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Five Girls Pledged at Oracle Services

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Spaatz Makes Zeller First Lieutenant

Doctor Wynn P. Zeller, former 1st Lt. and now Lt. Colonel of Ithaca College, has really made his mark in the Army Air Corps. He is now living quarters. He is living in a French Villa with a French family. The place, from the description given, sounds out of this world.

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campus Calendar

Oct. 15, Friday
Little Theatre 8:15
“Love from a Stranger”
Phi Delta Pi House Dance 8:50-10
Oct. 16, Saturday
Little Theatre 8:15
“Love from a Stranger”
Oct. 17, Sunday
Little Theatre 8:15
“Love from a Stranger”
Oct. 27, Wednesday
Student recital

McGaw Leaves College For Navy Commission

Student Tickets
For Play
Available at
Business Office

At Your Service

“The train is leaving in five minutes!” “The taxi is supposed to be here but it didn’t come!” “We have to get home!” “This is the only possible train!” “What shall we do?”

All the dances will be of the old-fashioned type—square and round, like the polka and the schottische.

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MAIL CALL

Dear Johnnie:

Here we are again after a brief lull due to such little things as assignments, rehearsals, week-ends 'n such. We've had a few late hours the last few weeks because the dorms and sororities have been having house openings.

The rounds were started last week, and we had a gay old time climbing the three flights to the top of Newman Hall and trying out the ping-pong paddles at Hillard. Your picture certainly looked spiffy in its place of honor on the dresser. On you a uniform looks good.

Speaking of uniforms—a few of them have appeared on the old campus recently. The Phi Mu boys—with a rare exception—seem to pop up quite frequently. Joe Cilacek spent one night at the House on the Hill, and Bob Messinger was around last week-end.

Remember reading about the big explosion down Norfolk way? Bruce Flaherty, now roaming around in his bell-bottom trunks, told an exciting tale of escape days that den of ! It seems as how the lad, a radio man on a Navy plane, had taken a jaunt up to Lakehurst, and just missed being at the spot marked “x” on the photographs. Bruce traded his navy togs in the early part of the week and donned paint-splattered overalls to help George and the stage crew on the set of “Love From A Stranger.”

The other assistant was also an ex-grip, none other than Vinnie Scraser. He had left his family’s farm to insure against crop shortage this winter. While in the service Vinnie had the usual task of taking trainloads of Italian prisoners across the prairies, from St. Louis to the Dakotas, Montana and Colorado. In conversation with some of them he found that they were amazed to find New York unharmed from German bomb damage, and that the ex-grip gave them the farm that he had left behind.

They expressed confidence in an Allied victory, and some said that they hoped to be able to remain in this country after the war.

One of Mother Steve's pride and joys has done it again. This time it's Al Formichella. This Phi E. K. man was graduated from the Army school as the third best bombardier in the whole U. S. I. He's been labeled valuable material, and has been sent to Deming, New Mexico, where he'll be permanently stationed as an instructor. Well—as permanently as anything the Army says can be. Guess you know how that is.

Well, Johnnie-boy, it's almost time for dining-hall, and unless I'll have to go back on a liquid diet. Do write when you have a second. I'll try to keep you posted on events here at school. 'Bye now.

Yours for the Duration
P. S. We've "damned the torpedoes" and are going "full speed ahead!"

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SCAMPERGS STARTED

Daredevils of the female species are in the spotlight on the campus this week. A trio of Ingenues—Day, Hall and Young, steeped in tradition and saturated with determination and charm—will lead to the 1943 production of SCAMPERGS. Complications are slighter more pronounced than before. Of necessity the responsibilities are, to be assumed by a smaller group. The predominance of feminine contributions only follows the ratio of female students.

SCAMPERGS has always been one of the feature events of the October Social.<ref>MAIL CALL</ref>