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Three Competitors Chosen For Places On Ithacan

Eugene Troobnick, Jenny Lou Mieras, and Janis Washburn, participants in the recent competition held by the Ithacan, have been chosen for apprenticeship to the paper.

Choice was made by the editorial board and Mr. Finch, after a carefully planned competitive program. This included preparation by each candidate of two sample Ithacans, complete with stories, sources of information, and editorial comment. Actual writing assignments were also given to the competitors and most of these have been printed in various issues.

Of the five people who completed the competition, three were of the same department, so it is not unnatural that this department predominated in the final selection. However, the choices were entirely unbiased and were based purely upon merit of the work and general attitude of the individual.

The three apprentices will now work in that capacity for two issues and then if all work continues satisfactorily they will become permanent members of the News staff.

Another competition will be announced shortly and anyone desiring to participate is welcome.

Discussion Group Formed

Giving practical form to suggestions made in a recent editorial of the Ithacan, a new organization, devoted to the study and discussion of current social problems, has been formed at the College. At a preliminary meeting held last Thursday in room D of the Music Building, tentative plans were laid for the programs to follow. There will be no formal organization of the group, each meeting being presided over by a volunteer discussion leader. The meetings will be held at 4:45 on Sunday afternoons in the back lobby.

This week's discussion will be led by Betty Rome and Norma Bloomberg, the topic to be announced. All students are invited to attend.

Adelphi Elects Officers

Adelphi, Freshman honor society, met Thursday, January 13, to re-elect officers. Since both Robert Messinger, vice-president and Jessie Kaprellian, secretary-treasurer are no longer in school, it was necessary to elect others to fill these offices. The results of the election found Angie Fischette as vice-president, Joy Pezzano as secretary and Kenneth Nathanson as treasurer. The one remaining officer, Marjorie Hubbard, was re-elected as president.

Preparations were also begun at this meeting for the coming initiation of members of the present Freshman class, the upper 25% of the class to be candidates.

Can We Do Less?

A short time ago the American public was shocked out of its lassitude; our marines had landed on Tarawa. A surge of patriotism swept over the country. For a while we on the home front forgot to complain about the gas shortage, the absence of nylon hose, and the lack of fuel.

But not for long! In all too short a time, many Americans settled back once more into complacency. They became again what they had been before—in American slang, "grippers."

How often we hear American young women bemoaning the fact that they can't buy bobby-pins, or complaining about rayon stockings? How often we refer to the good old days when we parked our cars around the corner from a local movie house, thinking nothing of needless wear and tear on tires, now so essential to the successful conclusion of the war.

We became annoyed because we could not find just the gifts we wanted to complete our Christmas lists. The Fourth War Loan means more of our hard-earned money. Study is difficult and trying because the war "dampens one's spirits." We're provoked when a restaurant menu announces meatless days. The "Pay as you go" tax is a burden. We strike because we're not making as much money as our next door neighbors.

Many college students are not exempt. They regret the lavish parties which once made college life so bright and insist that without them students can not be expected to maintain their morale.

But actually American college students are pretty fortunate individuals. Belonging to that quarter of the population which has the highest intelligence, they have the talents and social initiative to provide simple, inexpensive amusements for themselves, to keep their own spirits high, to maintain their own morale.

And they are in a position to find how much pleasure attends such social independence.

Moreover, for them the wealth of art, literature, and science is still available. Libraries, concert-halls, theatres, laboratories still exist in our country, untouched by enemy bombs, their doors still open to those who seek knowledge.

Ours is still a great land of opportunity, but it is also a land of busy people who should be exercising every effort to bring the war to a swift conclusion. There is simply no room for "grippers." There is only room for good workers—in defense industries, professions, or colleges.

The men who fought and died at Tarawa had no time for griping. They had a job to do, and they did their best to do it successfully. Can we do less?

PRISON CAMP BAND FORMED

Americans in general are known for the fact that wherever they go they organize and it would seem that wherever Ithaca College Music Students go they organize bands.

Captain John Brady, who has for some time been in a German prison camp, has now started a band there. He has written home for score paper so that he may make arrangements of the music. His family heard of this from a soldier who had been in the same camp with Brady, and was recently moved to Italy.

It was learned from a recent one of John's few letters that the camp is located somewhere between Berlin and Dresden, and that food and living conditions are good.

Eleanor Segal Tops List

The Scholarship Indices based upon the marks received last semester have been announced by the Registrar's Office and the results show that Eleanor Segal, Drama Department Junior, leads the school with an index of 92.6.

In the various departments the students who placed first and second are as follows: Music, Barbara Rumsey and Helen Davis; Physical Education, Angie Fischette and Frances Hoagland; and Drama, Eleanor Segal and Jane Young.

Jeanne Switzer, a special student in the Music Department had an index of 100.

The average index of the school had a decided increase as compared with other years, and there has been a drop in cutting. Any student may find out his own index from the Registrar's Office.

Dr. Tallcott Announces Cast For "Damask Cheek"

Casting for the new Drama Department production, "The Damask Cheek", took a quite different turn, last week because of the nature of the play. It is a light comedy, a complete change of mood from previous shows this year.

In the leading roles of Rhoda Meldrun, an English girl of about thirty, and Jimmy Randall, her American cousin, are Dixie Dugan and Raphael Brewster. Miss Dugan has previously been seen as Seraphina in "Fashion", and as Sister Tornera in "The Cradle Song". Mr. Brewster's last portrayal was that of Bruce Lovell in "Love From A Stranger".

Janis Washburn will play the role of Calla Longstreth, a rather cheap and common actress to whom Jimmy is engaged. Peggy Lobbin is to portray Daphne, the 17 year old daughter. There are several newcomers to the Ithaca College stage in the cast, including Enid Kronick as Mrs. Randall, the highly fashionable mother; Gwentyth Jones as Miss Pinner, a prim old maid; and Dorothy Day as the maid, Nora.

The male cast includes David Little as Michael, the 16 year old, highly impressionable son; and another newcomer, Eugene Troobnick as Neil Harding, the suave sophisticate.

Dr. Rollo A. Tallcott will direct the play, and the set, a fashionable home in New York in 1909, will be designed by George Hoerner. Production dates have been set for February 24, 25, and 26.

New Cut System Put On Trial By Administration

A new cut system designed to allow more leeway for good students, and to penalize more heavily habitual cutters has been put on trial by the administration.

This system would allow five cuts with no loss of honor points. On the sixth cut, and for every third one thereafter, one honor point would be deducted. In this way people who do attend classes regularly will not be penalized in case an occasion does arise where it would be necessary to miss a few classes. At the same time the people who rarely attend their classes will have more honor points taken off than formerly, when they exceeded the number allowed.

This system was devised by a faculty committee after careful consideration of all sides of the question. At present Miss Howland is figuring indices by both systems to determine which is most satisfactory.

If it is found that the new system proves better, and it is adopted by the administration permanently, announcement will be made to the student body.

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W.S.G.A. Offers Lectures

The women of Ithaca College attended on January 24, 25, and 26 a series of three lectures concerning personal and sex hygiene. This series, prepared by the W.S.G.A. board for the benefit of all women students in helping them to become socially integrated, was given by Ruth Stell, M.D. Dr. Stell is the Assistant Professor of Hygiene at Cornell University and is also a member of the Staff of Medical Advisors in charge of the V-12 program there.

The subject discussed is one that is most dynamic and vitally important to human life and happiness. "The need for accurate information," Dr. Stell said, "is a great one because of the prejudices, taboos, and misinformation handed down to us by others who are incapable of teaching it."

Dr. Stell spoke frankly and practically on this subject, giving information of great value to all who heard it. A short entertainment preceded each lecture, and was presented by various Ithaca College students.

Ithacan Comes Clean

So you don't believe the story of the poor peasant who removed a huge boulder from the king's highway and found a sack of gold underneath! Well, listen to this one.

Last Saturday the *Ithacan* staff abandoned all usual business and devoted itself to the arduous duty of cleaning its headquarters. There were clouds of dust. But when they rolled away, they left exposed some eighty pounds of scrap paper and lead, which sold for—here comes the treasure—Ninety-five cents. And that means another 31 2/3 service men will receive copies of the *Ithacan* through Uncle Sam's mails.

Earl Jones Wins Honor

Earl W. Jones, Jr., graduate of the Music Department in April, 1943, received the highest rating in a class of 2600 men upon his graduation from the Army Air Corps School at San Antonio, Texas. Earl's family, who live in Ithaca, have received a letter from the post commander commenting on the good record he established.

Aviation Cadet Jones, who has been in the service since March 1943, is at present undergoing further training at Corsicana, Texas. Even while concentrating so fully upon work in the Air Corps, Earl is not neglecting his music. On January 17 he sang with the choir of the First Baptist Church in Corsicana. Included on the program were the selections "Vous qui faites l'endormie" from Gounod's *Faust*, Handel's "Where ere You Walk," and two selections by Sergei Rachmaninoff, "At Night" and "To The Children."

Ithaca College Students Entertain Servicemen With Varied Program

Patriotic-minded Ithaca College students have been becoming more organized in doing their bit for the entertainment of servicemen.

Recently a group took complete charge for the evening of a dance given for Naval Officers at the Masonic Temple. James Freeman was general chairman and acted as Co-master of ceremonies with Eugene Troobnick. Warren Roberts orchestra, with Peggy Lobbin, vocalist, provided music for the evening's dancing.

The entertainment program included a piano solo by Florence Federowicz, the novelty song from "Scampers", "Maisie", sung by Dixie Dugan; an original baseball pantomime by Eugene Troobnick; a farcical monologue by Raphael Brewster; and an accordion solo by Ernestine Puhlick. Several Ithaca College girls acted as hostesses for the dance.

The same evening another group entertained at the Temple Beth-El Servicemen's Dance. This program included a humorous reading by Sheryl Siegel, and a comedy song by Enid Kronick and Bryna Goodman. Here also several girls acted as hostesses.

Plans are being formulated for more programs of this type, and anyone wishing to participate please see Andy Larsen.

December Graduates Get Various Teaching Jobs; Miller, Reeves Placed

Ithaca College students step into the foreground once more in the matter of placements.

Of the December graduates there are Gloria Raunick and Jane Young of the Drama Department who have taken teaching jobs. Gloria has classes in sophomore, junior, and senior high school English and Speech at Alden, New York. Jane will start shortly to teach English and Speech at Fayetteville, New York. Both girls will direct plays and instruct in dramatics as part of their curriculum.

From the Physical Education Department comes word that Steve Zawyrucha is teaching at Springfield, Vermont, and also coaching basketball there. Aaron Norton has a job in Trumansburg, N. Y.

Two members of the class who will graduate in May have already signed contracts. They are Beverly Miller, music student, who will be Supervisor of Music at Nichols, N. Y., and who will also teach instrumental and vocal music; and Marlon Reeves, of the Phy Ed Department who has a job at Owego, N. Y.

MAIL CALL

Dear Johnnie,

Letters pouring in from so many of you in all parts of the world certainly make us feel good. It's swell to hear from you, and to know that the ITHACAN is helping to keep those ties made in college days as strong as ever. So just keep right on writing—we love to hear from you.

You'd hardly recognize Ithaca, Johnnie—not from the weather we've been having. Can you imagine—it's January and we've had practically no snow, or ice. The days are perfectly lovely! (Of course, just because I've said that, we'll probably have a blizzard tomorrow).

Well, lately a few more I. C. men have gone to join Uncle Sam's big team. Little "Tuba tootin' Billy" Keyser was given a royal send off by his Phi Mu brothers' band 'n everything. Bill is at Fort Dix and according to reports—"this Army racket is O.K." Jim Freeman left for Camp Upton yesterday, and it won't be long before Mac Lewis jumps into a sailor suit. "Bing" Safford was sworn into the Naval Air Corps. When "Bing" leaves we'll still have a Safford left—his brother joined the Drama Department this semester.

Speaking of the Drama Dep't. the Freshman One-Acts are moving around. Last week they played for the Triac organization at the Masonic Temple, and next week they have an engagement at Biggs. To some of the upper-classmen working crew for the Frosh, this traveling around brings back fond memories of the Freshman Rep Company. Johnnie, remember the time we did "Liliom" sharing the stage with a cow? Oh! and remember "The Devil and Daniel Webster", Dan!?

Boy, does the old Dining Hall look spiffy! The mystery of the missing curtains at the end of last semester has now been solved with some very elegant rose-colored drapes.

Remember those I. C. fellows that we told you were playing for Hobart? Well, they were in town for a game with Cornell last week. Jim Hercinger was high scorer for that game, and also for one with Sampson quite recently. Nice going!

Grand to see "Ly" Jones home this past week. He looks quite elegant sporting those lieutenant's bars. After a stay that was much too short, Ly returned to Colorado.

Congratulations to Chet and Sunny Dickerson on their birth of their heir. Bring little Noel Scott up to see us as soon as he is big enough.

Word has just come from Mr. Henrotte. Seems that Monsieur Pierre is now concertmaster of the New Orleans Symphony Orchestra.

We received a letter the other day from Frank Sottile, formerly of the Phy Ed class of '45. He is now stationed at the Army Air Field in Lincoln, Nebraska. While in training in Florida Frank ran into "Butch" Eisele, who by the way is now in Georgia.

Our I. C. boys seem to follow in their respective fields no matter where they go. Here's another swell instance of that. Pfc. Ray Hinckley (graduate of the Drama Department) was mentioned in Theatre Arts Monthly as being one of the directors of an all soldier revue "Fun For the Birds" put on at Camp Lee, Virginia. The feature of the show was a dance poem "We Speak for Ourselves" by Lynn Riggs (author of "Green Grow the Lilacs" from which "Oklahoma" was taken.)

Well, Johnnie, time's a'wastin', so if we're to have an issue this week we'd better stop gabbing and go to press.

We'll be back again soon, though, and until we are . . .

Love and sweet dreams . . .

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