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Not For Glory

This will be a long war.

President Roosevelt, in his speech Tuesday night, warned America to prepare for a hard and long siege. He called upon the nation to throw all its resources into building a war front which can withstand the blitzkriegs of the Nazis.

In establishing a sound war machine which will compactly endure the onslaught of our enemies, the colleges of the United States will play an important part. From the colleges the nation will draw its new weapons, its coordination of vast resources, and the training of social and economic leaders.

Because of the threat of a long war, colleges must plan to operate on a pre-war basis—that of educating men to direct the nation's war industry. These men must step into important positions to aid the "war of tomorrow."

Not only must the nation prepare physically for the long war, but it must train its manpower for increasing production of ships, tanks, and airplanes. Colleges must turn out men who are capable of confidently stepping into industry to speed up production. These men must have not only factual knowledge, but they must be able to plan and foresee the needs of the war.

The nation recognizes the need of college-trained men in its war program. Our country can easily find a boy for the trenches but she runs up against a stone wall when there is a lack of chemists to supply the gunpowder or a need for petroleum research men to help conserve the oil supply.

Colleges, in a few months, will begin to find a scarcity in men students—students who believe that they must enter the war now. These students who leave will mean more to the "war of tomorrow" as chemists, engineers, and petroleum engineers than five of their kind in the trenches. What they don't realize is that there are men needed to fight the war behind the trenches.

No man wants to be called a coward. No man wants to be called a quitter. On the other hand, no man likes to be termed a fool. And "he is a fool who chooses to serve his country his own way."

Penn State is considered one of the key defense units of the nation. Penn State offers more research and defense training to industry than probably any other college. Its extension service alone is responsible for one-seventh of the total national program and this year's services will train approximately 50,000 men in national defense work for industry.

Penn State needs its students. According to President Ralph D. Hetzel, "The best thing colleges can do is maintain a normal program. To act impulsively at this time, no matter how noble the motive, might do more harm than good. This is the time to keep our heads, to work seriously at our given assignments, and by doing so guarantee our unity, strengthen our effort, and assure the preservation of the democratic way."

We say, "If Uncle Sam wants you to fight in the trenches, in the air, or at sea, you'll get your chance to fight for glory. Until then, if you must fight, fight for national defense."

Plug!

Elections are meant to be democratic. Sometimes, we wonder if they aren't autocratic. The mural voting, which decides the dispensation of three class funds, was so light yesterday that hardly more than 100 votes were cast. Even a hardened politician would shudder at that number. It's easy to say yes or no.



Through The Needle's Eye

These will be days of many judgments and many bars, dedications to ideals and commercial enterprises. The camel goes through the needle's eye only with much beating.

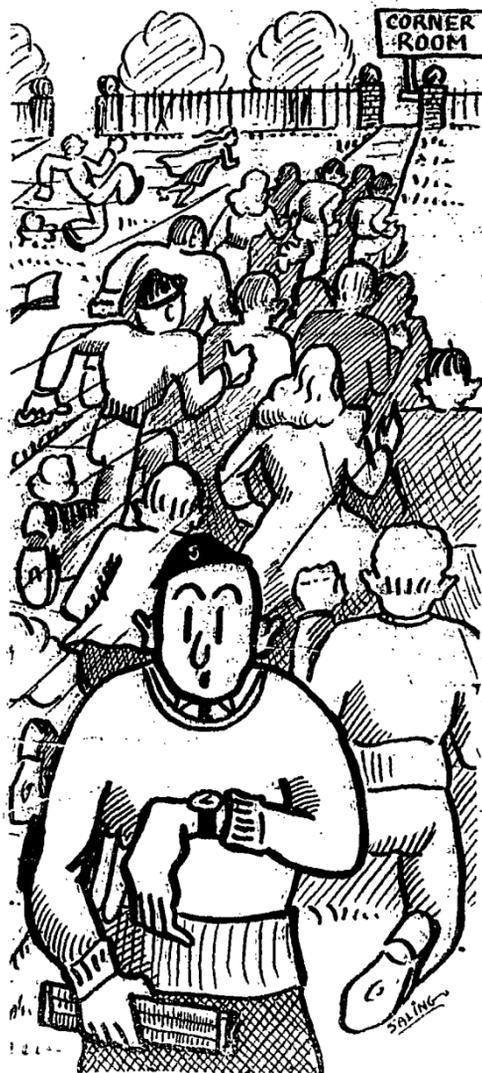
Monday the campus was quiet and drinking not too high, although students had already left to enlist. Tuesday night depression over the obvious nature of the President's speech was paramount; since then, a quiet tension has been building. Below this surface, we hope, is a realization of what we may do in the future. We desperately believe that; it's our only real sustenance at the moment.

The country thinks it is fighting for democracy. Minister's son Bill Harkins said: "The United States is dedicated to making a Hell on earth for the Son of Heaven." Then measuring worm Ferdie said: "It seems so funny, watching people making perfectly normal reactions." And friend Loki, suddenly wearied of arrogance, said yesterday that we must build for the future. To us, that is a normal reaction.

Vital Jeanie Craighead, last year's Portfolio editor, writes from Louisiana: "... we must think to the end and win. It is up to the yous and me of this damn world to find something to give them when it is all over. We must believe that this is part of the cycle of dust to dust; part of the impermanence of living; and do what we can to make the truth a little easier and a little more colorful. Gabriel, we have got to see it through, if the draft board lets us, and give the old world a few good chunks of our imaginations, creativeness and thoughts."

Prexy Bob Baird ironically comments: "You talk humanity now, and they'll put you in Sing Sing." And jokester Leon Rabinowitz, grown serious, writes a paper "dedicated to the men of tomorrow who will be called upon to bring this chaotic world back into order again after the second great war. I hope they will realize that defeated nations still consist of men who possess desires that must be satisfied. And I hope they realize that every country had traditions and cultural habits which cannot be brushed away with words or treaties, but should be used in re-establishing a healthy nation. To err once was human—we've had our Versailles—and it's hard to forgive the damage it's done, but may the men of tomorrow remember that the world must be built on the foundations of yesterday."

—GABRIEL



"It must be Corner Room time!"

Late News Flashes

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BAN ON AEF LIFTED

WASHINGTON—Congress today lifted the ban on sending draftees out of the Western Hemisphere. However, no action was taken on the age limits.

RUSSIA PLEDGES LOYALTY

MOSCOW—Russia declared through Moscow radio last night that the Soviets would never sign a peace with the Axis powers without the knowledge and consent of the United States and Great Britain. When the time comes to sign a peace treaty, the spokesman asserted, there will no longer be a Hitler in Germany.

RED ARMY DRIVES ON

MOSCOW—It was announced last night from the Red Army headquarters that the drive to push the Germans out of the Donetz basin is continuing. One hundred more villages to the south of Moscow were said to have been recaptured.

BRITISH DENY RAIDING

HONG KONG—British sources said that Hong Kong was not raided from the air last night, but that Japanese attempts to attack by land and water were continuing. They have been beaten off, however, and troops that reached the land by water are said to have been annihilated.

HUNGARY CUTS RELATIONS

WASHINGTON—Hungary today severed diplomatic relations with the United States but took great pains to emphasize that this act was not for the purpose of declaring war, but rather to maintain the Central European solidarity.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Freshman Forum trip to Mont Alto, leave rear of Old Main, 2 p.m.
PSCA Freshman Council Entertainment Committee, 304 Old Main, 4 p.m.

Community Service Committee visits the Patton Township one-room school houses, 1 p.m.

Special Chanuka Service at Hillel Foundation at 7:15 p.m.

Blue Key invites all senior members to dance at the Nittany Lion Inn at 9 p.m.

TOMORROW

All-College overnight cabin party at PSCA cabin, leave rear of Old Main, 2 p.m.

Roller skating in Armory, 2 to 5 p.m., 9 to 11 p.m. Admission 20 cents per person.

Red Cross Unit Prolongs Canvass

Because of the United States entry into war the Red Cross canvass will continue until Christmas vacation, it was announced yesterday by Clarence E. Kunz '42, chairman of the student Red Cross committee.

Students desiring to contribute are asked to contact Mrs. F. R. Smith, telephone 3390, or Mrs. John Vandervort, telephone 2683.

Forestry Ball Tomorrow

The Forestry Ball will be staged at Rec Hall tomorrow night instead of tonight as was erroneously stated in yesterday's Daily Collegian advertisement.

Show Me the Way to Go Home

by **GREYHOUND** of Course

It's really not much of a problem—deciding how to go home for the holidays. Just follow the crowd—your crowd—and you're sure to find yourself aboard a Greyhound Super-Coach. Or if you'd rather sit down and figure the matter out carefully, logically, practically, you'll end up the same place—for the big saving on Greyhound's low round-trip fares is a pretty effective mind-maker-upper! Merry Christmas—Happy New Year!

SAMPLE FARES

One-way Rd. Trip	
Harrisburg	\$ 1.80 - \$ 3.25
Philadelphia	3.30 - 5.95
Scranton	3.25 - 5.85
Pittsburgh	2.50 - 5.25
Detroit	7.15 - 12.90
Cleveland	4.80 - 8.65
Baltimore	3.25 - 5.85
Washington	3.70 - 6.70
York	2.30 - 4.15
New York	4.65 - 8.30
Newark	4.55 - 8.20
Lancaster	2.45 - 4.45
Allentown	3.60 - 6.50
Easton	3.75 - 6.75
Jacksonville	12.05 - 21.70
Miami	16.20 - 29.20

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