

## College Year Shortened Four Weeks

### Two Sophomores Die Suddenly Over Holidays

Two deaths, both to members of the sophomore class, occurred during the Christmas vacation. The first was caused by an automobile accident to G. Harwood Hoover '44 on New Year's morning; the second was the sudden death of Marion Dubois '44 the next day.

Funeral services for Miss Dubois, who died suddenly at her home in Philadelphia last Friday, will be held this afternoon. Miss Dubois was enrolled in the home economics curriculum. She was born May 11, 1921 and was graduated from West Philadelphia High School in June 1940.

The death of Hoover occurred early January 1 when the automobile which he was driving near Northumberland, struck a tree and overturned. He did not regain consciousness and died en route to the Mary M. Packer Hospital in Sunbury.

Police attribute the cause of Hoover's death to fatigue. The accident occurred at 6:45 a. m. while Hoover was returning from a New Year's Eve dance at Mt. Carmel.

Funeral services for Hoover were held last Sunday and interment followed in West Side cemetery in Sunbury. He was born November 15, 1922 and was graduated from Parkiemer Preparatory School in June 1940. His home was in Sunbury.

Hoover was enrolled in the sanitary engineering curriculum and was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He was active in student politics, played on the freshman ice hockey team, and was a member of the Civil Engineering Society.

### Late News Flashes...

**WASHINGTON**—President Roosevelt's speech before Congress on the state of the Union yesterday was acclaimed throughout the "United Nations" as one of the greatest he has ever made. He said that production must be increased so that in 1942 we shall produce 60,000 planes and 45,000 tanks. In 1943 we must produce 125,000 planes, 75,000 tanks. We must increase the production of anti-aircraft guns and merchant shipping proportionately. The President said that the cost will be 56 billion dollars or over half of the estimated national income.

**CHUNGKING**—Japanese troops suffered a setback on the Chinese mainland where 75,000 Japs face destruction in the province of Changsha. Chinese troops are reported to be 120 miles from Shanghai and to be advancing up Hangchow River.

**WASHINGTON**—The Navy Department announced late yesterday that in the attack by giant motored American bombers on Japanese fleet off the island of Mindinao more than one destroyer was sunk, a battleship suffered three direct hits, and other vessels are believed to have gone down. All planes returned safely. (Continued on Page Four)

### Hetzel Begins 16th Year As President

On December 31, Dr. Ralph D. Hetzel completed fifteen years of service as president of the College. He has served the institution longer than any other president, with the exception of George W. Atherton, who was president from 1882 to 1906.

A greatly enlarged responsibility is President Hetzel's as he begins his sixteenth year. "These are busy days on the Penn State campus, almost too busy to be conscious of anniversaries," he said when reminded of the close of another year in his 33 years' experience as college educator. "War time makes greatly expanded demands upon us."

### Committee Urges Waste Salvage

A "salvage for victory" campaign was inaugurated last night at the initial meeting of the State College Committee on Conservation of Defense Resources, representing both the College and borough committee sections.

R. J. Kennard, local businessman, and chairman of the entire committee, told the group that the students, faculty, and townspeople must begin immediately to save for war production all waste paper, rags, metals, and old rubber.

Facilities for collection of these materials will be referred to subcommittees for action this week, Kennard said.

Harold W. Loman, College purchasing agent and vice-chairman of the group, expressed the purpose of the committee when he said, "Rather than wait until the life of the nation is at stake, we must work on the double-quick to make up for the time lost early in the war in order to salvage materials."

An acute shortage of supplies—especially paper—faces the College at the present time, stated Loman, and it will become worse as the war progresses.

The official function of the Committee, according to Mr. Kennard, is to educate the people to save odds and ends.

Examples of items on the OPM "critical" list—which are vital to defense production—desired for collection are: cotton lint, Manila fiber, borax, boric acid, aluminum, tungsten, cork, rayon, silk, and innumerable others.

### Cabinet Defense Group Named

A three man All-College Cabinet Defense Committee was appointed last night to serve as a channel through which student ideas for defense projects may be passed for consideration to the regular College defense committees.

Robert B. Jeffrey '42, Francis E. Haley '43, and Clifford M. St. Clair '45, were named to this "idea committee" by Gerald F. Doherty '42, All-College vice-president.

In view of the College's decision to eliminate final examination week this semester, Cabinet passed a recommendation to be presented tonight to the Committee on Student Welfare which proposes that professors abolish all final examinations during regular class hours.

Ross B. Lehman '42, who was appointed to draw up the petition, stressed that this proposal in no way concerned "blue books" but only examinations covering the complete semester's work. It was pointed out that it would be unfair to expect students to study for final exams during the regular class schedule.

William O. Meyers '42, was appointed to inquire into the College's decision to dispense with mid-year commencement exercises. Several Cabinet members expressed the idea that commencement exercises were important to graduating seniors, and would not hold up College activity too much.

Several suggestions were presented for student participation in national defense. The buying of defense bonds by fraternities was cited as one way to help.

It was also suggested that small admission be charged for such student activities as the frosh-soph boxing meets, the showing of football movies, and possibly another talent show. With the money collected, defense bonds could be obtained.

### Time-Tables On Sale At Registrar's Office

Second semester time-tables are on sale at the Registrar's Office, William S. Hoffman, registrar, announced yesterday.

The time-tables will be effective despite the change in the schedule for the coming year.

### Ritenour Elected Head

Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, director of the College Health Service, was elected president of the American Student Health Association at the annual meeting held during the Christmas vacation.

### New Schedule Eliminates Final Exams, Easter Holiday

#### Shift In Schedule Creates Changes

The shift in the calendar of the College year has created several changes; it was shown yesterday.

Students who are forced to leave college now will receive credit for their courses upon approval of their instructors and the dean of their school, William S. Hoffman, registrar, pointed out.

Mr. Hoffman remarked that first semester grades will not be available when students register for the second semester, but any changes that have to be made may be done so by drop-adding courses.

The cancellation of exam week makes it unnecessary to report conflicts, Scheduling Officer Ray V. Watkins announced.

#### 2nd Semester Set Jan. 28 To May 9

First and second semester final examinations were eliminated, and the second semester was further shortened by the withdrawal of Easter vacation as the Council of Administration took action Monday to adapt the College schedule to the war emergency.

As a result of the speed-up, the first semester will end Saturday, January 24. Registration for the second semester will be held January 26 and 27, and classes will begin at noon Wednesday, January 28.

Elimination of the final examination periods was made with the understanding that examinations may be given during the regularly scheduled class periods at the end of each semester.

As a result of this action, the second semester will end at noon Saturday, May 9, nearly four full weeks earlier than previously scheduled.

In spite of rumors to the contrary, no action has been taken to extend the regular classwork into the summer months. The Council of Administration has announced dates of inter-session, main summer session and post session as originally planned. Inter-session registration will be held June 9, main session June 29, and post-session August 10.

"The plan whereby there would be three terms instead of two semesters is merely one of several plans being considered by the Council for the program of the College beyond the close of the second semester," is was emphasized. (Continued on Page Four)

### College Plans Extension Rise

Already supporting the largest college defense training program in the country, Penn State is preparing to greatly expand this training in light of the nation's growing need for industrial workers, according to Edward L. Keller, director of engineering extension at the College.

"Today there are about 4,000,000 persons employed in national defense industries," Mr. Keller said, "but a study by the National Resources Planning Board indicates that by the end of 1942 we will need 11,000,000 defense workers if we are to operate our industrial war machine at peak production."

Already the College has trained nearly 20,000 men and women for these defense positions and approximately 15,000 are now enrolled in the fourth separate program to be undertaken by the College.

To assist in the task of shifting a large portion of the nation's labor supply into war industries, the College is making an exhaustive survey of the labor needs of defense plants throughout the state, Mr. Keller said. More than 650 war material producing factories will be included in the survey.

### Measles Found In State College

Measles is prevalent in State College, Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, director of the College Health Service, warned yesterday afternoon.

It is an extremely contagious disease, Dr. Ritenour pointed out, and is prone to lead to complications, the chief of which are pneumonia, bronchitis, and middle ear disease.

Although about six cases have been reported in town, no students have come to the College Health Service with the symptoms.

"The period of incubation, that is, the period between exposure and manifestation of symptoms," Dr. Ritenour said, "is about two weeks. During this interval infected individuals may readily transmit the disease to susceptible persons."

"Students are warned," Dr. Ritenour continued, "to be extremely cautious about mingling with children or others living in homes where measles is known to exist."

### Tribunal Meeting Called

All freshmen violators scheduled for hearings at the December 17, 1941 meeting of Tribunal, which was postponed, were requested to report at the Alumni office at 8 p. m. today by Raymond F. Leffler '42, board chairman.

## Draft Registration Here Likely

A special draft registration for all men students between 20 and 45 years of age will probably be held on the campus February 16, it was indicated by College officials last night.

Although no administrative action has yet been taken, it was pointed out that students were permitted to register here on the first two registration dates, October 16, 1940, and July 1, 1941. One official said "too much confusion would be created" if students were to register in the borough or if they had to go home. Approximately 1,300 under-

graduates—not including special and two-year students—will be required to register according to enrollment statistics from the registrar's office. The report shows that 958 men students reached the age of 20 during 1941 and that about 375 had their 21st birthdays since the last registration.

Students whose 20th birthdays fall between January 1 and February 16 will not be required to register. President Roosevelt's proclamation applies only to men who become 20 "on or before December 31, 1941."

After February 16, a total of about 2,375 undergraduates will be registered for selective service.

This figure includes both old and new registrants.

This tabulation includes 891 out of 899 seniors, 741 out of 886 juniors, 559 out of 1,346 sophomores, and 184 out of 1,481 freshmen. The total male undergraduate enrollment is 4,612. An additional 1,017 men students will become 20 during 1942, according to the report.

In the 18- and 19-year-old groups, there are 1,948 men. Only one is more than 44 years of age. At present, these students are exempt from bearing arms but may be conscripted for non-military service. They will register at a later date.