

Steidle Starts South American Air Trip Today

Dean Edward Steidle of the School of Mineral Industries will leave today on his 25-day, 22,000-mile trip by air to South America to attend the Pan American Congress of Mining Engineering and Geology in Santiago, Chile.

Dean Steidle was appointed as Pennsylvania's delegate to the Congress by Governor James early in December and he has been asked to be the representative of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers.

The trip will include 12 days and one night of flying, making a complete tour of the principal cities of the continent, a 1000-mile flight up the Amazon River, and a day at San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he will speak at a Penn State alumni meeting.

Along with the dean, the School of Mineral Industries will send papers written by 19 members of the school faculty, presenting new scientific findings and procedures, for the Congress' approval.

Two of the papers have been contributed by Dean Steidle himself. One is "The Trends and Objectives of Mineral Industries Education" and the other, "Modern Mine Safety Practice."

Fear that the congress would be cancelled after war development was set aside by the executive committee's stating that now it was more important than before the outbreak of the war.

The executive vice president of the congress stated in a letter to delegates dated December 9 that it would "present an opportunity to reaffirm the bonds of Pan-American solidarity in this moment of emergency."

Collegian Members Defy Their Exams To Publish News

Ordinary students may grind and burn the midnight oil for those evasive "3's" but those wild-eyed journalists of The Daily Collegian want to travel the hard road to future success.

Not content to take perhaps four or five finals in one day, the editorial and business staff members have agreed to publish the Collegian for the convenience of the students during the last week of classes in the first semester.

Because the College Administration might make momentous decisions which will effect the students, The Daily Collegian has decided to continue to fulfill the function of a daily paper.

The Collegian will publish Tuesday through Saturday, January 13 to 17 and January 20 to 24. From then on, the schedule of publication is not definite.

Since the war situation is so closely related to Penn State with all its defense courses, College officials have expressed a need for an official informant for students. Collegian staff members have volunteered to fill that need.

Examination week as originally scheduled was not included in the daily's budget. Yes—it's a special service and staff members hope it is appreciated.

Attend Alumni Meeting

Edward K. Hibshman, executive secretary of the Alumni Association, and F. Joseph Bedenk, assistant professor of physical education, attended a meeting at Coudersport yesterday to organize a Penn State Alumni Club for Potter and Tioga counties.

Frosh Campus Party Stages Defense Ball

Since defense is the main topic of the day, the freshman Campus party has christened its informal mixer the Freshman Defense Ball. It will be staged in the Armory, January 16, from 9 p. m. until 1-a. m. Music will be supplied by records.

Slogan of the dance, sponsored as a belated victory celebration for the Campus party in the recent elections, will be "keep the ball rolling."

However, there will be no official admission price. Cash contributions will be accepted during the dance. Defense Bonds will then be purchased and in turn will be donated to Mrs. Hetzel's Emergency Loan Fund.

"No dates are necessary," remarked Renee U. Marks and Walter M. Robinson, co-chairmen of the dance. "Any freshman can come 'stag' if he desires, but he must present his AA book."

First-Aid Course To Expand Class

Facilities are available to handle 100 more students in the first-aid course which is being offered in connection with campus civilian defense, Jack Hulme, chairman of the sub-committee on first-aid, disclosed last night.

Over 70 students reported last Monday for the initial meeting of the class but there is sufficient equipment and instructors to train over 100 more under the present set-up.

The class meets for three-hours once a week from 7 to 10 p. m. in room 121 Sparks Building. Deadline for new applicants to sign up has been set for the meeting next Monday evening.

Trainees will be instructed how to handle bleeding, shocks, burns, fractures, unconsciousness, and cases of asphyxiation.

It is expected that students who complete the introductory short course will be permitted to take an instructor-training course which will qualify them to teach first-aid in their own communities.

Dry Dock Sold Out

All table reservations for Saturday night's opening of the Dry Dock night club have been sold, it was announced by Thomas R. Heidecker '43 and William H. Cissel '43, co-chairmen of the management committee. No one will be admitted without a reservation.

Soccer Loss Tops 1941 Stories

So what if there is a war? The junior editorial board of The Daily Collegian voted yesterday that the story of the soccer team's first defeat in nine years was the most important campus news story of 1941.

Each year the Collegian follows the example of the major press services by selecting its ten outstanding stories of the preceding year.

Although the war projected itself into the campus news picture during the last two weeks of publication in December, the story of the beginning of plans for student defense training was rated third in importance, behind that of the infantile paralysis epidemic which delayed opening of the Fall term.

Similarly, the convocation called by President Ralph D. Hetzel shortly after the outbreak of the

Air Corps Needs Weather Students

The Army Air Corps has issued a call for all college students with weather bureau training to begin work at the Gulf Coast Air Corps Training Center immediately.

Four groups of civilian meteorologists, graded as full instructors, or associates, assistants or juniors are being sought for this weather work. The positions carry a civil service rating and salaries run from \$2,000 to \$3,800 annually.

Heading the qualifications list is the request for students who have had at least a year of weather bureau work plus a six hour semester college course on the subject, with a college degree unnecessary. Applications will be accepted also from students having college credit in differential and integral calculus and advanced physics.

For this latter group, a ten week training school will provide the substitute for the practical experience. Under the occupational deferment regulations, applicants accepted for the posts will not be liable for immediate call into the Selective Service.

Debaters Conduct Forum With Bucknell Tuesday

While Bucknell and Penn State debaters are conducting the scheduled symposium forum on the topic, "What Is Youth's Part in the War," here next Tuesday, a similar discussion will be taking place on the Bucknell campus.

Mark A. Richards '42 and William E. Harkins '42 will travel to Lewisburg where they will speak along with two Bucknell students, Gerald F. Doherty '42 and Robert D. Baird '42 will participate in the program here.

John H. Frizzell, professor of public speaking and College chaplain, will serve as chairman at the local forum.

Helen McCormick Hired For 'Package Library'

Miss Helen McCormick, a graduate of the Peabody Library Science School in Nashville, Tenn., has been hired to take charge of the "package library" division of the extension library.

By means of the package library, groups throughout the state may borrow bulletins, pamphlets, and books directly from the College. The only cost to the borrowing organization is for handling and postage.

College Senate Passes 'No Finals' Resolution

Red Cross Petitions Student Blood Donors

Penn State students are being offered the chance to give their blood in the war effort.

Red Cross blood-donor petitions are being circulated in a drive to obtain the 500 volunteers which are needed to bring a mobile blood-bank unit to State College from Philadelphia, it was announced yesterday by Jack M. Swartzberg '44, chairman of the blood-donor unit.

Because there is much need for blood by the United States Army and Navy at the present time, students are urged to sign up at Student Union. Persons under 21 must have a release signed by parent or guardian.

Work On Defense Courses To Begin

After being shelved temporarily to enable College officials to devote their full attention to the problems arising from the shortening of the College year, work on the organization of the courses to be offered under the Student Training for Civilian Defense program will probably begin next week, it was indicated yesterday.

More than 2,000 students have turned in enrollment blanks signifying their interest in the courses which will be designed to train students for defense work in their home communities. Every one of the 50 proposed courses has been selected as first choice by at least one student.

Welding, with 206 first choices, is the most popular course with First Aid running a close second with 205 preferences. Other courses leading in student interest are Automobile Mechanics, 196 selections; Communications and Radio, 137; Motor Vehicle Operation, 96; Blackout Driving, 83; Overall Mechanics (for women), 82; and Office Methods, 81.

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

Club Cancels Dance

The Penn State Club dance originally scheduled for January 10 has been cancelled indefinitely and the Thespian dance has been changed from February 3 to a date in January to be announced soon.

Interpretation Left Up To Departments

The resolution to replace final examinations with bluebooks was adopted by the College Senate at its meeting yesterday afternoon.

The action is in no way final, since the resolution will have no more than an advisory utility. It is impossible to do away with final examinations in a few courses, it was pointed out. For the most part, interpretation of the resolution was left up to the individual departments.

So as not to crowd the last days of classes with exams and allow the students to "do justice" to them, instructors were advised to use discretion in the choice of the date for their bluebooks.

The original resolution was proposed at the Tuesday meeting of the All-College Cabinet after the College calendar was changed. It was pointed out that the shortening of the semester "would entail the taking of four or five final examinations in one day."

The resolution was presented to the Senate Committees on Student Welfare in the form of a petition Wednesday afternoon. The committee decided that it was a matter for the entire Senate to discuss, and referred it to them with the recommendation for "favorable action because of the detrimental effect on student health and welfare."

The resolution was introduced in the Senate yesterday as a committee report by MacLean M. Babcock, associate professor of industrial engineering, who is chairman. (Continued on Page Four)

Late News Flashes...

WASHINGTON—Navy officials announced that final reports from the gallant marine defenders of Wake Island state that during the course of the fighting there, seven Japanese vessels were sunk, including 4 destroyers, a cruiser, a gunboat and a submarine. This report came in a penciled record of the fighting written by Major Baylor, an officer on the island.

BERLIN—German sources admitted that heavy damage was done in an RAF raid upon Bangkok, capital of Thailand. Seven Japanese planes were said to have been shot down. Allied sources admit the loss of one plane.

MOSCOW—A special Soviet communique claimed that 132 settlements have been recaptured on the Moscow front. The Reds also claimed the destruction of 8,000 Nazi troops during the fighting in the Crimea.

CHUNGKING—Chinese officials stated that 65,000 Japanese troops face destruction in the wake of the Chinese drive through Changsha province. The Chinese troops are reported to be still chasing the Nipponese forces.

WASHINGTON—The House today threatened to oust Mayor La Guardia from his position as Civilian Defense director. Opposition forces claimed that the mayor was incapable of handling the job and to serve at the same time as mayor of New York. They proposed that the job be turned over to the war department. A House committee was appointed to draw up a compromise on the question. (Continued on Page Four)

6. Three classes vote to finance completion of a series of mural around the mezzanine floor of Old Main at an estimated cost of \$13,600.

7. Heinz Warneke chosen Lion Shrine sculptor.

8. Penn State is host to NCAA boxing tournament. Paul Scally wins national 175-pound title.

8. (Tie) College Defense Council is organized.

10. Mixed drinking banned by Cabinet and WSGA.

Finishing behind the top ten were the following stories: the bus stop situation which culminated in the moving of the Greyhound site to the Atherton Street terminal; the football team's brilliant season, climaxed by the 31-7 massacre of Pitt and the subsequent half-holiday; and the 585 students pledged to fraternities, a new high.

war, in which he advised students and pledged full College support to the nation's defense before 5,000 students and faculty members in Rec Hall, was ranked fifth, below the story of the confused All-College presidency situation last Fall.

The ten biggest stories follow:

1. Soccer streak halted at 65 straight games.

2. Infantile paralysis epidemic delays College opening one week.

3. Student defense training plans inaugurated.

4. Gerald F. Doherty '42 succeeds Robert D. Baird '42 as All-College president, then steps down to the vice-presidency again to allow Baird to regain his office.

5. President Hetzel addresses 5,000 at first special convocation in four years.