the Theta Alpha Phi party last Friday night. This exciting game of "Murder" was just one of the activities that made the party in the Green Room a success.

Freshmen and Upper-classmen introductions were made by each one giving his name and a fact about himself in the form of a poem or rhyme; with no one displaying much talent for verse-writing, blank verse was predominant.

The Freshmen's talent looked promising if their performances in the entertainment program is any indication. Miss Estelle Taleb, Mr. Gene Troobnick, and Mr. Robert Juhren contributed to the evening's entertainment, and after Miss Peggie Lobbin's rendition of "Jennie Made Her Mind Up", the program was concluded with a vaudeville act with the traditional patter, songs, and dances by Mr. Rafael Brewster and Mr. David Little. Dr. Tallcott amused everyone with his true to life sketch of children appearing for the first time before an audience.

New Comers and the Old Guard mingled and danced to the tune of "Pistol Packin' Mama" as the evening drew to a close.

## THE WOIM IS TOINED

Man bites dog—that is news. But when student teaches teacher, that's a scoop!

Pfc. Walter Beeler and Pfc. Craig McHenry, formerly Profs. Beeler and McHenry, could give out with the details because they are now playing in the Stewart Field band at West Point under the direction of their former pupil, Warrant Officer Bill Carney, '42.

"There's one thing about it," they report. "We sure know he's well trained."

Warrant Officer Carney was inducted in the service in 1941 and after attending band school in Washington, was sent to West Point as the Director of the Stewart Field band.

Pfc. Beeler and Pfc. McHenry were inducted in May, 1943.

## Faculty On U.S. Payroll

Every department in Ithaca College has been affected by faculty members leaving to take an active part in the war effort.

The Music Department has lost Mr. Sampaix who has volunteered his services to the U.S.O., and from the same department are Professors Beeler and McHenry who are now stationed at Stewart Field, West Point, New York. Professor George Driscoll is in the Army Intelligence Division in North Africa.

Dr. Steers who taught Principals of Physical Education is now Commander of Athletics at Newport, Rhode Island. Lt. (j.g.) Ben Light, also a former Phys. Ed. teacher is in the Coast Guard.

Dr. Thayer, previously a History professor is now teaching Army men at Cornell University.

Friday, October 1, 1943

Music Freshman Rush Party—7-9—Delta Phi Zeta

Monday, October 4, 1943

Smoker—8-10—Phi Mu Alpha

Saturday, October 9, 1943

Newman Club Dance

Monday, October 11, 1943

WAR Film—7:00—15 minute program. Little Theatre

Friday, October 15, 1943

Play "Love From A Stranger"—8:15—Little Theatre

Saturday, October 16, 1943

"Love From A Stranger—8:15—Little Theatre

## Frolics Trophy Captured By Physical Ed. Girls

Once more the Freshman girls of the Phy. Ed. department have captured the coveted Frolics Trophy for the finest performance in the annual Freshman Frolics competition. The cup was presented by Mrs. Sydney Landon for their impression of a doll shop come to life.

This appeared on the program after the Drama Department's skit about try-outs and the Music Department's take-off on dorm life. Entertaining between these offerings were the "Griffis Hall Girls" with their parodies on college songs.

Preceding the Frolics was an open W.S.G.A. meeting with Miss Joan Day presiding, during which Mrs. Tallcott spoke to the women of Ithaca College on her ambitions for them as useful citizens. She also discussed the various changes that have taken place.

## I.C. Women Enrolled In WACS, WAVES, SPARS

Ithaca College is represented by at least 12 women in the various women's war services. These include 7 from the Physical Education department, 2 from the Music department, and 2 from the Drama department.

According to available information the distribution is as follows. In the WACS from the Physical Education department are Elizabeth (Libby) Bernath '42, Ruth LaDue '42, and Ellen Sheppard ex-'45, who recently visited Ithaca College in uniform. Miss Sheppard (Shep) is stationed at Indian Town Gap and is driving in the Motor Transport group. Carlotta Crosier '39 and Margaret Cleveland '39 are also in the WACS. Lt. Crosier is now on duty in England.

Laura Hammond '43 and Agatha Hoeschele '41, both from the Music department have joined the WACS. Miss Hoeschele, who was Supervisor of Music at Port Byron procured a leave of absence for this duty.

The Drama department also has members enlisted in the women's services. Pearl Provda Kheel '40 belongs to the SPARS, and Angela McDermott '36 is an Ensign in the WAVES.

## MAIL CALL

Dear Johnnie,

Well, here's that long overdue letter; sorry it hasn't come sooner, but you know how the first two weeks of school are. We naturally expected loads of changes—there always are—but this year brought more than we anticipated.

Oh, you should have seen the lack of hazing this year! I guess one of the main reasons is that you weren't here with your bright ideas. Frosh still have to be "a mite 'umble" (and confidentially, I think they'd feel a "mite" cheated if they didn't.) There was still a Freshman Week and all the activities that go with it. Came the first Thursday afternoon, bonnets and gloves were donned for the Big Sister Tea at 2 Fountain Place. Miss Cady said she didn't recognize us!

Speaking of Miss Cady makes me think of something awfully important. I'll tell you in a minute. To get back to Freshman Week—next came the annual mass meeting. Everyone gathered in the Little Theatre to meet the various heads of all the organizations, or the remains thereof. The Alma Mater was introduced to the frosh and we all got to know each other just a little bit better. The faculty got their chance, not at the usual dance in the gym, but at a reception held at Dr. Job's home.

Golly, Johnnie, you'll never guess who's left I.C.—Dean Powell. We miss her loads, but we still see her occasionally because she has an apartment here in Ithaca. Now when we go up the stairs in the Library building to get permissions of a Saturday morning we find Mrs. Tallcott and Miss Cady. They're working together as Advisors for Women. Incidentally, those 12:30's are a lot scarcer this year, but we don't mind too much 'cause you're not here to help us use them up.

Dining hall is being made into an institution all it's own now. Can you imagine—all the kids who eat in the dining hall can fit in the big side, and it's really something special now. Several of the girls have been chosen to be hostesses at each table, and most all the tables have a house mother in the group. Miss Goss, the new dietitian, is getting along admirably—even with all the trouble about ration points and higher prices.

And you should see Dr. Job's new quarters! He's moved over to the Ad. Building now—on the second floor where Mr. Henrotte and Mr. Sampaix used to be. The place has all been re-decorated, and it certainly looks handsome up there—maroon and grey with venetian blinds at the windows!

There've been other changes in location too. Mother Steve is still with the Phy. Eds., but now she's with the girls. She's at Phi Delt because Phi E.K. is closed "for the duration". But she still has your pictures plastered all over the place, and we go in lots to look them all over and talk about the neat old times we used to have. Chadwick has been vacated, and Kappa Gamma has closed its doors; so Phi Mu is the only fraternity house still open, and the Cliff Dwellers seem to be going strong.

It's been so long since we last wrote that the summer seems awfully far away. However, we did have a few band concerts in the park, and "Doc" Smail and Mr. Morrette mixed "Stardust" with Sousa to the delight of all attending. The Drama femmes got loads of opportunities in three one-acts under Dr. Holcombe.

Biggest event was commencement, the twentieth of August. The Home Dairy was packed with proud parents and exhausted offspring, worn from the "stress" of finals and senior celebrations. We wangled a dance—and wished you were here with that smooth style all your own. We ate turkey at the Hotel and reminisced much the night of the Banquet. Came the big moment (not you this time) and we filed into the L.T. for a program just for us. Not only did fifty-some big shots get the coveted certificate, but "Dad" Lyon got a fancy pink scarf and became Dr.—the first honorary degree awarded under our new rating.

Ithacan problems are just another of the added woes put on the shoulders of Mr. Finch, our new advisor, now that Dr. Holcombe has hit for the west.

I guess by this letter you can see all the confusion and change that's been going on around here, but through all of it we've been thinking how much easier it would be to take if only you were here with us. But we haven't been so busy that we haven't had time to miss you like everything. We'll be writing again in about two weeks—and please, let's hear from you.

So long "For Now."

P.S. We've taken the challenge. SCAMPERS is under way