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## Our Part In The War

Two weeks ago, war with its accompanying disasters of death and destruction must have carried only the vague threat of reality to the people of Hawaii. They knew that this country's relations with Japan had reached the turning point yet they still enjoyed the advantages of peace—and it is hard to voluntarily give them up. They were not prepared and unwilling to face the grimness of battle.

Then war struck. Japanese planes dove out of a peaceful sky; Japanese battleships suddenly appeared on the horizon; Japanese submarines stole into combat range in the waters around Pearl Harbor. Caught off guard, our Navy and our Army lost the war's first engagement. Because they were not ready, they paid the price of more than 3,000 lives.

The Atlantic seaboard—including Pennsylvania, including State College—is now in the same predicament. We are at war but we have not yet been directly touched. The question is: How soon will we be? It is a question to which nobody knows the answer—but it might well be: Tomorrow. For this reason, we are preparing ourselves as fast as we can. We can't tell when enemy warships and bombers will strike, and when they do we must be ready. Pearl Harbor has taught a lesson to all America.

Given new impetus by the actuality of war, a civilian defense program of gigantic proportions has gained added effectiveness throughout the nation. It is an undertaking which touches every state, every city, every town, every hamlet, every person. It touches Penn State, and it touches every student and every staff member on this campus.

In his speech this morning, President Hetzel is expected to outline ways in which the College will adapt its methods to the demands of war conditions. He will probably tell as specifically as possible how the College intends to help national defense or, if it comes to that, national offense. He will probably tell us what we will be called upon to do as individuals. In short, we look to President Hetzel to set the keynote which will guide our efforts—as a group and as individuals.

As the nation looks to President Roosevelt for leadership, we must look to President Hetzel to lead us in the part mapped out for us as students of Penn State. We have to realize that we can be of more value if we continue our education, supplemented, of course, by special duties, than if we leave the College under the false belief that we can be of more use elsewhere. We have to realize that in war as in peace we are college students, and that in war it is our obligation to stay in college in order to prepare for added service to our country.

—J. A. B.

## A Tribute

We do not always criticize nor do we place campus groups upon the "frying pan" for the sake of editorial material. We are ever ready to praise the performance of a hard job or the sincere effort of an individual.

Such a tribute belongs to Danny DeMarino, the new assistant dean of men. Danny has taken a huge burden from the shoulders of Dean A. R. Warnock and has transferred it capably to his own broad shoulders.

A popular friend of students, DeMarino has gained the confidence of the faculty also with his industrious attitude. Since Dean Warnock has been buried under more and more campus defense duties, DeMarino has proved his selection as a "contact man" for fraternity and non-fraternity students, and student government. Confidence in DeMarino has not been misplaced.



## The Faculty Says ...

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### Our Human Reconstruction

School of Physical Education and Athletics

National preparedness does not begin only in times of war. This country must awaken itself to the point of view that what is important in times of national emergencies is also as necessary in times of peace. The entire nation is now in the midst of a "war-time enthusiasm" program of physical fitness. Hurried efforts and much superficial planning are being made to regain, rebuild, and to preserve mechanical and human structures that have been entirely or badly neglected in times of peace.

The individual and social "blitzkriegs" against the laws of nature are not permanently remedied by a sudden launching of emergency health and physical fitness campaigns. The ultimate defense or security of any individual, family, state, or nation is in proportion to the continued orderly process of living. "As ye sow, so shall ye reap." This is the usual return from life, and it is one of the desirable checks on the behavior of the human race.

How does this apply to the college student of today? Is there a lesson to be learned from the almost worldwide state of unpreparedness? Students must recognize that physical fitness alone is not the answer to survival and success in life. If a healthy personality is to be attained it becomes necessary for all to recognize the need of a total functional mental, physical, emotional, social and moral efficiency, which is secured and supported by the continuous and positive aspects of wholesome practices. This total health concept must be placed on the educational and national priority list. College men and women, both faculty and students, should now be training their minds and bodies to not only successfully live and adjust for the present, but to be ready to make their contribution in the world of tomorrow. The greatest repair of rehabilitation job in history will confront the entire world. This restoration service will demand individual leaders who possess "stout hearts and sound minds."

In the interest of national defense, faculty and students should take advantage of every opportunity to avail themselves of such services as the College health service, physical education and recreation which supplement classroom training. College administrative authorities of all schools must continue to provide the leadership and facilities that assist in the build-up and maintenance of individual morale which plays a vital part in achieving desired goals.

### Joint Libraries Created

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Dec. 17—Something new in Tennessee College operation came into being this month with dedication of the joint libraries of George Peabody College for Teachers, Scarritt College, and Vanderbilt University. Two-day exercises marked the dedication.

The joint libraries represent a new movement in higher education, research, and library service. They were established to eliminate unnecessary duplication, to co-ordinate and expand the library resources and services of the three neighboring institutions, of higher learning.

The library building and its endowment are jointly owned and directed. In like manner its book resources and services and all of the other library resources and services of the three co-operating institutions are jointly controlled and administered by one board of trustees.

This co-operative enterprise is designed as one of the steps toward realization of a great regional university center in Nashville.

### Freshman Week Popular

HAMILTON, N. Y.—Dec. 17—Freshman orientation week, now popular in many colleges throughout the country, had its beginning 22 years ago at Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

George Barton Cutten, president of Colgate University, then head of Acadia University, said the plan was developed when former soldiers opposed the institution's "funny little restrictions." Cutten explained that the freshman class was made up mostly of returned soldiers who had their own ideas of personal freedom.

## Late News Flashes

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service. The House still held to its previous announcement that they would forward the bill to the Senate with a 21-year-old clause attached to it. The Senate Military Affairs committee, in an open forum, agreed unanimously, however, to drop the age to 19.

**MEXICO CITY**—The Mexican Congress agreed to permit American troops passage over Mexican territories and landing facilities in Mexico ports in order to help the American war effort against the Axis.

**WASHINGTON**—Owen J. Roberts, Supreme Court Justice, was named by President Roosevelt to head a five-man board in the investigation at Pearl Harbor scheduled to start tomorrow. The other members of the board are high army and navy officials, who plan to leave Washington for Honolulu today.

**STOCKHOLM**—It was announced here last night that Stalin had called a war council to consider continuing the successful Russian cessful Russian attack on the re-forces this winter. The attack was originally scheduled for next spring. The strategic industrial city of Tallin was reclaimed by Russian forces, Moscow claimed last night.

## Letters To The Editor—

### Let's Fix Our Policies

To the Editor:

In a recent issue of The Daily Collegian the viewpoint of C. Phillips Moore '43 is quoted in which he expresses his reasons for our present war with Japan. Mr. Moore states that the main cause of the conflict was a reversal of our foreign policy by the present administration, beginning in 1937 with President Roosevelt's famous "quarantine" speech.

A glance at history will prove that this is untrue. Our policy towards Japan and in fact the whole Far East has been the same since September 1899 when Secretary of State Hay first propounded the doctrine of the "open-door" in China. This was our policy in 1904 when Theodore Roosevelt settled the Japanese-Russo war and Japan was deprived of gaining any important territory in Northern China.

This was our policy in 1908 when Secretary of State Root agreed with Japan to respect China's sovereignty. This was again our policy in 1921 when both the United States and Japan, as members of the Washington Disarmament Conference, agreed to respect the "open-door" in China. It was our policy in 1931 when we protested against Japan's march into Manchuria and has been our policy since 1937 to aid China in its defense against Japan.

Japan's violation of the "open-door" policy is the foremost reason for the present war but that isn't all. All the reasons are basic and cannot be said to have been only the result of the action since 1937.

Arthur D. Benkaim '44

## Fireside Sessions Start In February

Fifty-five fraternities, sororities, dormitory and rooming groups will participate in the Fireside Sessions programs which will be sponsored in the individual units during the second semester until April.

David E. Garfinkle '43, chairman of the PSCA Fireside Sessions committee, said arrangements are made for faculty members to appear at the houses and discuss topics informally.

Members of the committee are Kenneth D. Bair '43, Ann M. Civitts '42, Mary Ellen Sheffer '43, Robert P. White '44, and Pauline A. Huber '45.

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## CAMPUS CALENDAR

### TODAY

Syracuse-Penn State basketball game, Rec Hall, 8 p. m.

Watch Service, Wesley Foundation, 7:45 p. m.

Father Donnelly speaks on "Present Day Christmas Ethics," 405 Old Main, 8 p. m.

President Hetzel addresses Defense Convocation, Rec Hall, 11 p. m. All 11 o'clock classes have been cancelled.

Voting for Froth Queen starts today at Student Union.

Froth, Penn State humor magazine, on sale at Student Union and the Corner Room.

Penn State Riding Club, Stock Judging Pavilion, 7 p. m. Instructions will be given.

### TOMORROW

Annual Christmas Carol Sing, sponsored by PSCA and Music Department, Old Main terrace, 8:30 p. m.

Organization meeting, Figure Skating Club, 318 Old Main, 7 p. m.

## College Offers

### First Aid Class

First sessions of the Red Cross first aid course, offered to all students by the department of physical education, will be conducted in Room 121, Sparks Building from 7 to 10 p. m. on Monday, January 5.

The course which will last about six weeks will qualify those completing it to receive the Standard Red Cross First Aid Certificate. The class is open to both men and women students and all they need to do to enroll is to report to the first sessions of the class.

Jack Hulme, instructor in physical education, is in charge of the course. In regard to the work he said, "The purpose of this course is to work along the lines of national defense. We will offer thorough coverage of the subjects of control of bleeding, unconsciousness, shock, fractures, burns and wounds and all phases of asphyxiation."

He stated that there will be practical work in bandaging, splinting, transportation of injured, and artificial respiration.

Qualified Red Cross instructors will teach the classes. The group will assemble for a lecture each week and then branch out into sub groups for instruction and practical work.

Mr. Hulme also stated that there is a shortage of instructors and that anyone qualified as a first aid instructor should contact him immediately.

## Student Opinions

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was: "because of the need for metallurgists in defense plants. If I should be drafted, my college education will be four wasted years of my life."

The question and statistics according to classes follow:

"If the draft age is lowered to 18 years, will you: 1. Remain in College until drafted; 2. Remain in college hoping to be deferred; 3. Leave college to enlist in a preferred branch of the service?"

	1.	2.	3.
Freshmen	50%	40%	10%
Sophomores	59	31	10
Juniors	50	37	13
Seniors	50	41	9

## HEY, HEADING FOR HOME?

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