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### A 'No Parking' Notice

We're glad to see that in the future faculty and staff members will have no trouble finding a place to park.

In making the new campus parking regulations, College officials were extremely thoughtful of their 1,000 fellow educators and administrators. In fact, they did their utmost to make it easy for Professor Jones to find a parking space. Look at the parking lots which are open to him exclusively: the convenient Central Parking Lot behind the New Physics Building, the lot in front of Rec Hall, the Northeast Parking Lot beside the Forestry Building, the lot behind the Sparks Building, and the lot behind the engineering units.

However, in case Professor Jones has an errand in Irvin Hall and doesn't want to walk all the way from the Rec Hall parking space, he may leave his car on Curtin Road. Yes, this applies to any campus road except where specifically prohibited in the pamphlet explaining the new regulations.

What about Joe Student? Why, two big parking lots have been set aside for him and the 6,000 other undergraduates. One, the Shortlidge Road Lot, is over by Frances Atherton Hall and the other, the West Parking Lot, is near the varsity tennis courts. The only trouble is that the lots won't be at all convenient for students going to some central point on the campus. The officials evidently forgot that students don't like to walk any more than faculty members do.

College officials evidently forgot another thing, too, and that is that students run errands. At least it would seem that this was overlooked for the new regulations don't say that students may park briefly on campus roads in order to do business in nearby buildings.

Incidentally, the Rec Hall parking lot is supposed to be limited to faculty and staff members but a College official told us that students going to Rec Hall may park there. That's good news not only for these students but also in that it indicates enforcement of the regulations will be no more strict than in the past.

But that's all beside the point. What we want to do is commend the men who made it easy for Professor Jones to find a parking space. Congratulations, gentlemen!

### A Fault In Registration

Registration at this college has always been noted for a lack of confusion in handling necessary details, the speed and ease with which registrants were able to follow out registration procedure. However, judging from comments made by students and faculty members and from personal observation, Monday's summer session registration will never be held up as a model.

The confusion at Rec Hall might have been unavoidable but the jam at the College Examiner's office in Old Main can't be excused on any grounds. On one of the hottest days of the year, students were forced to wait in line for hours at a time. This was disagreeable and tiresome. At least two women fainted.

Nothing can be done about it now but perhaps next year's summer registration can be better handled. We understand that only two men were supposed to take care of matters for the dozens in line. If that's all the trouble was, wouldn't it be a simple matter to assign more College officers to this part of registration?

## THE CAMPUSEER



### Air-Conditioned Gossip

Just blew out of one of the air-conditioned restaurants in town and the sweltering July air seemed so cool by comparison that we had to walk on the sunny side of the street to keep from being overcome by the sudden change of temperature . . . speaking of air-conditioning and the current heat wave, we haven't met the one and only Effie yet. We'll have to ask her last year's admirers as to her whereabouts.

After looking over the current crop of summer session addicts here for a six-week whirl of studies and relaxation, it's this columnist's unbiased opinion that the Sigma Nu crop of beauties wins the popularity cup to date in a walkaway . . . it's a bit early to say who's who but even Mickey McFarland, a regular session standout, will find competition keen at the SN mansion . . . among others Peggy Hood and Judy Moatz will find time on their hands very light . . . we've inveigled a Girl Friday to give us detailed accounts on the social life there for future publication and ditto at the other "for women only" domiciles in town.

### Another Hot Weather Tip

Rumor has it that Sex 416 is more than keeping the boys' interest . . . even Dick Steinhilber has failed to cut so far . . . we don't know the stinker's name who's acting as hostess at Phi Kappa Sigma but he won't last the summer out at the rate he's going. The limit came when he tried to oust one of the PKS's who dropped in to look the house over . . . across the street Howie Parris is keeping his DU castle open for the summer and if he's as good a house-manager as he is a Collegian subscription salesman, the house is jammed to the rafters by now.

Janet Twichell is going to be a busy gal this summer what with finessing several admirers here for summer studies (?), distributing Philip Morris ciggies and keeping her West Pointer happy through the mails. The only trouble is that her two younger sisters are stiff competition for anyone and the Theta sweetheart is going to have her hands full.

### We're For More Of This

Along the cupid front: Beater McKechnie and Craig White said their final vows in Wilkesburg the other day, culminating an ideal two-year campus romance . . . Sam Chase whipped into town over the weekend to keep Margie King off the fairway for a short spell and another Beta, Jack Keller, just finished with his first year at Annapolis, will celebrate his furlough with his family and Katie Popp . . . the Helen Swanson-Joe Adessa nuptials a couple of weeks ago came as a big surprise to all friends. That's all for now but we'll be back with more next week.

## Our Readers Say . . .

This column is open to all readers. Letters must be signed but names will not be printed if writers ask to have them withheld. All letters should be mailed to the Summer Collegian, Student Union office, Old Main.

### A Plea For Spirit

To The Editor:

A message to students in the year 1941 is different from that of any previous time. Several years ago a few historians with philosophical insight foresaw the future which has now become the present. One of these wrote, "Civilization is at the crossroads." Most of us did not catch the meaning, but now we can all read the signpost and see that the sign with any interest for us is marked "Democracy."

We think of our great defense program with its demands upon college men. Then we ask whether the women are doing their part, and we begin to recount their activities in a dozen agencies and their plans for active defense work. Along with this urge to do something tangible is the recurring question as to whether there is something helpful we may do all the time. A woman in public life writes that she has hundreds of letters from women with this plea—"Tell us what to do now to help." She replies that part of the time they may do definite defense service but all the time they may "think Democracy."

In the May issue of Readers' Digest, Dorothy Canfield Fisher gives us her idea of Democracy—"Success will mean that those who haven't had their share will have a better chance." She goes further by saying that we defeat our purpose when we permit fellow-Americans to be so disheartened that they listen to promises of security from those who would destroy them.

Now what has this to do with a request of Collegian for some notice on summer session regulations? It means that where people are united in one great aim there is no need of a struggle to impress the wisdom of regulations that promote safety and opportunity for study. And since this is America, those in the administration and faculty agree that it is al-

## Business Gains, Survey Shows

Every important city in the state reported better business in May than it did a year ago in that month, according to The Pennsylvania State College Business Survey.

For the state as a whole the average for May, 1941, was 31 per cent better than in May, 1940. Gains in individual cities ranged from 12 to 51 per cent.

As the effects of the soft coal strike wore off, the new index of industrial activity, introduced this month, rose from 138.4 in April to 163.5 in May, a gain of 25.1 points or 18.1 per cent.

In the new index, the base period was shifted from 1923-1925 to 1935-1939 in accordance with the recommendation of the Central Statistical Board at Washington. A major advantage of the new base period is that it is more representative of present conditions than the earlier period.

"There has been a vast change in the relative importance of industries in the last 18 years," the report states, "and the new index takes account of that fact."

The preliminary report for June predicts continued expansion on the present recovery movement and a high level of business throughout the summer.

The business gains in individual cities in April, 1941, over April, 1940, were reported as follows: Bethlehem 51 per cent, Erie 45, York 38, Harrisburg 38, Allentown 38, Johnstown 34, Philadelphia 34, Williamsport 31, Reading 30, Wilkes-Barre 30, Pittsburgh 28, Easton 28, Altoona 28, Lancaster 25, Scranton 12.

### Office Hours Changed

College office hours in the afternoon during July and August will be from 1 to 4 o'clock instead of 1:30 to 5, it was announced yesterday from the summer sessions office. Morning hours will remain the same, 8 to noon.

ways possible for students to suggest needed improvements and thus show the Penn State spirit that President Hetzel once defined as "unqualified loyalty to the highest interests and aims of the College."

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