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**Before It's Too Late**

Little student response has been indicated in the proposed three-class mural plan which was recently advocated by the sophomores, junior, and senior class presidents. This either means that "silence gives consent" or that there is general disinterest in the plan.

To students who are concerned about the selection of their graduation class gifts, this proposal should be given genuine consideration. It contains the consolidation of three class funds into a project which needs the immediate attention of students.

Because Henry Varnum Poor cannot be expected to wait too long for a three-year commission, Penn State students should debate the advisability of the mural plan now, not after the vote has been taken. By showing a healthy interest, students can feel responsible for the distribution of their own class funds. At least, more students will be able to vote on their respective funds now than in their senior year, because class enrollment is always lower in the senior class.

The Daily Collegian has taken its stand. It believes firmly that the estimated \$14,600 murals by Poor would add a desirable supplement to the present mural in Old Main lobby. Furthermore, national publicity and recognition would be created by the proposed murals.

No class gift would be as lasting or well-known as this combined effort. None would have a more permanent and perpetual affect upon the College.

Other students may disagree with this viewpoint. If there is to be controversy, let it be now. After the class elections scheduled for next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, it will be too late to discuss the plan, pro or con.

**Things To Come??**

A prophet is not without honor, save in his country, and in his own home—states the quotation from the Bible. We agree with the statement from the learned book. But sometimes there are exceptions, especially when the prophecies ring true.

Addressing the world power conference at Washington in September, 1936, Secretary of State Cordell Hull said:

"The fabric of peace has been worn perilously thin. A general war now would set loose forces that would be beyond control; forces which might easily bring about a virtual destruction of modern political thought, with all its achievements, and possibly a veritable shattering of our civilization."

Addressing the House of Commons April 23, 1936, on the subject of armaments, Winston Churchill, now Prime Minister of England, said: "Europe is approaching a crisis . . . Either there will be a melting of hearts and a joining of hands between great nations . . . or there will be an explosion and catastrophe, the course of which no imagination can measure and no human eye can see."

These two men are now leading their nations during one of the worst wars in history. Their forecasts were made within five months of each other.

Were they real prophecies? Are all civilized institutions, including the Church, to be destroyed?

Let us glance at today's headlines for answers to these questions. In Washington bills to stifle labor with anti-strike legislation are now being voted upon in the House. From Poland and other Hitler-occupied countries come reports that millions face starvation because "Christian" nations refuse permission to humane organizations to feed these occupied countries.

Five years have passed since Messrs. Hull and Churchill made their respective predictions. Today's news dispatches show these gentlemen to be accurate forecasters. Let us hope that these self-appointed prophets—not without honor in their own countries—are wrong about "a veritable shattering of our civilization."

—D. S.

**One Man's Meat**

**Dad Learns About College**

So I go home for Thanksgiving. I read newspapers, eat heartily, go to parties, do all the other normal things—college students go home for a vacation do. All the time little shreds of shroud keep filtering through the pleasant home air. "Have many of the boys at school been drafted?" my mother anxiously asks.

My dad wants to know what they're doing up at State about defense work. He glowingly describes the work the boy scouts are doing around home—collecting paper, tinfoil, and all the other materials needed for defense industries. "Don't you have a Council for Defense?" he puzzles when I tell him we're not doing much of anything.

"Yeh, we've got a defense council," I assure him. But he can't understand when I go on to confess that so far its most prominent activity has been to dedicate a football game to Penn State men in the armed forces. No, it doesn't make sense to him. "What's the matter up there? I'd think those college fellows would have enough sense to realize that this is their war. Why, for goodness sakes, they're the ones who are going to fight it sooner or later!" Dad was dismayed.

He launched into a tirade, rising rapidly to the boiling point. His thesis was the same advanced by all impatient people who realize the danger and want to do something about it.

Impotent in the face of his arguments, I sat glumly by agreeing with what he had to say. When he finished, at the peak of a fully-orchestrated crescendo expressing the theme: "Youth is the group which will be most vitally affected by the war," I answered, "Yeh, so what?"

I told him plain out. "I'm interested in defending democracy. I'm anxious to see other students realizing what I realize. That the rest of my life and their lives will be influenced enormously by this war, no matter what side we're on! That, as long as it is our war, we ought to make sure that when it's all over we'll have a voice in the social and economic reconstruction that follows."

"But," I sadly observed, "those ivory tower hermits just don't want to get interested. As long as they keep their noses clean, they think nobody'll bother them."

"Damn it," I concluded, "I think the only way you can wake them up is to invite Adolf over to drop a few bombs on Old Main!"

Now that I think of it, probably the only reaction that would arouse would be a joyous refrain, as when the little red schoolhouse burned down, "Hurrah, no more school!"

—LOKI

**Letters To The Editor—**

**Photo Equipment Suggested As '42 Gift**

Dear Students: Since it is about time for the Senior Class to decide upon a practical gift to the College, we want to call the attention of the entire senior class to the complete lack of photographic facilities upon this campus, for both student and faculty use.

This College needs modern, well-equipped photographic facilities for the pursuit of the photographic art and the extension of visual education. We propose an arrangement where anyone, regardless of college standing, can at their leisure or convenience advance and practice their knowledge of photography.

With the funds available for a Senior Class gift, we could provide the student body with the following: a reading room supplied with up-to-date works on photography and suitable for photographic salon exhibits and lectures; a number of miniature darkrooms for individual use; a large processing room; and a photographic studio.

Most of the outstanding colleges on this continent, such as Cornell University, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Toronto have modern well-equipped photographic facilities for the pursuit of this art. Why, then, in a college of almost 7,000 students, must a useful and practical knowledge be so subordinated that it is necessary to practice it in far flung, unorganized and poorly equipped closets and cellars; or be so subordinated that it is impossible for the majority of students to pursue its techniques and knowledges at all?

Such an arrangement as we propose would be open to all students, a part of the Student Union program, or under the jurisdiction of Recreation Coordinated.

Of necessity, this could not all be supplied with one Senior Class gift, but a start, to be added to by the College or to be supported by a Student Union program, would be a gift greatly appreciated by the coming students and faculty of The Pennsylvania State College.

When the time comes for the senior class, or any other class, to consider the appropriation of its funds, we want the students to stop and think. Put your class funds in something that is not only artistic but practical. Put your class funds in something the coming student body will thank us for.

Sincerely yours,  
William Clark,  
President  
Paul Burkhart,  
Vice President  
Penn State Camera Club

**CAMPUS CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

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, 308 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.

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

Ski Club meeting, 318 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.

Grangers and friends are invited to the Grange Square Dance, 405 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.

Student-Faculty Relations Committee meets, Hugh Beaver room, 7:30 p. m.

PSCA Freshman Council Program committee, 304 Old Main, 4 p. m.

PSCA Public Meetings committee, 304 Old Main, 6:30 p. m.

Theta Sigma Phi meets, Kappa Alpha Theta house, 6:30 p. m.

The girls' swimming club will not meet tonight.

Home Economics Council meets in Home Economics faculty lounge, 6:45 p. m.

Philotes executive committee will meet in 302 Old Main at 4 p. m.

Re-organization meeting of '43 Independent party, 318 Old Main, 7 p. m. Election of chairman and other officers scheduled.

Student-Faculty Relations Committee meets, Hugh Beaver Room, 7:30 p. m.

**TOMORROW**

Engineering lecture by Prof. C. E. Bullinger, head of the department of industrial engineering, 121 Sparks Building, 4:10 p. m.

**Health Service Reports Drop**

A drop of about 35 per cent was shown yesterday in the report of the comparative number of calls at the infirmary and dispensary for November 1941 and November 1940.

Last month 607 calls were made at the infirmary and 3,106 at the dispensary. In November of last year 1,017 calls were made at the infirmary and 4,263 at the dispensary.

This decrease, according to Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, director of the College Health Service, may be attributed to either the lack of epidemics, the stability of the weather, or the 600-student decrease in enrollment.

Dr. Ritenour also pointed out that under the new system of free service, now in its second year, students are coming to the dispensary and infirmary earlier, and so their ailments are checked easily and without frequent visits.

**Leffler Panned By Freshman**

To the Editor: I do not know whether Mr. Leffler ever took ROTC. I presume he did, as almost every Penn State student does. If he did, he must have failed in that he did not learn one of the most important things in the course—respect.

Respect for ROTC and respect for the uniform its students wear. It seems to me that when one is in the services of the United States Army, and is wearing the uniform of such he should not, for example, be compelled to light cigarettes, and in general be a nursemaid for upperclassmen.

I think that when freshmen are in uniform, they should be treated like soldiers, provided they act as such, and not treated as fraternity stooges.

And don't think that this letter is the result of my personal inconvenience, because I have already completed my four years of basic and advanced training, and I am a potential second lieutenant in the ROTC.

A Disgusted Freshman.

READ THE COLLEGIAN CLASSIFIEDS

**Independent Platform**

- (Continued from Page One) a recreation room in Old Main.
5. To support the continuation of the Drydock night club.
  6. To support the drive for men's dormitory dining commons.
  7. To have a coed sponsor for each ROTC company.

**Campus Platform**

(Continued from Page One) tions between fraternity and non-fraternity men by establishing a committee which shall arrange for social functions.

7. The improvement of relations between Tribunal and the freshman class by creating a board composed of freshmen and directed by a member of Tribunal who shall forward any views of the board to his group.

**Blakeslee Cautions**

(Continued from Page One) H. Trovatioli (D) and Ruth A. Embury (C), secretary; John T. Nolan (D) and William C. Masseth (C), treasurer; and Miriam L. Zartman (D) and William W. Thompson (C), historian.

Campaign managers are Murray L. Friedman (D) and Walter (C).

**Christmas Gift Suggestions**

**Leather**  
Brief Cases  
Ladies Wallets  
Mens Wallets  
Memo Books  
Keytainers

**Pens and Pencils**  
Better known makes in wide price ranges.

**Stationery**  
All sizes in gift packages.

**Books**  
The latest books of all publishers.

**KEELER'S**  
in the Cathaum Bldg.

