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We Strip For Action

The Daily Collegian has a double responsibility placed upon it since the United States is at war. We must present an accurate and detailed account of all campus activities and also adopt a war editorial policy.

We have been accused of concentrating our local news too much upon the war angle and its affect upon the students. We do not apologize for this fault, because President Hetzel said yesterday, "The College is at war."

Students cannot afford to hide their heads from the present conflict and believe that the Penn State campus and war are two opposite factors. Like ostriches, they will find that they are exposed to the enemy.

If we appear to be concentrating too closely upon campus defense groups and their influence upon the students, it is only that such news is important to the general well-being of the student, as distasteful as it may seem to him.

We did not want this war. We did not want to fight. But, with the battle axe brought to our back door, we cannot ignore it. Either we fortify ourselves, open our eyes, face the realities of war, or find what we hold as American principles folding beneath the crushing blow of Nazi blitzkriegs.

We consider it the duty of The Daily Collegian to publish the facts, even if those facts are repeated and repeated. As long as there is a war, as long as the campus is an integral unit of the American force which fights that war, as long as we are the backbone of the trenches and the supply line of the nation, we will print news which is essential toward winning that conflict.

News is news. Information on war activities, student defense training, and civilian morale may at times become monotonous. But, we maintain that by publishing this news, by constantly bringing the information before our readers, we may create a consciousness that war is here on campus. We say that war is in our homes, our laboratories, our classrooms, our individual lives, and it is up to us to take our dose of castor oil and like it.

We cannot compromise with ourselves. We cannot evade the shadow of war upon our doorstep. What we can do is make up our minds as to what we can do since the circumstances have been forced upon us.

President Hetzel also said that the College must dedicate itself without reserve to the tasks that it must perform. As individuals, as a newspaper, as groups, we must face this interruption of normal activity as members of a democratic way of thinking which believes that force is not the "way of life."

In our editorials, we will not hesitate to criticize, but if we are in the minority, we will not obstruct. We will not yield to war hysteria, nor persecute people for thinking differently. However, we will sternly condemn those who interfere with the war efforts of the campus, state, or nation.

We will attempt to interpret the intricacies of the civilian and student defense structure, and the part that students must play in this tragic "game of war."

Above all, we will be patriotic but fair. We will place above all other duties as an editorial staff the facilities of The Daily Collegian as an aid in harmonizing the campus in its war program. We will strip for action.

One Man's Meat

Some time ago I remarked that it is quite amazing to see the little things of life go on in the midst of what Dr. Hetzel rightly calls "the most enormous and crucial contest which has developed since man commenced to make history."

Now, nearly two weeks after our involvement in that struggle, I am no longer amazed by the unchanging pattern of our life in spite of the tremendous strains upon it. Indeed, I am beginning to wonder why I ever was surprised.

After only a little thought it is easy enough to see that, unless this pattern remains fundamentally the same, we have little for which to fight. The woof and warp of our daily life is made up of innumerable small actions, all woven into a design which gives meaning to existence. It is the desire to preserve all these infinitesimal threads of life that make up the grand tapestry of what we, somewhat boastfully, call our civilization that consciously or unconsciously drives us to resist the onslaught of those who would have us accept their own twisted weavings.

The Corner Room chatter; the relative calm attendant upon our learning of a new World War compared with the boisterous acclaim of a newly-discovered football hero; the heated discussions following that controversial last goal in the W & J basketball game and the quieter annoyance at the Japanese bombardment of Pear Harbor—all these are just a few of the threads which combine to form the homespun cloth of American life.

True, that cloth has its snags, its violent clashes of design, I have never tried to make a case for its completeness, its perfection. For the present, however, we must all concern ourselves with retaining the essential pattern. More than that, we must be sure that as we fight to keep the design intact no threads are lost but those we can least afford to keep; that while our eyes are on the enemy abroad no home-grown vipers achieve the enemies' purpose and destroy the woof and warp behind our backs.

There is little time now to talk of hoped-for future gains. The task at hand is simply to preserve the ones we've labored over 150 years to achieve. It is my duty and yours to act with greatest skill the parts our foremost talents give us to play. It is our solemn obligation as the heirs-apparent of this civilization to protect our heritage at home, in the Pacific, in England, in China, in Russia, or wherever that heritage is threatened.

For the Fascist way of, not life, but living death, is so diametrically opposed to the principles of self-respecting men as practiced in our own country, in England, in Russia, in China, and in all the other lands opposing Hitler's march, that we have now but one purpose: To eradicate forever all traces of Fascism, domestic or foreign.

—Loki



ATTENDS CONFERENCE—Harry P. Hammond, dean of the School of Engineering, will travel to Washington, D. C. today to attend a meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Engineering Defense Training of which he is a member. The meeting has been called to discuss new conditions which the war situation has created.

New Fitness Program Set

Emphasizing the importance of strong morale and physical fitness, the School of Physical Education and Athletics has prepared its facilities, equipment, and personnel to accommodate both the faculty and the entire student body in the present war-time training program.

The School's facilities are taxed to the limit at present but increased emphasis will be placed on all phases of the present set-up, Dean Carl P. Schott promised last night. Particular attention will be placed on subjects more directly connected with preparation for combat and civilian defense.

Varsity and intra-mural programs will be continued with the size of the squads increased and more terms placed in competition. The campus defense subcommittee headed by wrestling coach Charlie Speidel has made arrangements to extend regular gymnasium periods to upperclassmen not taking physical education.

The equipment of Rec Hall will be available to junior and senior men students on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:50 p.m. All male members of the College staff will be admitted at the same time on Tuesday and Thursday of every week. This program will start on January 6.

Immediately after vacation a short course will be offered in military and social hygiene. Emphasis will be placed on the relationship of health to industrial, community, and military efficiency.

Open to all students, a course in first aid will begin with the first session scheduled from 7 to 10 p.m. on January 5. Bleeding, fractures, shocks, burns, wounds, unconsciousness, and all phases of asphyxiation will be considered. Recreational activities have been suggested for the coming Winter and Spring seasons. The tennis court ice rink will be ready for use immediately after the Christmas holidays. "Bring skates back and enjoy smooth ice" is the advice of the Physical Education School. Roller skating sessions will be held every Saturday afternoon and evening in the Armory.

The women's program has also assumed a new significance with special features improving the basic health, physical and mental fortitude to be announced immediately after vacation.

York Alumni Plan Dance

The Penn State alumni club of York will sponsor their annual New Year's Eve dance at the Hotel Yorktowne on the evening of December 31. The Campus Owls orchestra will play for the dance.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

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.

Reorganization meeting, '45 Independent party, 418 Old Main, 7:00 p. m. Party elections will be held.

PSCA publicity committee, 304 Old Main, 4 p. m.

Fireside Sessions Committee, 304 Old Main, 6:30 p. m.

Late News Flashes

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The types of Jap vessels attacked were not revealed.

TOKYO—Official Japanese government spokesmen warned Japanese mariners last night of the presence of at least 20 American submarines reported operating in Japan's territorial waters.

MOSCOW—Russian army spokesmen announced last night that Russian armies have advanced 90 miles in the last week and have captured over 90 new towns in the last 48 hours in a non-stop pursuit of the Nazi armies to the west on all fronts.

MANILA—200 passengers were killed last night when the commercial steamer, Corrigador, sank after striking a mine in Manila Bay, according to eye-witness reports from Manila.

SINGAPORE—British military officials admitted last night that Japanese troops have advanced to within ten miles of the strategic naval base at Penang Island.

LONDON—Authorities reported Messerschmitt fighters of a German Air Arm are being used to aid the Japanese attack on the Malayan Peninsula in a report last night.

Five Editors Discuss Draft

One of the most widely discussed questions in educational circles today—whether college students should be drafted—was discussed recently by five college editors debating the issue over Station KMOX, St. Louis.

Representing five of the country's well-known colleges and universities, these editors were encouraged to voice their opinions freely.

Saul Moses, editor of the Carnegie Tartan, Carnegie Institute of Technology, insisted collegians should be drafted. Discrimination on such a vital issue would have a bad effect on the morale of the country, he said. He thought, however, that a solution might be found by combining education and military training.

Joan Pinanski, editor of the Wellesley News, Wellesley College, asserted liberal arts students should be allowed to complete their courses before being drafted. She said educated people would be needed during the reconstruction period after the war.

Lowell Jones, editor of the Minnesota Daily, University of Minnesota, believed students should be deferred until their education is completed.

"During the first World War," Jones said, "colleges were forced to close down because of the decrease in enrollment. Educational institutions are too important in a democracy to allow this to happen again."

The editor of the St. Francis College newspaper, Bob Swopa, stated that college students should be drafted without special classification.

In agreement with Swopa's belief was Charles Harris, editor of the Emory University newspaper, who said, "College students should be drafted. If this rule were not made, many people might enter college with the idea of dodging the draft."

THE SEASON OF
GOOD CHEER

... finds us mindful of the good things that have come our way during the past year. The fine friendships... the excellent patronage... both have been instrumental in enabling us to have a most successful year... so please accept our thanks for everything.



CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS

KEELER'S

in the Cathaum Theatre Building