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A Physical Contribution

Many students are eager to make some physical contribution toward the nation's war efforts. Some feel stymied because they are so far apart from the national sacrifices which are being made.

Here is the student's chance. Penn State has been asked to help supply the blood-line of the nation's soldiers by donating 400 pints of blood for use in blood transfusions in the theatre of war zones.

An opportunity to contribute something beyond mere words is presented. Four hundred Penn State students can be the saviors of 400 soldiers who may need sudden blood transfusions during battle.

No physical harm and little discomfort is experienced in blood taking. A small amount of local anesthetic is used so that there is relatively little pain involved. Donors are accepted only if they are capable of giving 500 c.c.'s of blood. The blood taking requires only about 15 minutes. Any student or professor who is willing to give a blood donation is asked to sign up at Student Union.

That blood which you give today may save some soldier's life, possibly your own.

Students And Defense

Another encouraging note in Penn State's part in national defense is the 2,000 students who enrolled for the extra-curricular defense courses to be offered by the College faculty. Relinquishing their time for instruction in vital defense aids, these students have signified their willingness to help Uncle Sam through a crucial period.

Groundwork for the courses will be laid next week with instruction being offered in at least 50 various classes. The First Aid course has already begun with 205 preferences listed by students.

Not only has Penn State been noticed for its extension training of Pennsylvania, but this large-scale instruction of students in defense activities has been hailed as one of the most progressive steps that any college or university has taken in national defense training. It has given the student a chance to feel that he is showing some interest and action.

The problems of getting the machinery of class scheduling and faculty instruction in working order are the chief hindrances in getting the courses started immediately. It is expected that these will be ironed out by next week.

Thanks Prof!

Thanks, prof! Sometimes students forget that professors aren't men who sit in front of a class, throw words of wisdom at bored ears, and correct the hardest one-hour bluebook they can muster.

Instead, professors are sometimes just as bored with their students, listening amusedly to "apple polishing" nit-wits, and correct bluebooks with a can of aspirins at their elbows.

The action taken by the Senate last night in recommending to its faculty that it try to eliminate final examinations indicates that "profs" usually understand their students' problems, sometimes better than the students.



Through The Needle's Eye

It was an interesting Christmas vacation. We saw a lot of scenes and thought a lot of thoughts. In Buffalo we had eggnog with defense workers on duty 60 hours a week and we were offered the chance for a job with a deferment and about 50 dollars a week besides. That's more than our father makes after 35 years of business experience. We watched a soldier from South Carolina kiss a middle-aged man goodby, both were weeping. Everywhere they played "The Anthem" on any pretext.

Prexy Hetzel wrote our parents: "Patriotism requires that students not act impulsively, but that each one give intelligent consideration to how he can serve best." One of the Lion's Paw lads wrote us: "It's a helluva thing to have nothing to do except think. Doing that to excess . . . about comprises my vacation activity so far."

The last day of 1941 we had our draft physical in Philadelphia. By that evening we were in Greenwich Village where we mixed-drinked mixed drinks with some of our more respectable students. Some of them were "in love" and, when the New Year trotted in, from our view they weren't very happy about the future.

So we saw a lot of the "Ammedican scene," and felt profound as all get out. But we felt pretty *toujour gai*, wotthell, too. Because wars may come and wars may go, but once you've resolved your own particular part in it, there's no more reason to be perturbed. There was the little lassie who said to the boogie-woogie boy: "That's a beautiful song. Sing it, will you? I'll bet you sing beautiful." And he said: "I can't sing." And she: "Well, mutter it a little, then." Ah, universe.

There were other nice things, too. When we flew over Niagara Falls (say we blandly) there was still a rainbow in the splash, and Times Square was filled with the damndest mob of people forgetting the war that you ever did see. There was the singing in the bus coming back to State College, too. That was a nice note.

Doggone it, say we! There are a lot of oafs, it seems to us, wandering around being gloomy at things, because being gloomy seems to be the accepted thing to be. Not for us, we chortle. For the first time we've figured out that there's so much to groan about that there's no need to groan.

It takes forty-seven muscles to frown (just to quote an older chestnut) and only thirteen to smile. Why, overwork?  
 —GABRIEL

Cold Streak Snaps Today

Students and faculty may discard their ear muffs and overcoats today, because The Daily Collegian weatherman predicts a slight let-up in the frigid weather.

Officially, yesterday's temperature did not pass Centre County's all-time record of 43 years ago, 20 below zero. However, the mercury power-dived to 8 below on the roof of the Mineral Industries Building, College weather station, and 10 below downtown.

The expression "cold as h-!" rings true, judging from the weatherman's underground temperature readings. At 6 inches below the soil, it was 20 below, and at 2 feet below the surface, it was 34 below. On the snow's surface, it was 22 below.

The cold sweep was general from the Plain States all the way to the Gulf of Mexico, the Weather Bureau said. Pittsburgh had 9 degrees below zero yesterday; Chicago shivered under 12 below; while Mobile, Ala., on the Gulf, reported 22 degrees—10 degrees below freezing. It was 10 at Vicksburg, Miss., and 8 at Birmingham, Ala., in the deep South.

Summer Plan Puzzles Many

"What to do about the summer vacation is now the College administration's hardest problem," Adrian O. Morse, assistant to the president, admitted at Penn State's first Town Hall meeting in Home Ec last night.

He said problems confronting a summer semester plan include the questions students have raised about income, and the difficulty of repeating all the courses each semester. "We'll have to get some plan," he stated, "not only because of the desirability of having 20-year-old would-be draftees as close to graduation as possible, but because the government also has asked colleges to accelerate programs."

"We hope to squeeze out one year," the administrative aide pointed out, "but the problem won't be solved soon."

Sponsored by the PSCA, the Town Hall meeting was conducted on a question discussion basis, with Morse, Dr. Robert G. Bernreuter, psychology department, and Col. Edward S. Ardery, department of military science and tactics, as the information board. Committee for the event included James E. Rush '42, Henry N. Wenger '44, Gerald E. Balsbaugh '44, Benjamin L. Seem '42, and Daniel S. Keller '43.

Explaining that army service is (Continued on Page Four)

College Men Rise In Rank

Eight former Penn State men, now in the branches of the nation's armed forces, have earned promotions in rank recently. Four of these have received commissions and three have entered schools that lead to commissions. One former student has recently been awarded his sergeant stripes.

Two former Penn Staters, Edmund J. Averman, Jr. '42 and William P. Malasky '40 were among a large class of cadets who received their silver wings and commissions as second lieutenants, United States Air Corps, at Barksdale Field, Louisiana.

Russell H. Smith '40 and Fred Navas '41 have been recently awarded the Navy wings and commissions as ensigns in the Naval Reserve.

Harold L. Price '41, Albert A. Lutskus, and Anton H. Haas are all taking courses that will lead to commissions in a few months. George Pawlsen has been promoted from a basic private to a sergeant.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Laurelton State Village committee, WSGA room, White Hall, 4 p. m.

Cabin Retreat Committee of the PSCA Freshman Council, Hugh Beaver room, 7 p. m.

H. M. Hibbard lecture, Room 10, Sparks Building, 4:10 p. m.

Ice Skating tonight, tennis courts, 7 to 10 p. m.

Friday Night Services, Hillel Foundation, 7:15 p. m.

PSCA Forum music committee meets in 304 Old Main, 4 p. m.

TOMORROW

Basketball game, Cornell Frosh, vs. Penn State Frosh, Rec Hall, 2 p. m.

Interest Low In Geography

"Less than two per cent of the students enrolled in the College are taking any work in geography" was the observation of Professor Raymond E. Murphy, associate professor of geography, in recent surveys.

Professor Murphy revealed that most students have had no training in geography beyond grade school work.

The observations come from tests that are being made by the geography division of the College and which are a continuation of a survey started by Dr. John W. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education.

As head of the geography division, Professor Murphy released yesterday several courses for the second semester. Geography 41, "Geography of South America" will be offered Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11 a. m. by Dr. Henry J. Bruman. According to Murphy, this is the first time a lower division course of South American geography has been available on the campus.

The other change is the offering of Geography 443, "Geography of Asia" instead of Geography 442, now listed in the timetable. The course will be taught by Professor Murphy and may be scheduled by appointment.

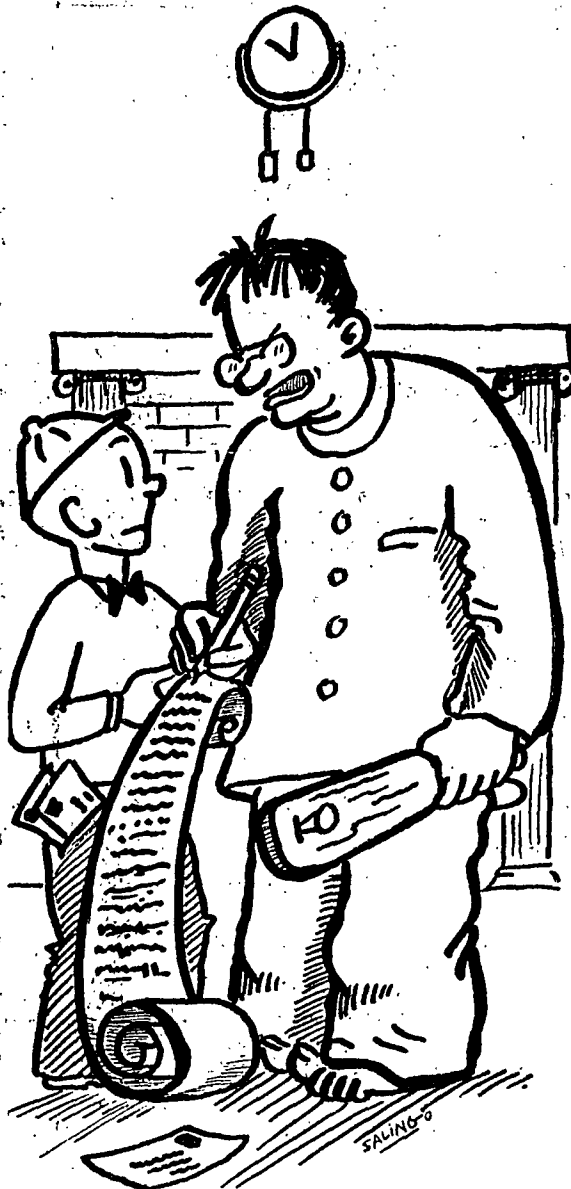
In showing the value of geography in everyday life, he pointed out that persons who have taken recent courses have found the training useful in interpreting the news and seeing the United States' place in world affairs.

LA Seniors Get Job Interviews

Liberal Arts seniors interested in obtaining interviews with representatives of national concerns were asked yesterday to fill out a required form, obtainable in the Dean's Office, 132 Sparks Building, starting Monday, January 12.

According to Henry B. Young, assistant professor of English composition and counselor for male Liberal Arts students, firms are sending their interviewers to the campus regardless of world conditions.

Students are directed to follow the instructions on the mimeographed sheet which they will find inside the forms, and they will be informed of the time for their personal interview.



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