

Mid-Year Commencement Exercises Cancelled

Hetzel Promises College Aid In War

Action Caused By Postponement Last September

Commencement exercises for seniors who are to be graduated at mid-year have been cancelled, William S. Hoffman, registrar, announced last night. The action was decided at a meeting of the Council of Administrations Monday, he said.

"This is the first step which the College has taken to adjust its regular program to an emergency status," Mr. Hoffman pointed out.

A major factor in this action was caused by the shortening of the final examination period due to postponement of the College opening in September during the infantile paralysis epidemic, the registrar added.

The shortening of the mid-year vacation period reduced the examination period for graduating seniors by two days. Thus instructors would have had only a day and a half to give senior examinations and get grades in to the registrar's office. This would have been so hurried and confused that it would be entirely impractical, Mr. Hoffman said.

The plan will benefit the students slightly, the registrar stated, as they will not have to stay in State College for several extra days, and they will not have the added expense of caps and gowns.

Another factor in the move, he said, was that the faculty and staff members have been unusually busy. "Practically all staff members have been working far more than an eight-hour day," Mr. Hoffman said.

Late News Flashes— House Defeats 19 Year Draft Limit

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The House of Representatives stood firm on its decision to limit men, 21 to 44, subject to the draft yesterday by voting 173 to 52 to override the Senate provision, calling for a (19 to 45) age limit.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, and Secretary of War Stimson, announced last night the largest shake-up of military and naval commanders in the history of America's armed forces. Admiral Husband S. Kimmel, Commander in Chief of the U. S. Fleet, has been replaced by Rear Admiral Chester W. Mimmitts, present Chief of Navigation. In the Hawaiian Army Command, General Walter S. Short has been replaced by General D. C. Emmons. General C. O. Tinker has succeeded General Martin in the Hawaiian Air Corps Command.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — President Roosevelt warned labor and management last night to end all disputes before the Friday deadline.

MANILA—New U. S. naval victories were reported by Admiral Hart in the Philippines last night. Two out of three attacks on Japanese vessels by American submarines were reported as successful.

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Examination Schedule In Today's Collegian

The examination schedule for the first semester, 1941-1942 will be found on pages four and five of today's issue. Exams begin January 26 and will end January 31.

Students who have two examinations scheduled for the same time must report that fact to the Office of the Registrar not later than 5 p. m. January 8, three days after the Christmas vacation ends.

Krouse Appoints '42 Committees

Charles F. Mattern '42 and Ruth C. Benty '42, were appointed co-chairmen of the cap and gown committee and James W. Ritter '42, and Jerome H. H. Raimsohn '42, co-chairmen of the invitations and announcements committee, as announced yesterday by H. Leonard Krouse, senior class president.

Seniors appointed by Krouse to serve on the cap and gown committee are as follows: Dale W. Byers, Mildred J. Balthaser, William F. Collins, William O. Myers, John M. Phillips, and Fred Rassmussen.

The following seniors were appointed to serve on the invitations and announcements committee: Paul W. Best, William H. Long, John F. Mahoney, James A. Rose, Eleanor M. Steffy, and Charles W. York.

Photo Contest Planned

Announcement has been made by the Penn State Camera Club that its Fourth Annual Print Contest and Exhibit will begin club activities for next year. William T. Clark '42, president, has announced that the deadline for submitting prints is midnight, January 15, 1942. Copies of the contest rules are now available at Student Union.

Lighting Clinic Tonight

Motion pictures and a lighting demonstration comprise the program of the annual Illumination Clinic which will be held in 105 White Hall at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

In A Hale America—

Are Penn State Men Weaklings?

"The spirit's willing but the body's weak."

There is little doubt about Penn State war-time spirit as the cogs of a well-organized campus training machine begin to turn but there is growing doubt about the physical preparedness.

College students are regarded by seasoned old timers as mamby-pamby good time boys who spend all their time in the corner restaurant or down-town refreshment shop and take their exercise by bending the elbow.

Rebellious hot-dogs have sworn to redeem themselves and have even announced that in the present emergency they will prove their strength by entering into the physical training program being sparked by Charlie Speidel, chairman of the physical fitness committee of the campus defense di-

Students Begin Enrolling For Defense Work

Enrollment blanks for the Student Training for Civilian Defense program passed into Student Union office yesterday afternoon as students gave President Hetzel the "whole-hearted cooperation" for which he asked at yesterday's convocation.

It was estimated that at least 500 blanks were turned in. The deadline for their return to Student Union is 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Adrian O. Morse, assistant to the President in charge of resident instruction, last night urged students to fill out their blanks and bring them to Student Union as soon as possible. He said that this will facilitate speedy organization of the courses.

Mr. Morse also said that students who did not get blanks at the convocation may obtain them at Student Union.

Fifty courses, open both to men and to women students, are offered under the program. They are intended to train students for defense work in their home communities.

No fees will be charged for the extra-curricular instruction, and no credit will be given. Classes, which will probably be organized

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Hibbard Will Present Series Of 4 Lectures

Dr. B. H. Hibbard, professor Emeritus of Agricultural Economics at the University of Wisconsin, will give a series of four lectures on the general theme "Government and Agriculture," on January 5, 6, 7, and 8, at 4:10 each afternoon.

Meetings are scheduled in Sparks Building, on Monday, January 5 in Room 10 and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in Room 121. Students and faculty of the School of Agriculture as well as all other schools are invited to attend.

Rabinowitz To Appear With Allen January 7

One student at Penn State who isn't looking forward to his Christmas vacation is Leon Rabinowitz '43. Instead, the Fred Allen Talent Search winner can't wait until the holidays are over, for he will travel to New York January 4 to arrive in time for rehearsal Monday, January 5. He will appear on the Fred Allen show January 7.

Rabinowitz, who impersonated radio and movie stars in a recent talent show, was chosen by student vote as the best performer among Shirley L. Ives '45, Donald R. Taylor '42, and himself. He received \$200 dollars and the opportunity for the radio appearance.

Cut Fine Period Begins At Noon

The 48-hour cut fine period for the Christmas vacation will go into effect at noon today and extend to 8 a. m. January 7, A. R. Warnock, dean of men, announced yesterday.

Strict attendance check of all absences will be kept by class instructors, Dean Warnock said. He also pointed out that if a student is absent even one hour during the period, he will be subject to the penalty of a \$5 fine—unless he can obtain evidence of having attended classes prior to and following the cut.

"Students who are absent during the period but have not gone home must prove they were on campus. They should obtain conclusive evidence that they did not leave, especially so if they overslept," the Dean advised.

Written applications for fine exemptions may be filed one week after the Christmas holidays, which extend from noon Saturday until 8 a. m. Monday.

Phi Kappa Sigma Elects

Three new officers were elected recently by Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. William L. Sandston '42 was named president. J. William Penman '42 and Thomas M. Reed '44 were named vice-president and secretary respectively.

5,000 Attend Only Convocation In Last 4 Years

Speaking before approximately 5,000 students and faculty members at the war-dominated convocation in Recreation Hall yesterday morning, President Hetzel pledged the full resources of the College to the nation's defense and asked undergraduates to be "calm and orderly" in the crisis.

The convocation was the first called by the President since September 15, 1937, when a mass meeting was held to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the signing of the Morrill Land Grant Act. In grim contrast to the peacefulness of the campus four years ago, yesterday's convocation brought together students united in a common concern for the future.

"Education is of such major importance that it is an assignment in the line of duty," President Hetzel said. "It should be clearly understood that this assignment is as vital to the war program of the nation as is assignment to its military or naval units."

He pointed out that the Selective Service Act is designed to select qualified man-power for the tasks it is best fitted to serve. The act recognizes that the greatest contribution any individual can

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Annual Carol Sing Set For Tonight

Largest outdoor gathering of the Christmas season, fast becoming a tradition, is Penn State's annual Carol Sing, sponsored by the PSCA and the department of music, which will be held on the Old Main terrace at 8:30 o'clock tonight.

A. John Currier '42, co-president of the PSCA, will preside at the event, Jean F. Fisher '43, general chairman, announced last night after it was learned H. Leonard Krouse '42, formerly reported as program head, was called to Chicago.

Singing by students, faculty members and townspeople will be conducted by Prof. Hummel Fishburn, department of music. The College Choir and a brass quartet will provide special music.

A Christmas reading will be given by Mrs. Harriet D. Nesbitt, instructor in the speech department, and members of the PSCA Freshman Council will collect the offering which will be donated to the World Student Service Fund.

Words for the carols will be projected on a screen at the head of the Old Main steps under the direction of Dr. Fred E. Kelly, department of education and psychology. R. Y. Sigworth, grounds and buildings department, is supervising decorations.

Carols which will be sung by the group are "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Silent Night," "Adeste Fidelis," "Joy to the World," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "The First Noel," and "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."