



'Third Semester' Plan Proposed

Education Vital, Prentis Says

Our schools and colleges should stress the value of a liberal arts education now, along with technical training, declared H. V. Prentis, trustee of the College, to students and faculty yesterday in a talk on stands for, is necessary."

Emphasis has been placed on specialized and professional training to the detriment of an understanding of the principles which underlie, and in the long run determine, the facts of human existence, he said. "If our republic is to survive," Mr. Prentis stated, "a thorough knowledge of what our government is, how it is run, and faith and pride in what our institutions stands for, is necessary."

If the average American teacher, he continued, knew as little about his chosen subject as he does about his governmental and economic system, he would not long remain at his professional post.

Mr. Prentis warned his listeners that we have tried to live without a political philosophy, and that this cannot be done successfully in this country, or anywhere else in the world. Our individual freedom, he contended, is based on a tripartite structure whose three towers are representative constitutional democracy, civil and religious freedom and free private enterprise. Destroy any one of the three, he declared, and the whole structure will collapse.

"It is imperative that we should rekindle the ancient altar fires of freedom in all our people," Mr. Prentis concluded, "since men fight only for ideals which they understand and in which they believe."

Waste Collection On Weekly Basis

Further opportunity to share in the "Salvage for Victory" campaign will be afforded to downtown students, faculty members, townspeople, and fraternities with the announcement yesterday that the Conservation of Resources Committee will continue its waste collection on a weekly basis.

Sponsored by the State College Defense Council, O. W. Houts' trucks will collect salvageable material placed on the curbstones by residents. Salvage materials wanted are paper, rags, rubber, and metals. The collection schedule according to time and place follows:

Monday a. m.—College Heights, East of Allen st.; Monday p. m.—College Heights, West of Allen st. Tuesday a. m.—College ave. and all cross streets between College and Beaver; Tuesday p. m.—Beaver ave. and all cross streets between College and Beaver; Tuesday p. m.—Beaver ave. and all cross streets between Beaver and Foster.

Wednesday a. m.—Foster ave. and all cross streets between Foster and Nittany; Wednesday p. m.—Nittany ave. and all cross streets between Nittany and Fairmount. Thursday a. m.—Fairmount ave. and all cross streets between Fairmount and Prospect; Thursday p. m.—Prospect ave., Hamilton ave., and all cross streets between.

College Thermometer Freezes At 40 Below

This information can be taken for what it is worth, but according to reliable sources, last Thursday's cold spell caused a mercury thermometer in the "barrens," six miles from campus, to freeze when it struck 40 degrees below zero.

Students and faculty shivered when the thermometer at the campus weather station dropped to minus 8, but that was just "fair weather" breezes, according to reports from downtown.

Prof. William S. Clarke Jr., department of horticulture, insists that the thermometer on the porch of his home on E. College avenue registered a minus 17, and he swears that at the home of a friend at Lemont, the mercury plummeted to 22. This information, it is repeated, can be taken for what it is worth.

Students Oppose Pay Sacrifice

Although a sizeable majority of the American working population would be willing to deduct two cents on every dollar of their wages each pay day to buy defense bonds or stamps, a similar ratio of Penn State students oppose the idea.

A Daily Collegian Survey of 300 students—using Gallup Poll sampling methods—revealed that 55 per cent opposed the idea of asking working workers to make a pay "sacrifice." Only 39 per cent favored the issue, with 6 per cent stating they were undecided.

The issue put to a cross-section of the student body follows: Would you favor a law for buying defense bonds or stamps which would make it compulsory for employed persons to invest two cents out of every dollar of their salary, wages, or other income in defense bonds or stamps?

Yes 39%
No 55%
Undecided 6%
In comparison the results of a Gallup Poll on the same issue put to a cross-section of all employed persons throughout the United States follow:
Yes 69%
No 19%
Undecided 12%

Students Answer Book Call...

Murder mysteries, novels of the Wild West, breezy Thorne Smith volumes, classics, books of a technical nature ranging from texts on automobile design to books on journalistic practices—450 in all, have been contributed so far this week by residents and students of State College to the Victory Book campaign committee.

The local drive, part of a national effort by a tri-partite organization of the American Red Cross, the USO, and the American Library Association to collect 10,000,000 books for the education and entertainment of members of our armed forces, was scheduled to come to an end today; but since the committee believes that many students will want to contribute texts upon the consummation of the present semester, the receptacles

Twelve Pass Air Corps Physicals

Twelve students passed their final physical examinations for entrance into the Penn State Unit of the Naval Air Corps, it was announced yesterday by Naval officers in charge.

Although not as yet officially signed up the following men have been approved as Naval Air Corps candidates: J. L. Anderson '42, T. E. Bittner, J. N. Corman '42, A. T. Bertram '44, J. E. Dryie '44, H. C. Jennings '43, R. H. Juve, R. J. Lynch, W. F. McCoy '44, W. P. Minshall '44, R. W. Schnetz, and T. F. Smith '42.

Twenty others who took the physical exam were scheduled for a re-examination for minor defects to be held approximately the second week of February when the Naval officers will return to the campus. Any additional students interested in joining the Penn State Unit of the V-5 Naval Aviation Corps may take physical exams at this time.

Further information on enlisting in this branch of the service may be obtained from Thomas J. Allison '42, seaman second class, in 305 Old Main at the following hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11 to 12 a. m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 3 to 4 p. m.

Late Registration Fees Announced By Registrar

Fines for late registration were announced yesterday by William S. Hoffman, registrar.

A one-dollar fine will be charged for those registering within the two-day period, January 26 and 27, but not in their scheduled period. A five-dollar fine will be charged for those registering after the two-day period.

Cartography Offered

Geography 450, field methods and cartography, a three credit course, will be offered second semester is 12 or more students sign up. The course deals with maps and charts, and includes one lecture and two 3-hour laboratories. Interested students should contact Prof. R. E. Murphy, 109 MI Building. Final announcement whether the course will be given will be made Tuesday.

New Term Would Begin May 18, End August 28

'3rd Semester' Would Begin College Year

The proposed "third semester," if adopted, will be the first semester of the next college year, it was stressed by Ray V. Watkins, scheduling officer, yesterday. Mr. Watkins said he believes students have a misconception regarding the plan and fears that they may miss the summer semester and return to college in September.

They may do so, Mr. Watkins pointed out, but they will find courses being given in accordance with the regular second semester plans, as stated in the College Catalogue.

Juniors Offered U. S. Scholarships

Federal-aid scholarships for students in political science, public administration, statistics, and engineering were announced yesterday by the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

Applications for scholarships, valued at \$1440 a year, will be received at the commission's regional office in the Federal Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., until February 3. Only college juniors are eligible.

Civil service tests also have been set for the following positions: junior professional assistants, mostly in agriculture, \$2000 a year; senior biological aides, \$2000 a year; home economists, \$2600 to \$5600 a year; special investigators for the District of Columbia police department, \$3600 a year; departmental guards, \$1200 a year. The deadline on applications for student dietitians and coal-mine inspectors also was extended.

Radio men and women are also needed by the U. S. Civil Service to fill the position of trainer-repairman, signal corps equipment, which offers six month's specialized training with pay. Upon successful completion of the training course, trainees will be eligible for assignment to positions at \$1,620 a year.

Faculty To Consider Council's Report

A new College calendar adjusted to the conditions of war and calling for a "third semester" to begin on May 18 will be considered by the faculties of the several Schools on Monday and reported back to the Council of Administration for definite action early next week.

The proposed calendar was submitted to Council yesterday by a committee appointed by President Hetzel on January 10 to put "into tentative form a proposal or proposals for a College program adjusted to the conditions of war, to be of effect following the close of the second semester of the present College year, namely, May 9, 1942."

After the committee's report had been considered by the Council, it was voted to request the School faculties to consider the report.

The emergency war-time program as proposed by the committee involves a fifteen-week semester for seniors, juniors, and sophomores beginning May 18 and ending August 28, and a twelve-week term for freshmen beginning June 8 and ending August 28.

Under the plan, the fall semester would begin on September 15 and end on December 19, and the next term would run from January 15 to April 17. No specific dates for semesters later than that were included in the committee's report.

It was also recommended that new contracts for faculty members be for the period from July 1, 1942, to April 30, 1943.

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Late News Flashes...

WASHINGTON — General MacArthur's Philippine troops were undergoing a heavy attack last night as the Japs launched what appeared to be an all-out attack for complete control of the Islands.

LONDON — RAF bombers ranged over the Calais area of the French coast last night, starting fires that were visible across the channel. These air attacks followed within 24 hours the RAF bombings of Essen and Hamburg. Essen and Hamburg.

WASHINGTON — Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, and Peru have become holdouts in the Pan-American Conference of the Republics of the Western Hemisphere. They demanded special concessions yesterday as the price for breaking off all relations with the Axis Powers.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Prisoners in jail for a first offense may be permitted to enlist in the Army according to a plan proposed here yesterday. Prisoners on parole will also be given a chance to enter the armed forces.

SINGAPORE — British forces withstood every Jap advance on Singapore yesterday despite numerical superiority of the enemy. Leaders in London warned, however, that the situation is still dangerous and overconfidence should be guarded against.