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Man, Your Manners
By I. Sherwood

A social letter of introduction may take either of two forms. When someone you know well is to be stationed near or in a strange city or in a college where an intimate friend of yours lives, you may write a note suggesting that the friend look up the newcomer. It is important, however, not to make the suggestion a request, for it might be inconvenient for your friend of the note lest he be disappointed should your friend be unable to do anything for him.

The other method is to write a note to a friend and give it unsealed to the person who is leaving. It is then sealed in your presence and carried to the other city or place. Upon arrival if the

will pay for whatever chuckles we can provide. Here, the end will have to justify the means.

With this as a prefatory note, we can discard all thoughts of libel litigations, defamations of character, and even challenges to part with some of our already insufficient type No. 2 hemo. If the going really gets rugged, we'll have to slap a "Don't Open Until X-mas" tag on our proboscis and refuse to divulge the Yuletide we mean. In that way only shall the integrity of our most reliable sense be preserved, at least for the saduration (borrowing from Walter) and the sordid sextet of adjustments that follows.

So, on with this travesty in trivia and today's journal will assume the "specie rara" of an open letter to our lately lamented correspondent, which we deem definitely in order. Currently, Julius is studying the tongue of Tojo at the University of California in sunny (?) old Berkley. To wit: the better to remove the little red man's "syllable shaper" if he gets his chance, after learning the Nippon language.

Dec. 9, 1943

Dear Julius:

Perish the thought, old man, but dire straits necessitate your best friend (?) and severest critic (!) taking up where you had to throw in the towel. So the wish of your swan song in print is hereby realized. Yea, verily, "The torch is ours . . . to hold it high." And insofar as we are able, we shant "break faith with" . . . you who have departed.

As we go to press on our initial offering, we have but one serious regret: that lament rests inside the G. I. personage of one khaki-khoated pic. Bloom. It was ironic that you, the popularly conceded "hottest copy" of the entire unit, had the dubious distinction of spreading the gay "entrez-nous" of our 3801 Satellites. When you consider that we played stooge for some of your purging "inactive" and, so to speak, the object of your infection, YOU have chosen

The Lowdown on
Campus Distractions
By David Seligman

"One Night in the Tropics" comes to the Campus on Thursday. This is an old film, being the first one with the Abbott and Costello team on the screen, but is nevertheless a fairly good comedy. Slapstick is the word of the day in the picture with the A-C combination throwing the pies. Also starring in the production are Nancy Kelly and Alan Jones.

The Lowdown: Old, but good comedy.

Guion Hall brings one of the year's top productions to its screen for a two-day run starting today. "Princess O'Rourke" with Olivia de Havilland, Robert Cummings, and Charles Coburn, the story of the poor little rich girl and the male Cinderella, is herein given full be-

Marine Mad-Caps

Saturday evening, the 4th of December, 1943, the Marines and Navy held a smoker, for the first time since they have been on the campus, at the A. & M. Gym. The evening's festivities began with a wrestling match between L. R. Aman, Marine, and Sailor, Simon. Aman weighing in at 203 pounds, and Sailor Simon at 188 pounds. This event was won by the Navy, and these boys really put on a swell match.

The second event was a Judo demonstration by two Marine experts. Judo as you probably already know is an art practiced widely by the Japanese. It is an art which enables a small man to overcome weight and strength of his opponent by trickery. Fifty different throws and holds were demonstrated for the audience, and all of them executed perfectly. Nice show, fellows.

The third and final event of the evening was a series of six boxing bouts consisting of three, two minute rounds to each bout. The first match was won by Marine Krause weighing 155 pounds, and hailing from Nebraska. His opponent Sailor Cox put on a beautiful show but was out-pointed, Cox weighed in at 147.

The second match was won by Marine Marquardt of Company 32. Marquardt weighed in at 155 and his opponent Sailor Brewer weighed in at 155 also. Both boys really put on a battle royal with the decision going to Marquardt. Marquardt was saved by the bell in the first round but retaliated in the second to win the fight with an amazing come-back.

The third bout finished a draw with Marine Costa and Sailor Lubich as opponents. Costa hailing from California and Lubich from Arizona. Both boys were evenly matched and really put on a swell match.

The fourth bout was won by Rocky Engle of Company 34, weighing in at 165 and hailing from Pennsylvania. His opponent Sailor Stoinich of Company 32 weighed in at 160 and hails from Montana. Rocky had a little too much on the ball for Sailor Stoinich and judges, Commissioned Warrant Officer J. W. Peden and Ensign Baker stopped the bout in the second round.

The fifth bout was won by Sailor Peria weighing in at 150 and hailing from Florida. The lad won by a decision and really seemed to know what he was doing in the ring. His opponent Marine Eales weighed 160 pounds and hails from Oklahoma. Both boys really did a good job of entertaining.

The sixth and final bout was

another draw with contestants Dinnon the Marine and Byles the Sailor. Dinnon weighed in at 175 and Sailor Byles at 185. Both boys were pretty evenly matched and the judges awarded the bout a draw.

We would like to thank Commissioned Warrant Officer Peden, Ensign Baker, Chief McLaury, Stf/Sgt. Murphy, Stf/Sgt. Walden, Stf/Sgt. O'Neill and all the participants in making an evening of rare and enjoyable entertainment possible.

We are planning another smoker for Wednesday evening the 15th of December, 1943, be sure and be there, for more of this clean-cut type of entertainment.

Any Sailor or Marine wishing to participate in this coming smoker, get in touch with Sgt. L. McCusker at the Marine Administrative Office.

Why Is It?

Our government has asked that every person begin his college education immediately following graduation from high school and stay in college until the draft calls. This is a very sound idea, and it should be done by all who can possibly get the money to begin that valuable amount of education—no matter how small the amount is. Most Americans have heeded their country's request to start to college or to stay in college as long as possible, and they are to be commended for it. It is real patriotism for a person to pass up a chance at a high paying position. (although some high paying positions are also included in this class) and get as much education as possible.

With these facts mentioned above, one would think that colleges would cooperate and try to help these students stay in school. This is not the case as one will find out by being in close contact with a military school—if such an example is needed. By suspending a student from school for a week or ten days, the only harmed agent is the government. Although a certain number of demerits is supposed to be enough to suspend a person from school for that semester, it is not always carried out, and if it were, it would be contrary to the wishes of the government. No, by suspending a student from school for any period of time for any minor offense, the government is the loser, and that is not being as patriotic as a country such as this deserves and should get. Why, then, do colleges, both military and non-military, suspend any of their students when the government has asked that Americans get as much education as possible?

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3801st Sparkles
By Jack Mondo

It is with a plethora of pride, yet accompanying apprehension, that "we" (the editorial usage of our predecessor will be maintained) assume the authorship of this profound pillar. Yes, Parishioners, Brother Bloom has gone the way of all (STAR) flesh and in the wake, shall rest on our semi-circular shoulders, the same being an anatomical gift of nature and not via "sweat of the brow."

We shall attempt to carry the mail in equally brilliant fashion. This may be something to strive for and never attain. But s'help us, Hannah! the commensurate effort will not be lacking. However, to reach press "paydirt," the way truly Julie did every try, we must adopt pretty much the same platform.

So brethren of 2801, if you are hot copy, you'll grab your share of ink and through this inglorious medium, you'll shine like a hot neon. This is a personal guarantee, let the chips fall where they may. We shall endeavor to rattle the skeletons in your respective closets until they cremate themselves and leave you nary a mess full of ash.

Now is the time for all accredited "sensayumas" to come to the aid of this wary scribe. Remember, Gents, YOU and YOU and YOU

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