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## To Aspiring Politicians

Future leaders of Penn State's student self-government, one of the strongest of its kind in the country, will officially launch their initial political venture tonight at the freshman mass meeting.

To aspiring freshmen entering the political arena with proper attitudes and interests, valuable training in the leadership and functioning of democratic government will be in store. Modeled directly from the system used by our national politics to gain experience in democratic government is, and should be regarded as the prime purpose behind politics as a College activity.

But to those misguided frosh who have emerged on the political front, prompted only by upperclassmen's glowing tales of possible graft, are destined, we fear, for an experience of sad disappointment. It is true that the junior and senior class presidents and dance chairmen receive definite salaries which in no way could be construed as graft. Other than these recognized stipends, grasping politicians will grasp in vain.

A none too healthy tendency that annually crops up in frosh political camps is that, whereby, a selected few attempt to control their clique to the exclusion of their party as a whole. This practice of "buffaloing" the group to further the interests of a few, may at the time seem to be "smart politics," but all too often the political careers of these "inside men" are short lived. A type of organization that will foster the interests of a larger group and in the long run afford better party cooperation (all important), is that, whereby problems and policies of the clique are brought into the open and worked out to the best mutual interests of the party.

Experience has shown that the handiest way for a student to cut his political connections short is to engage in the historic practice of "backstabbing." The most valuable boon we could possibly grant these future political kings, at the outset of their careers, is this sincere advice, "Refrain from backstabbing and similar tactics; tactics that not only injure the persons involved, but also tend to tear down the original purposes for which student government at Penn State is conducted."

From now until Wednesday, December 10, when the polls close, freshman politicians will carry on their initial campaign. They all know well the rules set up in the Freshman Elections Code. Any infractions of this code will be unfortunate for the violators, not so much for the actual penalty administered as for the stigma accompanying such action.

To some, upperclassmen may seem to be taking an undue interest in this election. Certainly, freshman class officers have no vital decisions to make in their short term of office ending next May. However, it has often proved the case in the past that frosh elections are a fairly accurate barometer of upperclass elections held in the spring. It is largely in view of this that All-College interest is now focussed on this sudden dipping of the freshman class into the political whirlpool.

—D. W. D.



## The Faculty Says...

### Vitamins And National Defense

By DR. R. ADAMS DUTCHER

**Professor of Agricultural Biological Chemistry**  
The statement that "food will win the war" is not news. Military leaders have always known that armies fight best on a full stomach. Civilian populations cannot be expected to give enthusiastic support to the armed forces if they are half starved. These are facts that are generally recognized.

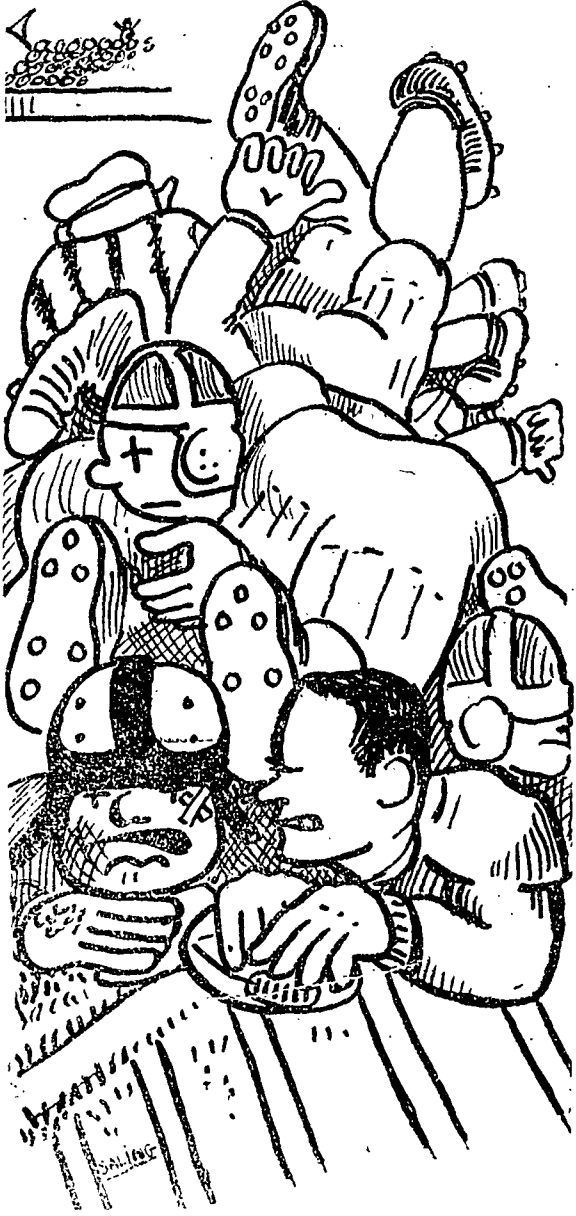
However, World War No. 1 taught us that a full stomach does not ensure proper nutrition. The neutral Danes discovered this when they brought about a condition of Vitamin A deficiency (blindness) in Danish children by selling almost their entire output of milk and dairy products to the warring nations. Germany and Austria, forced to subsist on inadequate one-sided diets, soon had serious epidemics of dietary deficiency diseases among women and children which often resulted in permanent injury and death.

Lowered morale, due largely to lack of food, played an important part in forcing the German military leaders to sue for peace. Lack of "protective foods," such as milk, eggs, fruits, vegetables and meat played an important part in hastening the armistice. Outbreaks of scurvy and beri beri were not uncommon among soldiers and sailors when supplies of fresh foods were cut off for long periods.

To avoid a repetition of this type of malnutrition all of the warring nations are paying more attention to "food quality" and are taking steps to insure an adequate supply of vitamins and minerals for civilians as well as for the armed forces. While the quantity of food still continues to be important, "food quality" is being emphasized for the first time in military history.

To this end, food technologists, nutrition scientists, organic chemists and medical authorities are making strenuous efforts to ensure adequate supplies of vitamins for the emergency. In this country and England steps have been taken to supplement wheat flour and other foods with vitamins and mineral salts. Methods of dehydrating fruits and vegetables, in which vitamins are preserved, are now available.

These dehydrated products have excellent keeping qualities and can be shipped economically. Since transportation is a problem, the organic chemist has learned how to synthesize pure vitamins in crystalline form.



"D'ya think we'll make The Corner by 7?"

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

### TODAY

PSCA Study Group with Miss Sikes, 304 Old Main, 4:15 p. m.

All German classes scheduled for this afternoon are cancelled.

Christmas Carol Sing Committee, 304 Old Main, 4 p. m.

PSCA World Problems meeting, Room E, 304 Old Main, 4:15 p. m.

Worship Study Group, Hugh Beaver room, 4:15 p. m.

Meeting for those interested in community service, Penn State in China room, 7 p. m.

PSCA Cabinet meeting, Hugh Beaver Room, 8:15 p. m.

Watch services, Wesley Foundation, 7:15 a. m.

Home Economics Club meets in Room 110 Home Economics, 7 p. m.

Deadline for registration in ping pong singles tournament to be held at Hillel Foundation, 5:30 p. m.

Basketball practice, White Hall gymnasium, 4:15 p. m.

Badminton Club, White Hall gymnasium, 7:30 p. m.

Blase Hospoder, formerly of Czechoslovakia and now connected with the Congressional Library, Washington, D. C., will speak in the Southeast lounge of Atherton Hall, 7:30 p. m.

Reservations for the PSCA Social Inquiry trip to New York from tomorrow noon until Sunday must be made by noon today in 304 Old Main.

### TOMORROW

Swimming club meets in White Hall pool, 7:30 p. m. All divers must be present.

Eastman Kodak Lecture "Night Photography" sponsored by Penn State Camera Club, 309 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.

Riding Club, instruction for beginners, Stock Judging Pavilion, 7 p. m.



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