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## 'Third Semester' Approved By Trustees

### Registration Begins Today For Second Semester

#### 3,000 Will Enroll In Rec Hall Today

Approximately 3,000 students will register for the second semester in Rec Hall today, William S. Hoffman, registrar, announced last night.

Registration will continue tomorrow for the remainder of the student body. Mr. Hoffman stated that a fine of one dollar will be assessed for registering on Monday or Tuesday, but at a time later than that assigned, and that a fine of five dollars will be assessed for registering after 5 p. m. Tuesday.

All students must first report to the office of their scheduling officer and secure an approved signed schedule before they can register. Offices of the scheduling officers will be open from 8:30 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1:30 p. m. to 5 p. m. today and tomorrow.

All students must present their matriculation cards at the time of registration. If the card has been lost, a duplicate may be purchased at Rec Hall during registration hours.

Students will not be admitted to Rec Hall during the last half hour of a period, but those who enter before that time will be permitted to complete their registration.

Classes will begin according to the time-table at 1:10 p. m. Wednesday. Fees will be paid in the Armory on Thursday and Friday. February 12 and 13.

Mr. Hoffman added that students registering today and tomorrow will be asked if they are going to attend the "third semester" this summer. They will be asked to answer either "yes," "no," or "undecided." These figures will be released in the Thursday issue of The Daily Collegian.

### Melchior Started Career As Villain

A lifetime as an opera villain was almost the fate of Lauritz Melchior, who today is unequalled in the portrayal of Wagnerian "hero" roles.

Melchior, who will present the second number of the 1941-42 Artists' Course Series at Schwab Auditorium on February 5, almost gained the villain's post when he broke musical precedent to begin his singing career as a baritone.

The man who is considered the greatest living "Tristan" and "Siegfried" admits that as a young singer at the Royal Opera in Copenhagen he sang 35-baritone-villain roles ranging all the way from Count di Luna in "Travatore" to Escamillo in "Carmen."

"When I applied for admittance to the Royal Danish Opera School," Melchior explains, "they gave me an audition and said that I had a good baritone voice. I was accordingly trained as a baritone and groomed for small baritone roles in opera."

"Can you imagine," he continued, "how pitiable is the plight of a young baritone who is forever

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### Hetzel Praises 'Victory Ball'

"As the first concerted student defense drive, Victory Ball is a worthy undertaking, and as such should be whole-heartedly backed by the entire student body," President Ralph D. Hetzel commented last night concerning the "Battle of Music" to be held in Rec Hall tomorrow night at 8:30 p. m.

Further endorsement of the four band dancing spree, proceeds of which will go to local defense agencies, was given by A. R. Warnock, dean of men, and chairman of the College Defense Council, who said, "The ball is a thoughtful and timely move and is one way of letting the entire student body demonstrate their interest in aiding our local defense agencies." Miss Charlotte E. Ray, dean of women, commented, "This is a great opportunity for the student body to do something concrete for defense."

"Four campus bands and the Thespians are making a sacrifice for defense and should be strongly supported," stated Gerald F. Doherty, All-College vice-president. And Jean Babcock, WSGA president remarked, "Both for a grand time and for defense, Victory Ball should get the undivided cooperation of every student."

"In addition to being one of the best social events of the year, the "Parade of Bands" is a real opportunity for students to show they are behind the defense effort 100 per cent," commented Jerome H. Blakeslee, junior class president.

"Any such function, bringing together all classes of people, is not only an aid to the agencies receiving the proceeds but is also one of the best builders of campus morale," it was pointed out by Julius E. Kaulfus, chairman of the Campus Committee on American Unity.

### Collegian Starts Subscription Drive

Freshman business and editorial candidates for the Daily Collegian prepared last night to open a drive at 8 o'clock this morning for second semester subscriptions.

Although all editorial and business candidates were not present at the meeting, James E. McCaughey '42, business manager, said that they may receive them in 306 Old Main from 4:30 until 5:30 o'clock today.

Ross B. Lehman '42, Collegian editor, stressed the point that all men and women interested in the business or editorial staffs may still report. He urged everyone with any newspaper ambitions to tryout for the staffs.

This year Collegian candidates will immediately begin actual work on either staff soon after the subscription drive is over. Plans have been made to evaluate the talent of the members of each staff.

### 'Holy Land' Apple Trees Flourish Despite Severe Change Of Climate

A story has just been told on the campus that has in it the elements of a parable.

Soon after World War I, Dr. Edwin Erle Sparks, then president emeritus of the College, made a tour of southern Europe and the Holy Land, visiting and lecturing at various educational institutions.

While in the Holy Land he was presented with five thorn apple trees in token of appreciation. All five trees were to be sent to the College and eventually planted on the campus.

Two of them languished in transit, but three of them were planted in the forest nursery by Prof. George R. Green, then a member of the department of forestry, and now head of the nature education department.

They showed no growth or development during the next two or three years and finally it was decided at a conference at which Professor Green and three others participated that the trees would probably not amount to anything and that it would not be worth

while keeping them. Professor Green was instructed to dispose of them.

They have now been set out in back of the Burrowes building. A plaque will eventually designate their origin.

### College Placed On 12-Month Basis; Summer Term Will Begin May 18

The much discussed "third semester" became a reality Saturday when the Board of Trustees gave its official sanction to the accelerated war-time program under which the College will operate on a 12-month basis. The calendar speed-up had previously been endorsed by the Council of Administration and recommended to the Trustees for final approval at their annual mid-winter meeting in Harrisburg. The summer term will begin on May 18 and end on August 28.

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JOHN FRANKLIN SHIELDS  
RETAINS OFFICE—J. Franklin Shields was re-elected president of the Board of Trustees at the board's annual mid-winter meeting in Harrisburg Saturday.

### Change Squeezes Social Calendar

Get out your summer formal men. Since the "third semester" has been approved, the Soph Hop will probably be held sometime in August, the Student Union Board indicated last night.

Not only will the Hop be affected by the change, but if last year's schedule is generally followed, the Harvest Ball will become a Fourth of July celebration. Such are the worries of the Student Union Board who sets the dates for the College dances.

Conflicting with these four dances will be the Fall House-party, four weekends when the football team will play away from State College, Alumni Day, Dad's Day, and a possible Thanksgiving vacation.

In addition to these dances, there are many other dances that must be scheduled sometime in the year.

### Loman Announces Rent Reductions

A reduction in dormitory room rents for the second semester has been announced by Harold W. Loman, College purchasing agent and director of dormitories. Mr. Loman stated that the Trustees had revised the figures because of the shortening of the semester.

Since the first semester ended on January 24, instead of the originally scheduled January 31, credit will be given for that week to all dormitory residents.

Mr. Loman declared that rents for first-choice double rooms, formerly \$63.00 are now \$56.00, and that the other rooms have been reduced proportionately.

The Trustees approved the new calendar without binding the College to the dates proposed, and made provision for future adjustments in the calendar if and when deemed advisable.

According to the Board's report, "it was voted to authorize the officers and faculty of the College to adopt an accelerated program of instruction adjusted to the requirements of the war period, as herewith submitted but with the understanding that such changes and adjustments may be made from time to time as may appear advisable."

As a result of the Trustees' action the four following calendar changes were adopted:

1. A College term of 15 weeks for seniors, juniors, and sophomores will begin on May 18 and end on August 28.

2. A college term of 12 weeks for freshmen will begin on June 8 and end on August 28.

3. A college term of 15 weeks will begin on September 7 and end on December 19.

4. A college term of 15 weeks will begin on January 4, 1943, and end on April 17.

The Trustees also approved the recommendation of the Council of Administration in connection with the budgetary adjustments involved in changing to an accelerated program. This recommend-

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### Late News Flashes...

WASHINGTON — The Navy department announced the sinking of five Japanese transports in the Far East yesterday. These sinkings bring the total of Navy sinkings to 48 Japanese capital ships. In addition to these losses, the Navy flying fortresses have accounted for five Jap planes. Dutch planes have shot down three enemy aircraft and land forces have accounted for two more in the last 24 hours.

LONDON — Mussolini's dwindling navy ventured out of their port for the first time in months to convoy 20 transports to Tripoli. In last reports the British navy had accounted for two of the warships, one mine-sweeper, and two of the merchant ships.

WASHINGTON — Axis subs have sent two more ships down off the East coast in the last 48 hours. The last one sunk was a 5,500 ton Norwegian ship off the Jersey coast.

MOSCOW — Russians have claimed new successes off the Northern front and consider the German forces in that area in grave danger. They are clearing the Nazis out of the Smolensk sector.

PARIS — Two hundred Americans living in Paris are being held in German custody. Occupied French officials announced yesterday. This move was made to insure the safety of the Germans in the United States, they said.