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**No More Sleepless Vigils**

Standing in line for hours from midnight to late morning every year in order to purchase two or three Artists' Course tickets is ended. A priority number system has taken care of that.

According to the present plans of the Artists' Course Committee, the numbers will be available for students at the Athletic Association at 4 p. m. Tuesday, December 2, and for faculty and townspeople at 4 p. m. Wednesday, December 3. The priority cards which will be distributed will include a schedule for the holder to return the next day and secure his ticket.

This plan may have its faults, but it also eliminates some of the worries following the annual congestion of students, faculty, and townspeople in Old Main on the morning that the course tickets were to be sold. Every year, folding chairs, blankets, thermos bottles, and milk containers were brought as Artists' Course die-hards camped on Old Main steps at midnight and stayed there until the doors opened at 7 a. m.

Long lines weaving through the first floor lounge, along the halls, and around the pillars kept students from attending classes and fraternity freshmen from getting any sleep at all. The new system will require those with cards to buy in tickets at a specific hour and no other.

However, we cannot expect this priority plan to overcome all the congestion or faults of the present ticket selling system. Schwab Auditorium has only a limited number of seats for a student body of 7,000 and those who come first, will be served first.

At least the ordeal of that annual sleepless night of waiting outside Old Main for the doors to open will no longer be borne by Artists' Course patrons. They can sleep in comfort knowing that their chances of getting a ticket starts at 4 p. m. instead of midnight.

**Councils Take Stock**

Considered the weak sister of student government, school councils have revived their organizations this year and are making a sincere attempt to foster student-faculty relations.

Not only student-faculty relations have been increased, but an effort to solve school problems and establish a center of activity within the schools has been made. With the steady diversion of school functions from College activities, due to the widening scope of the College, school councils can become more and more the centralizing group and spokesmen of their particular school.

Now, the councils are awakening to the fact that they can become a strong medium of expression. They see that through their schools many individual and collective difficulties can be ironed out, not only between student and faculty, but also between student and student.

One example is the evident transformation of the Liberal Arts Council, which heretofore had been one of the weakest links within the council system. Their investigation into the faculty advisers system, the sponsoring of better student-faculty relations, and the attempt to clear up the crowded conditions in Sparks Building is to be commended.

A fire which broke out in Sparks Building yesterday illustrated the need for better routing of students through the building. With the ordering of students to use the south entrance only as an exit, the council eliminated a dangerous fire hazard, that of crowded conditions in case of an emergency.

We hope that the student body cooperates with the council in attempting to observe this regulation and others which may be issued for student welfare.



**The Faculty Says...**

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*Agriculture In Defense*

Results of agricultural research that are good in peace are equally valuable in times of war or in a national defense program. The defense effort has been given quiet but notable support from the beginning by The Pennsylvania State College Agricultural Research Experiment Station.

Research is started at the Station, as a rule, in response to demands originating among farmers and processors of farm products of the state. Advisory committees serving without pay have been set up in each branch of agriculture, such as dairying, poultry husbandry, fruit growing, tobacco culture, agricultural engineering, livestock farming, etc. Each of these groups meets annually with the members of the staff concerned to discuss research in progress and to plan helpful investigations. Advice offered by these groups has proved invaluable in countless instances.

Continuation and enlargement of the present long-time program of research at the Station was recommended at a national defense conference held at State College, March 14, 1941. Representatives of practically all the prominent farm organizations and of the federal action agencies operating in the state were present. Immediate needs arising out of the defense program may met by the service phase of work already under way or completed, they agreed. Farm groups were asked to report situations which might be improved through the employment of the facilities of the Experiment Station.

The list of instances where results of experiments conducted at the Station during the past year or two have proved or promise to prove immediately invaluable might be extended almost indefinitely. It should include mention of control measures which have reduced damage by grape berry moth from almost half in some vineyards to practically nothing. Annual trials of vegetable seeds prove the suitability of new varieties before growers go to the trouble of trying them out in extensive plantings.

Vitamin analyses indicate the importance of B-1 in the diets of soldiers. This and other vitamins may even be considered implements of warfare in times to come. Also tests of durability and laundering qualities of cloth have set up standards of measurements which have attracted the attention of government purchasing agents in outfitting the Army and Navy.

**CAMPUS CALENDAR TODAY**

'45 Independent Party meeting, Watts Hall lounge, 7:15 p. m.  
Observatory will be open between 9 and 10 p. m. for observation of Jupiter, Saturn, and Mars.  
Morning Watch Services, Wesley Foundation, 7:15 a. m.  
Phi Lambda Theta meeting, northeast Atherton lounge, 7 p. m.  
Meeting of Cercle Francais, French Club, Grange playroom, 7:15 p. m. "Information Please" program in French.  
WSGA House of Representatives meeting, 318 Old Main, 5 p. m.  
Home Economics Club meeting, 117 Home Ec. 7 p. m.  
PSCA study group will meet with Miss Ione V. Sykes, 304 Old Main, 4:15 p. m.  
Important business meeting of the Penn State Club, 110 Home Ec, 8 p. m.  
'44 Independents meeting, 309 Old Main, 7 p. m.  
Students interested in making a social tour of New York, December 4 to 7, meet in Hugh Beaver Room, 4 p. m.

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